In October of 2011, the MAMRH in association with B & L Custom Jewelers hosted its first Annual Casino Royale Fundraiser event at Cross Creek Country Club. With over 130 people in attendance at this event it was a rousing success and great fun for all. The evening’s activities included dinner, drinks, casino style gaming, a silent auction and a draw down. Given its popularity, the museum has decided to bring the event back for 2012, so mark your Calendars for October 19 for a fun filled evening. Tickets are on sale now from Museum Board Members and at the Museum. Event tickets are $65 per person and Draw Down Tickets are $100 or you can buy a package with 2 event tickets and a draw down for $180. Supplies are limited so get yours now!

The museum also wishes to recognize and thank the following sponsors for their support of the 2011 event: Presenting partner B & L Custom Jewelers and gaming table sponsors: anonymous, Greater Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce/Tourism Development Authority, Haynes Strand and Company, Pine State Marketing, Mac and Candace Sammons, State Farm Insurance (Debbie Blinkhorn), and Webb Interiors. Without their support last year’s event would not have been the success it was!

There are MANY ways to contribute to the museum—time, money or stuff. Here are a few things you may have lying around or have access to that we need or could put to good use.

- Plastic storage tubs— all sizes (#5 and #7 plastic are archival quality)
- Color laser jet printer
- Volunteers to help run programs and give tours
- Power point projector
- Mannequins, body/dress forms, hat/head forms
- Metal or heavy duty plastic shelving units
- 3 ring binders/notebooks
- Copier paper
- Bottled water
The museum is currently working with a upstart new young professionals group—Mount Airy Professionals of Surry (MAPS), and one of their first initiatives is to promote local businesses through a program they are calling “MAPS Mobb (Making our Businesses Better)” where members will be visiting several local businesses in one evening to invest in their local community. This is the type of action and involvement that is going to drive our local economy and our community moving forward. We’re all in this together so it’s time we started making conscious decisions to enhance our community.

Truth be told, shopping locally can be slightly more expensive, but I guarantee when you factor in the cost of gas and the time you spend driving to and from Winston-Salem to shop a big box store or a major mall it’s probably a break even proposition so why not keep it local. And when and if you do need to shop those big box stores, be cognizant of what’s still made and produced in our area and buy those products whenever possible.

A small change in your shopping habits has the potential to yield big returns for local non-profits like us who depend on the support and charity of those individuals and businesses in our area; support them so they can support us.

Matt

It was fun and very informative, as we learned things about each other. Recognition was given by Nancy Davis, Guest Services Manager, to our volunteers who received their 5, 10 and 15 year pins. Receiving a 5 year pin was Jane King and receiving their 10 year pin was Frances Bowman, Rachael Jarrell, Susan King, Lavinia Tillotson. For the first time we were able to recognize 10 people for volunteering 15 years at the museum. They were Jean Atkins, Christine Beamer, Lib Boyles, Bennie Burton, Magdalene Comer, Ethelene Edwards, Elaine Harbour, Treva Haynes, Zeo Stone and Betty Wright. A very surprised, Matt Edwards introduced the museum board. The invocation was given by LaDonna McCarther, a front desk and docent volunteer. The brunch was catered by Mary Planer, also a front desk volunteer. After the delicious food was consumed, our director Dr. Rick Smith was recognized as the Docent of the Year and Angela Yacano, for the front desk Volunteer of the Year. We are so grateful for the generosity, kindness and wisdom that our many volunteers bring to the museum. The Mount Airy Museum of Regional History could not achieve its mission without each of you.

Kevin Kutz
38” x 50” framed painting of Tommy Jarrell from 1978

Ann Martin
Granite Mercantile Seal Press

Ruth McBride
77 pieces of sheet music dating 1915-1950s belonging to Ruth’s mother

Larry McCausland
Large framed 25” x 36” photo of 269 Veterans of Surry County North Carolina, 1950

Cama Merritt
1961-62 Scrapbook of the Democratic Women of Surry County

Mount Airy Iron & Metal – David Pierce
Railroad tie/fire dog

Zane Poindexter
Mount Airy fire fighter’s suit – Globe Manufacturing

Pat Taylor
Quart bottle of Sealtest Orange juice

Faye Webb
Framed 1997 Battle Print: “4th Infantry Division (Ivy)”

Erdine White
Booklet “Happy Day” undated

Ruth Wittenauer
50lb empty can of Pioneer Brand Pure Lard

Carolyn Largen
1951 Brownie Scout Handbook

Roger Clev King
Hoop cheese box, large pot used for canning

The Appalachian Cultural Museum, once housed at Appalachian State University, closed permanently in 2006 due to a variety of reasons - shrinking state funds and a greater need for more educational space due to the university’s desire to focus more heavily on their mission of teaching students through their academic programs. The Cultural Museum’s collections or artifacts have either been returned to lenders, put on exhibit throughout the university or have been donated to other institutions and museums.

MAMRH Executive Director, Matt Edwards and Curator of Collections, Amy Snyder, traveled to Boone to view the collection and submitted a proposal for the transfer of numerous artifacts into our permanent or education and teaching collections. Although we did not get all the items requested, we did receive many useable artifacts such as period hats for our “Hands-on History” children’s gallery, a scale for our General Store exhibit, two Native American artifact replicas for the “Meet Me At The Wigwam” program for students, an assortment of blacksmith tool.

Additionally, we received two instruments: a gourd banjo and a pre-Civil War fiddle that we plan to incorporate into the new traveling exhibit we are developing called “The Luther’s Craft: Instrument Making Traditions in the Blue Ridge,” that is scheduled to open in early 2013.

