



IN A NUTSHELL

OUR MUSEUM STORY

The Catawba Museum at Union Chapel tells a timeline tale of the area's geological birth, prehistoric and Native American people, pioneers, orchard and arbor fame, and transformation to a lakeside recreation mecca. Operated by the Catawba Island Historical Society, it is a family experience offering legends, lore, and facts that educate and inspire.



Painting by Jeff Rolf

OUR MUSEUM SEASON

The Museum opens each year in May and closes in October. Check the Historical Society website for the exact dates. Once our season has begun, we typically operate from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month.

OUR TAX STATUS

Catawba Island Historical Society is a Domestic 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Corporation. Our Employer Identification Number (EIN) is 81-5099908. Please speak with your tax advisor or accountant about the tax deductibility of your membership or other financial support.

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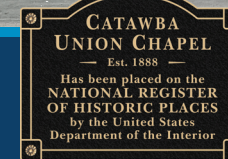
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CATAWBA ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Preservation. Perspective. Inspiration.



Catawba Island Historical Society (CIHS) and our Township Trustees collaborated to convert Union

Chapel on E. Porter Street to a Museum and Genealogy/Heritage Resource Center in 2018. It has subsequently been honored with placement on the National Register of Historic Places. More than just a repository for yellowed pages and dog-eared photographs, the 1888 structure is now a focal point for using local history to educate, inspire, and prepare visitors for tomorrow by recounting the lessons of yesterday. The Society also sponsors a cultural lecture series. Both are free to the public. Operating cost is principally underwritten by CIHS membership dues, gifts, grants, and sponsorships.

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NABAGON

Look closely at our Historical Society logo. Do you see the facial profile of a Native American? It is topped by a lone Cedar tree which symbolically represents his feathered headdress. This is an artist's rendering of the heroic Ottawa Indian, Nabagon. Legend has it that his image was once magically carved into a cliff wall by the "Great Spirit" on the north shore of Catawba Island.

The original sculpted face has been lost to time and Lake Erie storms, but Nabagon refused to surrender his vigil. As seen in the photograph, his face has reappeared on "Lookout Point" not far from its original location. Locals refer to him as "The Watcher", believing his warrior soul looks over and protects all who fall under the inviting spell of Catawba Island splendor.

We selected the Nabagon name to represent our most prestigious level of membership in the Catawba Island Historical Society.



MEMBERSHIPS

CATAWBA HISTORIAN

Yearly dues for Catawba **Historian** members are \$25. Members participate in a monthly drawing for a soft-cover copy of Henry W. Prescott's book, *Legends of Catawba*, as edited by local historian Don Rhodes.

CATAWBA CURATOR

Yearly dues for Catawba **Curator** members are \$100. Membership includes one soft cover copy (for the initial subscription) of the Don Rhodes edition of Henry W. Prescott's book *Legends of Catawba*, and invitations to preview select new exhibits before they are available to the public.

COUNCIL OF NABAGON

Lifetime membership in the CIHS **Council of Nabagon** is available for a single investment of \$1000. It includes an annual appreciation event, access to all exhibits before they officially open, and tasteful inscription of member names on an appreciation plaque placed at the Museum entrance. Each subscriber also receives a numbered, leather-bound copy of *Legends of Catawba*, the collectors volume edited by local historian Don Rhodes.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

CATEGORY OF MEMBERSHIP REQUESTED

- NABAGON/LIFETIME** | \$1000 single payment
- CATAWBA CURATOR** | \$100/year (Jan. 1- Dec. 31)
- CATAWBA HISTORIAN** | \$25/year (Jan. 1- Dec. 31)

Today's Date

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Please make **CHECKS** payable to CIHS and mail with this application to the P.O. Box address above.

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or scan this QR code then go to "GET INVOLVED," "BECOME A MEMBER," click the PayPal button and follow the prompts to select and pay for your membership or renewal

