



# Museums in Partnership NEWSLETTER

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## North Carolina Arboretum Announces 2009 Schedule of Major Events

The 434-acre North Carolina Arboretum is nestled in the Southern Appalachian region—one of the most botanically diverse areas in the world—and shows how plants are important to our world through fun, engaging, and hands-on opportunities amid 65 acres of cultivated gardens, Ten miles of forested hiking and biking trails, Segway tours, innovative outdoor and indoor exhibits, and one of the finest, most unique bonsai collections in the United States.

The 2009 schedule offers **WINTER** walks and programs that highlight forest ecology, natural history and garden preparation.

- January 17 through May 10, 2009: Explore Masters of the Night, a traveling exhibit that dispels popular misconceptions about bats, describes their ecological importance and gives visitors an appreciation of the true wonders of the bat world. Free with parking fee (\$6 per personal vehicle).

Nestled in one of the most beautiful natural settings in America, the Arboretum is the perfect stop for guests of all ages to experience the variety of color this **SPRING AND SUMMER** and reconnect with nature in a fun-filled and engaging way.

- March 14 through May 7, 2009: “Blooming Out Loud”: The North Carolina Arboretum hosts a special exhibit by botanical artist Miriam Sagasti in the Education Center.
- March 28 and 29, 2009: WNC Orchid Show: The WNC Orchid Society will host its annual show.
- May 2 and 3, 2009: Rhododendron Show: The American Rhododendron Society’s Southeastern Chapter will host its annual show.

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**F**riends of Mountain History (FOMH) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization supporting museums, heritage organizations, and cultural and heritage-related programs in twenty-five counties in Western North Carolina.

**M**useums in Partnership (MIP), which is supported by FOMH, is a new resource for museum professionals. Museums, historic sites, and heritage-related organizations in twenty-five counties of Western N.C. receive advocacy, educational support, and financial assistance as well as the MIP Newsletter, which includes announcements and updates from the region and informal sharing of ideas through networking. There are no dues for MIP membership, and communications are via electronic media. MIP welcomes nonprofit organizations that collect, interpret, preserve, and exhibit some aspect of Western North Carolina's culture and heritage.

## CALL FOR ARTICLES ABOUT YOUR SITE

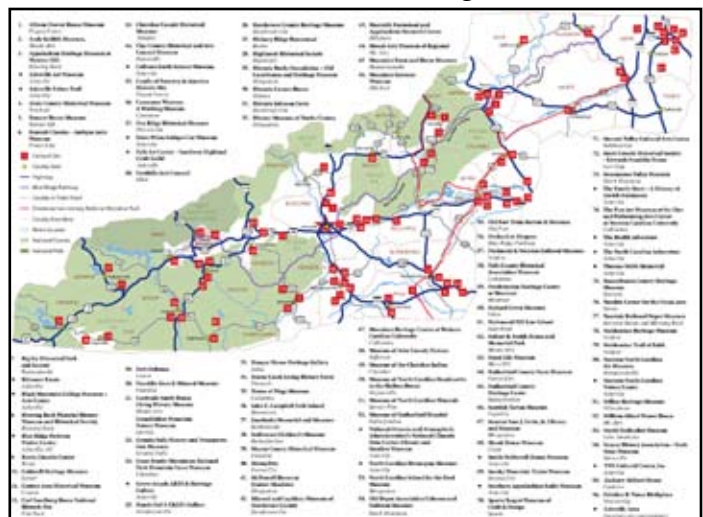


Museums, historic sites, and heritage-related organizations in the 25-county region of Western North Carolina served by FOMH are encouraged to share their news, announcements, and photographs of their programs and resources through our newsletter. Please email articles, photographs, or event listings to Ran Shaffner at [highlandshistory@nctv.com](mailto:highlandshistory@nctv.com) for publication in a subsequent issue of the newsletter.

For a monthly listing of **MUSEUM CALENDARS OF EVENTS** during 2009, visit the Friends of Mountain History website at [www.fomhnc.org](http://www.fomhnc.org) or here at [www.fomhnc.org/calendarofevents.php](http://www.fomhnc.org/calendarofevents.php).

## 2009 Museum Guide and Map Now Available Online

The new 2009 Western North Carolina Museum Guide is now available for download from the Friends of Mountain History website or from here at [www.fomhnc.org/FOMH2009Guide.pdf](http://www.fomhnc.org/FOMH2009Guide.pdf). Also available for download is the Museum Guide Map from here at [www.fomhnc.org/FOMH2009Map.pdf](http://www.fomhnc.org/FOMH2009Map.pdf), which locates the 86 cultural sites featured in the guide.



