

Update on Annual Convention 2002

Mark your calendars now for **Friday, May 3, 2002.**

Junior historians will once again convene in Raleigh for the THJHA Annual Convention. The 2002 event will be held at the North Carolina Museum of History. Workshops will focus on the themes of North Carolina Government and Elections (fall 2001 *THJH*) and Storytelling (spring 2002 *THJH*). Read your magazines and get geared up for some hands-on learning in these areas!

The State Capitol and Legislative Building will be sites for workshops and tours this year as we examine the various branches of North Carolina's government. At the museum, junior historians will hear storytellers from across the state and have an opportunity to learn the art of telling a story themselves.

Of course, the highlight of the Annual Convention is the afternoon Awards Ceremony, where the contest winners and association honorees are named. THJHA will announce a new initiative for 2002-2003, so make sure to attend. (Hint: It has something to do with the next page of this newsletter.)

Detailed information about the 2002 THJHA Annual Convention and registration forms will be sent to advisers in the April issue of *THJHA Adviser Newsletter*. For additional information, advisers may also consult the THJHA Web page after March 30 at <http://ncmuseumofhistory.org>.

Keep watching for more information!

Tentative Schedule for 2002 THJHA Annual Convention

9:00-9:30 A.M.	Registration
9:30 A.M.	Opening Remarks
10:00 A.M.	Art Contest Judging (all entries due)
10:00 A.M.- 2:00 P.M.	Workshops (with break for lunch)
2:00 P.M.	Awards Ceremony
4:15 P.M.	Retrieve 2001 projects and head home!

**All Contest Entries
(except Art Projects)
Must Be Postmarked by
Friday
March 8, 2002
Please call THJHA if you
have questions about the
2002 contests.
Or, e-mail
thjhaclubs@ncmail.net
Don't Wait until the Last
Minute!**

THJHA Gears Up for Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration!

A long, long time ago in a galaxy far, far away . . .

Okay, okay, so it was forty-nine years ago and right here in Raleigh, but it's still very exciting! On April 22, 2003, the Tar Heel Junior Historian Association will turn fifty years old. THJHA is already planning ways to commemorate this event.

The spring 2003 issue of *Tar Heel Junior Historian* will look at the first fifty years of the association and ask questions about its future. THJHA plans to interview people who played an active role in the association's past. If you have been a THJHA adviser for more than ten, fifteen, or even twenty years, THJHA would like to hear from you. If you know of former students, members of your community, or family members who were Tar Heel Junior Historians, please let THJHA know how to contact them. (At least, let them know we're looking for them!) If you have old photographs from previous Annual Conventions or other THJHA projects that the association could use in the commemorative magazine, please contact THJHA program coordinator Rebecca Lewis. (THJHA won't keep your originals; we'll make copies.)

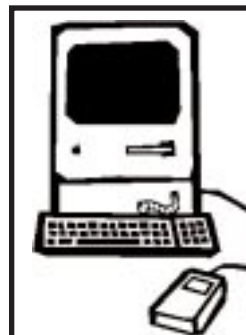
In addition to this nostalgic look at the past, THJHA will ask current THJHA members to speculate on the future. Student members of THJHA in 2002-2003 will have a chance to contribute to the anniversary celebration in several ways. An announcement at the 2002 Annual Convention's Awards Ceremony will kick off the anniversary preparations.

THJHA needs your help to make the fiftieth anniversary a success. In the 1940s and 1950s, many states founded junior historian

societies. Today, only a handful remain. North Carolina's junior historians should be proud of their successes over the past fifty years and their continuation as an organization when so many others have disappeared.

The people of this state have a long, colorful history. North Carolinians have made significant contributions to their state, country, and the world. Many of these stories were first told by junior historians. Other stories, forgotten by many generations, were given new life when local youth rediscovered them while doing a junior history project. Let's celebrate the accomplishments of the past fifty years as we look forward to fifty more.

Stay tuned for ways you can help tell the important story of THJHA's past!



What's on the Web?

If you haven't visited the THJHA Adviser Bulletin Board, now is the time to do so. There are some questions that THJHA staff *can* answer, and there are some that we *can't*. Have a question on what materials are best to use for an Art Contest project? Want to know how other advisers use *Tar Heel Junior Historian* in the classroom? Interested in tested preservation projects you can do with your club? Experienced advisers give the best answers to these questions because, well, they have more experience! Log onto the THJHA Web page at <http://ncmuseumofhistory.org>, and access the THJHA Adviser Bulletin Board to ask a question, share information, or receive updates on THJHA activities and publications.

The password is "April1953."