



Museum to Reopen March 19th

Throughout the entire month of January, volunteers worked diligently to prepare both museum items for transfer and the new museum house for occupancy. On any given day, boxes were being packed and labeled, items being sent to storage in three, that's right, count 'em, *three* different places.

Upstairs, you could find Walter Kluge and Emmett Casey building shelving for the artifact and educational materials which will be rotated throughout our exhibits. Downstairs, the owner's worker, Hoover, finished tearing out and replacing walls, tiled the bathroom and installed fixtures. Work on the heat pump was completed.

Pat Childress turned a spacious room into a dream shop for visitors. Much of the work for shelving, cabinetry, and counter tops was custom built. As for steam engine and director, Rebecca Suddeth, she headed up everything. You could see her packing and loading at the Jordan Street site and then before you got there, she was at the new site on West Main Street. Sometimes it appeared there was two of her.

Don Surette worked very hard and when last seen, was taking Rebecca's desk apart to move. His 1970s era pick-up made many trips between Jordan Street and West Main Street—filled to the hilt with anything from large items down to a group of baskets. Randy Owen Moving, LLC, gave us a generous discount on moving the large display cases and even came back and put them into place once the floors were finished in the new location.

Back upstairs, an office and the new genealogy room were remodeled. The office floor appears to be solid heart pine, often called "lighter pine" in this area.

Interior painting, installation of a ramp for disabled approach, a back door stairs, landing and front porch rails are underway. Finally, the power-washing and painting of the exterior has started.

Betty Sherrill and Pat Childress are working on a landscaping project, using mostly period plants for the vintage 1905 museum house. Many, many others have volunteered countless hours including working people who use their precious days off to help.

The new site for the museum offers many pluses. There will be parking! There will also be a room for outdoor activities for kids. Musical events and other special presentations can be held on the lawn, and we are only 2 blocks from the very center of downtown. Opening date is March 19th with a special opening ceremony. The exhibit theme will be "Living off the Land." Look for further news from our usual outlets.



Executive Director Rebecca Suddeth movin' on up
Photo by Elaine Raynolds

President's Corner



Learning to Go with the Flow

Life is teaching me a lesson here. It may be the Lord teaching me a lesson. Our new Museum location was scheduled to open on February 3. That didn't happen. We had to wait for the renovations to be completed. And, Wow! was that wait worth it. We hoped to open a week later than that. It snowed. Stuck at home, we had more brainstorming that resulted in improved plans. This is a pattern I have observed many times over the years. I have a plan, I strive to meet my own deadline or to check the task off my list, and circumstances change the course of plans, cause delays and present even better possibilities. I'm trying to learn the lesson, but it's not an easy one. When a challenge or an opportunity appears, the best results are often achieved by waiting to see what else develops. Waiting is often not a skill I possess, but I'm working on it. As I'm writing this, the opening date of **March 19th** approaches soon. I hope everyone will attend. Even though the exterior of our new quarters still needs a lot of work and landscaping, I know you will be pleased with what you see.

Pat Childress, President

Heritage Gifts

by Pat Childress, Gift Shop Manager

The New Heritage Gifts

Moving has presented new challenges and new opportunities for the gift shop. The space is smaller, but oh so charming. The walls are wonderful wood paneling. Three walls have windows. There is storage space the shop never had before. The best of the previous merchandise will be available, as well as some interesting new things. A schedule of arts and crafts classes, such as embroidery and scrapbooking, is in the development stage. Come by and see for yourself!

For membership information, upcoming events or to make donations, please call 828-884-2347, visit the website at www.transylvaniaheritage.org, or drop by the Museum located at 189 West Main Street in Brevard, Wednesday – Saturday 10 am–5 pm.

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HERITAGE HELPER

In today's economic climate, non-profits struggle to make ends meet. Everyday necessities take money away from exhibits and programs. Below is a great way to make a specific nominal contribution and help the museum to continue with changing and interesting exhibits and events.