It is always disappointing when a cultural institution, especially a museum, is forced to close its doors, but the Mount Airy Museum of Regional History is very proud to utilize many artifacts that will continue to tell the story of Appalachian culture.
The 2011/2012 Jesse Franklin Chapter of the Tar Heel Junior Historians took top honors at this year’s annual conference in Raleigh. Continuing a long tradition of success that dates to the club’s founding in the 2005/2006 school year, the club took home three awards. As a group, they were awarded “Chapter of the Year” honors in addition to winning first place for their group project in the Intermediate Age Literary Contest. Additionally, Olivia Edwards won first place in the “Institutional and Public Building” Photography Category at the elementary level. The honors at this year’s conference come after the club was awarded the Newsome Award for preserving local history by the Federation of North Carolina Historical Societies earlier this year for their work on last year’s group project.

For this year’s group project, the kids created a series of “geocaches” around the community based on local history. Geocaching is a high-tech scavenger hunt that utilizes GPS technology to locate hidden objects or “caches.” The club members selected locations in the community with historical significance; then they researched those locations and scripted a description of why the site was significant. Caches containing this information were then created and hidden at the sites for players to find in order to learn more about the location’s historical significance.

As with last year’s cemetery history project, the club’s efforts this year served as a pilot project for the creation of a larger museum geocaching initiative. Museum staff and volunteers are planning to expand on the work the kids complete this year to implement a larger geocaching trail system based on our area’s history. The museum is currently working in partnership with Reeves Community Center to find funding for the purchase of rental/loaner GPS units for use by the general public to expand access to this fun and family friendly activity, and hopes to have the expanded project in place by the spring of 2013. In the meantime, people with their own GPS units can explore the kids work and other caches in our area by visiting www.geocaching.com.

MUSEUM AWARDED TWO GRANTS

June was a great month for the museum in terms of grants. We received notice that we received funding for two separate grants.

The first grant is a $5000 award from the Bay and Paul Foundations in New York for the purchase of archival storage supplies and equipment and for the continued digitization of our collections. This grant allows us to purchase the archival storage supplies to re-house a large portion of our collection that has been stored in non-archival storage boxes due to budget cuts in recent years. This grant ties in directly with the recent upgrades in our museum management software system and to our long-term plans to make the museum an accredited institution.

The second grant, from the North Carolina Humanities Council, was a $5000 award for a program called “Geocaching for History.” This program was piloted by our Tar Heel Junior Historians club last year and the grant will allow its large scale implementation. Geocaching is a digital scavenger hunt that utilizes GPS units to find hidden “caches.” Over the next year, the museum will be creating a series of these caches at or near sites of historical significance throughout the region as a way for people to get out and explore the community and learn more about its past through the use of readily available technologies. This project is made possible by funding from the North Carolina Humanities Council, a statewide nonprofit and affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The second half of 2011, the Museum’s very successful History Talks series covered many diverse topics including Blackbeard the pirate, the American tobacco culture, the Overmountain Victory Trail and its effect on people of this area and in May, Museum Board member, amateur historian and long-time collector of the Confederate monetary system, Gary Cook, shared his knowledge of how the Confederacy funded the War of Southern Rebellion. Gary also brought with him numerous examples of Federal and North Carolina bonds, plus other examples of confederate money. We will be continuing the History Talks series again in the Fall so look for these upcoming programs: September 8: Marion Venable will speak about WWI United States Army General Henry Wolfe Butner, who was born in the Shoals Community of Surry County, NC; October 13: North Carolina Humanities Road Scholar, Ed Southern, will give a talk about the “Race to the Dan - The Retreat That Won the Revolution” and on November 10: Author and Appalachian State University History Professor, Bruce Stewart, will present “Fire Up the Stills: the Rise and Fall of the Moonshiners in Nineteenth-Century Appalachian North Carolina.”

During the second half of 2011, the Museum’s very successful History Talks series covered many diverse topics including Blackbeard the pirate, the American tobacco culture, the Overmountain Victory Trail and its effect on people of this area and in May, Museum Board member, amateur historian and long-time collector of the Confederate monetary system, Gary Cook, shared his knowledge of how the Confederacy funded the War of Southern Rebellion. Gary also brought with him numerous examples of Federal and North Carolina bonds, plus other examples of confederate money. We will be continuing the History Talks series again in the Fall so look for these upcoming programs: September 8: Marion Venable will speak about WWI United States Army General Henry Wolfe Butner, who was born in the Shoals Community of Surry County, NC; October 13: North Carolina Humanities Road Scholar, Ed Southern, will give a talk about the “Race to the Dan - The Retreat That Won the Revolution” and on November 10: Author and Appalachian State University History Professor, Bruce Stewart, will present “Fire Up the Stills: the Rise and Fall of the Moonshiners in Nineteenth-Century Appalachian North Carolina.”

This year, the Museum celebrated Black History Month by hosting the program: A Game Apart: the Life of Jackie Robinson by popular performer Mike Willey. As always Mike Willey’s one-man show was extremely entertaining and very educational. He proved once again, that history can be enjoyed by an audience of all ages. This program was made possible by a sub-grant from the Grassroots Program of the N.C. Arts Council and the Surry Arts Council.

For the second year in a row, the Museum partnered with the Plaid Cloth Literary Society to host the annual African American Read-in on February 8. The goal of this nationwide program is to make the celebration of African American
PROGRAM UPDATE continued...

...from page 3

Literacy a traditional part of Black History Month activities. Participants in the Read-in took turns reading excerpts of work by African American authors or poets. This program was enjoyed by all who attended.

Workshops:

Genealogy is becoming more and more popular for a leisure time pursuit as people wanting to know who they are and where they came from dig deep in their search for ancestors. Earlier this year, the Museum held its five week Beginners Genealogy Workshop led by expert genealogist Esther Johnson. Students in this class learned how to trace their family trees, fill out family group sheets, research census records, and sift through the vast genealogical resources on the internet. Thanks to Esther, the frequently daunting challenge to find one’s roots became a much easier pursuit.

