

# Reflections



Newsletter of the Wayne County Historical Association - February 2004

## On the Calendar:

### Historical Association:

January 1 thru March 15 – Wayne

County Story Contest

February 17 – 5:30 p.m. Board Meeting



Black History Month

### Old Dobbs:

April 24 – 10 a.m. Meeting, Wayne  
County Museum

### Public Library:

April 18 thru May 23 – Sundays

2-4 p.m. *Rosie to Roosevelt: The*

*American People*, film discussion series.

Registration is required. Call Rhonda

Konig at 735-1824 ext. 4.

### Waynesborough:

February 2 thru April 6 – *T-Shirt Design*  
*Contest*

May 1 – *Gospel Sing & Expo*



February 16- President's Day

## Volunteers Needed:

**Wayne County Museum:** all  
hours when the museum is open

## *A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT* **Events and Clean-up Campaign**

### Greetings to all:

Time is flying, as usual-I can't believe that 2004 is here. We've accomplished quite a bit during the last few months and I'm proud of all of us. Your Executive board is a wonderful group of hard working volunteers. You would think that as much time and effort as they put in to everything that they were paid employees! That is real evidence of the dedication and strong desire that they have to see that this organization is successful. For those of you who may be new to this organization, Charles Ellis and Emily Weil have both been with the Historical Association more years than they care for you to know! They have a great deal of knowledge and experience and I am lucky to be a recipient of that knowledge and experience as the current president.

Our Christmas Historic Properties Tour was beautiful. For those of you unable to attend, you missed a treat. Some of the homes were spectacular and the Superior Courtroom was quite educational and a fine example of our history.

We've started painting and cleaning at the museum with the assistance of residents at the Federal Prison. The start of our clean-up campaign enabled us to move the gift shop to a larger area. The Gift Shop is the project of Anne Angelo and Cathy Belmonte. There are numerous items and more coming on a regular basis. The Postcards of Old Goldsborough are beautiful. I encourage you to stop at the Museum Gift Shop and see what they have to offer. You will be pleasantly surprised.

We're starting out the year with a series of events which started in January with our reception and contest for the Lady in the Park who is now quite comfortable in her new home, the front lobby of the museum. Mr. Louis Marriner has carefully restored the Lady and we are so grateful for his talents. In the coming months will be a number of book signings and sales. As Pat Setzer continues with the monumental task of cataloguing and organizing our artifacts we will be in a good position to plan several new exhibits.

The story contest, which started in early January, has already returned some interesting stories, which are being received at the museum. This will be a fun time, reading and exploring the talents of community participants in this contest.

As you can see, we are moving ahead with a lot of different things at once. While it can be overwhelming, it is at the same time, exciting. Please plan to be part of our activities. We look forward to the involvement of all our members in whatever way possible. We continue to need volunteers to help with the painting project, volunteers to assist with fundraising and development of a presentation for speaking engagements and for other events. All these things serve to promote the association and the museum as a vital part of our community.

Feel free to call me (734-0716) with any ideas, suggestions or thoughts that you have that could improve our organization and our museum.

- Nancy Delia-Headen, WCHA President

# WAYNE COUNTY MUSEUM

## New Year, New Projects

A New Year has begun for us at the museum. I'm looking forward in the opportunity to help make this New Year a wonderful and exciting adventure here at the museum.

"How are things at the museum?" I would like to answer this question by saying that things are going well, and we are in the process of planning new exhibits. I personally hope to see many more special events such as guest speakers and hands on demonstrations for children and adults added to our to do list. These new projects would keep the public interest up, therefore, keeping the visitation numbers up.

In the next coming month the museum's interior will receive a new face-lift. We have enlisted once again

the inmates from the Federal Prison at Seymour Johnson AFB. The gift shop and my office were already painted by them last December. A job well done! I would like to THANK Joe Marm and Charles Ellis for volunteering their time again in helping with the transportation of the inmates.

I have received such great comments by our visitors on the exhibits, and on how we have preserved Wayne County's heritage. Our museum should always be a place for visitors to have the opportunity to learn and experience history.

THANKS to everyone for all that you do for the museum.

