

PITT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SPRING 2023 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 September 2023, we will celebrate the 95th anniversary of the Pitt County Historical Society's original founding and look toward our work for the next 95 years.

Our Board was delighted to celebrate members this fall at our Thanksgiving Tea. We have also been working to find a contractor to replace the ramp to our Red Banks Church and undertake additional work at the site, and we hope that the work will be completed before our June 3, 2023 Dinner on the Grounds.

As the Board works to plan celebrations to mark our 95th and 100th anniversaries and plan for our future, we are asking 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. In the immediate term, we look forward to seeing you at our spring events.

Emma Hodson

Call for Volunteers

The Board is calling on members to help expand the Pitt County Historical Society's reach and help our organization connect more Pitt County citizens with local history.

To aid in these efforts, the Board hopes to establish several advisory committees.

- **Website, Social Media & Communications Advisory Committee:** The Website, Social Media, & Communications Advisory Committee will work with Board Member, Charlotte Fitz Daniels, and President, Emma Hodson, to share information that connects our community with Pitt County History and publicizes society events.
- **Facilities Rental & Maintenance Advisory Committee:** The Facilities Rental & Maintenance Advisory Committee will work with Treasurer, Mary Kraczon, and President, Emma Hodson, to promote the rental of the Red Banks Church property and schedule routine clean up and maintenance of the Church.

If serving on any of these Committees is of interest to you, please complete the Google Form using the QR Code in the bottom right corner of this section, visit https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSen75e6r5p36X6fbyMz6Tu8Om3xmEBnp_uFSDN37WIGH8p8u5g/viewform?usp=sf_link. If you have questions about any of the Committees, email emmajane.hodson@gmail.com. In addition to the Committees, we are seeking individuals who are interested in Board service or joining us on April 15, 2023 for a spring clean-up of the Red Banks Church.



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Lecture-Dr. Andrew Arthur Best

Julius Mallette, MD will offer 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 lecture will be given at **2pm** on **February 25, 2023** at **Community Schools & Recreation** (4561 County Home Road). Light refreshments will be served.

Antiques "Show & Tell"

At our annual Antiques "Show & Tell," 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 about the items at **2pm** on **March 26, 2023** at the **Winterville Train Depot** (217 Worthington Street). **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.



Spring Clean Up

The Pitt County Historical Society carries out its mission of preserving and increasing awareness of Pitt County History by offering a series of programs and by preserving the Red Banks Church.

On **April 15, 2023**, the Society will host volunteers to clean up the Red Banks Church and grounds which are located at **2601 East Firetower Road, Greenville, NC**. The clean-up is estimated to run from **8am to 12pm**, and lunch will be served to the volunteers. Volunteers may register for the Spring Clean-Up at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSen75e6r5p36X6fbyMz6Tu8Om3xmEBnp_uFSDN37WIGH8p8u5g/viewform?usp=sf_link.

Dinner on the Grounds

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 **12pm** on **June 3, 2023**. At the present time, it is our plan to host the event at our Red Banks Church property provided work to repair the ramp to access the building has been completed. During the event, Society President, Emma Hodson, will provide updates regarding plans to commemorate the Society's 95th and 100th anniversaries. Dinner on the Grounds will also serve as the annual meeting to elect board members & officers.

We will serve chicken and barbecue for lunch, and we invite attendees to bring sides and desserts.



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Podcast Saturdays

On Saturdays, we will share an episode of a podcast connected to the day in history. Past posts have featured a history of champagne, the Know Nothing Party, and the History of the Coast Guard. Check us out our Facebook page at 10am each Saturday for the link to a new podcast episode.

Black History Month

For the month of February, we will share posts connected to Black History Month with an emphasis on individuals and events connected to Pitt County and North Carolina. At a minimum, posts will be shared on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The Podcast Saturday Episodes for this Month will also feature events in black history.

celebrating
**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**
today and everyday



Women's History Month

For the month of March, we will share posts connected to Women's History Month with an emphasis on individuals and events connected to Pitt County and North Carolina. At a minimum, posts will be shared on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The Podcast Saturday Episodes for this Month will also feature events in women's history.

On This Day in Pitt County

Throughout the year, we will share articles and other information related to events that have occurred in Pitt County History tied to the particular day. If you have suggestions for a post, please contact Emma Hodson at emmajane.hodson@gmail.com.



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