A fun workshop held this spring, hosted by the Museum and the Gilmer-Smith Foundation, was the children’s Easter bonnet workshop followed by a parade and Easter egg hunt at the Robert Smith Memorial Park. Boys and girls of all ages decorated their bonnets or hats with colorful ribbons, flowers, buttons, jewels, Easter eggs, cars, dinosaurs, insects and many other popular embellishments. The Easter Bunny led the children in a parade from the Museum to the Park where they all enjoyed finding Easter eggs and having punch and cookies afterwards.

Surprise, surprise, surprise! Were we ever surprised at the overwhelming response to the Batik Easter Egg Workshop taught by Maria Skaskiw a native of the Ukraine. The Batik method of decorating eggs uses simple, primitive tools to “write” intricate designs with beeswax and is traditionally used to make the much admired and beautiful Ukrainian Easter eggs. The class sign-up sheet filled up so quickly that we held a second workshop for those who were wait-listed. Next year, we plan on hosting several of these workshops, well before Easter.

TECHNOLOGY BEHIND THE SCENES

Over the last several months, the museum has been making some significant changes to our record keeping and collections management systems. Beginning in January, we installed a new-to-us central data server to house all of the museum digital records. The server was a donated unit that was installed by a volunteer who works in the computer field.

After making that upgrade, the museum was able to purchase new museum management software called Past Perfect. The new software replaces an older system we have been using for over fifteen years and allows us the ability to fully digitize our membership and volunteer data as well as track our collections. It is a much more comprehensive museum management tool and should help to streamline operations behind the scenes. This purchase was made possible by a generous donation from Gary York earmarked for that need.

Since March, we have been working to convert, digitize, and update all our institutional records in order to make full use of the system. If you are interested in helping with this project, we will have a need for volunteers to do some data-entry from old files in the coming months so contact Nancy if you are interested in helping out. Likewise, if you have moved or changed a phone number or email etc. please call Karen at 796-4478 x 222 to make sure we have all your information correct in our database.

PRESERVATION POINTERS #10

Making and Caring for a New Scrapbook or Album:

Creating family scrapbooks has become a favorite pastime and is a great way to preserve family memories and genealogical history. When you create your scrapbook, make it last by choosing preservation quality materials such as acid-free paper for pages and stable polyester, polypropylene or polyethylene film sleeves or pocket pages for original newspaper clippings, postcards, tickets and other ephemera. Many stores now specialize in archival materials suitable for this project.

Tips on Making a New Scrapbook or Album:

• Use only stable plastic or acid-free paper corners to attach items.
• Handle photographs and papers only by the edges and as little as possible. Wearing clean cotton gloves will protect your treasures from dirt and oils.
• Use an acid free scrapbooking pen when writing on pages of scrapbook.
• Photocopy newspaper clippings or other acidic items onto acid-free paper and put the copies into the album.

2011 NEW MEMBERS

Aerial Machine and Tool Corporation
All American Associates of Mount Airy, Inc.
Mrs. Elma Allen
Mrs. Patricia Allie
Ms. Norma Bowen
Ms. Carolyn Boyles
Ms. Sarah Buschbacher
Ron, Diana, and Jeffrey Ellis
Ms. Teresa Gates
Mr. & Mrs. Bill and Tina Johnson
Ms. Melanie L. Jones
Mr. John S. Kidwell
Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie and Sue Kirkman
Leonard Aluminum Utility Bldgs.
Ms. Cindy Martin
Ms. Patricia Martin Petsch
Ms. Janice Poplin
Mr. & Mrs. John Richardson
Ms. Lisa Parries Shaw
Mr. Jimmy Smith
Ms. Patricia Smith
Mr. Mitchell Snow
Mr. & Mrs. James and Wendy Talman
Mr. Walter Wallace
Mr. & Mrs. David W. and Melissa Wilkins
Mrs. Deborah M. Williams
Mr. Gary Thomas York
Mr. Blanton Youell
Mr. William D. Young

• Original photographs, postcards, military ribbons, or other memorabilia can lose their value when cut into decorative shapes. Use copies to make decorative displays and keep the original in proper storage.
• Take care not to mangle photographs or historic documents in scanners or copy machines.
• If you are making a stamp album, keep the postage stamps in polyester sleeves. Retaining and protecting the adhesive on the stamps will add to their worth.
• Store small and medium-sized scrapbooks and albums upright; store them flat if they contain loose items or are large or bulging open.
THE MUSEUM ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT TO THE FOLLOWING GIFTS OF MEMORIALS:

In Memory...

Margaret McGlamry Hunt Goolsby
by Ann and Conrad Martin

Patricia Gwyn Woltz
by Mary Keller Planer

Patricia Gwyn Woltz
by Nancy Davis

Patricia Gwyn Woltz
by James Kemp

Patricia Gwyn Woltz
by Tom and Mary Fawcett

Patricia Gwyn Woltz
by Bep Zonneveld

Patricia Gwyn Woltz
by Wayne and Mary Emily Cooke

Patricia Gwyn Woltz
by Susan King

Patricia Gwyn Woltz
by Mr. & Mrs. Carl Bell

John H. Edinger
by Ralph and Sue B. Cooke

Griggs Hampton
by Teresa Lewis

John B. Haynes, Jr.
by Mr. & Mrs. Chadley Hull

Esther Louice
by Suzanna Folger

John B. Haynes, Jr.
by Mrs. Nancy Wright

John B. Haynes, Jr.
by Utility Trailer Sales of Mt. Airy, Inc.