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- May 9 and May 12: Spring Dahlia Tuber Sale and Chrysanthemum Cutting Sale: Join the Carolinas Dahlia Society and the NC Chrysanthemum Society at the Education Center.
- May 21 through November 1, 2009: H. Douglas Pratt and John C. Sill's BIRDS: The Science of Illustration. In conjunction with The North Carolina Arboretum's celebration as an official part of the NC Birding Trail, this exhibit explores how art and science work together in Pratt and Sill's artistic illustrations of birds.
- May 30 and 31, 2009: Rose Exhibit: The Asheville Blue Ridge Rose Society will hold its annual exhibition.
- Saturday, June 27, 2009: Western North Carolina Daylily Club Annual Flower Show: Hundreds of choice and rare daylilies will be on display and daylily plants will be for sale.
- July 11 and 12, 2009: Bamboo Festival: The American Bamboo Society's Southeastern Chapter will host its third annual Bamboo Festival.
- August 7, 8 and 9, 2009: **Asheville Quilt Guild Annual Show**: The North Carolina Arboretum hosts the Asheville Quilt Guild's popular annual show, a juried event featuring more than 250 quilts of exceptional craftsmanship from across the U.S. and worldwide. The three-day show offers live demonstrations, a merchant's mall and more! For information, call 828-665-2492 or visit [www.ncarboretum.org](http://www.ncarboretum.org).

For the full N. C. Arboretum Calendar of Major Events for 2009, visit [http://www.ncarboretum.org/PublicPrograms/PR\\_2009/Press\\_Releases/2009\\_MajorEvents.pdf](http://www.ncarboretum.org/PublicPrograms/PR_2009/Press_Releases/2009_MajorEvents.pdf).



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## SPRING WORKSHOPS OFFERED BY THE FEDERATION OF NORTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

### "Engaging Volunteers for a Lasting Relationship and Recruiting New Members to Your Historical Organization"

March 27, 2009—Hertford Academy, Murfreesboro

April 29, 2009—County Agriculture Building, Pittsboro

May 13, 2009—Lincoln County Cultural Center, Lincolnton

The Federation of North Carolina Historical Societies invites staff and volunteers of historical organizations, libraries with special collections, and other cultural organizations to its spring workshops, "Engaging Volunteers for a Lasting Relationship and Recruiting New Members to Your Historical Organization."

Given today's difficult economic situation, it is more important than ever for non-profit organizations to establish a strong staff of volunteers and to recruit new members to join.

During this practical workshop, Kay Mitchell-Thomas, tourism development officer of the N.C. Division of Tourism, Film, and Sports Development, and John Woodard, president of the Murfreesboro Historical Association, will share the secrets of recruiting and retaining volunteers. Jason Harpe, president of the Lincoln County Historical Association, will discuss how to recruit young people to join historical organizations and the different ways these new members can help your organization. He will also discuss how to use new technologies to appeal to Web-savvy generations.

The workshop runs from 10 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. and costs \$15 for Federation members, \$20 for non-members. The workshop is being held in three locations across the state to facilitate attendance.

Please visit <http://www.fnchs.org/fund/fund.htm> for a registration form, or call (919) 807-7281 for more information.



### Going Green Lecture Series at Historic Johnson Farm

Protecting Environmental Heritage, Feb.10 at 7pm • All about birds, Feb.17at7pm

Environmentally Friendly Building, Feb.24 at 7pm

No-Fail plants for southern gardens, March 3 at 7pm

Backpacking101, March12 at 7pm • Make a birdhouse, March 21 10am to noon.

Historic Johnson Farm is owned by Henderson County Public Schools and is open to the public Tuesdays through Fridays from 9:00 - 2:30. Guided tours at 10:30 and 1:30 \$3 adults, \$2 students. Contact Ingrid McNair, Caretaker, at (828) 891-6585 or visit [www.historicjohnsonfarm.org](http://www.historicjohnsonfarm.org).

# History Day Judges Needed

Judges are needed for the North Carolina western regional National History Day competitions to be held at Charles D. Owen High School in **Black Mountain on Saturday, April 4**. Judges review student projects, interview students about their work, provide constructive comments, and choose the projects that will represent the western region at the state level competition scheduled for Saturday April 25 in Raleigh. Judges work in teams of two or more. Information on judging will be sent out in advance of the contest, and an orientation will be conducted on the morning of the event. Judging criteria, rules and general information on National History Day can be found at [www.nhd.org](http://www.nhd.org) (click on the link entitled "contest" at the top of the page). The time commitment for the day is roughly **8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** Lunch is provided.

You may request a specific category or categories, and we will make every effort to honor the request. If you have no preference, you will be assigned where you are needed most. You may also stipulate any categories you prefer not to judge. There are 3 categories to be judged for both junior (middle school) and senior (high school) levels on the day of the competition: performances, exhibits, and documentaries. Historical papers and web sites are judged in advance of the competition by staff of the NC Department of Cultural Resources in Raleigh.

More than 30 judges will be needed to conduct this program. Please consider volunteering\* your time for this important educational program. We can promise, in addition to encouraging students in their study of history, you will learn a lot yourself. To sign up simply call or email us your name, contact information, place of employment (if applicable), and any category preferences you may have. If you have questions, feel free to contact us at <http://www.nhd.org/cgi-bin/acuweb/acuweb.cgi?s=nhd&t=contact> or Jeff Futch at [jeff.futch@ncdcr.gov](mailto:jeff.futch@ncdcr.gov).

(\*Archives and History employees will earn comp time. Employees in other divisions of the department will need to check with their supervisors about comp time policy for this event.)

