

The Dispatch

The Newsletter of the Apex Historical Society Apex, North Carolina November, 2010

Oral History Project

The Oral History Project is alive and doing well. Effective November 2010, twenty-five long-time residents of Apex have been interviewed. The work that is being done is a great start toward making this project a reality. Those who have participated in the interviewing process have been Molly Weston, Margot Knepp, Debbie Douglass, Henry Brown, Hamilton Martin and Diane Long. Apex Historical Society members who have had the AHS training, please call Diane Long (418-6625) for an assignment! A special thank you to John Pearson who has provided recorders, made copies and has been tremendously supportive in this project.

Reminder to AHS members:

As you do your fall gardening, please remember the spring plant sale! We need plants to sell!

Pluck, Perseverance & Paint, 2nd Edition

The new and vastly expanded and improved edition of the history of Apex as written by Warren Lee Holleman & C.P. "Toby" Holleman is now available for purchase at the Rusty Bucket store on Salem St. Apex. The Hollemans are brothers, born and raised here in Apex, sons of the noted local historian, the late Carl Holleman. While they no longer reside in North Carolina, it's apparent from the book that their hearts are still here. This edition of the book has been thoroughly researched and rewritten and tells the story of Apex from its beginning shortly after the Civil War until 1941. It is a fascinating story for anyone interested in local history. Stop in the Rusty Bucket and purchase your copy!

Holleman Reception

A lovely reception is being planned for the Holleman brothers to celebrate their new book, Pluck, Perseverance and Paint, Apex, North Carolina: Beginnings to 1941. The reception will be held at the Maynard Pearson House on Olive Chapel Rd. On November 28, 3:00-5:00 PM..

Apex Historical Society Picnic Apex Community Park October 2010

We've all experienced picnics that were good and others that didn't quite make the grade. There are a lot of possible reasons. The most frequently expressed reasons for a picnic to fail are: food that isn't very good; uncomfortable locations and weather; and unwelcome guests.

Luckily for us, the Apex Historical Society's annual picnic on October 23rd had none of these. What it did have was delicious food, a great place where we could eat and socialize in comfort, beautiful autumn weather, and a short but very interesting meeting that brought all of us there up to date on the current programs/projects being carried out by the society.

The Barbequed chicken was delicious; the cakes, cookies, pies and banana pudding pleased everyone there; and all of the extras made it a great day.

The site at the Apex Community Park was welcoming and comfortable. It was a beautiful day and we enjoyed sitting and just socializing with our fellow historical society members.

We all were brought up to date on such items as the Annual Homes Tour in December, the Oral History Project, the book on the history of Apex and the guest speakers coming to the Halle Center.

Thanks to those who put on this great picnic. For those of you who missed it, you really missed something special.....and we missed you. We hope to see you at all of our upcoming events.

Holiday Homes Tour

The annual Tour of Homes fundraiser is on Dec 5th from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. We need many volunteers for hosting homes, packaging / weighing / selling candy in the sweet shoppe, working in the reception area of the MP house giving out cider, popcorn & nuts and decorating the MP house. The time slots for working on Dec 5th will be 1:00 to 3:00 and 3:00 to 5:00. This will enable you to tour the homes before or after your shift. The packaging and weighing of the candy will be done the day before on Saturday, Dec 4th 10:00 to noon. We will be decorating the MP house in November (dates TBD). If you would like to help, please contact me by phone (362-6923) or email (gwenthen@aol.com).

Attention all Candy Makers!!

It is time to start thinking about preparing some of your delicious sweet treats to sell at the Sweet Shoppe at the Maynard-Pearson House (MPH) during the Home Tour this year. We will be at the Maynard-Pearson House on Saturday, December 4th, from 10am until 12 noon weighing and packaging your candy donations. Please drop off your donations during this time so we can have them bagged and ready to sell for the tour. Please also let us know if you have used nuts in your candy so we can inform our customers. If you are unable to deliver your candy to the MPH, please call or email Mary Petersen so she can arrange to pick up your donation - 363-4817 or mpete427@yahoo.com.

Thank you in advance for your contributions - you always donate some delectable candy!

*"It is one of the most
beautiful compensations
of this life
that no man can sincerely
try to help another
without helping himself".*

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Pluck, Perseverance & Paint, 2nd Edition

Some events to remember associated with the launch of the 2nd edition:

Fri. Nov. 26th 12pm - 5pm Book Signing
Sat. Nov. 27th 12pm - 5pm Book Signing
Location @; The Rusty Bucket

Sun. Nov. 28th 2pm - 4pm Reception
Location @; Maynard-Pearson House

Tue. Nov. 30th 7pm - 9pm Speaking
Location @; Halle Cultural Arts Center
Warren & Toby will be speaking on the History of Apex

Tue. Jan. 25th 7pm - 9pm Speaking
Location @; Halle Cultural Arts Center
Warren & Toby will be speaking on the writing the book

The President's Notebook:

Over the past two years we have seen the society improve the annual Home Tour with professional signs for the homes, ticket sales locations and MPH. The Speakers Series with the Halle Center is now in its second year and The Oral History Project was kicked off and is proving to be a wonderful endeavor to have embarked upon. New committees like the Social Directors, Budget, Public Relations, Restoration & Preservation and Ad-hoc committees that established a Society Logo and Greeting Cards to be sold to raise funds for the Society are up and running.

So what's **NEXT?????**
2011 will be Apex Historical Society's;

YEAR OF THE MEMBERSHIP

To undertake new projects I have in mind and to help in maintaining our current commitments (such as care of the MPH, the Caboose, annual Plant Sale, Holiday Home Tour, the Greeting Card project and our 4 social events) we need to increase our ranks so as not burn out our membership and infuse new ideas, energy and, of course, new friends dedicated to Preserving our Heritage and Protecting our History. You will hear more as we start the new year so begin thinking about your friends, neighbor's, family and associates and start asking them about their desire to be a "HISTORIAN".