

Board dines at historic Norton-McGuire Farm



The Norton-McGuire Farm, above, and CHS Board of Trustees, below.



The Norton-McGuire Farm, built in 1850 by Roderick Norton, was the site for the Board of Trustees' dinner following the Cashiers Historical Society's fall Board meeting, Oct. 23-25.

Board members were grateful to current owners Brent and Kim Armstrong for their hospitality in allowing them to use their home for the dinner, which was hosted by CHS Chairman Millie Lathan.

Roderick's first home with his wife, Drucilla, was in Whiteside Cove. His father, Barak, moved the family to the area in 1824 when Roderick was about 16. His second home was located at what is now the crossroads of Norton Road and Yellow Mountain Road. As with most mountain homes at the time, he would have built three or four rooms with a porch along the front. His son-in-law Samuel McGuire added on to the home after Roderick died.

The house was again enlarged in 1975 and 1998, with a major modernization taking place in 1998. Each time, care was taken to blend the new with the old, making this one of the finest pioneer homes still standing in its original location in the Highlands-Cashiers area and a prime candidate for recognition by the National Register of Historic Places.

The Norton-McGuire Farm, which includes 31 acres of beautiful pasture, woodlands, and numerous outbuildings is for sale. For information, contact Beth Townsend at McKee Properties in Cashiers, 828-743-3411.

CHS membership has grown dramatically this year. Watch your mail for your membership renewal and return it quickly to keep up with all the exciting activities of your historical society! Or, to join the fun, contact Doreen Hastings at 828-743-6439

Ann Austin, Martha Crouch Black, Pat Camp, Linda Cravey, Tom & Wendy Dowden, Joe Doyle, Mitchell Dunn, Daneen Griffin, Doreen Hastings, Beth Jones, Carol Kennedy, Millie Lathan, Eddie Madden, Darla McBurney, Vanna M. Cameron, Jane Nardy, Sarah Nelson, Joan Newton, Kathleen Rivers, Alice Stanly, Robert Red Tolbert, Eleanor Welling, Jan Wyatt

Members:

Joe Doyle, Treasurer

Doreen Hastings, Secretary

Eleanor Welling, 1st Vice President

Ann Austin, President

Millie Lathan, Chairman

Officers:

CHS Board of Trustees

Cashiers Historical Society
An affiliate of The Village Conservancy
P.O. Box 104
Cashiers, NC 28717

Past Times

A Newsletter of the Cashiers Historical Society

November 2003

First Founders' Day at Zachary-Tolbert House huge success

"Quilting was fun, except when I sewed it on to the table cloth!" So said Morgan Hensley, a third grader at Summit Charter School, in her thank you note to Mrs. Ann da Costa after the first Founders' Day at the Zachary-Tolbert House, held Thursday, Oct. 2.

Eleanor Welling, chairman of Founders' Day and the Education Committee for Cashiers Historical Society, had a dream of making history come alive using the resource of the Zachary-Tolbert House. She did the research and wrote a curriculum that became the basis for the day's activities.

Eleanor and new board member Jan Wyatt collaborated on bringing together third and fourth grade students from Blue Ridge School, Summit Charter School and area homeschools for the first-ever educational event to involve all three groups at the same time. Students practiced drop spinning, making butter, and quilting. And almost every thank you note said something about the fun the children had while they were learning.



Area students enjoy Founders Day.

Jan Wyatt, along with teachers from Blue Ridge School, Summit Charter School, and area homeschoolers, as well as Peter Koch from Western Carolina University's Mountain Heritage Center, were crucial to bringing all the plans together.

Area craftsmen shared their expertise with the students in learning centers held under tents placed around the property. Students spent the day making crafts, playing games and observing skills that would have been common in antebellum Cashiers Valley.

Children listened, mouths agape, to the Cherokee storyteller, never guessing they were "studying."

At the end of the day, they took home cornhusk dolls and the butter they "churned," as well as "lunch pails" that held their snacks.

