

PITT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FALL 2024 NEWSLETTER



President's Message

On September 18, 1927, Lucy Cherry Crisp called the first meeting of the Pitt County Historical Association. The Association did not function during the Great Depression and World War II, but it was rejuvenated in the 1950s by David Jordan Whichard. In 2027, we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Pitt County Historical Society's original founding and look toward our work for the next century.



Looking to our future, our Board remains committed to maintaining the Historic Red Banks Church property and to continue to share information on the history of our community. Please review this newsletter for information on our upcoming events for the fall of 2024 and spring of 2025 and a proposed brick sale fundraiser to support the Society's work.

We look forward to seeing you at our events this year.

Emma Hodson

Brick Walkway Fundraiser

Looking to our future, the Board remains committed to maintaining the Historic Red Banks Church property. Your dues are vital to the routine maintenance of the church, which includes termite and gas tank inspections and lawn care. To support major anticipated expenses in future years including tree removal, roof replacement, and painting and to minimize mud tracking into the church, the Board is proposing a capital campaign through a brick walkway fundraiser.

The proposed walkway would run from our lower parking lot toward the entrance ramp at the rear of the church. Bricks would be carved in the name of the purchaser or anyone the purchaser wishes to honor. To break even, the Board would need to sell 100 bricks at the price of \$100, and to begin to establish a reasonably sized fund, would need to sell 400-500 additional bricks.

Before undertaking this fundraiser, the Board is exploring its feasibility and is seeking member input. Please complete the Google form linked here and in the QR Code to give input. <https://forms.gle/2YuyVBsnmCAwwYk4A>



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FALL 2024 EVENTS



Fall Dinner-Dr. Charles Ewen

On **October 29, 2024** at **6:30 pm**, the Society will host its **Fall Dinner** at the **Seahorse Restaurant** (2301a Stantonsburg Road). Our fall dinner speaker is Dr. Charles Ewen, Harriot College Distinguished Professor of Anthropology at East Carolina University and author of the recently released *Becoming the Lost Colony: The History, Lore and Popular Culture of the Roanoke Mystery*. Dr. Ewen will give a talk on why the mystery of the Lost Colony endures and the possibilities for solving it.

The cost for the dinner is \$25.00 per person. Please register for the dinner no later than October 14, 2024 by mailing (1) a list of the individuals attending the dinner and (2) a check covering the cost of dinner for your list of attendees to 202 Churchill Drive, Greenville, NC 27858.

Thanksgiving Tea

The Pitt County Historical Society is delighted to host our annual **Thanksgiving Tea** on **November 17, 2024** at the **Music House** (408 W Fifth Street).

The Music House, is a Victorian home--one of the oldest in Greenville--which has been meticulously preserved and decorated in period style by owner John O'Brien. As part of this year's tea, guests will have the opportunity to visit the Higgs House, which is the companion house to the Music House, and learn more about the history of the two homes and the families who lived in them.

Parking is available in the Greenville Utilities Lot immediately adjacent to The Music House. Individuals interested in a tour of the Higgs House will carpool from the Music House to the Higgs House at 2:15 pm before returning to the Moye House for a program on the two houses. Refreshments will be served around 3pm.



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SPRING 2025 EVENTS



Antiques Show & Tell

With a brief hiatus in 2021 and 2022, the Pitt County Historical Society has been proud to offer its **Antiques "Show & Tell"** annually since 2011. A panel of antiques dealers & enthusiasts will offer insight into the provenance, usage, and collectability of your oddities, treasures, & any other antiques you wish to share. Although the event is neither a sale nor a formal appraisal, our panel may discuss a possible value for your items.

The panel will begin sharing information at 2pm on **February 16, 2025** at our **Red Banks Church** property. Attendees who wish to bring items to the event should meet the panel at 1 pm. The number of items submitted per person is limited to 2, and no items may be submitted after the panelists begin their discussion at 2pm.

Historic Walking Tour

On **April 27, 2025**, local historian and Director of the May Museum, Roger Kammerer, will lead a **Walking Tour** of historic Greenville including numerous stops in the downtown area, from Pitt Street to Cotanche. The tour features some of the oldest structures in town plus the new Sycamore Hill Memorial on the mall and includes information about the people and organizations who are part of Greenville's history.

Participants in the tour should wear comfortable walking shoes and should plan to meet at **Five Points Plaza** (500 Evans Street, Greenville, NC 27834) at **3:00 pm**.



Dinner on the Grounds

The Pitt County Historical Society will host its annual **Dinner on the Grounds** for society members and their guests at **12pm** on **May 3, 2025**. We will have the event at our **Red Banks Church** property. We will have some Kentucky Derby themed activities and conduct our annual business meeting to elect board members & officers.

We will serve chicken and barbecue from the Seahorse Restaurant for lunch, and we invite attendees to bring sides and desserts. We look forward to seeing members and guests for this fun annual event.



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