

Historic Site and Museum Happenings

Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex *Sounds of the Great Depression*

Sunday, November 7

2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

Hear a variety of music from the Great Depression era.

Live! At the Arsenal

Sunday, November 14

1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

Learn about the history of the Fayetteville Arsenal during a guided tour. The tours are led by Arsenal Guard reenactors dressed in uniform. They will describe how soldiers lived and worked at the arsenal during the antebellum period.



North Carolina Museum of History, Raleigh *American Indian Heritage Celebration*

Saturday, November 20

11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

An education day for school groups will be held Friday, November 19. Cost is \$5.00 per student. Pre-registration is required. Call 919-807-7950. Celebrate North Carolina's American Indian heritage with a day of live performances, crafts, games, demonstrations, and food at the North Carolina Museum of History.

Tryon Palace State Historic Sites and Gardens *North Carolina: Civil Rights and Wrongs in the Twentieth Century*

Thursday, November 18

7:00 p.m., Visitor Center Auditorium

Dr. Karl Campbell, Ph.D. will explore the history of civil rights in North Carolina, beginning with the Wilmington Race Riot of 1898 to the recent court ruling ending busing in the Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools. The lecture is part of an ongoing lecture series sponsored by Tryon Palace Historic Sites and Gardens and the James City Historical Society.

Tryon Palace State Historic Sites and Gardens *Confederate Christmas of 1861: A Tryon Palace Civil War Encampment*

Saturday, December 4

9:00 a.m.–5 p.m., South Lawn

Free for Tryon Palace ticket holders and members of the Tryon Palace Council of Friends. Join Confederate soldiers encamped on the Palace grounds as they celebrate the wartime Christmas of 1861, three months before the Union Army captured New Bern. Activities will include camp cooking, military drill, musket demonstrations, Victorian hand-crafts, period music, and displays by living history reenactors.

Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum

Christmas Open House

Sunday, December 5

1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

The Museum and campus at Historic Palmer Memorial Institute are open to visitors to celebrate the season. Dr. Brown's campus home, Canary Cottage, is decorated as it would have been for Christmas in the 1940s. Performances by local choirs all afternoon; refreshments. Inclement weather date, December 19, 2004. Call 336.449.4846 for more information.

African American Cultural Celebration

North Carolina Museum of History Raleigh

Saturday, January 22

11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

FREE

Enjoy hands-on activities, crafts, music, dance, and foods that celebrate the state's rich African American heritage and culture.



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Allow Me to Introduce Myself

My name is Suzanne Mewborn, and I am very excited to be your new Tar Heel Junior Historian Association program coordinator. As you might remember from the January 2004 *Adviser Newsletter*, Rebecca Lewis accepted a position with Reed Gold Mine State Historic Site. This move enabled Rebecca to join her family in Cabarrus County and eliminate a two-and-a-half-hour drive to work. I joined the Education staff just four days before the Annual THJHA Convention, held on April 20, 2004.

In addition to a new THJHA coordinator, the North Carolina Museum of History has a new telephone number, which is 919-807-7900. My new, direct telephone number is 919-807-7985. Please keep these numbers handy, and do not hesitate to call me with questions, concerns, or comments!

Also, please be sure that I have your correct e-mail address on file. I will be sending more e-mail correspondence to you in the future to keep you abreast of workshop offerings, exhibit openings, and, of course, Annual Convention information! E-mail enables me to get important information to you quicker.

I will continue to send hard copies of the *Adviser Newsletter* at least twice a year. The

fall issue will contain contest information for the next convention, and the spring issue will contain convention registration materials. Please note that there are contest entry forms accompanying this *Adviser Newsletter* mailing. Be sure to include the appropriate contest entry forms with your Junior Historians' entries. Due to the volume of entries sent to the association each spring, contest entries without attached contest entry forms will be disqualified.

As you know, the 2004 Annual Convention was a roaring success! There was a record number in attendance to enjoy workshops on aviation and the 1920s in North Carolina. Read on to learn more about the 2005 Annual Convention! As we are preparing for this convention, please do not hesitate to call with questions or suggestions. I look forward to working with you all!



The THJHA *Adviser Newsletter* is published periodically during the school year by the Education Section of the North Carolina Museum of History. It is sent to all THJHA advisers.



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Important Dates for 2004–2005

Advisers: Cut out this important information and post it in your classroom or club area. Don't miss a deadline in 2004–2005!

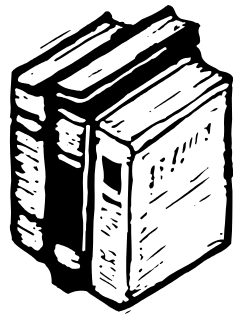
Early November—Fall issue of *Tar Heel Junior Historian* is mailed with adviser supplement.

