

# 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.*



## Groups Tour Depot Museum

The Garner History Museum at the Depot hosted a group of students from Community of Hope during their spring break “track-out” time. The children and their counselors toured the Museum and visited Garner’s Fire Station One. We appreciate Garner Fire and Rescue staff for their program on fire safety and careers in fire and rescue.



Also this quarter, the Museum hosted a group from the Auburn Village community, as well as a senior citizens group from Raleigh Parks and Recreation. We are so glad to be able to tell folks about Garner’s story by conducting these tours.

Remember that we are glad to work with you on scheduling tours outside of our regular operating hours: just give us a call at (984) 200-9612. We will check the voicemail and get back to you about scheduling your group’s visit.



## Get Your Tickets to the “Red Hot Caboose Tea” Fundraiser

The Garner Area Historical Society is excited to hold a “Red Hot Caboose Tea” social at the beautiful and historic Banks Bed and Breakfast, pictured above. The event is a fundraiser toward restoration of our circa 1951 red caboose; it will take place Sunday afternoon, June 23. Ticket price is \$75 per person; tickets can be purchased online at [Garner-area-historical-society.org](http://Garner-area-historical-society.org) or by visiting the Museum during regular hours. A limited number of tickets are available: get yours today!

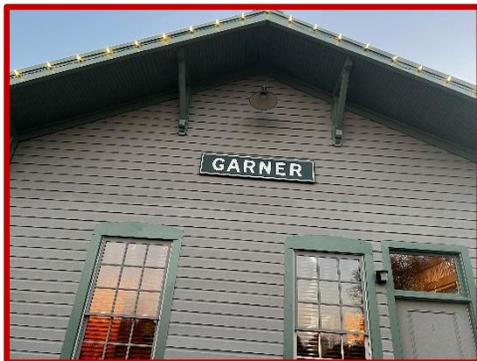
***Many thanks to all our volunteers who keep the Museum open on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and to those who volunteer for special events and tours. You are the “heart of history” for GAHS.***

## “Voices of the Past” 2024 to Take Place at New Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery

The Garner Area Historical Society is excited to announce that our second annual “Voices of the Past” event will be held this fall at New Bethel Baptist Church cemetery on Highway 50/Benson Road. The date is Saturday, September 21, with a “rain date” of September 28. We appreciate New Bethel Baptist Church for their support in holding this event at their historic cemetery. Stay tuned for more information on the event!

## GAHS June Happenings

On June 8, Several members of GAHS served on a panel discussion/presentation for the residents at the Auburn Village community. After touring the Museum in April, several members of this very active 55+ neighborhood were interested in more details about how the Garner area developed into such a strong community. Thanks to the following members who volunteered to serve on the panel: Connie Barton, Judy Bass, Eddie Gray, Carol Gupton, Joe Ben Johnson, Mike McIver, and Karen Padgett.



Also scheduled for June 18 is a tour by the “Joy Club” from St. Andrews United Methodist Church. We love the opportunity to share Garner’s rich history with folks in the community!

## Other Coming “History Happenings”

- August 31, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- September 28, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- October 26, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

“Got to Be Garner” downtown market & events on Main Street: Visit us at the GAHS tent; drawings for prizes! (Christmas cards for sale in October.)



- October 5, 2024 10:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.  
Garner Firemen’s Day celebration 503 W. Main Street; Look for more information on our website.



- Month of November, 2024  
Native American History Month Displays at the Museum.

## New Lighting Increases Safety & Visibility

If you drive or walk by the Museum in the evening, you will note that new lighting has been added around the building and Museum site. This increases the visibility of the Museum as well as providing safety. Thanks to Joe Ben Johnson, Judy Bass, The Town of Garner, and Seth Smalling of Doin’ Work NC for making this project happen. Electricity has also been extended to the Caboose in anticipation of restoration work to come. Your donations make such work possible!

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Garner History Museum at the Depot/

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