

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 Opened November 20, 2021

The Garner History Museum at the Depot held its official Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting on Saturday, November 20. Mayor Ken Marshburn and Town Manager Rodney Dickerson delivered comments. The ceremony was emceed by Matthew Coppedge, Garner Chamber of Commerce President/CEO; Dustin Williams of the Chamber also assisted. Garner PAAL provided hot apple cider to visitors, and Uncle Dave's sold kettle corn. Coffee provided by Full Bloom was also available for guests. We welcomed visitors to tour the Museum and they were able to view the bricks installed so far in the Heritage Plaza. We appreciate Tom Hutchinson from Hope Valley Railway Museum for bringing his "suitcase railroad" model and other railroad artifacts to share with our visitors.

On Thursday evening prior to the Grand Opening, GAHS hosted a reception for members and donors. We appreciate the help of Cheryl Gay, Torrey Blackmar, Carol Gupton, Cindy Davis, Barbara Kennedy, Joyce Stephens and Kara O'Briant of Zin Yoga and Wine Bar in making this a special evening. Thanks to Paul Cox, Brad Bass, Buddy Gupton, and GVFD members for assistance with the tents.

Second "Batch" of Bricks to be Installed

Bricks ordered by the end of summer deadline have been installed in the Heritage Plaza, which surrounds the flagpole in front of the Depot. The installation of the second order of bricks is planned for early in 2022. Brick prices are the same as the previous orders: \$100 for a 4" X 8" brick, and \$150 for an 8" X 8" brick. **Orders must be received by December 20, 2021 to be included in this installation.**

Brick order forms are still 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.



The Garner Area Historical Society is a
501(C)(3) non-profit organization.
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Thanks to all involved:

The Garner Area Historical Society is very grateful to the Town of Garner (Town Board and Town Staff) for its support in this project. In addition, we appreciate the early proponents of saving the Depot as a history museum more than 25 years ago: Harold Garner, Fritz Herman, Billy Lassiter, Cindy Wright Davis, Kaye Buffalo Whaley, and many others who donated their time and those who donated products. All these folks helped to lay the foundation for our current museum.

The Garner History Museum at the Depot aims to be an asset to the Downtown Garner Historic District and to provide enrichment to the citizens of Garner. We appreciate our generous donors and members who make these efforts possible. GAHS is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. Please remember us in your end-of-year giving. Happy Holidays from your GAHS Executive Committee: Judy Bass, President; Vice Presidents Karen Padgett and Kaye Whaley.

MUSEUM HOURS:

Wednesdays & Saturdays, 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

Closed Dec. 25th & Jan. 1st

Please call to arrange tours at other times or for groups: (984) 200-9612

We will also be open for some future Downtown Garner events; please check our website to confirm.

Visit our Genealogy Library to research your family history. The Library is open during Museum hours listed above. Call us at 984-200-9612 to leave a message for our Genealogy Library volunteers.

Greetings Brought from Congressman David Price

Ms. Sonia Barnes of Garner, Outreach Director for Congressman David Price, delivered the following

letter to GAHS from the Congressman, dated November 18, 2021:

*CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Washington, DC*

Dear Garner Area Historical Society:

I regret that I am unable to join you today for the Grand Opening. However, I am excited to add my voice as you celebrate the ribbon cutting for Garner's first History Museum.

Garner History Museum's mission is to enhance this community and serve as an example for us all. Your commitment to establishing a facility to document your town's history is phenomenal. We pause today to celebrate the outstanding legacy and opportunities that this museum will provide for generations to come.

I hope that you have an enjoyable event and I wish you continued success.

*Sincerely, DAVID E. PRICE
Member of Congress*

