



A note from our president:

The spirit of preserving the past runs deep in Pitt County, and we are delighted to commemorate the 95th anniversary of the first founding of the Pitt County Historical Association this September. While much of the work of the original Pitt County Historical Association has been lost to the Great Depression, the Second World War, and time, we are delighted that Lucy Cherry Crisp, Tabitha DeVisconti, and Frank M. Wooten, Sr. took steps to preserve the history of our community and that the work they started resumed in the early 1950s when the The Pitt County Historical Society was formed.

We hope to see our members and guests at our upcoming September 23, 2023 program, Reflections on Our Foundings and many wonderful events this fall which are described in this newsletter.

As the Board works to plan events for our society and plan for our next 95 years, we ask Society members to help us recruit new members to the society and support initiatives that will help our organization connect more Pitt County citizens with local history. Please bring family and friends to our upcoming fall events, and help us publicize our events on Facebook.

Sincerely,

Emma Hodson

Upcoming Events



Reflections on our Foundings

Saturday, September 23, 2023

Red Banks Primitive Baptist Church
2601 E Fire Tower Rd
Greenville, NC 27858

11:00 a.m.

Join the Pitt County Historical Society in September to commemorate the 95th Anniversary of our first founding on September 18, 1927 and celebrate our second founding in the early 1950s. Board members, Ella Harris, Dr. John Tucker, and Roger Kammerer, will offer a panel discussion on our early history. Cupcakes will be served.



Members' Only Tour of "No Quarter: The History of East Carolina Football and Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium"

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

East Carolina University, Joyner Library
1000E 5th Street
Greenville, NC 27858

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Join Patrick Cash, Manuscripts Curator, for a tour of No Quarter: The History of East Carolina Football and Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, an exhibit at Joyner Library. The exhibit chronicles the history of East Carolina University's football program and features items connected to the program from the 1930s through the present. Mr. Cash is excited to offer a private tour of the exhibit to members of the Pitt County Historical Society.

Parking is available to the public in the ECU Student Center Parking Deck located near 501 E 10th St, Greenville, NC 27858. The cost for parking is \$1.00 per hour.



Fall Dinner

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

Seahorse Restaurant
2301a Stantonsburg Rd
Greenville, NC 27834

6:30 p.m.

The Pitt County Historical Society is pleased to resume its fall dinner on October 25, 2023 at 6:30 pm. Our fall dinner speaker is Dr. Julius Mallette who will give a lecture on the life of Dr. Andrew Arthur Best. Dr. Best was a civil rights leader and physician in eastern North Carolina for over half a century. Dr. Mallette received his medical degree at East Carolina University. He did residency training in obstetrics and gynecology at Meharry Medical College–Hubbard Hospital and at East Carolina University–Pitt County Memorial Hospital.

The cost for the dinner is \$25.00 per person. Please register for the dinner no later than October 10, 2023 by detaching the form attached to this newsletter and mailing a check covering the cost of your dinner and the cost for any attendees to 202 Churchill Drive, Greenville, NC 27858.

Alternatively, you may register for dinner online at:
<https://forms.gle/bHCuiA1E1QkHxFSJg>.

Upcoming Events



Lecture on Lake Phelps

Thursday, November 9, 2023

Queen Annes Revenge Lab
ECU West Research Campus
1157 VOA Site C Road
Greenville, N.C. 27834

5:30 p.m.

Lake Phelps was an important maritime resource for Native Americans for thousands of years. In the 1980s, 23 dugout canoes were discovered in and around the lake, and four were recovered for further study. Kimberly Kenyon, Head Conservator for the NC Office of State Archaeology's Queen Anne's Revenge Conservation Lab in Greenville, is overseeing the re-conservation of three out of the four recovered canoes. Ms. Kenyon will discuss the history of Native American activity around Lake Phelps, the discovery of the canoes, the initial conservation measures taken for those recovered, and the renewed efforts to stabilize them so that they are preserved for generations to come. She will also share details of the canoe recovered from Lake Waccamaw in April 2023.



Thanksgiving Tea & Historical Recipe Competition

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Red Banks Primitive Baptist Church
2601 E Fire Tower Rd
Greenville, NC 27858

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Pitt County Historical Society is delighted to offer our Thanksgiving Tea. As a twist this year, we are asking attendees to bring a dessert or finger sandwich that you have enjoyed as a family tradition or you have found in a historic cookbook. Whether you enjoy making unusual recipes from the Great Depression, like potato candy, or you want everyone to try your grandmother's recipe for cheese straws, we ask you to bring a dessert or savory snack with ties to history or your personal story. We will ask anyone bringing a recipe to share more about what they have brought and then have attendees vote on their favorite sweet and savory recipes. Winners of the sweet and savory contests will receive a \$25 gift card to the Fresh Market.

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Pitt County Historical Society Fall Dinner 2023 Registration

The Pitt County Historical Society is pleased to resume its fall dinner on October 25, 2023 at 6:30 pm. By completing this form, you are registering to attend the dinner. After completing the registration form, please mail a check covering the cost of dinner to 202 Churchill Drive, Greenville, NC 27858. The cost of the dinner per person is \$25.00 per person.

Our fall dinner speaker is Dr. Julius Mallette who will give a lecture on the life of Dr. Andrew Arthur Best. Dr. Best was a civil rights leader and physician in eastern North Carolina for over half a century. Dr. Mallette received his medical degree at East Carolina University. He did residency training in obstetrics and gynecology at Meharry Medical College–Hubbard Hospital and at East Carolina University–Pitt County Memorial Hospital.

* Indicates required question

1. Your name. *

2. How many people will attend the dinner with you? *

3. Names of individuals attending the dinner with you. *

4. Your email address. *

5. I will pay the \$25.00 registration cost per attendee by *

Mark only one oval.

Check mailed to 202 Churchill Drive, Greenville, NC 27858

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