

King's Landing

Murfreesboro, North Carolina

January 2013

Candlelight Christmas Tour
"The Magic of Christmas"
December 6 & 7, 2012



Dean Lawson keeps the fire stoked in the kitchen at the Wheeler House.

We had a record number of people attend this year's Candlelight Christmas Tour. Over 700 visitors came, including five buses from Richmond—four from Signa Tours and one from Winns Baptist Church; one bus from Chesapeake—Amber Tours; one bus from Norfolk—Urban Ministries; and one bus from Newport News—Riverside Baptist Church.

Tour Director, Sandra Fowler, had seven tour guides to help direct the buses around the designated tour sites. She contracted with John's Seafood and Steaks to cater the sit-down dinner served at the Murfree

Center. Over 25 volunteers worked both nights at the site of the dinner and approximately 75 more volunteers helped throughout the historic district.

Musicians played at eight of the 12 sites and Santa Claus greeted guests at the Agriculture/Transportation Museum. Each site provided our visitors with a special treat, beginning at the Roberts-Vaughan House with homemade breads and spreads, Chowan University offered candy canes, cheese balls and crackers were at the Murfree-Smith Law Office, the famous Seafood Bisque was at the Agriculture/Transportation Museum, Gingerbread Men were given out at the Winborne Country Store, the Rea Museum served fresh fruit, roasted peanuts were at the Vincent-Deale Blacksmith Shop, the Wheeler House had fruit wafers, there was the holiday dinner at the Murfree Center, and the finale was at the Hertford Academy with cakes and coffee.

Plans for next year's Candlelight Christmas Tour have begun with a new theme and an artist rendition which will be announced at the April Annual Meeting.

Dear Members,

Happy New Years to each of you and I hope you had a great holiday season. The Murfreesboro Historical Association conducted a very successful Candlelight Christmas Tour and I appreciate all the wonderful help that made it possible. Attendance was up and I heard many favorable comments both evenings. Thanks for your dedication.



As we begin 2013 many plans will be developed for the year. As you can see on the calendar of events some dates have already been set and others will be filled in as we progress.

Again, I wish you and yours a Happy New Year and look forward to a prosperous year for MHA. With your help we can continue our preservation efforts. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Call for Articles and Photos

Members are encouraged to submit history-related articles or photographs for publication in the King's Landing. Submit your house histories, personal accounts of family members, significant photographs, etc., to the newsletter. Let future generations benefit from you!

Publication Schedule

The King's Landing is published three times a year, in January, June and September. Please submit articles, news briefs, photographs, etc., in the month prior to publishing.

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2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 29	Drive By Fish Fry @ Noon
April 12	Annual Meeting
May 18	Jefcoat Pork Fest
Jul 31-Aug 3	Watermelon Fest—Bingo & Hot Fudge Booth
October	Student Tours
October 12	Civil War "Living History"
November 12	Soup & Sandwich Day
December 5 & 6	Candlelight Christmas

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A glimpse of the sites and activities during the 2012 Candlelight Christmas Tour:



Sandra Woodard shows us some of the 900 rolls she hand-made.



Carole Farnham (right) chats with Rosemary Gadsby, harpist, before guests arrive at the Roberts-Vaughan House.



Guests enjoy breads, spreads and punch at the Roberts-Vaughan House.



Who are these ladies? Judy Hachey and Brenda Watson look good with their new hair styles.



Toni Meeks serves fresh fruit at the Rea Museum.



Bookmarks are printed by Charles Futrell and given to visitors at the Village Print Shop.

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Guests are attentive at the newly opened Print Shop museum.



A decoration at the Blacksmith Shop.



Carol Lassiter tells Santa her Christmas wish.



Hearth cooking is demonstrated at the Wheeler House kitchen by Emily Isaacson and Dean Lawson.



The Wheeler House looks festive for the tour.



A young guest is served a holiday meal by one of the many MHA volunteers at the Murfree Center.



Debbie Cobb and Luan Gilliam hand out delicious Gingerbread Men at the Winborne Country Store.