Eleanor Welling said she hopes Founders' Day will be an annual event "promoting pride in our community and an appreciation for the heritage of Cashiers Valley."

Cycling Through History: A partnership for preservation

Tim Womick has one speed — very fast — but he has several passions and historic preservation is one of them.

Cycling Through History, a 25-mile loop ride from the Zachary-Tolbert House, through Whiteside Cove, Horse Cove, Highlands and back to Cashiers with stops at historic sites, held Sunday, October 26, combined Womick's love for cycling and passion for history with his avocation for reforesting the world (his e-name is "appleseedz").

CHS historian Jane Nardy prepared a list of historical sites along the loop. One of the markers was Hill House in Horse Cove, the family residence of Highlands Historical Society President Luther

Turner. The Turners' historic 1840s home was also a stop for the cyclists where they planted a Winesap apple tree. Michelle Hott was on hand to sing "America" during the brief ceremony.

Turner and his wife, Ann Turner, gave a short history of Horse Cove. His great, great grandmother helped a Cherokee woman and her baby hiding under Black Rock Mountain with food and supplies while his great great grandfather helped conduct the Trail of Tears.

The steady rain may have kept some cyclists home, but the eight riders who participated completed the loop.

Funds raised through the ride will benefit the historical societies of both



Cyclists and support crews before the ride.

Highlands and Cashiers.

Cashiers Historical Society Chairman Millie Lathan, whose husband, Bob, received a prize for being the oldest rider of the day, was enthusiastic. "This kind of partnership — with Tim, the cyclists and the Highlands Historical Society — is exciting," she said. "We want to do more things like this!"

Thank you to 2003 Cashiers Historical Society members!