January 11, 2005—THJHA Advisory Board semiannual meeting. Advisers who have suggestions for the advisory board (including magazine topics or ideas for improving the association) are encouraged to submit them to THJHA program coordinator Suzanne Mewborn at least forty-eight hours before the meeting.

March 4, 2005—Deadline for all THJHA contests except art. All contest entries must arrive at THJHA headquarters (Museum of History) by 5:00 P.M. on this date.

April 29, 2005—THJHA Annual Convention, North Carolina Museum of History, Raleigh. Art Contest entries must be set up in judging area (location to be announced) at the museum by 10:00 A.M. to qualify for competition.

We Need to Hear from You



What magazine topics would work best with your curriculum? Which topics have not been covered by *THJH*? Please consider the following topics. In the next several months, be looking for an e-mail survey. If you do not have access to the Internet, please call and let us know what you think!

Spring 2005 Issue: Biographies, Places-Names

The theme for this issue has already been chosen. Now we need your help with article topics. Possible article topics for this issue include biographies of people that North Carolina towns are named for, articles on towns that are not named for people, or towns that have unusual names. Smaller articles might address how towns grew over time and how geographic locations in North Carolina got their names. If you have ideas about articles for this issue, please e-mail THJHA at thjhaclubs@ncmail.net or call 919-807-7985.

Possible Future Magazine Themes:

Food: Grits and barbecue. Collard greens and black-eyed peas. This issue would cover "eating through history" in North Carolina. Possible topics might include the science of canning.

Authors and Journalists: Charlie Rose, David Brinkley, Charles Kuralt, Thomas Wolfe, and others could be featured in this magazine issue.

Scientists and Inventors: This issue would definitely include an article about Pepsi!

Environment: Topics might include deforestation, mining, and clear-cutting in North Carolina.

**Other possibilities:
Immigration/Migration
Field to Mill**

Club Spotlight: The Trailblazers

Submitted September 19, 2004 by Jim Hartsell, club adviser, from Rocky Mount.

The Trailblazers, Tar Heel Junior Historians, had the opportunity to take a tour of historic Rocky Mount on September 9th. Before our tour, we met in the city council chamber with Bill Ferguson, a local historic preservation specialist. We learned to identify some major architectural styles of homes we would see on our tour of historic neighborhoods. Being able to recognize these architectural styles along the way would make our tour even more interesting.

We then boarded one of the new city buses for our tour. Several local citizens who are also active members of Preservation Rocky Mount served as tour guides along the way. We made several stops, including the following neighborhoods identified as National Historic Districts: Edgemont, Villa Place, Central City, West Haven, Falls Road, and Rocky Mount Mill Village. We also visited the office of Preservation Rocky Mount, which contained interesting items such as mantels and chandeliers from older homes in the area.

A resident of a restored Queen Anne-style home even allowed us to walk through his entire house. We admired his ability to restore this downtown house into a quaint and stylish home.

While touring the central part of the city, we identified the Italianate-style roof on downtown's only "skyscraper," the old Planter's Bank. We also learned about the realities of racial segregation in the earlier days of our city.

While at Rocky Mount Mills, we learned about the founding of the city near the "rocky mound" at the falls of the Tar River and how the mill superintendent's home was spared the torch of Federal troops during the Civil War. The mill superintendent

and the Federal army officer were both masons.

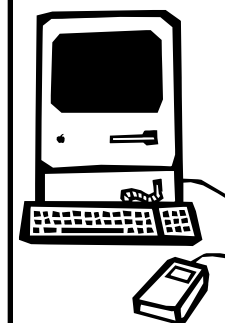
With a strong agricultural base in cotton and tobacco processing, the city continued to grow with the introduction of the railroad. It brought further opportunities for commercial wealth to the city. It allowed Mr. Hines, owner of a prosperous ice business, to bring materials into Rocky Mount to build the beautiful MacHaven house on Grace Street.

Following this interesting afternoon tour, the City of Rocky Mount's Public Relations Office hosted a pizza party for us in the city hall.

This tour encouraged a renewed interest in our local history. We all had an enjoyable time and learned so much. We are very appreciative to the City of Rocky Mount; our tour guides John Mebane, Josie Davis, Anne Edge, and David Weaver; and particularly to Rudolph Knight, historic preservation planner, for coordinating this field trip for our group.

The Trailblazers meet weekly at Braswell Library and will soon begin work on individual and group history projects for the state convention in Raleigh in the spring. A group of eighth-grade junior historians are also preparing for the State History Bowl.

How Do We Know, If You Don't Let Us Know?



Don't forget to submit a club report (or just e-mail Suzanne) to let the association and the museum know what great projects and activities your club is working on! Check out the What's Going On? page on THJHA's Web site to see what other clubs are doing and to get ideas for your club!