1. Rolls of stamps
2. Letter-size envelopes
3. Ground coffee, Splenda, sugar packets or creamer
4. Paper towels and tissue
5. A powerful hand vacuum
6. An extension grasper for items on high shelves
7. Swifter floor cleaner
8. Ink cartridges: Cannon 6 black bci-68-k; 6 yellow bci-6-y; 3 e black; 6 c cyan; (reasonably priced at Grovers)



New Transylvania Genealogical Society

Transylvania Heritage Coalition, Inc., the non-profit organization that currently operates the Transylvania Heritage Museum, proudly announces a new program of the Coalition. In keeping with its goal of stimulating interest in local history and encouraging individuals to participate in preserving local heritage, the Transylvania Genealogical Society (TGS) has been formed.

The first meeting of TGS was held at 7 pm, Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at the NC Cooperative Extension in the Community Services Bldg. 98 East Morgan St. Brevard. Future meetings will be held bi-monthly at the same location and are open to the public. Anyone interested in researching and preserving their family lineage is invited to attend, whether a seasoned genealogist or a beginner.

Also a Genealogy Room will be opened to members for free and to the public for a small fee in the Transylvania Heritage Museum which is opening March 19th at its new location, 189 West Main Street in Brevard, two driveways past the Brevard Post Office. Exact dates and times when the Genealogy Room will be open will be announced later.

TGS is associated with state and national genealogical societies, and the Genealogy Room will provide access to newsletters from other societies as well as documents, records, books, maps, and databases contributed by members. TGS also looks forward to working with other local historical groups as well as Transylvania County Library's Rowell Bosse North Carolina Room staff. An important part of the Society's mission will be to transcribe and digitize old documents and make them available to everyone in a safe and convenient manner.

Officers appointed for the first year of the Genealogical Society are: Yvonne McCall-Dickson, President; Linda Maxwell-Fisher, Vice-President; Linda Owen Anders, Secretary; Cora Fowler Roess, Treasurer; and Merle Anders, Webmaster.

Annual membership in the Transylvania Genealogical Society is \$25 per individual and \$40 per family. Charter lifetime memberships are also available through June 30, 2010. Charter lifetime membership fees are according to current age of the individual: \$50 for 80 years and up; \$100 for 70-79; \$150 for 60-69; \$200 for 50-59; \$250 for 40-49; \$300 for 30-39; and \$350 for 30 and under.

Application and Pedigree Forms are required for each member. These forms will be available at the Society's meeting on Feb. 9 or can be printed from the website, www.transylvaniagenealogy.com. To contact TGS, call 828-884-2347 or email heritage@citcom.net.

Back To The Good Old Days

In 1964, Rosman broke North Carolina state precipitation records when she received 129.6 inches of rain and snow in one year. The records still stands.

Special Family Exhibit

If you are a member of a Transylvania Founding Family and have items and/or photos to share for our family exhibit case, please call Rebecca Suddeth at the Transylvania Heritage Museum, 884-2347, or e-mail her at rebecca@preservingourpast.org. The museum has full security and display keys are held only by our director.



Pattern by Cindy Blackberg

Quilt Raffle

Another beauty from award winning Pat Childress. Tickets are on sale for \$5 at the Transylvania Heritage Museum.

You do not have to be present to win.

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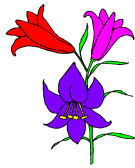
March 19: Re-opening of Transylvania Heritage Museum!

Saturday, April 10: Reviving Traditions Tour: Bus tour to Arts Locations. Costs to be determined.

Friday, April 23, 7:00 pm: Gospel Music Benefit for the Transylvania Heritage Museum to be held at the First Baptist Church in Brevard. An offering will be taken; suggested donations of \$10 per person.

Friday, April 23: 4th Friday Gallery Walk. Come visit Heritage Gifts at the new Heritage Museum location: 189 W. Main Street. We have plenty of parking.

Saturday, April 24: Preservation Month Clean-up Day, time and location to be determined.

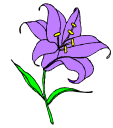


An old house talking

*I stand, upon that hallowed spot
Where my foundation your fathers laid,
And it seems as if I am doomed to rot
Where they so often prayed.*

*Shall old Cathey's Creek fall
And be numbered with the past
Or will the children build the wall
And sound the gospel blast.*

*Read a sinner's prayer
and then do what you can
to build the church*



*Oh! God protect the vine
That thou has planted at Cathey's Creek
Make its branches forever twine
Around the low and weak*

*S. I. Wilson
Aug 18th 1878*

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