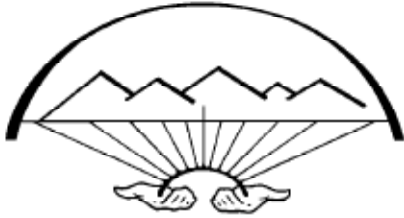
# Concerts at the Arts Center

The Madison County Arts Council is the place to be in March. This Saturday, March 7, we have the royal family of Madison County Fiddlers, shows at 4:30pm and 8:00pm, All seats \$15. These two shows will feature Bobby Hicks, Arvil Freeman, Roger Howell, Adam Masters, Sons of Ralph, and will exceed again by Laura Boosinger. Usually sold out! Get your tickets early at [http://www.madisoncountyarts.com/mcac/mcac\\_calendar.cfm](http://www.madisoncountyarts.com/mcac/mcac_calendar.cfm).

And on Saturday, March 23, we have the Harris Brothers, Reggie and Ryan, two brothers who grew up playing music and singing in a musical family in the Foothills of NC. They play a wide range of music from Old Time String Band music to Blues, Country, Rock, and nearly everything in between! Fans of the Harris Brothers will tell you that each performance is unique and exciting and there's something everyone will like. Show at 8pm, \$10.

I hope to see you.

Pat Franklin at [patrfranklin@yahoo.com](mailto:patrfranklin@yahoo.com).



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Emergency•Network

## When It Counts Handling Materials in a Disaster

March 23, 2009, 9:00AM – 3:30PM  
Asheville Art Museum @ Pack Place  
2 South Pack Square, Asheville, NC

### Disaster Planning Workshop in Asheville

Mountain Area Cultural Resources Emergency Network (MACREN) invites you to attend a workshop on disaster preparedness and response for museums, historic sites, archives, and libraries. This one-day workshop will address protecting your collection through proper storage, transporting damaged materials to a conservator, and proper handling of damaged materials.

The workshop is intended to provide basic information necessary to prepare your agency for the possibility of a disaster. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss their specific concerns and their thoughts about the workshop during the final “questions” segment. Participants will also receive handouts with helpful information relating to the workshop topics. Snacks and drinks will be provided, lunch will be on your own (a list of nearby restaurants will be available).

Advance registration is required for this workshop. Please mail your registration form and payment before March 16, 2009.

Question about registration can be addressed to Diana Sanderson at 828-771-3055 or [dsanderson@warren-wilson.edu](mailto:dsanderson@warren-wilson.edu). General questions about the workshop can be addressed to Frank Thomson at 828-253-3227 or [fthomson@ashevilleart.org](mailto:fthomson@ashevilleart.org).

The workshop will be held at the Asheville Art Museum at Pack Place. Directions can be obtained at [www.packplace.org](http://www.packplace.org).

#### Workshop Schedule

8:30 – 9:00	Sign In/Coffee
9:00 – 9:30	Proper storage can mitigate against fire and water: Frank Thomson
9:30 – 10:00	Supplies to have on hand and where to store them: Lenore Hardin & Christian Dwight
10:00 – 10:15	Break
10:15 – 11:45	Triage and preparing materials for Conservation: Matt Johnson
11:45 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 3:00	Hands-on session: Jeff Futch & Diana Sanderson
3:00 – 3:30	Wrap-up and Questions

#### Presenters

Frank E. Thomson, Curator  
Asheville Art Museum  
Matt Johnson, Senior Conservator  
Etherington Conservation Services  
Jeff Futch, Records Analyst  
Western Office, NC State Archives  
Diana Sanderson, Archivist  
Warren Wilson College  
Lenore Hardin, Collections Manager  
Biltmore House  
Christian Dwight, Collections Manager  
Thomas Wolfe Memorial

MACREN formed in 1999 as a resource-sharing network for cultural institutions in Western North Carolina. The formation of this network was motivated by the July 1998 arson fire that caused significant damage to the Thomas Wolfe Memorial State Historic Site in Asheville, NC, and the ad hoc participation of area cultural resource professionals and agencies in the recovery of the site's collection.

The mission of Mountain Area Cultural Resources Emergency Network (MACREN) is:

- To act as a resource-sharing group;
- To assist member organizations manage and mitigate collections-related emergencies;
- To provide personnel, expertise, and supplies;
- To act as a regional leader in collections preservation and disaster preparedness and awareness.

MACREN is a volunteer cooperative association dedicated to providing disaster prevention education and recovery assistance to archival and cultural institutions.

To register for this workshop, please fill out and mail the form below.

Contact: Diana Sanderson, 828-771-3055 or Jeff Futch 828-274-6789.

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM  
"WHEN IT COUNTS: HANDLING MATERIALS IN A DISASTER"  
Monday, March 23, 9:00AM – 3:30PM, at Asheville Art Museum, Pack Place  
2 South Pack Square, Asheville, NC

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee: \$40.00 (\$30.00 for MACREN members)

Please fill out one form for each person attending. Mail completed forms with check made payable to MACREN to: MACREN Workshop, Warren Wilson College, Box 9000 CB#6358, Asheville, NC 28815-9000. Registration and payment must be received no later than March 16, 2009. Please be sure to register in advance.