- Catherine Belmonte, WCM Manager

## MUSEUM GIFT SHOP

### What's New

If you haven't visited the Wayne County Museum Gift Shop lately, you need to stop by. In recent months, we've added some items to our inventory in an effort to make the Gift Shop more attractive and to better serve your needs.

#### Books Available:

*101 Borden Street* by Susan Eileen Walker is a touchingly romantic mystery set in historic downtown Goldsboro. Inspired by the F. K. Borden house, this is a beautiful story about "a house trapped in time, a murder solved from beyond the grave, and a love story that took 160 years to complete".

*All In One River* by Ben Casey is a "veritable treasure trove of photographs" taken along the Neuse River from Falls Dam to Pamlico Sound. The photographs and Mr. Casey's essays take you on amazing trip, one that will stretch your imagination.

In *From Heaven to Harm's Way*, William Holloman shares his memories of what it was like growing up in Goldsboro.

#### Selections from the Colonial People Series, ages 5-adult:

*The Blacksmith* by Bobbie Kalman

*Colonial Women* by Amanda Bishop & Bobbie Kalman

*The Milliner* by Niki Walker

*A Slave Family* by Amanda Bishop & Bobbie Kalman

#### Selections from the Historic Communities Series, ages 6-14:

*In The Barn* by Bobbie Kalman

*Settler Sayings* by Bobbie Kalman

#### Civil War Books for children

*Black Solders in the Civil War*

*Children in the Civil War*

#### History of Flight books:

*Amelia Earhart*

*Flying High with the Wright Brothers*

- Anne Angelo, WCHA Treasurer

## GOVERNOR CHARLES B. AYCOCK BIRTHPLACE STATE HISTORIC SITE

### Successful Events

On November 1, Aycock Birthplace held a Fall Festival program. Visitors were able to participate in wagon rides and quill pen and ink writing. They were also able to observe costumed demonstrations of crosscut sawing, lye soap making, weaving, and corn shelling and grinding.

The site's annual Christmas Candlelight Tour program, held on December 2 and 4, was co-sponsored by the Governor Charles B. Aycock Birthplace Advisory Committee and Tri-County Electric Membership Corporation. This event featured the Primitive Baptist Singers from Jacksonville. The group performed Christmas Carols and "old-fashion" gospel

music in the Ida H. Williams Auditorium. Visitors had the opportunity to participate in a shadow play in our one-room school. Costumed interpreters conducted tours of the historic house and kitchen where visitors learned about 19<sup>th</sup> century Christmas Traditions.

Aycock Birthplace staff has also begun preparing for the eastern regional history bowl which will be held at Lenoir Community College in February. The winners of this competition will go on to participate at the state level.

- Leigh Strickland, Birthplace Site Manager

## WAYNESBOROUGH HISTORICAL VILLAGE

# Upcoming Events, Waynesborough State Park

Hope everyone enjoyed a very happy holiday season! We are starting the year 2004 with some wonderful events:

### February 2 thru April 6 – "T-shirt design contest"

This contest is open to all art students in Wayne County. The guidelines are as follows:

1. Must include the words –
    - Gospel Sing/Expo or Gospel Sing & Expo
    - Waynesborough Historical Village
    - Goldsboro, NC
  2. Must portray the event in a positive manner
  3. No more than 3 designs per person
  4. The back of each design entry should include: name, address, phone #, age, school and Art teacher's name
- Bring the design to the Visitor's Center by 3:30 p.m. on April 6, 2004. All designs submitted for the contest become the property of Waynesborough Historical Village. On May 1, at a special event, the winner will be presented a certificate, a t-shirt with the winner's design, and \$50.00 gift card toward art supplies. Good luck to all!

### May 1 – "Gospel Sing & Expo"

This is a black cultural event with an afternoon of gospel music, exhibits, art, demonstrations of braiding techniques, announcement of the t-shirt design winner and other surprises. If there is a good turnout we will make this an annual event!

The State still has Waynesborough State Park behind Waynesborough Historical Village closed to the public. We are waiting to acquire the property permanently. Once the property is acquired we will need plenty of help in getting the Park ready to open to the public. A new picnic shelter is one of the major improvements we'd like to see completed. As with anything, money is a factor in order to get anything done. If you know of any civic groups, clubs, businesses etc. that would be willing to help us with machinery, manpower and materials please tell them about our plans. With your help, we can pull together as a community and have a park that will be the perfect place for a family to spend a quiet afternoon!

