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Federation News

Federation Virtual Spring Program

May 12 | 2 p.m. Join us for a virtual panel to discuss engaging K-12 classes. This session for Federation members by Federation members will share Annie's 250 NC commemorative lesson powers successful with K-12 students. Hosted by Chris Day of the **Caldwell Heritage Museum** and Megan Sullivan of the **Stanly County Museum**, this virtual program will provide a forum for members to share ideas and ask questions about lesson implementation. In addition to their experiences, Federation staff will discuss the new Gateway resources from the State Archives. [Show, Danielle Brinkley-Jaggi 4th graders at Sandhills Elementary under this spring using materials from the State Constitution Decades.] It's not too late to watch Annie's 250 education in your own communities and plan full programs with teachers time for the state's Bicentennial! Sign up for the K-12 Ready Resources for History Organizations now!

High School Teacher of the Year Award

Part of the Federation's mission is to promote historical education statewide, and our organization's sponsorship of the Outstanding High School Teacher of the Year Award. One aspect of that sponsorship is funding the high school **Teacher of the Year Award**. The 2020 winner is Wesley Young of the Cumberland County High School. Young has been an active NHEC educator in the northeastern region for more than five years and previously taught middle school for three years. He has been a tireless advocate for preserving and history and video-ratings through NHEC's Mayor Program, and he serves as a county coordinator for the N.C. Council on the Holocaust, as well as on the board of the N.C. Council for the Social Studies. His past professional experience working on Capitol Hill enables him to bring real-world governmental insight to the classroom. Congratulations to Mr. Young!

Chowan County Historical Museum The museum recently unveiled a renovation, showcasing its collection artifacts of Native American and pioneer artifacts, as well as gems and minerals.

Federation Field Trips

In April Federation commissioners visited two member organizations—**Cape Fear Museum** and **Brunswick County Public Library**—as they continued their tour of the Tar Heel Wonder exhibits of the NC State Constitution and related documents. Advance forms pending second from left also volunteered for **Preservation NC**'s tour of the Isabella Street Stockyard House and Gardens.

Welcome New Member

Do you know of a **local history project worthy of recognition**? The Newsome Award now has a county-level deadline and members can nominate their own deserving projects, as well as others in their communities.

Member News

Staff & Friends celebrating 25 Chatham County Historical Association

- **Outer Banks Conservatorium**, which manages the Cortlandt Lighthouse, has launched "Little the Star" to commemorate America 250. The Conservatorium encourages participants to visit 30 historic lighthouse towns across the state during 2020, capturing their journey through photographs and connecting with the rich Southeastern heritage that helped shape America.
- **Gaston County Museum** celebrates reacceleration from the American Alliance of Museums for another 10-year period. First accredited in 1988, the Museum remains one of only 39 in North Carolina and 1,000 nationwide to hold accreditation.
- **Old Salem Museum & Gardens** is 2020 recipient of Conserving America Grant. $50,000 will help preserve the Single Brothers' House.
- **Chapel Hill Historical Society** and the **Historic Turner House** will be hosting The Traveling Archive Program twice this summer and benefiting from the Society's digitization of its collection of photographs.
- **Chatham County Historical Association** held its first virtual walking tours through downtown Pittsboro on April 8. The tour focused on the arts and how they have shaped downtown's cultural life over time. Many tour will explore ways local people have made their livings, and transportation and the arts.
- **High Point Museum** hosted the America 250 Guilford County Time Capsule Dedication on April 16. Community members and additional stakeholders turned out to see the items collected so far and to contribute their own artifacts for the time capsule, which will be held in the museum's vault for storage and opened 50 years from today. The 2020 Triennial items from the Guilford County community will be accepted through the end of 2020. Contact Jessica Dunn at jdunn@highpointmuseum.org for instruments and Colonel Stigler have previously advised Bulletin readers about opening and creating time capsules. Read their tips in this December 2019 article.

Items included in the time capsule: publications, local government resolutions, socks, and coins. Courtesy, High Point Museum

Submit your organization's news to Danielle Shirley to be featured in the Bulletin!

Member Events

- Jamestown Museum, Lenoir County Historical Society, Tuesday, April 28, 6:30 p.m. Tyrrell Plantation, Gerald Mangum, & Ben Dixon's Farm
- Tyrrell County Historical Society, Historical Day Bell Ceremony at Alligator Farm, Tuesday, April 28, 6:30 p.m.