

Wayne County Historical Association

Wall of Fame located in the Wayne County Museum

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History:

The Wall of Fame was begun by WCHA in 2002 when over 150 original applications were received. An impartial committee studied the entries and made selections. On January 26, 2003, a celebration was held at the museum and photographs of the original winners were hung. Many of the living “famous” citizens were present. Family members of almost all those selected were present. Since that time, additional persons have been added to the Wall every two or three years. If you have previously made an application which was not selected, please be sure to submit again.

Some of those previously selected for the Wall of Fame include Seymour Johnson, Andy Griffith, Lee Brown, Adam Scott, Johnny Walker, John Allen Farfour, Clarence Dillard, Clifton Britton, and Johnny Grant.

The second round of nominations was in 2012.

In 2015, 15 additional people were added bringing the total to [88 persons](#).

Criteria:

1. The nominee made a lasting contribution to the community beyond the reasonable expectations of their professional career.
2. The nominee gained prominence or fame at the state, national, or international level. (i.e., elected Governor, received Congressional Medal of Honor, etc.)
3. The nominee achieved a goal not attained before by someone in the community. (ex. Mildred Gaylor was the first woman to be elected to the City Council, Glenwood Burden was the first African American to attend Goldsboro High School)

Process:

1. Call for [Nominations](#)
 - a. Notices places in local paper, local resources, and social media.
Example: To submit someone for consideration, fill out an application which includes the person’s name, photograph, date of birth (and death, if applicable), education, primary accomplishments, any articles or letters of substantiation, your name and contact information. For a written form or more information, contact the Wayne County Museum at 734-5023. For consideration, entries must be mailed to: Wayne County Museum, 116 N. William Street, Goldsboro, NC 27530
 - b. Application form available online and in the Museum
2. Selection Committee: Was chaired by Charlotte Brow and the committee will be made up of community members from various parts of the county and not board members.

2010 Notes:

1. Two additions to the WCHA Wall of Fame will be selected every other year.
2. These selections will be made from nominees submitted for the current year and those that were not chosen in previous years.
3. At least one, and possibly both, of the selections will be posthumously awarded.
4. Two selections will be announced in September and a reception will follow to honor the new Wall of Fame additions.

Ceremony

1. If a member of the family or friend can read the bio, it adds to the evening as they often interject their own memories
2. 2010 event was held on a Saturday afternoon at five – roughly three weeks' notice – probably 35 in attendance,
3. 2015 event attended by 120 (video available in old computer files – maybe on DVD)