John B. Haynes, Jr.
by Sarah Folger Hauser

John B. Haynes, Jr.
by Mr. & Mrs. Swanson Snow

John B. Haynes, Jr.
by Ted & Faith Ashby

John B. Haynes, Jr.
by Kay & Bob Ferris

John B. Haynes, Jr.
by Mr. & Mrs. Thornton Beroth

John B. Haynes, Jr.
by Marcelle & Arthur Etringer

THE MUSEUM ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT TO THE FOLLOWING GIFTS OF HONORARIUMS:

In Honor...

Ralph and Erka Forbes
by David, Ingles, Locke & Anderson Rowe

Mr. Thomas J. Forney, Jr.
by Alan and Alice Connelly

Mr. Tommy Forney
by Mr. & Mrs. Alan Connolly

Mrs. Martha Forney
by Mr. & Mrs. Alan Connolly

Marjorie Rees
by Marjorie Reynolds

Mike and Susan King
by Marjorie Reynolds

Sriyesh and Anne Krishnan
by Tom and Mary Fawcett

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Hart
by Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Woltz and their family

Mr. & Mrs. Mickey McGuire
by Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Woltz and their family

Mr. & Mrs. Randy Robins
by Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Woltz and their family

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Patterson
by Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Woltz and their family

Mr. & Mrs. H. O. Woltz, III
by Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Woltz and their family

Mr. & Mrs. Cooper Adams
by Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Woltz and their family

Mr. & Mrs. John Springthorpe, III
by Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Woltz and their family

Mr. & Mrs. David Pruett
by Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Woltz and their family

Mr. & Mrs. Alton Gaither
by Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Woltz and their family

Dr. & Mrs. Thomas McElwee
by Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Woltz and their family

Mr. & Mrs. John W. Young
by Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Woltz and their family

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Inman
by Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Woltz and their family

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Coram
by Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Woltz and their family

Mrs. Mary Fawcett
by Mrs. Anne Krishnan

John Berkenstock
by Mrs. Melrose M. Stocks

Mr. & Mrs. Carl Bell
by Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Woltz and their family

Mr. & Mrs. Chadley Hull
by Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Woltz and their family
THE MUSEUM ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT TO THE FOLLOWING GIFTS OF MEMORIALS:

In Memory...

Margaret McGlamry Hunt Goolsby
by Ann and Conrad Martin

Patricia Gwyn Woltz
by Mary Keller Planer

Patricia Gwyn Woltz
by Nancy Davis

Patricia Gwyn Woltz
by James Kemp

Patricia Gwyn Woltz
by Tom and Mary Fawcett

Patricia Gwyn Woltz
by Bep Zonneveld

Patricia Gwyn Woltz
by Wayne and Mary Emily Cooke

Patricia Gwyn Woltz
by Susan King

Patricia Gwyn Woltz
by Mr. & Mrs. Carl Bell

John H. Edinger
by Ralph and Sue B. Cooke

Griggs Hampton
by Teresa Lewis

John B. Haynes, Jr.
by Mr. & Mrs. Chadley Hull

Esther Louice
by Suzanna Folger

John B. Haynes, Jr.
by Mrs. Nancy Wright

John B. Haynes, Jr.
by Utility Trailer Sales of Mt. Airy, Inc.

John B. Haynes, Jr.
by Sarah Folger Hauser

John B. Haynes, Jr.
by Mr. & Mrs. Swanson Snow

John B. Haynes, Jr.
by Ted & Faith Ashby

John B. Haynes, Jr.
by Kay & Bob Ferris

John B. Haynes, Jr.
by Mr. & Mrs. Thornton Beroth

John B. Haynes, Jr.
by Marcelle & Arthur Etringer

THE MUSEUM ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT TO THE FOLLOWING GIFTS OF HONORARIUMS:

In Honor...

Ralph and Erka Forbes
by David, Ingles, Locke & Anderson Rowe

Mr. Thomas J. Forney, Jr.
by Alan and Alice Connolly

Mr. Tommy Forney
by Mr. & Mrs. Alan Connolly

Mrs. Martha Forney
by Mr. & Mrs. Alan Connolly

Marjorie Rees
by Marjorie Reynolds

Mike and Susan King
by Marjorie Reynolds

Sriyesh and Anne Krishnan
by Tom and Mary Fawcett

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Hart
by Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Woltz and their family

Mr. & Mrs. Mickey McGuire
by Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Woltz and their family

Mr. & Mrs. Randy Robin
by Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Woltz and their family

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Patterson
by Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Woltz and their family

Mr. & Mrs. H. O. Woltz, III
by Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Woltz and their family

Mr. & Mrs. Cooper Adams
by Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Woltz and their family

Mr. & Mrs. John Springthorpe, III
by Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Woltz and their family

Mr. & Mrs. David Pruett
by Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Woltz and their family

Mr. & Mrs. Alton Gaither
by Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Woltz and their family

Dr. & Mrs. Thomas McElwee
by Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Woltz and their family

Mr. & Mrs. John W. Young
by Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Woltz and their family

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Inman
by Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Woltz and their family

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Coram
by Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Woltz and their family

Mrs. Mary Fawcett
by Mrs. Anne Krishnan

John Berkenstock
by Mrs. Melrose M. Stocks
The following have been added to the Museum collection:

**Vallie Allman**
Collection of 33 hand-carved miniature buggies, vehicles, and other items including animals, birds, flowers, Disney characters, dolphin, bell

**Sallie Malmo Carr/Joanie Malmo Howard – Yokley/Malmo Donation**
Collection of clothing, accessories, Girl and Cub Scout patches, notebooks and memorabilia, Tonka and Tootsie trucks, Mt. Airy Furniture fire extinguishers, Advent calendars and Santa decorations, paper dolls, magazines and more

**John Canosa**
6 miniature car Hallmark ornaments

**Bill Juno**
Restored service station oil reservoir and pump circa 1920, parking meter circa mid 1900s, restored vintage 2 compartment Pepsi cooler

