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*News from the Joel Lane Museum House*



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## Hands-On History

Thanks to two generous grants from the Fenwick Foundation in Boca Raton, Florida, staff and volunteers have developed a wonderful hands-on history program that can be used in many different ways. Docents Florence Mitchell and Jeff Neale first tested the concept at the Christmas Open House last December. They refined their presentations based on the enthusiastic reception given by visitors, both young and old. More than 1,000 people participated in the program from March through May.



*Student  
with  
gee-haw*

## Wake County Committee Fundraiser

The Wake County Committee of the National Society of the Co-

lonial Dames of America in the State of NC hosted a cocktail party fundraiser at the home of Catherine and Mason Williams in Raleigh on May 8. Barbara O'Herron and Clare Maddison chaired the spectacular event.

The following week at the May meeting of the Wake Committee, Nancy Andrews, Chairman, presented a check for \$10,000 to outgoing President Charlotte Purrington and in-coming President Betsy King. Both were overwhelmed with the generosity and promised to put the money to good use.

## Lizzie Lane's Colonial Tea

Mother, daughters, grandmothers, and granddaughters are invited to a Colonial Tea in the gardens on Sunday, September 28, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. The rain date will be Sunday, October 5. Admission will be \$25.00 for adults, \$15.00 for children 12 and under; minimum age is 5 years. Activities will include the etiquette of taking tea and cakes, colonial crafts and games, and Scottish country dancing. Music will be provided by *Flies in the Kitchen*, a string quartet. Call or email the office for reservations.

## Paint and Repairs

The paint project has become a \$38,000 paint and repair job. Every day the carpenter is here, he finds more damage that must be mended. Raising money is going well. Because expenses keep rising, fundraising must continue. Please be generous, and send a contribution today.

## Lecture Series

Hear renowned experts in their fields lecture in the Visitors Center at 7 pm. Admission will be \$15 per lecture for non-members and \$10 for members of the Joel Lane Historical Society.

**October 23, 2008**

Dr. Allen F. Page and  
Michael Southern

"The Anglican Church in North  
Carolina in the Colonial Era"

**November 13, 2008**

Jane Thurman

"Promoting Heritage Tourism  
Through the Preservation of  
City-Owned Cemeteries"

**February 19, 2009**

Warren Bingham

"George Washington's 1791 Tour  
Through the South"

**March 19, 2009**

Jim Jones

"Comitia Americana Medals"

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and West Hargett Streets.*



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## *From the Chairman's Quill*

by Betsy S. King

This spring your Joel Lane Museum House and gardens are just breathtaking! The garden committee and volunteers, under the direction of the magical team of Jody Darden and Laura Willer, have created a lovely oasis in spite of the drought. Treat yourself to some peaceful moments in the garden and take in its incredible beauty. I have been especially captivated by the bright chest-high purple poppies. Children of all ages love to tell time by the sundial.

The repairs and painting of all three buildings (to the authentic color of 1790 when Joel remodeled) will give a fresh face to our site. I think you'll like the "new look".

Another beautiful spot this spring was the lovely home and gardens of Catherine and Mason Williams who graciously hosted a cocktail party to benefit the JLMH. It was a wonderful evening of fellowship and delicious food in an elegant and picturesque setting. We are most appreciative to Catherine and Mason for their hospitality. Also, we are grateful to Clare Maddison and Barbara O'Herron for co-chairing this successful event. Afterwards, Charlotte Purrington, past JLMH President, and I were overjoyed to accept a check from the Wake County Committee of the Colonial Dames for the JLMH in the amount of \$10,000. Thank you to all who worked on the fundraiser and to all who remembered this special house so generously.

### Spring Party



*Above: Party Chairmen  
Clare Maddison and Bar-  
bara O'Herron*

### July Fourth Open House



*Above: Jr. Docents Haydn  
Bibby and Elizabeth Killinger*



## The Honor Plaque

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## New Acquisitions

Thanks to the generosity of the Old North State Questers and the Washington Town Committee of the NSCDA in NC, the JLMH now boasts an 18th-century wash stand and basin. They demonstrate clearly to visitors that there was no running water in Joel Lane's home.

*Right: English pewter basin and American Hepplewhite wash stand*

## In-Kind Donations

Thank you to the donors who have been so generous with their time, especially Tom Norris and Mary Boney Denison who contributed many hours of legal work, Ayda Utku who designed the soon-to-be printed and long-awaited brochure, George Fore who consulted on the painting, and Corinna Bailey, Nan Boyne, Lesley Gray, Mana Johnson, Carol Love, and Wanda Stein who are sewing by hand more costumes for the docents. Nancy Andrews, Marti Medford, Florence Mitchell, Janet Napier, and Louise Talley donated many gifts that will greatly enhance all the programming at the JLMH.





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