

# PITT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## SPRING 2025 NEWSLETTER



### President's Message

This fall, our Society was pleased to hear a phenomenal lecture on the Lost Colony from Dr. Charles Ewen at our Fall Dinner. We were also delighted by the turn out for our Thanksgiving Tea and are hoping that the tour of the Higgs House prior to the tea will yield a buyer who can save the historic property from demolition and restore the building.

Our spring event calendar includes three wonderful events that will connect us with each other and with local history. We hope to see you at **Antiques Show & Tell** (note a change in location), a **Historic Walking Tour of Downtown Greenville**, and our **Dinner on the Grounds**.

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 and a proposed brick sale fundraiser to support the Society's work.

*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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### 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 the **Music House** (408 W Fifth Street). Attendees who wish to bring items to the event should meet the panel at 1:30 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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