

REFLECTIONS

Newsletter of the Wayne County Historical Association – June 2008



Museum Events

June

- June 1-27 - *Poetry and Art in Wayne County Exhibit*
- June 23, 7:00 p.m. - **The Wayne County Museum and Steel Sharpens Steel Productions present: *Poetry Jam*.** Come and enjoy the works of local poets.

July/August

- *Prehistoric Fossil Exhibit*
Conway Rose and Marvin Underwood are providing shells and fossils from the Jurassic and Cretaceous Periods. Marvin will also present a program for children in August.

Welcome New Members!

Lois Barwick

Janet Clayton

Gary and Nancy Partin

Mr. and Mrs. Vassie Balcum

From the President

Greetings Friends,

We have moved into the month of June with some record temperatures, record oil and gas prices, a declining economy, and continuing turbulence in the Middle East. However, things that matter regarding our Wayne County Historical Association are upbeat as evidenced by the continuation for the past few months of quality exhibits, community outreach by our museum manager, and visible improvements of our infrastructure.

In April, a number of Boy Scout troops volunteered to come and clean up the Woman's Club Room upstairs and rearrange and organize the back stage area. You will also pleasantly notice that our museum's entrance and stair case balusters have been repainted. New (much needed) carpet has been installed which creates a fresh, clean, welcoming atmosphere to the entire museum.

The "Poetry and Art in Wayne County" kick off was quite successful, where the photography contest winners were announced. Johnna Nelson and Chris Lawson visited the "Ole Timey Days" celebration in Seven Springs this year. They enhanced WCHA's visibility and were able to sell books, primarily *After Sherman's March: Goldsboro at the End of the Civil War*. We have increased our books sold by 49 since the end of March, to a current total of 661. I strongly urge each member to buy or sell at least one copy of this wonderful book in June and July. It would certainly go a long way toward keeping us financially solvent.

We extend a big 'Welcome Home' to one of our members, Lars Nelson, upon completion of a safe tour of duty in war-torn Afghanistan. Thank you, Lars for your exemplary service to our country.

With mixed feelings I report to you that Rhonda Konig will attend her last meeting with us in June. I am very sad she is leaving our association and community for she has been an asset to the WCHA in her

quiet and effective way. I know you all join me in wishing her continued success and happiness in her future endeavors, and a heartfelt 'Thank You' for her friendship and selfless contributions to Wayne County.

We are all concerned about longtime board member Jimmy Ballance of Fremont and hope that he is doing well. Please keep Jimmy in your prayers and let us hope he will be able to return to our meetings very soon. To Sadie Whitfield, we wish for healthier and better days ahead. Please know that we are all keeping you in our prayers.

Customarily we do not have a Board Meeting in July; therefore our next meeting will be on August 12th. Enjoy your vacations and rest assured your association and museum will continue to seek excellence in promoting history and providing top of the line exhibits and programs for our county and all visitors.

- *Preston F. Garris, President, W.C.H.A.*

Poetry and Art in Wayne County



Our Poetry and Art in Wayne County exhibit is now in full swing. The kick-off on May 10th was a huge success and a great opportunity to meet the artists and poets as well as honor the winners of our photography contest. There are 20 artists, photographers, and poets represented. Below is a list of artists, photographers, and poets who participated. We hope you will take time to enjoy this exhibit now through June 27th.

Artists:

Jerry Bean, Brenda Behr, Robin Gregg, Sue Gregg, Alyssa Herring, Gabriela Baluskova Knox, Martha Kornegay, Stephanie Lewis, Iva Price, Zeno Spence, and Stanley Yelverton

Photographers:

Emma Lewis, Nelda Sharkey, and Vanessa Woodlock

Poets:

Andrea La Trice Boney, Shirlean Crisp, Joyce Foy, Emma Lewis, Bob Lord, Johnna Nelson, Paige Nelson, and Frederick Woodard

Pictured here is local artist Zeno Spence with some of his works. Born in 1927, Zeno has been a Wayne County resident all his life. In fact, he still resides in the home he was born in. His studio is not far from his front step, where he continues his work primarily painting portraits. He uses many different techniques and mediums. A few of his pieces on display are for sale.

Photography Contest Winners



Grades 4-7

- 1st place - Ariel Strickland
- 2nd place/honorable mention - Peri Wall
- 3rd place - Mary Dunn

