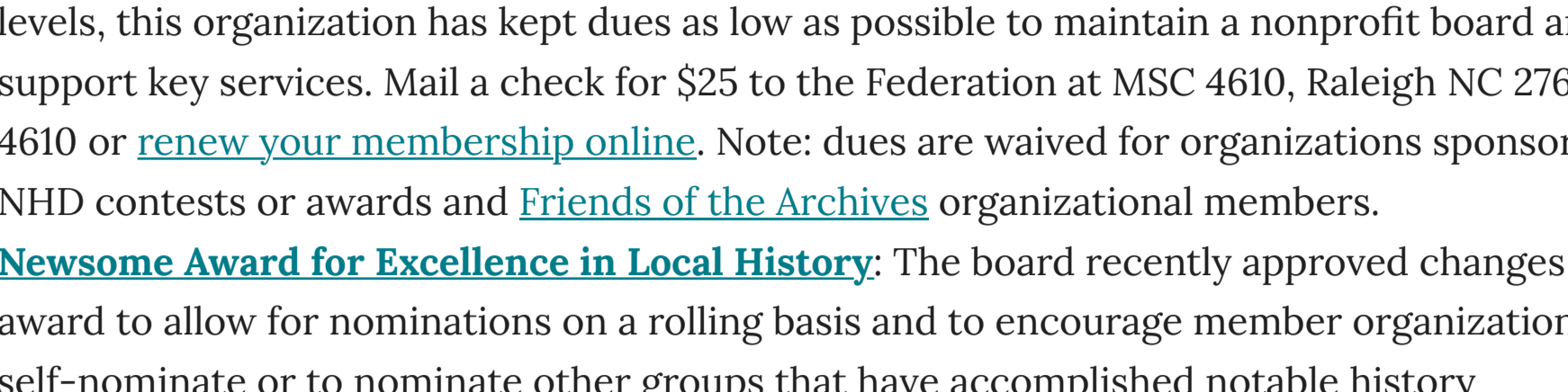


Federation News

Happy New Year!

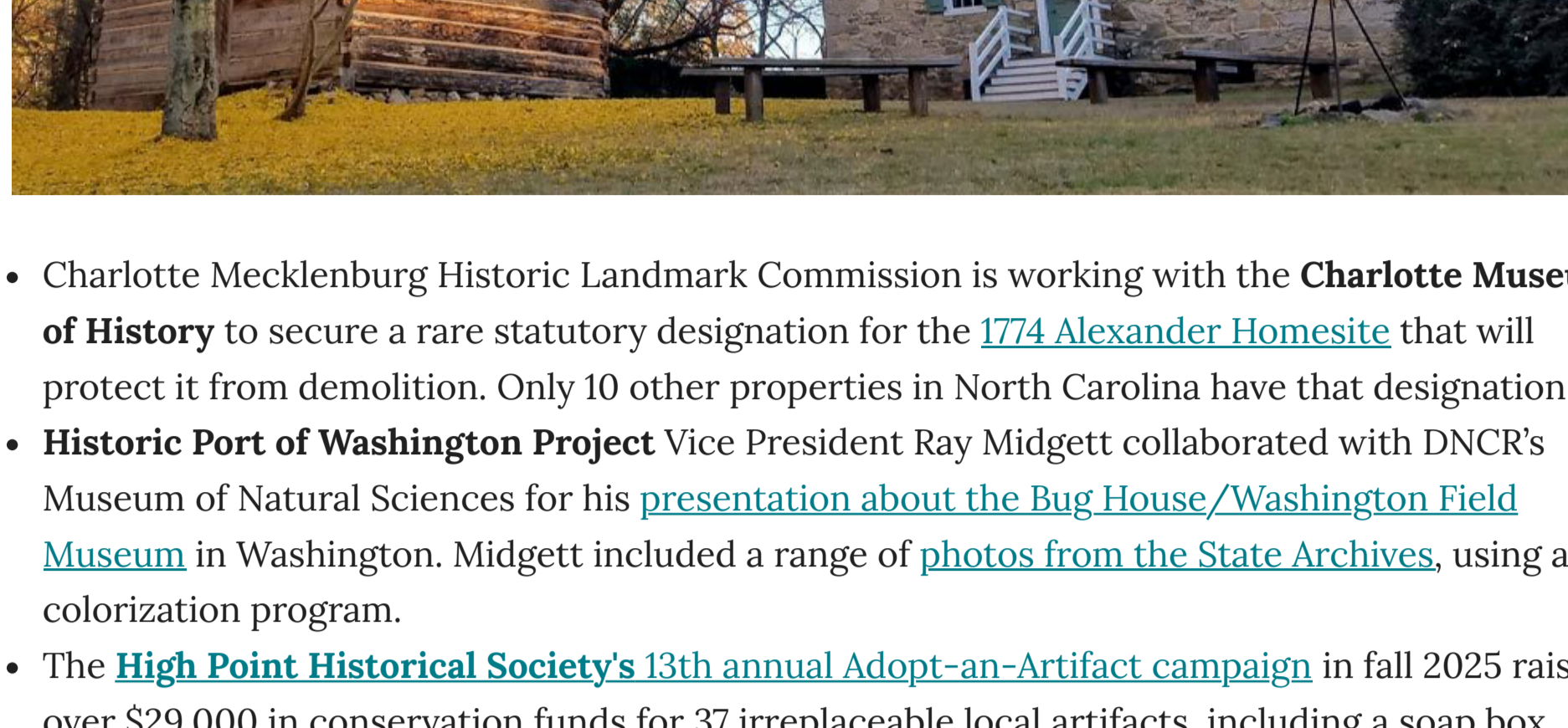
We hope you enjoyed the holidays and are ready to promote local, state, and national history in 2026 to honor the 250th anniversaries of the Declaration of Independence and the formation of North Carolina's state government.