- Colleen Baker, Park Administrator

## OLD DOBBS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

### Membership Drive

At our January meeting Randy Sauls spoke about the Battle of Goldsborough Bridge. Thank you to Randy and to those who participated at our event. Our next meeting is April 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Wayne County Museum. Refreshments will be served and guest speakers will talk about genealogy and history.

The April meeting will be a special meeting so mark it on your calendar! New members will be offered a half price membership and current members who sponsor a new member will be offered a one year discount!

- Lisa Corbett, President Old Dobbs

## WAYNE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY LOCAL HISTORY ROOM

### Rosie to Roosevelt Video Discussion Series

This spring, WCPL is running the video discussion series *Rosie to Roosevelt: the American People*. It is a six week program and will take place on Sundays from 2-4 p.m. from April 18-May 23. This series is made possible by a grant from the North Carolina Humanities Council, a state-based program of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

*Rosie to Roosevelt: the American People* is a film history of Americans in World War II, designed to offer participants the opportunity to view 7 outstanding documentary films and engage in dialogue about the American experience of the war. Topics include the effects of the war on the American economy, labor force, civil rights, and way of life; women in the workforce; wartime experiences of Japanese and African Americans; America's reaction to the Holocaust;

and young American soldiers' combat experiences at Normandy. The focus of the series is on what happened, how it changed America and how it continues to affect us today.

The Scholar for the series will be Dr. David E. Long. Dr. Long is an Associate Professor of History at East Carolina University. He received his J.D. from Ohio State University in 1972 and his Ph.D. from Florida State University in 1993. Dr. Long was featured this month on the Discovery Channel's *Unsolved History* in the episode entitled "Plots of Lincoln."

Registration is required to attend the series. If you have any questions or want to register please contact Rhonda Konig at 735-1824 ext. 4. There is more information about the series at: [http://www.nvr.org/content.php?pro=rosie\\_peo](http://www.nvr.org/content.php?pro=rosie_peo).

- Rhonda Konig, Local History Librarian

## A Letter from the First Lady in the Park

*The goddess Hebe bestowed upon me her image, and although I'm now a community elder I still hold her beauty, though a bit faded. More importantly she entrusted me with her powers of rejuvenation.*

*For nearly 90 years I've watched over Herman Park and those who visited. I've tried to use my gifts to inspire those in need and in return I've been rewarded with generations of stories heard and born in my home.*

*It has been my pleasure to share these things with you, but now it's time for me to move on. Just recently the community recognized my need and brought a young goddess to the park.*

*I have a replacement now, but if you look at my face you'll see those stories of generations. I've brought those memories with me to my fitting new home, a place where many of our community's memories and stories are kept. Come visit me and see what memories I hold for you....*

*The Wayne County Museum  
116 North William St.  
Goldsboro, NC 27530*

**Keep Sharing Your Stories with the Lady,  
Enter the Wayne County Story Contest**  
*Sponsored by: WCHA*

*First Place Awards*— \$300 will be distributed between winners

*Second Place Awards*— items from the Wayne County Museum gift shop

Winning stories may be published by the Wayne County Historical Association or the *Goldsboro News Argus*.

### Stories should be:

1. Wayne County related – about Wayne County families, individuals, events or places.
2. True – Some possibilities are: memories of events such as wars, proms, the centennial; family legends; ghost stories; what life was like in Wayne County during a specific time period. These stories could vary in tone and emotion from humorous to sad.
3. Set between 1730-1975
4. Family friendly
5. Up to 5 pages typed in no smaller than 11 point font size or written in black ink on 8 ½ x 11 size paper.

*Note:* if the story you submit was told to you by someone else, name that person in your entry

### Submit your entries by March 15 to:

The Wayne County Museum, 116 N. William St.,  
Goldsboro, NC 27530,  
ATTN: Story Entry

Be sure to include your name, address, phone number and email address, if you have one, on the first page of your story. Also state whether you are an elementary student, high school student or adult.

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