**Jeanne Currier**
Wooden yoke

**Gretchen Davis**
8 early 1900s postcards of Mount Airy scenes

**Nancy Davis**
Electric heater, nutmeg grinder, oil lamp converted to electric, child’s shoes, pillowcase, mouth harp, NC Granite pencil holder, Piedmont Airlines seat-saver card, penlight

**Hurley Farmer**
October 1938 framed photo of Mount Airy Mantel and Table Company employees

**Sarah Doggett Folckomer**
1 quart glass Surry Dairies Bottle

**Wilma Hiatt**

---

**2011 SUSTAINING MEMBERS**

**GRANITE CIRCLE**
City of Mount Airy
SouthData, Inc.

**STERLING BENEFACTORS CIRCLE**
NCIF Polyurethanes
Renfro Corporation

**BENEFACTORS CIRCLE**
Duke Energy Foundation
Mr. & Mrs. Lindsay and Barbara Holcomb
Mr. & Mrs. John and Karen Springthorpe III
The Mount Airy Newspaper, Inc.
ZW Enterprises, Inc.

**PATRIOTS CIRCLE**
Aerial Machine & Tool Corporation
Mrs. Vallie G. Allman
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph and Erika Forbes
Ms. Joan Inman
Insteel Industries, Inc.
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew and Mary Kilby
Mr. & Mrs. Robert and Cama Merritt
Northern Hospital of Surry County
Pine State Marketing, Inc.
Mr. & Mrs. David and Kathy Pruet
Mr. & Mrs. Pi and Joy Snow
Mrs. Pat Woltz

**HISTORIANS CIRCLE**
Buttonwood Chiropractic Center
Joanna Cheatham
Mr. & Mrs. Alan and Alice Connolly
Mr. & Mrs. Tom and Mary Fawcett
Mr. & Mrs. Jim and Vicki Forest
G & Energy
Harriet Investments, Inc.
Mr. & Mrs. Robert and Cama Merritt
Mr. & Mrs. Bucky and Kim Holcomb
Mr. Holcomb
Father Eric Kwalski
Loftis HVAC Company, Inc.
Leonard Aluminum Utility Bldgs.
Mr. & Mrs. John and Kelly Merritt
Mr. & Mrs. Bob and Mary Planer
Mrs. Vera A. Smith Reynolds
Mr. & Mrs. David and Inglis Rowe
Mr. & Mrs. Ed and Doshel Shelton
Dr. & Mrs. Dean and Carolie Simmons
Mr. & Mrs. Steve & Marie Simmons
Mr. & Mrs. Kester and RosieSink
Mr. & Mrs. Hank and Cathy Spiers
Surrey Bank & Trust
Surry Insurance Agency
Workforce Carolina, Inc.
Dr. & Mrs. Steve and Ann Yokelley
Mr. & Mrs. Jim & Tammy York

**FRIENDS CIRCLE**
All American Associates of Mt. Airy, Inc.
Mrs. Elma Allen
Mr. & Mrs. Ted and Faith Ashby
Dr. Annette Ayers
Ms. Betty Barrett
Mr. & Mrs. Carl and Jane Bell
Mr. & Mrs. Mark and Lisa Blevins
Dr. & Mrs. Charles and Charlotte Bokoshek
Brandon Plumbing & Pump Service
Briarwood & Hiatt Furniture, Inc.
Mr. & Mrs. John and Claudia Bryant
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen and Ginn Button
Women’s League of Mount Airy
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne and Bennie Burton
Mr. & Mrs. John and Sheila Canosa
Jeanette Chappell
Century 21 Homestead Realty
Mr. & Mrs. John and Bobbie Collins
Mr. & Mrs. Martin and Betty Ann Collins
Mr. & Mrs. Gary and Mary Cook
Mr. & Mrs. David and Josephine Crawford
Ms. JoAnn Eddy
Edward Jones Investments
Mr. & Mrs. Allen and Brenda Edwards
Mrs. Ethelene A. Edwards
Fabric Menagerie
First Southern Title
Mr. & Mrs. Bob and Carolyn Ferris
Mr. & Mrs. Keith and Ann Flouhouse
Mr. Fred Folger
Garden Gate Garden Club
Gilmer-Smith Foundation
Mr. & Mrs. Felton and Joan Godwin
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff and Kelly Gordon
Dr. & Mrs. Renfrow and Karen Hauser
Ms. Sarah West Heist
Mrs. Susanahewson
Mr. & Mrs. Derek and Mary Higgs
Mr. & Mrs. Tim and Robin Hodgin
Mrs. Jewel Jarrell
John Jackson Insurance Agency, Inc.
Mr. Fred Jones
Mr. & Mrs. Gary and Linda Kiskinr
Mr. & Mrs. Jim and Teresa Lewis
Brenda Lineberry, CPA, P.C.
Mr. & Mrs. Bobby and Libby Lovell
Lucy Ellen Gwyn Properties
Mr. & Mrs. John and Kay Marcaccio
Master Craft Builders of Mount Airy, Inc.
Mayberry Motor Inn
H. Lee Merritt, Jr., Attorney at Law
Millennium Charter Academy
Modern Gardeners Garden Club
Moody Funeral Services, Inc.
Mount Airy Junior Woman’s Club
Mount Airy Lions Club
The North Carolina Granite Corporation
Mr. & Mrs. J. T. and Betty Palmer
Mr. & Mrs. Bob and Shirley Perkins
Mr. & Mrs. Bill and Shirley Pilcher
Mr. Ernest A. Randleman
Mrs. Vera A. Smith Reynolds
Robby’s Sales, Inc.
Rogers Realty & Auction Company, Inc.
Mr. & Mrs. H. Kay and Nancy Russell
Samet, Payne, Wood, Horton, & Company
Mr. & Mrs. Macon and Candace Sammons
Mr. & Mrs. William and Jacqueline Scott
Select Real Estate, LLC.
Dr. & Mrs. Frank and Amanda Sells
Dr. Rick Smith
Dr. & Mrs. Jack and June Snow
Mr. & Mrs. Swanland and Linda Snow
Surry County Board of Realtors
Surry Telephone Membership Corporation
Surry-Yadkin Electric Membership Corporation
The Owl’s Nest of North Carolina
The Source
Mr. & Mrs. Leo and Gail Theard
Mr. Jack Lee Thomas
Mr. & Mrs. Stan and Deborah Van Etten
Mr. & Mrs. Richard and Betty Kay Vaughn
Dr. & Mrs. Tom and Ann Vaughn
Mr. & Mrs. Ed and Ellen Wollard
Webb Interiors
Dr. & Mrs. Paul and Jean Webster
Dr. James Wells
Ed Woltz, Attorney at Law
Mr. & Mrs. Ed M. and Ellen Wollard
Mrs. Betty Woltz
Mr. & Mrs. Howard and Agnes Woltz
WPAC, WSYD, WBRR Radio, Inc.
Mr. & Mrs. Hykon and Betty Wright
Mr. & Mrs. Robert and Angela Yacano
In Kind
Hutchins Cleaners & Laundry
Tailley Custom Frame and Gallery
Haynes Strand & Company
B & B Custom Jewelers
Greater Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce
Quality Inn