Ms. Anne H. Abbott, Mr. & Mrs. James F. Adams, Mr. & Mrs. William H. Anderson II, Mr. & Mrs. John M. Arnold, Ms. Brett B. Arthur, Ms. Ann McKee Austin, Mr. & Mrs. Jon D. Babb, Mr. & Mrs. Carl F. Bailey, Mr. & Mrs. Walter A. Baldwin Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Al Balestiere, Mr. Mitchell Barnes, Dr. & Mrs. Louis L. Battey, Dr. & Mrs. W. Tyson Bennett, Dr. & Mrs. Bruce H. Berryhill, Mr. & Mrs. Warren Bicknell III, Mr. & Mrs. Douglas K. Bischoff, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas L. Black, Mr. & Mrs. William Blackwell, Mr. Myron R. Blee, Mr. & Mrs. Clayton P. Boardman III, Mr. & Mrs. Ken Boswell, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Y. Bradley, Mr. & Mrs. Robert W. Bramlette, Dr. & Mrs. Mc Henry S. Brewer, Mr. & Mrs. Frank H. Bromberg Jr., Ms. Judy Brown, Mr. Bob Bryan, Mrs. Betty W. Bullock, Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Burgess Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Barry C. Burkholder, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Hiram Calvin, Mr. & Mrs. Albert N. Cameron, Mr. & Mrs. Ehney A. Camp III, Mr. & Mrs. James D. Camp Jr., Mr. Jim Cannon, Mr. & Mrs. Charles H. Cannon III, Dr. Barbara C. Carlton, Mr. & Mrs. Christopher L. Carson, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Castellini, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond G. Chadwick, Mr. & Mrs. Robert E. Chanin, Mrs. John Chisholm, Mr. & Mrs. James Christian, Dr. William W. Cleveland, Mr. & Mrs. Peyton M. Cole, Mr. & Mrs. Madison F. Cole, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Roy L. Compton, Mrs. Dorothy Conkle, Mr. & Mrs. David J. Cooper, Mr. & Mrs. Craig Cranston, Mr. & Mrs. Richard L. Cravey, Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Cunningham, Mr. & Mrs. Charles E. Curry, Mr. & Mrs. E.B. Darden, Mr. & Mrs. Hugh G. Dargan, Ms. Katherine G. Daughtridge, Dr. & Mrs. Charles R. Davis, Dr. & Mrs. Dave M. Davis, Mr. & Mrs. Jarrett L. Davis, Ms. Marcia W. Davis, Mr. & Mrs. T. Wayne Davis Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Jack A. Dempsey, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Dews, Mr. & Mrs. J. Donald Dial, Mr. & Mrs. David S. Dimling, Mrs. Jack Donnell, Mr. & Mrs. Earl A. Dorsey Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Thomas C. Dowden, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph B. Doyle, Ms. Lydia Doyle, Ms. Jean Drew Dugger, Mr. & Mrs. John Duncan, Mr. & Mrs. James J. Dunn, Mr. & Mrs. H. Mitchell Dunn Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Allan A. Dyleski, Dr. & Mrs. George Echols, Mr. & Mrs. Clint E. Edwards, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph M. Evans, Ms. B. Louise Farley, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Faulkner, Mr. & Mrs. Fredrick J. Figge, Mr. Ken Fisher, Ms. Jean M. Fleming, Mr. & Mrs. Jackson C. Floyd Jr., Mrs. Ethel Foley, Mr. Stephen Foster, Mr. & Mrs. Charles F. Foster, Dr. & Mrs. Edward J. Fox Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Joe H. Foy, Ms. Johnnie Rogers Frady, Mr. Jamison Z. Freeland, Mr. & Mrs. William T. Freeland, Mr. & Mrs. Theodore K. Friedt, Mr. & Mrs. William R. Fryar, Ms. Nancy Furry, Mrs. Jeffrey D. Ganz, Mr. & Mrs. William T. Gary III, Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Gibson, Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Graham, Mr. & Mrs. Holcombe T. Green Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Peter Greenwald, Mr. & Mrs. Joel C. Griffin, Mr. & Mrs. Blake L. Griffith, Mr. Michael R. Grilli, Ms. Jane L. Grimes, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Hall, Mr. & Mrs. Jerrold G. Hall, Mr. & Mrs. Milton J. Hall, Ms. Teresa C. Hammond, Mrs. Elaina F. Hampton, Ms. Laura N. Hansen, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Hardy, Mr. & Mrs. Doug Harris, Dr. & Mrs. E. Val Hastings, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Hastings, Mr. & Mrs. John T. Hazel Jr., Ms. Kate Henry, Mr. Kenneth M. Henson, Dr. & Mrs. Jim Herbert, Mr. & Mrs. J.E. Herndon, Mr. & Mrs. Donnie R. Hicks, Mr. & Mrs. John B. Higdon Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Thomas D. Hills, Ms. Helen Freeman Holmes, Ms. Jane Horgan, Mr. David Howard, Mr. & Mrs. Frank M. Hubbard, Dr. & Mrs. W. Howard Hudson, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Hudson Jr., Mr. & Mrs. C. Thomas Huggins, Ms. Anita Human, Mrs. Martha Rivers Ingram, Mr. & Mrs. C. Benjamin Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. J. Brooke Johnston, Jr., Dr. & Mrs. Ellis L. Jones, Mr. Mark Riggs Jones, Mr. & Mrs. Matthew P. Jordan, Ms. Carol L. Kennedy, Mr. & Mrs. James W. Key, Mr. Samuel W. Kiker, Mr. & Mrs. Galen B. Kilburn Jr., Ms. Mary M. King, Mr. & Mrs. Lincoln Kinnicutt, Mr. & Mrs. Charles