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## Lecture Series

Hear renowned experts in their fields lecture in the Visitors Center at 7 pm. Adult admission is \$15 per lecture for the general public and \$10 for members of the Joel Lane Historical Society; children under 12: non-members \$10, members \$5. Reservations are required, and refreshments will be served. Seating is very limited.

**February 19, 2009**

Warren Bingham

*"George Washington's 1791 Tour Through the South"*

Just in time for Washington's birthday, Warren Bingham will regale listeners with tales of our nation's first president during his 1791 southern tour. Warren, a very engaging and enthusiastic speaker, is working full time on *My Kind of Southern*

Warren  
Bingham



*Tour*, his book that revisits George Washington's 1791 presidential visit to Virginia, the Carolinas, and Georgia. All ages will enjoy this evening.

**March 19, 2009**

Jim Jones

*"Comitia Americana Medals"*

Back by popular demand, Jim Jones will show high resolution images of these eleven medals. They were authorized during the American Revolution by the Continental Congress to recognize the leadership and valor of key officers in important battles. Historical maps and contemporary portraits and paintings reveal the significance of individual contributions and the grateful appreciation of the newly independent nation. Jim has spoken at the JLMH several times on the topic of Colonial Currency.

Jim Jones



## 10th Anniversary Meeting of Joel Lane Historical Society Membership

Members of the Joel Lane Historical Society are invited to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the JLHS on Tues., February 10 at 11:00 am in the Visitors Center at the annual meeting. Members whose dues are current are invited for coffee and doughnuts. Hear President Betsy King provide an update on activities and accomplishments. Sign up to volunteer in your area of interest, and meet the staff who work so hard on behalf of this unique historic site.

Members are supporters who make an annual financial commitment to the JLMH. Please become a member by filling out the form on the back of this newsletter and sending payment. The benefits include helping to preserve this landmark heritage site and strengthening its educational outreach programs. If you are unsure of your membership status, please call the office at 919-833-3431.



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Wednesday – Friday  
10, 11, 12 and 1:00 pm  
Saturday 1, 2 & 3 pm  
and by appointment

**Location:**

728 W. Hargett St., Raleigh NC  
27603. Located near downtown  
Raleigh at the corner of St. Mary's  
and West Hargett Streets.



## *From the President's Quill*

by Betsy S. King

As we enter the New Year, your JLMH has much to celebrate! Many volunteers and donors made a successful 2008. Whether you shouldered a musket and fired to the delight of visitors at Colonial Christmas, baked a cake for the Bake Sale, captivated young and old with a Hands-on History demonstration, or made a financial gift, you brought this museum to life for the community and aided in the preservation of this important site.

Some of our greatest blessings are friends. We are grateful for NCSU history graduate student Jeff Neale, who churns butter, makes history come alive through early American games, and is always willing to take our history show on the road. Next-door friends are the residents of Parkham Lane townhomes. They not only keep a watchful eye out for our property but recently funded repairs to our broken fencing. We appreciate their friendship and generosity.

Come visit at any season! The daffodils will soon be popping up, and there are many beautiful things to enjoy in the garden. If you have not discovered the "new improved" gift shop, chaired by Elaine Wood, you are in for a treat. Located in the restored 1830's Visitors Center, the gift shop was a top destination for holiday shopping. You can find the perfect items for birthdays, teacher gifts, bridge prizes, or hostess gifts. Every time you shop with us, you support the Birthplace of N.C.'s Capital. Thank you to friends for keeping your memberships up to date in the Historical Society. We appreciate your friendship and involvement.



*Lizzie Lane's Colonial Tea in  
September*

## **Welcome to Y Guides and Princesses!**

Special tours on Saturday afternoon for Y Guides and Princesses will be offered starting in February as soon as the patches arrive. Bring your tribe for an informative tour followed by a Hands-on History demonstration. Then take the kids to Char-Grill for a milkshake to finish off a perfect afternoon!



## The Honor Plaque

Sincere thanks go to the following loyal supporters for giving \$1,000 or more to the Joel Lane Museum House between May 2008 and January 2009:

- Mr. & Mrs. Robert Edwards  
Homeowners' Assn. of 150 S. St. Mary's Street
- Dr. and Mrs. William I. Procter  
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- Ruth Campbell Foundation  
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At the **Patriot** level:

Mrs. Alfred L. Hobgood, Jr.

Every effort has been made to print an accurate list. Sincerest apologies if your name was omitted. Please contact the office for corrections.

## Spotlight on a Volunteer

The JLMH is very fortunate to have many wonderful volunteers who give hours of their time so generously to this important historic site. We would like to shine a light on one in particular: Wynne Coleman. Wynne has been Publicity Chair for a number of years and deserves much of the credit for the wonderful publicity the JLMH has received in the

recent past. She creates, edits, and sends out press releases to over 100 media contacts and keeps the media list current. She quietly but determinedly keeps the Curator on track with media deadlines. She even played Baroque music on an electronic keyboard in harpsichord mode at the Colonial Christmas event in December. Hats off and many thanks to Wynne!



*Wynne Coleman at the keyboard at Colonial Christmas*

## In-Kind Gifts

Thank you to donors who have been very generous, especially Nancy Andrews, Mary Currin, Belle Long, Florence Mitchell, Jeff Neale, Artcraft Signs, and Downtown-raleigh.com They donated many items that will greatly enhance the educational programming at the JLMH.



*The Curator at the Capitol Tree Lighting explaining Hands-On History to visitors*



*Making rag dolls at Lizzie Lane's Colonial Tea in September*

## Colonial Day Camp Returns to JLMH

Camp Flintlock returns June 15 -19 from 9 to 3 with colonial day camp for elementary aged children. Mr. & Mrs. Tim Langdon have 10 years' experience as Directors of the camp. Your children and grandchildren will have the time of their lives participating in many colonial activities. For more information, visit [www.campflintlock.com](http://www.campflintlock.com).

