

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.



New Giving Level Created

A new giving level has been created for gifts to the Garner Area Historical Society and the Garner History Museum at the Depot. The *Signal Lantern Society* is now our top giving level. We are grateful for a Garner native who has made this new giving level a reality with a very generous recent donation.

Giving levels are as follows:

- Signal Lantern Society - \$25,000 and above
- Founders' Express: \$15,000 - \$24,999
- Station Master's Club: \$10,000 - \$14,999
- 1900 Society: \$5,000 - \$9,999
- Locomotive Club: \$2,500 - \$4,999
- Engineer's Club: \$1,000 - \$2,499
- Conductor's Club: \$500 - \$999
- Caboose Club: \$200 - \$499
- Depot Agent's Club: \$100 - \$199
- All Aboard Club: \$50 - \$99

History Museum Partners with Downtown Neighbors for Tours

The Garner Area Historical Society is excited about partnering with two Downtown Garner entities to develop tours for school groups. We will be working with Fire Station One and the Garner Recreation Center to develop "field trip" activities for groups of local students. We are all neighbors within just a few blocks of each other on Main Street, and feel this is a great opportunity for walkable group tours. School groups could learn about fire safety and careers in Fire and Rescue at

the Fire Department, tour the History Museum to learn about Garner's history, then move on to the Recreation Center for age-appropriate activities.

We would be excited to host groups from public schools, private schools, local camps or home-school groups. These tours are free of charge. Teachers, administrators, or parent leaders may contact us in advance to arrange for tours by calling (984) 200-9612 (voicemail) or by emailing us at garnerareahistoricalociety@gmail.com.

Remember When?

Remember when we thought \$1.00 was a big price to pay for a gallon of gas for our cars? And the place you bought gasoline was called a "filling station" or a "service station?" And you actually got service from a person? Wow—those were the days!



You may well remember Garner Gulf—a full-service station where staff not only filled your tank, but cleaned your windshield as well, and did so with a smile. We are excited that the Walton family has loaned us their vintage late 1970's-early 1980's gas pump to display in the Garner History Museum.



Originally located on Highway 70, this is a third-generation family business, now known as Family Auto. Their current business location on St. Mary's Street is a neighbor of the Museum, just down the road. Come check out this treasure from Garner's business history!

Museum Hosts Group from Able to Serve Program

We were excited to host a group tour from Garner's Able to Serve on May 20. The organization provides life skills experiences for adults with disabilities in their day program, which is housed at Lord of Life Lutheran Church. Twenty participants and their leaders visited the History Museum, the Fire Department, and the Recreation Center in downtown Garner. While at the Fire Station, the group even got to see the trucks roll out on an actual call; it was an exciting day!



Become a Part of "History's Future"

What is the future of history in Garner? That may seem like a strange question, but the Garner Area Historical Society is very excited about the future of our history! We are currently planning for some new exhibits, including one featuring the Native American history of this area. Stay tuned for more information on this and other exhibits.

Our long-term goals include obtaining funding to restore the interior of our circa 1951 Caboose to its authentic condition as a working railcar and designing and placing local historical markers, among other projects. Your membership dues and other donations help to make all these efforts possible. If you are interested in volunteering, we'd love to have you! Our contact information is below.

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Garner History Museum at the Depot/
Garner Area Historical Society is a
501(C)(3) non-profit organization.
P. O. Box 156, Garner, NC 27529
Museum location: 106 Pearl St., Garner NC

Family History/Genealogy Resources

Don't forget that our museum also features a Genealogy Library. You will find numerous resources about the histories of many local families, historical references for Wake and Johnston Counties and other resources for researching your ancestors. You may use these references on site. We are open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and at other times by appointment.