

GARNER AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS



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Our mission: Preserving the history of Garner and nearby crossroads, educating youth and promoting Garner's story in and outside of the community.

Museum to Open in November, 2021

Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 20, 2021: the Grand Opening of the Garner History Museum at the Depot. All are invited to attend this long-awaited occasion celebrating Garner's history. The festivities will take place from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Heritage Plaza Takes Shape

"Placeholder" bricks have been installed in front of the Museum, in a focal area surrounding the flagpole. Engraved bricks purchased before August 31 will be installed in a few weeks. Bricks are still available for purchase for a second installation, likely in January of 2022. A brick purchased in honor of someone would certainly make a lasting gift for Christmas or any other occasion!

Brick order forms are available for download from our website, Garner-area-historical-society.org, or by calling the Museum to have a form mailed to you. You may leave a message at (984) 200-9612.

Visit Our Booth at the Garner Firemen's Festival on October 2 to Say Hello!

Depot Model Constructed by Neal Moore

Garner native Neal Moore has constructed an amazing replica of the Historic Garner Depot. The model, pictured below, is on display in the Museum. It is outstanding in its historic detail, complete with glass in the windows and operable doors. Thanks to Neal for sharing his talents with us!



Technology Update

Thanks to our donors and some hardworking members, we have some up-to-date technology in the Garner Depot History Museum. Joe Ben Johnson generously donated and set up a computer, printer, and computer desk for the Genealogy Library, as well as speakers, TV mount, and a DVD player for the main Freight Room display area. He also kindly hung the television for us! Thank you, Joe, for allowing us to celebrate history while being a part of the "digital age!"

We look forward to showing recordings of interviews with citizens who speak about their first-hand accounts of growing up in Garner, as well as other programs related to our history. Many of the citizens interviewed have passed on, and we treasure the recordings of their stories. Barbara Kennedy has assisted in summarizing and sorting these interviews, in addition to helping in the Genealogy Library. Thanks to both Barbara and Joe for their work on this project. We are still looking for photos of several folks to include with their audio recordings.

Recent Acquisitions: Thank You!

The Garner History Museum collection is growing, thanks to many folks who have donated items (and their stories) recently. Tom Maynard and Buck Kennedy have donated various farming memorabilia and tools related to tobacco and cotton farming; Barbara Kennedy donated a lovely vintage wash stand. Judy Bass provided a pretty, vintage bowl and pitcher to accompany the wash stand.

Kaye Whaley has given and loaned many items for a display featuring home life in Garner's early days; Cindy Davis has helped Kaye prepare this display and donated several items, as well.

Dr. Johnny Bagwell kindly loaned and donated many items of vintage medical-related memorabilia for our "Hometown Doctors" display.

Marilyn Allen, daughter of WWII veteran Laland M. Allen, has donated several items, most of which are from her father's military service days. He was a native of South Carolina, but settled in Garner in the early 1970's. Mr. Allen served in Europe, and was the youngest of five brothers, all of whom served in WWII.

We are excited that Coaches Hal Stewart and Eddie Gray have given us several items commemorating the 1987 Garner High State Football Championship. Joni Robison, former Garner High teacher and Cheerleading Coach (and a cheerleader herself when she was a student) has provided both a letter jacket and a cheerleading uniform.

Thanks also to Anne Phillips Holland for donating a wonderful collection of clothing and accessories from the early decades of the 1900's. They belonged to Anne's grandparents, who lived in this area.

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