



MUSEUM OF ASHE COUNTY HISTORY

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SPRING 2011 NEWSLETTER

Dear Members,

First, I want to thank all members for responding to the need for our Board of Directors to take the lead again to continue restoring the 1904 Courthouse and to make sure the Museum of Ashe County History is something we can be proud of. Under Gwen Ashley's fine leadership and behind her hard work much has been accomplished. I personally thank Gwen and hope Dave's health improves enough for her to continue her efforts.

On behalf of the Board, I want to thank Ralph Bare and Jim Lewis for their service in getting the building ready for the museum to open. We welcome Arvill Scott to the Board of Directors as our newest member and look forward to serving with him. I also thank the board for insuring we had a quorum the first two meetings this year!

We are working on several projects that will need your help and support. Lenore Depree is painting an original artwork in her unique style. The original picture, numbered prints, poster size prints, smaller prints and cards will be great fundraisers. We are also planning other fundraising events and a series of live programs and music events, some outside on the museum grounds.

You can help! We have discovered we need many hands to do this work: helping write grants, helping Don Long by doing clerical duties several hours a week, helping to get a cookbook published, helping to get a log cabin assembled, helping to keep the museum open daily. Volunteers can do all of these things! Please look at the website. See what is going on and come by to volunteer. See Don Long, or call 846-1904. Or you may call Lonnie Jones at 384-3188.

Lonnie Jones

The Museum of Ashe County History has two new interns helping with tasks and getting experience in museum work. Cathleen Evens ("Cat") is on loan from the Department of Anthropology at Appalachian State University in Boone. She is researching 19th century life in Ashe County and working on exhibit preparation that will showcase early families in the time when Ashe County was getting established.



Molly Dawes is a senior at Ashe County High School. She is hoping to go on to a career in museum work after she graduates this spring. Like Cat, she is helping with exhibits. Both she and Cat are learning to navigate our museum database software, entering information into the system. Lately, Molly has been busy with scanning photographs for our digital image archive.



Membership Drive for 2011

Is Now Underway

Enclosed is an application for your 2011 membership.

We Need Your Support

DON'T MISS THE APRIL BOOKSIGNINGS AT THE MUSEUM

April 2nd, 1-4 pm Libby Bagby Lucky the Plott Hound

April 16th, Michael Hardy, 1-4 pm The 58th North Carolina Troops