IN MEMORIAM

Josie Lassiter Hill

October 12, 1922—November 23, 2012

A service of thanksgiving and celebration for Josie Lassiter Hill was held on Tuesday, November 27th at the Murfreesboro Baptist Church.

Many of us remember her for her active participation in the Murfreesboro Baptist Church and her volunteerism with the Murfreesboro Historical Association. A fond memory is seeing Josie Hill dressed in period costume at the Roberts-Vaughan House greeting guests during the Candlelight Christmas Tour. She will be greatly missed.



The North Carolina Community Foundation announced in October that MHA was the recipient of a grant from the **Wayland L. Jenkins, Jr., Unrestricted Endowment**. The check, in the amount of \$1,000.00 was used for general operating support.



MHA held several fundraisers during the year. The last quarter of the year focused on the following events:

Student Tours	\$1,394.39
Civil War—Living History Weekend	443.38
Ghost Tour	532.06
Yard Sale/Bake Sale	234.48
Soup & Sandwich Day	<u>2,515.34</u>
Candlelight Christmas Tour (to-date)	<u>11,055.12</u>
	\$16,174.77

These events help to provide financial support for our general operating expenses, including the salaries for our employees.

We appreciate all the support we have received from the community either as volunteers, participants, or both, for many of these fund raising activities.



Congratulations and welcome to our new **Site Manager for the Southall Cemetery — Lynn Warren**. She has agreed to work with John Hicks and others to improve the condition of the cemetery. Most of us know Lynn when she is helping with food at the Fish Fry, Soup & Sandwich, Candlelight Christmas and the “Keenagers” at the Methodist Church. This will be a new “hat” for her and we know she will wear it well. Mr. Dennis Pipkin will be working with Lynn this year in rearranging some headstones belonging to his family and replacing a portion of the fence at the cemetery. We look forward to the improvements.

The Village Print Shop Unveiled

Brenda Watson, Site Manager

Its official! "The Village Print Shop" is at last a reality. On December 6, 2012, the doors opened for the grand debut at Candlelight Christmas. This exhibit is the result of much effort by many people. I cannot begin to thank each of you for your time, talent and financial support. Without you, this would have never been possible.

Newspapers and printing have been an integral part of Murfreesboro's history since 1813 with the inception of the first newspaper. As you can imagine, "The Hornets Nest" created quite a stir in the community and others followed in its footsteps. Printing has continued over the years with the local book publishers, such as Roy Johnson and E. Frank Stephenson. Frank still produces books and Chowan University has a superior graphic arts department that is second to none.

Thank you again and I hope you will come by and see for yourself just what our print shop has to offer. For a few minutes you will be able to step back into the 1920's and see what they had to work with then. We have a story to tell and we plan to do just that!!



Thank You to Our Life Memberships:

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On April 29, 2011, the **Historic Murfreesboro Commission** voted to publish a book which showcases historic properties in Hertford County. A Publications Committee was formed, the members are:

Chairman, John Parker

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Elizabeth C. King, formerly with the NC Department of Cultural Resources, was contracted as Editor of the book entitled: “*West of the Chowan: The Historical Architecture of Hertford County, NC.*” This fully illustrated volume will showcase the findings of the 2010—2011 State sponsored comprehensive architectural survey of the County. It will include buildings and structures located within the towns of Ahoskie, Cofield, Como, Harrisville, Murfreesboro, and Winton, as well as many properties in rural areas. The book will catalog churches, schools, commerce buildings and agricultural and industrial structures. It will also contain an essay that develops a concise history of Hertford County.

You may contact the Historic Murfreesboro Commission at P.O. Box 307, Murfreesboro, NC 27855. Contributions are tax deductible since the Commission is under the auspices of the NC Department of Cultural Resources in Raleigh, NC.

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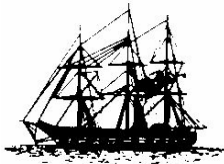
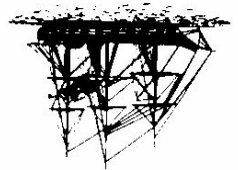
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