

PITT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SPRING 2026 NEWSLETTER



President's Message

As we enter 2026, the Society is thankful to everyone who joined us for our fall 2025 events.

We were delighted to share the history of the Red Banks Church and the stories of individuals buried in our cemetery and who were leaders in our community at our first S'Mores & Stories. We hope to make this event an annual gathering to connect our community with local history.

We are also deeply grateful for the work of Matt & Erin Scully and Kathryn Ross to restore the Higgs House. We also thank them for allowing us to host our Thanksgiving Tea on the property & hope to see more of their work in future years.

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, 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.

Emma Hodson

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Antiques Show & Tell

On **February 15, 2026**, **Michael Cable** (Woodside Antiques), **Daniel Roberson** (Dapper Dan's), & **Jack Taft** (Past Board Member) will offer insight into the provenance, usage, & collectability of your treasures, oddities, & antiques. 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** at the **Major Benjamin May NSDAR Chapter House (4017 W Wilson Street, Farmville)**.

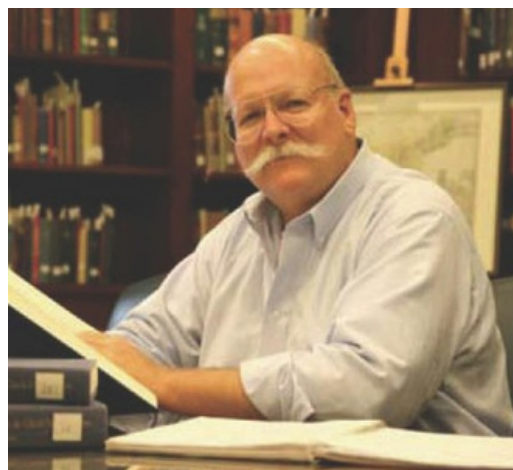
Attendees who wish to bring items to the event should meet the panel at **1:30 pm**. The number of items submitted per person is limited to 2, and no items may be submitted after the panelists begin their discussion at 2pm.

In addition to a happy commemoration of the Major Benjamin May Chapter NSDAR's 100th Anniversary, the Society notes that it was fortunate to have the leadership of Dr. Henry Doskey in planning this event for many years. An enthusiastic collector of ceramics, Past Board Member, & Professor Emeritus of Music, Dr. Doskey was committed to exploring the past through objects. We will mark Dr. Doskey's 2025 passing & pay tribute to his legacy.

Historic Walking Tour

On **April 12, 2026**, 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 Street. 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

At **12 pm** on **May 2, 2026**, the Pitt County Historical Society will host its annual **Dinner on the Grounds** for society members and their guests. The event will be held at our **Red Banks Church property (2601 E Fire Tower Rd, Greenville, NC)**. In addition to our **annual business meeting** to elect board members and officers, we will enjoy another round of Kentucky Derby/ horse race themed trivia and offer some lawn games.

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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