**RECENT GIFTS TO THE MUSEUM**

**Vallie Allman**
Collection of 33 hand-carved miniature buggies, vehicles, and other items including animals, birds, flowers, Disney characters, dolphin, bell

**Sallie Malmo Carr/Joanie Malmo Howard – Yokley/Malmo Donation**
Collection of clothing, accessories, Girl and Cub Scout patches, notebooks and memorabilia, Tonka and Tootsie trucks, Mt. Airy Furniture fire extinguishers, Advent calendars and Santa decorations, paper dolls, magazines and more

**JD Bartley**
Book: “Seventy Lessons in Civil Government”, 1875

**Zack Blackmon**
Memorabilia from the October 6, 2010 Triad Flight of Honor

**Jennifer Bower**
45 rpm record from Stark Records, Mt. Airy featuring Pete Holden and the Baux Mountain Boys

**Michael and Essie Burroughs**
4 1944 issues of Life Magazine

**Garnett Brindle**
Mount Airy News issues 8/8/1934, 8/4/1898

**Lon Brown**
1929-1959 Franklin School Maroon and Grey Annual, First Baptist Church 1879-1979 100 Year Anniversary directory/annual, 1942 79th Field Artillery annual, 1930 Mt. Airy High School Graniteer annual

Thank You!
of decorating eggs uses simple, primitive tools to "write" intricate designs with beeswax and is traditionally used to make the much admired and beautiful Ukrainian Easter eggs. The class sign-up sheet filled up so quickly that we held a second workshop for those who were wait-listed. Next year, we plan on hosting several of these workshops, well before Easter.

TECHNOLOGY BEHIND THE SCENES

Over the last several months, the museum has been making some significant changes to our record keeping and collections management systems. Beginning in January, we installed a new-to-us central data server to house all of the museum digital records. The server was a donated unit that was installed by a volunteer who works in the computer field.

After making that upgrade, the museum was able to purchase new museum management software called Past Perfect. The new software replaces an older system we have been using for over fifteen years and allows us the ability to fully digitize our membership and volunteer data as well as track our collections. It is a much more comprehensive museum management tool and should help to streamline operations behind the scenes. This purchase was made possible by a generous donation from Gary York earmarked for that need.

Since March, we have been working to convert, digitize, and update all our institutional records in order to make full use of the system. If you are interested in helping with this project, we will have a need for volunteers to do some data-entry from old files in the coming months so contact Nancy if you are interested in helping out. Likewise, if you have moved or changed a phone number or email etc. please call Karen at 796-4478 x 222 to make sure we have all your information correct in our database.

2011 NEW MEMBERS

Aerial Machine and Tool Corporation
Mrs. Elma Allen
Mrs. Patricia Alts
Ms. Norma Bowen
Ms. Carolyn Boyles
Ms. Sarah Buschbacher
Ron, Diana, and Jeffrey Ellis
Ms. Teresa Gates
Mr. & Mrs. Bill and Tina Johnson
Ms. Melanie L. Jones
Mr. John S. Kidwell
Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie and Sue Kirkman
Mr. Walter Wallace
Mr. & Mrs. David W. and Melissa Wilkins
Mrs. Deborah M. Williams
Mr. Gary Thomas York
Mr. Blanton Yowell
Mr. William D. Young

Ms. Patricia Martin Petsch
Ms. Janice Poplin
Mr. & Mrs. John Richardson
Ms. Lisa Parries Shaw
Mr. Jimmy Smiths
Ms. Patrice Smith
Mr. Mitchell Snow
Mr. & Mrs. James and Wendy Talman
Mr. Walter Wallace
Mr. & Mrs. David W. and Melissa Wilkins
Mrs. Deborah M. Williams
Mr. Gary Thomas York
Mr. Blanton Yowell
Mr. William D. Young

Surprise, surprise, surprise! Were we ever surprised at the overwhelming response to the Batik Easter Egg Workshop taught by Maria Skaskiw a native of the Ukraine. The Batik method
The 2011/2012 Jesse Franklin Chapter of the Tar Heel Junior Historians took top honors at this year’s annual conference in Raleigh. Continuing a long tradition of success that dates to the club’s founding in the 2005/2006 school year, the club took home three awards. As a group, they were awarded “Chapter of the Year” honors in addition to winning first place for their group project in the Intermediate Age Literary Contest. Additionally, Olivia Edwards won first place in the “Institutional and Public Building” Photography Category at the elementary level. The honors at this year’s conference come after the club was awarded the Newcomer Award for preserving local history by the Federation of North Carolina Historical Societies earlier this year for their work on last year’s group project.

