



# *Museums in Partnership* **NEWSLETTER**

**AUGUST 2007**

Friends of Mountain History  
Fall Resources Program  
Thursday, August 16, 2007  
North Carolina Arboretum  
Highway 191, Brevard Road  
9:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.



## **MUSEUMS IN PARTNERSHIP INVITED TO NORTH CAROLINA ARBORETUM**

The North Carolina Arboretum is a 434-acre public garden located within the Bent Creek Experimental Forest of the Pisgah National Forest. Surrounded by the dense folds of the botanically diverse Southern Appalachian Mountains, the Arboretum is nestled in one of the most beautiful natural garden settings in America.

Established in 1986 by the General Assembly as an inter-institutional facility of the University of North Carolina, the Arboretum came into existence nearly a century after this country's father of landscape architecture, Frederick Law Olmsted, first envisioned such an institution near Asheville.



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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 meet each third Thursday of the month, with members visiting a different site in the region. Meetings include announcements and updates from the region, an educational program, 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.

**FALL RESOURCES PROGRAM  
SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 16**

**9:30 A.M.**

**MONTHLY MEETING** of the Friends of Mountain History and Museums in Partnership. Light refreshments and networking with other museum professionals.

**10:00 A.M.**

**Exhibit Fundamentals: Starting with a Plan**

This workshop provides the foundation for planning a museum exhibit, beginning with the formation of a curatorial statement to framing the exhibit's storyboard. The presentation will cover different types of exhibits, resources needed, audience considerations, and a work plan time line.

Presented by Anna Fariello  
Curator of Digital Collections at Western Carolina University, Hunter Library

**NOON: FREE LUNCH**

Catered by Blue Sky

**12:30 P.M.**

**Exhibit Fabrication on a Budget**

This session will provide an overview of exhibit construction and installation, including a discussion of tools and supplies, simple supports, panels, color schemes, labels, and props.

Presented by Linda Jacobson  
NC Collection, Wilson Library, UNC-Chapel Hill

**1:30 P.M.**

**Digital Exhibits:**

**Hunter Library's Heritage Partnership**

Presented by Anna Fariello

**2:30 P.M.**

**Building a Digital Exhibit**

This session covers basic web design, how to get exhibits on line, product resources, how to find and get free software, and examples of good digital exhibits.

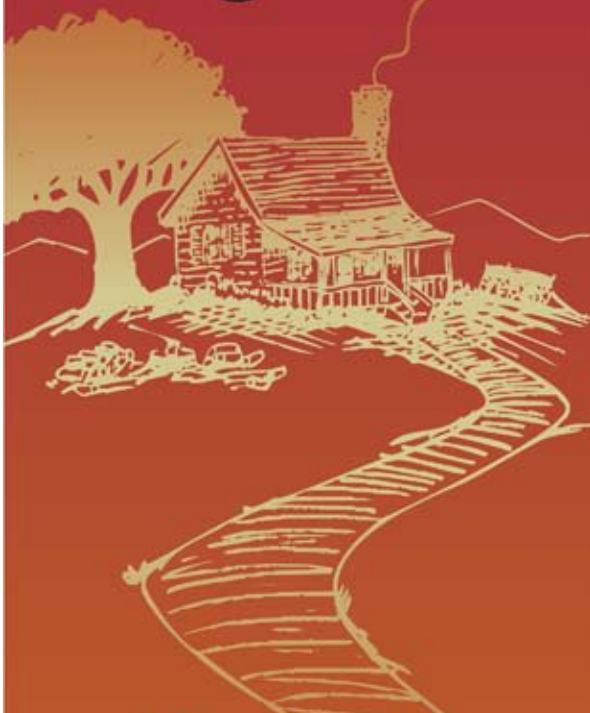
Presented by Jill Wagy  
NC Collection, Wilson Library, UNC-Chapel Hill

**3:30 P.M.**

**Questions and Answers**

Distribution of Themed Exhibit Banners:  
"Find Your Way Home, Again!"

*Find your  
way home,  
again!*



A Genealogy of the  
Diversity and Heritage of the  
Mountain People.



## **THE THEMED EXHIBIT PROGRAM**

The annual Themed Exhibit Program is coordinated and promoted by Friends of Mountain History and Museums In Partnership to encourage year-long themed exhibits and auxiliary programming in museums and other educational sites in twenty-five counties. Themed Exhibits encourage presentation and discussion of a single topic for a year-long variety of programs and activities.

The exhibits start in September and run through August of the following year, allowing visitors sufficient time for the discovery, experience, and educational value of the displays. **This year's 2007-2008 theme is featured on the banner to the left.**

Previous themes have featured "All Aboard the Westbound Train: A Celebration of Trains, Depots and People of Western North Carolina" in 2005-2006 and "Oh, Lord, Remember Me! People of Faiths: Rites and Rituals in the Blue Ridge Mountains" in 2006-2007.

Future themes will feature "That's A Long Row to Hoe! Life styles in Agriculture, Farming, Gardening and Foodways—Mountain Style" in 2008-2009 and "Mama Said: Oral Histories, Recollections and Tall Tales of Ancestors and Kin" in 2009-2010.

Although each year's theme is adopted by all participating museums, each site will have its own unique stories, photographs, artifacts, local personalities, etc., to share within the adopted theme.



# Museums in Partnership

## Calendar of Events

### Thursday Schedules in 2007

\* To visit a website, right click the Museum and open the weblink in your browser.

#### AUGUST 16

Kick-off Event  
10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.  
"Find Your Way Home, Again!"  
A Genealogy of the Diversity and  
Heritage of the Mountain People  
FOMH Resources Program

#### [NC Arboretum](#)

George Briggs, Executive Director  
100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way  
Asheville, N.C.  
Exit 33 off Interstate 26  
(828) 665-2492

#### Registration Form

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

The Friends of Mountain History is pleased to sponsor this educational program for museum professionals in Western North Carolina. There is no charge for the Fall Resources Program or lunch. Registration is required and must be received before August 14, 2007. Please print and return to : Kaye Myers, NC Commerce, 134 Wright Brothers Way, Fletcher, NC 28732 • Fax: (828) 687-7552.

#### SEPTEMBER 20

#### [Mt. Airy Museum of Regional History](#)

Linda Stanfield, Director  
301 N. Main Street  
Mt. Airy, N.C.  
(336) 786-4478

#### OCTOBER 18

#### [Kids Senses](#)

Steve Saucier, Executive Director  
Children's InterACTIVE Museum  
172 N. Main Street  
Rutherfordton, N.C.  
(828) 286-2120