E. Klumb, Mr. Walton Lee Knight, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth H. Kraft, Ms. Rosalie A. Lamkin, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Langley, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Langone, Dr. & Mrs. S. Robert Lathan, Mr. & Mrs. William F. Law Jr., Miss Alison Lee, Mr. & Mrs. Denver Lennon, Ms. Shirley Zachary Leonard, Mr. & Mrs. James C. Lipham Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Alfred M. Liveright, Ms. Susan K. Loda, Dr. Elizabeth Lombard, Mr. Oly E. Lombard, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lyons III, Mr. & Mrs. L. Gillis MacKinnon III, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel W. Magruder, Mr. & Mrs. Charles G. Martin, Dr. & Mrs. Richard K. Mastrole, Mr. & Mrs. Willard McBurney, Ms. Elizabethine G. McClure, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas T. McCoy, Mr. & Mrs. George McDaniel, Mr. & Mrs. Pope B. McIntire, Mr. & Mrs. A. William McKee, Mr. & Mrs. William D. McKee Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Alfred I. Means Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Peter M. Menk, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas M. Mettler, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Metzger, Mrs. J. Clifford Miller Jr., Mr. & Mrs. James Milliken, Mr. & Mrs. Brent Millis, Ms. Marcia B. Moore, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Moore, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Moore, Mr. & Mrs. Scott A. Morris, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. McG. Morrison Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Dan F. Morse, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Moss Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Moye, Mr. & Mrs. James P. Myers Jr., Ms. Jane Gibson Nardy, Ms. Pat Nardy, Mrs. Virginia Gaylord Neely, Dr. & Mrs. Phil Nelson, Mr. & Mrs. George L. Nemhauser, Mr. & Mrs. Russell B. Newton Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Walton K. Nussbaum, Dr. & Dr. Edward J. OConnell Jr., Mrs. Dan O'Leary, Mrs. Daniel C. O'Leary, Mrs. J.A. Oliver, Mr. Joseph A. Oliver, III, Mr. Joseph A. Oliver Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Fritz Orr Jr., Dr. & Mrs. Robert E. Osbon, Dr. & Mrs. Lindsey D. Pankey Jr., Ms. Patricia A. Pardee, Mrs. J. Ross Parker, Mr. Louis T. Parker Jr., Mr. & Mrs. James O. Patterson, Mr. & Mrs. John A. Perdue, Mr. & Mrs. Brien Peterkin, Mr. Scott Peterkin, Mr. & Mrs. Harry J. Phillips Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Timothy C. Poirier, Mr. & Mrs. Rip Poitevent, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Porter, Mr. & Mrs. Preston L. Prevatt, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Pridgen, Mr. & Mrs. Peter T. Pruitt, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Ramey, Mr. & Mrs. Keene Reese, Mr. & Mrs. Norman Reu, Dr. & Mrs. Donald W. Rhame, Mr. Steve Rhodes, Ms. Melba W. Rilott, Mr. & Mrs. John Rivers Jr., Mr. James C. Ryan Jr., Mr. & Mrs. James Sanders, Mr. Vitus Sarka, Mr. & Mrs. Herbert J. Scholz Jr., Congressman & Mrs. E. Clay Shaw Jr., Mrs. Kenneth Sherman, Mr. & Mrs. Rodolph G. Sherrill, Mr. & Mrs. John L. Simms, Mr. & Mrs. Wilson Sims, Mr. & Mrs. Donald F. Sink, Mr. & Mrs. B.J. Skinner, Mr. & Mrs. Bryant Skinner, Mrs. H. C. Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence E. Smith III, Dr. & Mrs. Eugene Sparlin, Mr. & Mrs. William M. Spencer, III, Dr. & Mrs. Ethan F. Staats, Mr. & Mrs. B. R. Staley, Mr. & Mrs. William A. Stanly Jr., Mrs. Hope Strong Jr., Ms. Diane Stumm, Dr. & Mrs. Roger Suttle Jr., Mr. & Mrs. L.Jack Swertfeger Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Scott M. Sylvester, Ms. Diana B. Terry, Rev. & Mrs. James G. Theus, Mr. & Mrs. Wyatt E. Theus, Mr. & Mrs. James S. Thomas Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Joe B. Thompson, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Red Tolbert, Ms. Elizabeth N. Townsend, Ms. Nancy Turner, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph E. VanBuskirk, Mr. & Mrs. William Vance, Dr. & Mrs. Sam S. Vinci, Ms. Robin R. Visceglia, Mr. & Mrs. Richard C. Waghorne, Mr. & Mrs. Preston Wailes, Mr. & Mrs. William B. Warlick, Mr. & Mrs. John M. Warren, Mr. & Mrs. Robert S. Weatherly Jr., Ms. Judy Zachary Webster, Mr. & Mrs. James M. Weir, Mr. & Mrs. Irvine T. Welling III, Mr. & Mrs. Edmund P. Whitby, Mr. George W. Whitmire, Mr. & Mrs. James B. Wilkinson, Mr. & Mrs. Darden Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Roger Williams III, Mr. & Mrs. Clark B. Winter, Mr. & Mrs. Charles H. Wyatt, Lane F. Young, Ms. Alana Zachary, Ms. Alice J. Zachary, Family of Ben Zachary, Family of Gene Zachary, Mr. Matthew Zachary, Mr. & Mrs. O.C. Zachary Jr., Mr. H. B. Zachry Jr., Mrs. Mary W. Zittrouer