For this year’s group project, the kids created a series of "geocaches" around the community based on local history. Geocaching is a high-tech scavenger hunt that utilizes GPS technology to locate hidden objects or "caches." The club members selected locations in the community with historical significance; then they researched those locations and scripted a description of why the site was significant. Caches containing this information were then created and hidden at the sites for players to find in order to learn more about the location’s historical significance.

As with last year’s cemetery history project, the club’s efforts this year served as a pilot project for the creation of a larger museum geocaching initiative. Museum staff and volunteers are planning to expand on the work the kids complete this year to implement a larger geocaching trail system based on our area’s history. The museum is currently working in partnership with Reeves Community Center to find funding for the purchase of rental/loaner GPS units for use by the general public to expand access to this fun and family friendly activity, and hopes to have the expanded project in place by the spring of 2013. In the meantime, people with their own GPS units can explore the kids work and other caches in our area by visiting www.geocaching.com.

JESSE FRANKLIN PIONEERS TAKE TOP HONORS AT CONFERENCE

MUSEUM AWARDED TWO GRANTS

June was a great month for the museum in terms of grants. We received notice that we received funding for two separate grants.

The first grant is a $5000 award from the Bay and Paul Foundations in New York for the purchase of archival storage supplies and equipment and for the continued digitization of our collections. This grant allows us to purchase the archival supplies to re-house a large portion of our collection that has been stored in non-archival storage boxes due to budget cuts in recent years. This grant ties in directly with the recent upgrades in our museum management software system and to our long-term plans to make the museum an accredited institution.

The second grant, from the North Carolina Humanities Council, was a $5000 award for a program called "Geocaching for History." This program was piloted by our Tar Heel Junior Historians club last year and the grant will allow its large scale implementation. Geocaching is a digital scavenger hunt that utilizes GPS units to find hidden "caches." Over the next year, the museum will be creating a series of these caches at or near sites of historical significance throughout the region as a way for people to get out and explore the community and learn more about its past through the use of readily available technologies. This project is made possible by funding from the North Carolina Humanities Council, a statewide nonprofit and affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

PROGRAM UPDATE

During the second half of 2011, the Museum’s very successful History Talks series covered many diverse topics including Blackbeard the pirate, the American tobacco culture, the Overmountain Victory Trail and ended with a powerful program by long time Museum supporter, Zack Blackmon who spoke about the local members of the 426th Field Artillery Battalion. History Talks in 2012 have proven to be equally successful and engaging. In April, author Chris Hartley spoke about Stoneman’s 1865 Raid and its effect on people of this area and in May, Museum Board member, amateur historian and long-time collector author of the Confederate monetary system, Gary Cook, shared his knowledge of how the Confederacy funded the War of Southern Rebellion. Gary also brought with him numerous examples of Federal and North Carolina bonds, plus other examples of confederate money. We will be continuing the History Talks series again in the Fall so look for these upcoming programs: September 8: Marion Venable will speak about WWI United States Army General Henry Wolfe Butner, who was born in the Shoals Community of Surry County, NC; October 13: North Carolina Humanities Road Scholar, Ed Southern, will give a talk about the “Race to the Dan: The Retreat That Won the Revolution” and on November 10: Author and Appalachian State University History Professor, Bruce Stewart, will present “Fire Up the Stills: the Rise and Fall of the Moonshiners in Nineteenth-Century Appalachian North Carolina.”

White Liquor and Dirt Tracks: Biographies

The new exhibit White Liquor and Dirt Tracks: Biographies opened on Saturday January 28 and the day was filled with a variety of great programs. The ever popular Old-timer’s panel discussion plus meet and greet kicked off the morning. Racing fans were entertained with stories and antics told by NASCAR greats Rex White, Don Johnson, Jerry Hatcher, Chris Fleming and 2012 NASCAR Hall of Fame inductee Dale Inman, just to name a few. Dr. Dan Pierce, from UNC-Asheville was back for a second year to talk about moonshining in Western North Carolina and Virginia Tech professor Brian Katen presented an interesting program on the history of moonshine in the Carolinas. This year to talk about moonshining in Western North Carolina and Virginia Tech professor Brian Katen presented an interesting program on the history of moonshine in the Carolinas. This year to talk about moonshining in Western North Carolina and Virginia Tech professor Brian Katen presented an interesting program on the history of moonshine in the Carolinas. For the second year in a row, the Museum partnered with the Plaid Cloth Literary Society to host the annual African American Read-in on February 8. The goal of this nationwide program is to make the celebration of African American...

This year, the Museum celebrated Black History Month by hosting the program: A Game Apart: the Life of Jackie Robinson by popular performer Mike Willey. As always Mike Willey’s one-man show was extremely entertaining and very educational. He proved once again, that history can be enjoyed by an audience of all ages. This program was made possible by a sub-grant from the Grassroots Program of the N.C. Arts Council and the Surry Arts Council.

Black History Month

For the second year in a row, the Museum partnered with the Plaid Cloth Literary Society to host the annual African American Read-in on February 8. The goal of this nationwide program is to make the celebration of African American...
One of the perks of being the Executive Director is that I get a bully pulpit every time we publish a newsletter to talk about whatever happens to be on my mind. My topic this time has been selected almost since I wrote my last note to you all. I’m going to expand, but I can sum up my sentiments in two words—shop local.

Now it might seem like a trivial thing and you might not immediately see the connection to the museum, but this one little action (or series of actions) can have a dramatic and positive impact on the economic health and vitality of our community. We are fortunate to have a few big, highly visible corporations still here as employers. They make great products that are sold all over the world and they represent a sizable contribution to our local tax base. Moreover, they have proven to be great corporate citizens through the years with their support of organizations like the museum.

