

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.



Update on Depot Renovations

Work continues on the site at Pearl and Main streets where the Depot and caboose were placed on December 14, 2019. A 12-inch thick concrete pad was poured, onto which rails and the caboose have been placed. In addition, a new and more permanent brick foundation is being constructed for the Depot. (The Depot sat on brick piers in its previous location.)

Work has been somewhat hampered by the weather during the time of the move and for weeks after. Wolfe Movers returned to set the structures in place permanently on Tuesday, February 4.



Damaged siding was removed and insulating wrap put in place on the Depot. The foundation is partially complete.



The caboose has been placed on a concrete pad on its original wheels, which sit on authentic rails.



Annual Meeting attendees (photo by Demian Dellinger).

Annual Meeting Held January 26

The Annual Meeting of members of the Garner Area Historical Society took place on Sunday afternoon, January 26. Attendees received an update on the move of the Depot and caboose, heard committee reports and confirmed nominations of officers and Board members made by the Nominating Committee. Amy Griggs, a founding member of the Executive Committee who has rotated off the Board, was presented a certificate and small gift in recognition of her service. Board member and lifelong Garner resident Wayne Brooks entertained the group with anecdotes and memories from growing up on Garner's Main Street.

Attendees enjoyed refreshments, meeting new members and reconnecting with each other. We were especially glad to have three of our student members present.

History Mystery

Do you know the name of the home that is the oldest house in the Garner area still standing on its original foundation? Here is a hint: it was built in 1743. Find the answer in our next issue!

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Don't Forget About the GAHS Capital Campaign!

Please remember that opening the Garner Depot Museum is dependent upon our "Welcome Aboard" Capital Campaign contributions. Although the Town has generously agreed to complete repairs on the exterior of the Depot, interior repairs and upfitting will be the responsibility of the Garner Area Historical Society. This includes lighting, fixtures, displays, and any equipment needed for museum operation.

If you know of potential donors, please put them in contact with our organization. Also remember that gifts may be made in memory or honor of a loved one, and that some companies may make matching gifts.

Welcome Aboard Club Levels: Check One

- Founders' Express: \$15,000 - \$24,999
- Station Master's Club: \$10,000 - \$14,999
- 1902 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

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If this is a gift in honor of or memory of someone, please note it here:

Checks should be made payable to ***Garner Area Historical Society***. Mailing Address: Post Office Box 156, Garner, NC 27529.

Amount enclosed: _____



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Garner Area Historical Society 2020 Board of Directors and Officers:

The following directors and officers were confirmed at the Annual Meeting in January. Board of Directors Members are: Wayne Brooks, Paul Cox, K.C. Dowd, Anne Holland, Lauren Sanders Jones, Barbara Kennedy, Tom Maynard, Joe Sample, Ellis Williams, Jimmy Yeargan. Officers are: President, Judy Bass; Vice President/Secretary-Treasurer, Karen Padgett; Vice President/Chairperson of Archives, Kaye Whaley.

The Garner Area Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. We are members of the Garner Chamber of Commerce, the Federation of N.C. Historical Societies, and the N.C. Preservation Consortium. Follow us on the Web: Garner-area-historical-society.org and on Facebook @ Garner History.