Grades 8-12

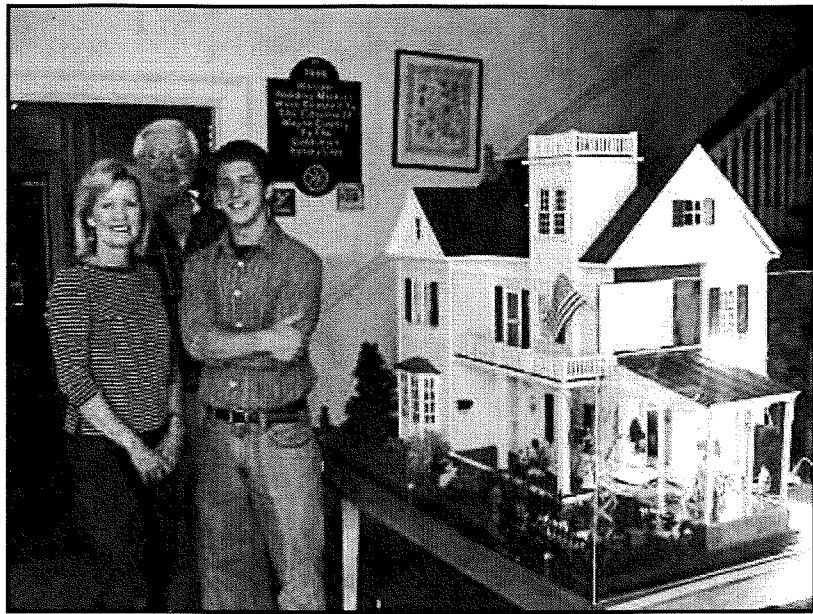
- 1st place - Christopher Davis
- 2nd place - Edmond Miller
- 3rd place - JJ King
- Honorable Mention - Amanda Farmer
- Honorable Mention - Mary Allison Evans

Other participants:

Hannah Lee, Micah Lee, Dagoberto Saldana, Capen Rhew, and Lauren Veid

In April, WCHA sponsored a photography contest for which Wayne County School children were invited to photograph subjects of at least 50 years or older. The contest was open to two age groups, fourth through seventh and eighth through twelfth grades. Prizes in each category were as follows: First-\$100 Second-\$50 Third-\$25. All entries are featured in our Poetry and Art Exhibit.

Spring Cleaning



Molly Patrick Kelley, Preston Garris, Jeremy Sanders

This doll house was lovingly created by Marjorie Terry Rose Patrick. The house is constructed, furnished, and landscaped to represent the "Gatsby" period. Mrs. Patrick began work on the doll house in the early 1990's and continued to add to it until her death in 2002. Should you like to view a scrapbook with journal entries and photos of her project, please ask a staff member on your next visit.

We are grateful to the Kelley and Rose family for donating such a wonderful piece, as well as to Jeremy Sanders and Scout troop 766 for crafting a stand and protective glass to help preserve the doll house.

Woman's Club Exhibit & Scout Project

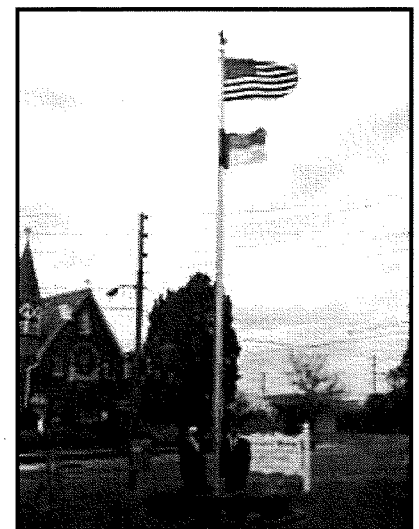


In April, members of several scout troops in our area volunteered their time to help clean out the Woman's Club Room and tidy up behind the stage area. The troops participating were 8, 10, 11, 14, 96, 200, 299 and 581. They represent a Chapter of the Order of the Arrow. There were 16 boys and leaders involved. Now that the room has been cleared out, Linda De Araujo and Jo Brewster are working on putting together a permanent Woman's Club exhibit with several items including a beautiful silver tea set. We will let you know when it is open to the public.

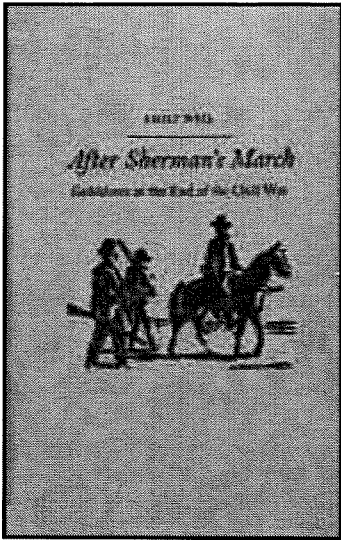


New Flag

Several high winds ripped through Goldsboro in April, and because of this our flag was tattered and torn. Thanks to the kindness of VFW 9959 out of Mount Olive we now have a new flag flying above our museum. *Pictured to the left are:* Annette Hansen, Steve Shafer & Richard Hansen.



Summer Book Sale!



Our Summer Book Sale is going on now through August. Some books will be discounted, and with others you can receive a free gift with purchase. Call the museum for more details, 734-5023.

Have you picked-up your copy of *After Sherman's March* yet?

This creative non-fiction book tells the story of the end of the War Between the States as it affected Goldsboro and Wayne County. It describes the Reconstruction period by the use of letters, diaries, and other artifacts along with family stories. The author, Emily Weil, has the diary writers "come to life" as characters in this sweeping tale. Sherman with his large army came to town and changed forever the sleepy hamlet called Goldsboro.

Thank You!



This Kimball Console piano was donated recently by William and Linda Page of Kinston, NC. We are so grateful for their kindness and look forward to putting it to good use.

Goodbye Friends

I wanted to take the opportunity to say goodbye to all of my WCHA friends. My husband is retiring from the military and we're relocating to New York State to be near family. I've enjoyed working with all of you and I will miss you and Wayne County.

Best Wishes,

Rhonda Konig, WCHA Board Member and newsletter editor

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2008 is Our Museum's 20th Anniversary!

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