

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 Hosts Over 200 Visitors in First Few Months of Operation

The Garner History Museum at the Depot has hosted over 200 visitors in its first few months of operation. We are excited that folks are discovering us, particularly those who are newcomers to the Garner area and parents with children. We want everyone to know about Garner's story. The Museum is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., as well as for special Downtown Garner events. In addition, we are glad to make arrangements for special group tours by appointment. Thanks to Judy Bass, Cindy Davis, Carol Gupton, Barbara Kennedy, Karen Padgett, and Kaye Whaley for staffing the Museum and offering tours for visitors over the past few months.

Training Offered for Tour Guides/Docents

We now have a training manual to help prospective guides/docents learn about hosting visitors to the Garner History Museum at the Depot. The manual explains general procedures and gives background information on the Depot itself and about all the current exhibits. We will be adding information to the manual as exhibits are enhanced and/or changed in the future. Please be on the lookout for announcements about upcoming training meetings for

those interested in becoming a guide/docent. We are planning a session that would last less than two hours. An experienced guide would work with the "newbies" when conducting tours. Please contact us if you are interested.



Black History Month Celebrated with Exhibit at Southeast Regional Library

On March 3, The Garner Area Historical Society was pleased to provide a "drop-in" presentation/exhibit in honor of Black History Month at the Southeast

Regional Library. The exhibit honored some of Garner's outstanding Black educators from decades past, including Allen Haywood, Lenola Avery McClain, C L



Barber and Ernest Sanders. The importance of the early Rosenwald schools in our area was also noted.

In addition to celebrating these well-known Black educators from Garner, a number of outstanding citizen activists were recognized. They included Lizzie Hilliard, Jackie Johns, Easter Sanders and Helen Phillips, among others. Their tireless efforts helped to enhance the Town of Garner and brought about many positive changes for this community.

The display can be viewed at the Museum through March 19. Thanks to the many contributors who shared photos, documents and other information with us for this exhibit.



Welcome to New Executive Committee Member

At the January 27, 2022 meeting of the GAHS Board of Directors, Carol Gupton was appointed by the Board to the Executive Committee. Carol fills an office as Vice President recently vacated by Kaye Whaley. Carol is a Garner native with deep family roots in the area. Welcome Carol!

Kaye remains active on the Board of Directors. She is one of our regular tour guides and continues to work with our Genealogy Library.

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Also at the January meeting, our Board said a big "thank you" to Paul Cox, one of our original Board members whose term of service ended in December. We wish Paul and his wife, Sheila, all the best in their favorite pastime of being grandparents!

Picnic Tables Donated to Museum

The Garner History Museum at the Depot received a gift of two large picnic tables, courtesy of Kaye Whaley. They were placed under the trees between the Depot and the Pearl Street Building. We know that folks who visit the Museum will certainly enjoy using these tables. Thank you, Kaye!

Congratulations to Garner's Clara Craven Book Club!

Featured in the March, 2022 issue of Our State magazine, the Clara Craven Book Club of Garner is celebrating its 75th anniversary! Founded by the late Katie Corbett during World War II, these women have met for cultural and literary enrichment for many years. Their namesake was the widow of a local Methodist pastor. Limited to 12 members, the group has tackled many topics in their reading selections. Some current members count their grandmothers as original members of the group! We congratulate the Clara Craven Book Club on their many years of connection in the Garner Community.

Thanks for Donating Artifacts

We appreciate the following citizens for their recent donations of artifacts or memorabilia to the Garner History Museum at the Depot: Carson and Deborah Carmichael, Ruth Coats, Newman Jiles, and Veronica Scott.