- Another important anniversary: 50 years ago, the Division of Archives & History published the first Federation newsletter in September 1976.
Welcome new members: The Bricoleur, Clayton Historical Association, Statesville Historical Collection
Mini Grant applications due January 31! Two grants of up to \$1,500 are available to help fund local history projects.



- 2026 Membership: Dues have remained \$25 for 50 years!
Newsome Award for Excellence in Local History: The board recently approved changes to the award to allow for nominations on a rolling basis.

Member News



- Charlotte Mecklenburg Historic Landmark Commission is working with the Charlotte Museum of History to secure a rare statutory designation for the 1774 Alexander Homesite.
Historic Port of Washington Project Vice President Ray Midgett collaborated with DNCR's Museum of Natural Sciences.
High Point Historical Society's 13th annual Adopt-an-Artifact campaign in fall 2025 raised over \$29,000 in conservation funds.

Member Events

- Jan. 7, 7 p.m., N.C. Genealogical Society, Diane Richard presents a free live webinar, Genealogy's Best-Kept Secrets: Offbeat Resources Useful for Tracing Colonial North Carolina Women.
Jan. 8, noon-1 p.m., Historical Society of Topsail Island, John Moseley, Curator of Education at the N.C. Maritime Museum in Southport will speak about the maritime museum system.
Jan. 10, 6-9 p.m., Charlotte Museum of History, Twelfth Night, Spirits of the Season. Tickets: \$30 members/\$35 non-members.
Jan. 12, 6 p.m., Lewisville Historical Society, Author Doug Shouse will discuss two novels in his Southern Warrior Series, American Janus and American Achilles at the Mary Alice Warren Community Center.

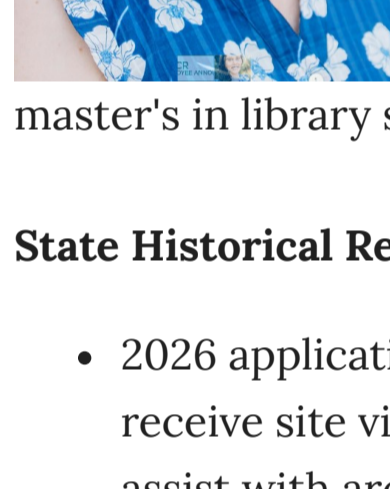
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America 250 NC: Recipients of a community grant, the Friends of Main Street Lumberton recently unveiled this breathtaking mural at 302 N. Chestnut Street.

- Four exhibits are available for print on demand as panels or posters. Check out the schedule of traveling panel exhibits to find a venue near you.
MY AMERICA is a nationwide, youth-driven art and civic engagement campaign. Through artistic expression, civic action, and public commemoration, MY AMERICA will empower young people across all 50 states to reflect on what unity, democracy, and being American means.
The Youth 250 Toolkit has been updated. The toolkit aims to help organizations reach, understand, and empower today's youth through America 250 programming.
Virtual Book Club meets every other month to chat about a work of North Carolina-based historical fiction.

State Archives:



Kelly Policelli began in the role of State Archivist of North Carolina December 1. Policelli most recently served as an assistant librarian and coordinator of University Archives and Special Collections at Elon University.

State Historical Records Advisory Board:

- 2026 applications are now open for the Traveling Archivist Program. Selected organizations receive site visits for consultation and/or training and starter kits of preservation supplies to assist with archives preservation and access. Apply by Feb. 15.
The Traveling Archivist Program Intern works to help previous TAP recipients create finding aids and improve preservation for their collections. Apply to host an intern this summer by Feb. 15.

The Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum's preservation project for the Palmer Memorial Institute was recently featured in the National Trust for Historic Preservation's blog, Saving Places.

Upcoming DNCR Events

- Jan. 10, 17, 24, & 31, noon, State Capitol, New Year Ancient Ideas! Learn how the ideas of the ancient Greeks and Romans shaped modern North Carolina and America.
Jan. 15, 1-4:30 p.m., State Library of North Carolina, Book Repair Workshop at the Forsyth Public Library.
Jan. 17, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Fort Fisher Historic Site, Fort Fisher's 161st Anniversary Commemoration.
Jan. 19, 10-11 a.m., Stone Mountain State Park, Quilting in North Carolina: A Brief History.
Jan. 22, noon-1 p.m., State Archives of North Carolina, 2026: New Year, New Collections.
Jan. 24, 10-11 a.m., Lake James State Park, The History of Lake James: From Native Lands to Modern Recreation.
Jan. 30-31, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., virtual and at the N.C. Museum of Art, 25th annual African American Cultural Celebration.

Free Webinars

- Jan. 12, 11 a.m.-noon, Adaptive Leadership: Creating Innovation From Chaos presented by Nonprofit Learning Lab.
Jan. 12, 2-3 p.m., Assess Your Funding: Diversification and Strategy Overview presented by GrantStation.
Jan. 19, 6-7 p.m., Accession, Acquisition, and Appraisal presented by Backlog.
Jan. 22, 3-4 p.m., Introduction to the AASLH Awards Program.
Jan. 26, 6-7 p.m., Metadata 101 presented by Backlog.
Jan. 28, noon-1 p.m., Planning for Cultural Institutions: What's Next? presented by the Conservation Center for Art & Historic Artifacts & Lyrisis.

Explore additional topics on demand with Gaylord Archival webinar recordings from 2025 and the Connecting to Collections Care webinar archives.

Conferences & Training

Feb. 2, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., North Carolina Museums Council workshop, Photographing Your Museum Collection. Registrar Corinne Midgett will lead this workshop at the High Point Museum.

Jan. 29-March 17, various times, four one-hour sessions, National Council of Public History, Ethics, AI, and the Public Humanities Speaker Series.

Conferences:

- Feb. 16-18, Small Museum Association, 42nd Annual Conference, York, P.A.
March 10-12, Main Street & Rural Planning Conference, New Bern.
March 27-28, N.C. Association of Historians Conference, Elizabeth City State University.
March 27-28, N.C. Genealogical Society virtual conference.
April 11-13, N.C. Museums Council Conference, Hidden Treasures: The Unseen Work & Opportunities Within Museums, Greenville.
April 16-18, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation Garden Symposium, virtual and in-person registration options.
May 28-29, Society of North Carolina Archivists/South Carolina Archival Association Joint Conference Many Voices, Stronger Archives: Advocacy through Community.

Grants

- Society of American Archivists Foundation Catalyst Grant Program provides funding to support complex archival projects. Awards range from \$500 to \$5,000.
Country School Association Preservation Grant funds up to \$1,000 for the preservation of one or two-room buildings once used as country schools.
Federation of N.C. Historical Societies Mini Grants fund up to \$1,500 for member projects.
National Railway Historical Society Heritage Grants provide up to \$5,000 to preserve equipment, buildings, or related archives.
Foundation for Advancement in Conservation Outreach Grants fund projects and activities that improve public understanding of conservation and support under-resourced institutions.

Rolling:

- Cannon Foundation quarterly grants fund capital improvements or preservation projects for organizations providing historic or environmental preservation services in North Carolina.
T-Mobile Hometown Grants fund up to \$50,000 for community projects in towns with populations under 50,000.
North Carolina Preservation Consortium and the North Carolina Museums Council Disaster Relief Grants assist collecting institutions affected by disasters.
The Dudley Flood Center Youth-Led Mini Grants (up to \$500) support youth-driven projects that promote history, civic engagement, and social justice within their communities.

History Help

Looking for a platform to organize and host event registrations? Check out Zeffy! From Federation board member and Gaston County Museum Assistant Director and Federation Advisory Board member, Matthew Titchener: "Zeffy is a great platform that we use...for our free and ticketed events.

More Lessons:

- 10 Lessons on How To Lead Nonprofits, Bloomerang
8 Steps to a Successful Social Media Video Marketing Strategy, Sprout Social
Using Universal Design to Create Safe, Welcoming and Joyful Spaces, National League of Cities
4 Simple Yet Effective Ways to Encourage Member Renewals, Nonprofit Learning Lab
Autism and Public Spaces: Autism-Friendly Museums, Golden Steps ABA



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