Right along-side those big guys, are our small local businesses. While their individual contributions may be smaller, collectively, they are a driving force in keeping our local economy moving and growing. When they are successful, the likelihood that they will contribute to the museum (as well as other area non-profits) as members and sponsors increases. So I’d encourage you to take a minute to look at the list of folks who are already supporting members and those who have generously sponsored events and programs here at the museum. Give those folks a chance to earn your business—and mention us in the process so they know how much you know about them.

It was fun and very informative, as we learned things about each other. Recognition was given by Nancy Davis, Guest Services Manager, to our volunteers who received their 5, 10 and 15 year pins. Receiving a 5 year pin was Jane King and receiving their 10 year pin was Frances Bowman, Rachael Jarrell, Susan King, Lavinia Tillotson. For the first time we were able to recognize 10 people for volunteering 15 years at the museum. They were Jean Atkins, Christine Beamer, Lib Boyles, Bennie Burton, Magdalene Comer, Ethelene Edwards, Elaine Harbour, Treva Haynes, Zooe Stone and Betty Wright. A very surprised, Dr. Rick Smith was recognized as the Docent of the Year and Angela Vacaño, for the front desk Volunteer of the Year. We are so grateful for the generosity, kindness and wisdom that our many volunteers bring to the museum. The Mount Airy Museum of Regional History could not achieve its mission without each of you.

RECENT GIFTS TO THE MUSEUM continued...

Kevin Kutz
38” x 50” framed painting of Tommy Jarrell from 1978

Ann Martin
Granite Mercantile Seal Press

Ruth McBride
77 pieces of sheet music dating 1915-1950s belonging to Ruth’s mother

Larry McCausland
Large framed 25” x 36” photo of 269 Veterans of Surry County North Carolina, 1950

Cama Merritt
1961-62 Scrapbook of the Democratic Women of Surry County

Mount Airy Iron & Metal – David Pierce
Railroad tie/fire dog

Zane Poindexter
Mount Airy fire fighter’s suit – Globe Manufacturing

Pat Taylor
Quart bottle of Sealsit Orange juice

Faye Webb
Framed 1997 Battle Print: “4th Infantry Division (Ivy)”

Erdine White
Booklet “Happy Day” undated

Ruth Wittenauer
50lb empty can of Pioneer Brand Pure Lard

Carolyn Largen
1951 Brownie Scout Handbook

Roger Cleve King
Hoop cheese box, large pot used for canning

NEW ACQUISITIONS FOR MAMRH

The Appalachian Cultural Museum, once housed at Appalachian State University, closed permanently in 2006 due to a variety of reasons - shrinking state funds and a greater need for more educational space due to the university’s desire to focus more heavily on their mission of teaching students through their academic programs. The Cultural Museum’s collections or artifacts have either been returned to lenders, put on exhibit throughout the university or have been donated to other institutions and museums.

BRUNCH 2012

On April 16th, all the volunteers were honored with the 15th annual brunch in the museum annex. Hank Spires, chairman of the board, welcomed the volunteers and introduced the museum board. The invocation was given by LaDonna McCarthar, a front desk and docent volunteer. The brunch was catered by Mary Planer, also a front desk volunteer. After the delicious food was consumed, our director Matt Edwards introduced “Getting to Know You.” Now, if you thought he was going to sing, you were wrong! Since many of our volunteers didn’t know each other, we took this time to play a ‘get to know you’ game.” Each person had a card from a deck of cards that were special made just for the occasion and each person had to stand, give their name and tell a number of things about themselves according to the number on the card.
In October of 2011, the MAMRH in association with B & L Custom Jewelers hosted its first Annual Casino Royale Fundraiser event at Cross Creek Country Club. With over 130 people in attendance at this event it was a rousing success and great fun for all. The evening’s activities included dinner, drinks, casino style gaming, a silent auction and a draw down. Given its popularity, the museum has decided to bring the event back for 2012, so mark your Calendars for October 19 for a fun filled evening. Tickets are on sale now from Museum Board Members and at the Museum. Event tickets are $65 per person and Draw Down Tickets are $100 or you can buy a package with 2 event tickets and a draw down for $180. Supplies are limited so get yours now!

The museum also wishes to recognize and thank the following sponsors for their support of the 2011 event: Presenting partner B & L Custom Jewelers and gaming table sponsors: anonymous, Greater Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce/Tourism Development Authority, Haynes Strand and Company, Pine State Marketing, Mac and Candace Sammons, State Farm Insurance (Debbie Blinkhorn), and Webb Interiors. Without their support last year’s event would not have been the success it was!

There are MANY ways to contribute to the museum—time, money or stuff. Here are a few things you may have lying around or have access to that we need or could put to good use.

- Plastic storage tubs—all sizes (#5 and #7 plastic are archival quality)
- Color laser jet printer
- Volunteers to help run programs and give tours
- Power point projector
- Mannequins, body/dress forms, hat/head forms
- Metal or heavy duty plastic shelving units
- 3 ring binders/notebooks
- Copier paper
- Bottled water
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>August</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>27</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>September</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>22</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>October</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>27</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>November</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>December</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>17</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Ghost Tours are held every Friday and Saturday night at 8pm through October 27**

**Cemetery Tours of historic Oakdale Cemetery are held every Saturday at 10:30am through October**
OCTOBER 19
6:30pm - 11pm
CROSS CREEK COUNTRY CLUB

CASINO STYLE GAMING,
“BOND/BOND GIRL
LOOK-A-LIKE CONTEST,”
MUSIC, DRAW DOWN and
SILENT AUCTION

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
MT. AIRY MUSEUM OF REGIONAL HISTORY
336.786.4478

TITLE SPONSOR

Custom Jewelers