New Trustee Joe Doyle, left, chats with Myron Blee.

CHS Members' Meeting Well-attended

Cashiers Historical Society met for its first full membership meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 29th, at the Albert Carlton Cashiers Community Library. Board members presented reports from an event-filled year followed by Jane Nardy's background on the Zachary ledger, which will be published soon. The membership approved the slate of Board members including new Trustees Jan Wyatt, Eddie Madden and Joe Doyle.

Great News! This year's Cashiers Designers' Showhouse raised \$100,000 resulting in a gift of \$50,000 to the Cashiers Historical Society. Thanks to all who made this possible!

Virtual Auction benefits historic sites in North Carolina

You can support historic preservation *and* simplify your search for great gifts by shopping at the second annual "Virtual Auction," sponsored by Preservation North Carolina, going on now through December 2nd.

Preservation North Carolina is a private, non-profit statewide organization whose mission is to protect and promote buildings, sites, and landscapes important to North Carolina's diverse heritage. In September, Preservation North Carolina gave its prestigious Carraway Award to the Cashiers Historical Society for the restoration of the Zachary-Tolbert House.

The Virtual Auction includes North Carolina places, products and services. All proceeds benefit the Preservation North Carolina's preservation work throughout the state.

Items on the auction block include a week-long stay on Ocracoke Island; North Carolina pottery, artwork and architectural pieces; tickets to the Carolina Hurricanes; an all-inclusive Historic Wilmington Weekend that includes accommodations, meals, golf, historic sites and more; a Vichy Spa treatment at Raleigh's Blue Water Spa ... and much more.

For more details or to make a bid, visit www.PreservationNC.org or call 919-832-3652.

CHS establishes Village Heritage Award

This year, the CHS Board of Trustees voted to establish the Village Heritage Award to acknowledge an individual or business that has successfully restored a building of historic significance in Cashiers Valley for adaptive reuse.

The first Village Heritage Award goes to Carrington and Peggy Barrs for their work in preserving Alexander Gardens. The award was presented in conjunction with the Nov. 4th Chamber of Commerce awards and was accepted by Bud Darden, a long-time friend of the Barrs. Kathleen Rivers made the presentation, Jane Nardy gave the history of Alexander Gardens and Vanna Cameron summarized the Barrs family's efforts that led to the award.

"Historic preservation works when it's profitable," Vanna said.

Next summer, CHS plans to make the official presentation to the Barrs family during an event at Alexander Gardens. Watch our newsletter for details.

It's Time To Deck The Halls!



Deck the Halls 2002.

Cashiers Historical Society is grateful that Janine Peak of English-Green Interiors accepted the challenge to "Deck the Halls" at the Zachary-Tolbert House this year. She has found a sleigh to pose in front of the house, along with many native plants, which should make it a wonderful place to take a Christmas photo!

Janine could use our help putting up the decorations on Saturday, November 22nd, beginning at 1 p.m. Hope you can join us for some old-time Christmas fun!

Participants Wanted: Join CHS walking in the 2003 Cashiers Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 13! Our wagon will feature Sandi Rogers, Cashiers' Educator of the Year, who played a crucial role in our first Founders' Day. The parade begins at 1 p.m., but line up begins an hour or so beforehand. (Period costumes optional.)