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Education Chairman to Present at NC Museum Council Meeting

The NC Museum Council has accepted a paper to be presented by the Joel Lane Museum House's Education Chairman, Florence Mitchell, PhD, at its March 2010 meeting in Raleigh. It is a great honor for both Florence and this institution for her paper to be accepted. The paper is entitled "Capital Accumulation through Slave Ownership in Wake County, 1771-1835: Joel Lane and His Circle of Friends."

Joel Lane participated in the formation of Wake County in 1771 and accumulated large land holdings—one thousand acres of which he sold to the State of North Carolina for the site of the new capital, Raleigh. At his death he owned thirty-two enslaved people. Florence uses court and estate documents to discuss how they and other enslaved people of Wake County lived, worked and contributed to the wealth of their owners. How and why some of Lane's friends and family sought to free their slaves reveals much about the practice of enslavement and the institution of slavery.

Lecture Series

Mark your calendar now and plan to hear renowned experts in their field lecture in the Visitors Center on Thursday evenings at 7 pm. Join us in this cozy historic setting for an informative event with refreshments.

Admission is \$15 per person for the general public and \$10 for members of the Joel Lane Historical Society. Reservations are required, and seating is very limited. For more information, visit the web site, www.joellane.org. Look for more topics in the fall.

February 4, 2010 7:00 pm

Earl Ijames

Slavery in 18th-Century N.C.



Earl
Ijames

April 8, 2010 7:00 pm

Peter Sandbeck

18th-Century Architecture in N.C.



Peter
Sandbeck

Restroom Addition

Thanks to 25 very generous donors to the quiet Capital Campaign of 2009, the restroom addition to the Visitors Center is well under way. The current restroom is located in the assistant curator's office and is just not up to the job. The benefits of a new public restroom include:

- Handling larger groups of visitors more comfortably
- Maintaining privacy of staff and records
- Providing handicapped access

We are grateful to Mary Cynthia Monday who in 2001 generously gave a \$10,000 gift in memory of her parents to add a bathroom here at the site. Kudos go to David Maurer of Maurer Architecture who gave us an 83% discount on the cost of designing the facility. We expect the project to be completed in March 2010.

Annual Meeting

The Joel Lane Historical Society's Annual Meeting will be held at 11:00 am on Tuesday, February 14 in the Visitors Center. Board President, Margaret Rolfsen, will report on the state of the Historical Society. If you'd like to receive a copy of the annual report, please send an email to joellane@bellsouth.net.

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From the President's Quill

by Margaret M. Rolfsen

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Tavern Party

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Due to the high cost of postage, JLMH announces events via email rather than USPS mail. To be added to the email list, please send a message to joellane@bellsouth.net along with your name. Since this is a one-and-a-half-person operation, you will not receive an excessive number of emails. Any time you want to be removed from the email list, drop us a line.



The Honor Plaque

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

Lizzie Lane's Colonial Tea

On Sunday, September 20 from 3-5 pm, the JLMH hosted Lizzie Lane's Colonial Tea. Named for Joel Lane's third daughter, the tea featured tea and cakes in the colonial style as well as crafts and games for the younger set. Grandmothers, mothers, daughters, and granddaughters enjoyed the setting in the beautiful Joel Lane gardens.

A sold-out crowd of 90 ladies learned the etiquette of tea in colonial times and how to politely decline more tea from an eager hostess!

After tea, the girls played games, made rag dolls, decorated fans, danced the Virginia Reel, and made "tin" punched ornaments. Henry Goodman provided live violin music. Generous sponsors Burt's Bees and the Lollipop Shop of Raleigh donated lip balm and rock candy for the girls' goodie bags. The committee who made the event possible included Elizabeth Borden, Nancy Church, Chair, Ann Janvier, Anne Pace, CC Parker, Liza Williams, Beth Williamson, and Sally Wooten.

There were 22 people on the waiting list who were unable to attend, so plan to make your reservations early in 2010.



Camp Flintlock

Make reservations now for your elementary-aged children to attend colonial day camp at the JLMH in June! Renee and Tim Langdon will be back for the fourth year entertaining and educating children about days of old from 9:00 to 3:00 Monday through Friday, June 14 to 18, 2010. To register, call 919-938-1776, email nc@campflintlock.com, or visit www.campflintlock.com.



Lunch time at camp



*Lizzie Lane's Colonial Tea Committee
Not pictured: Anne Pace, CC Parker*

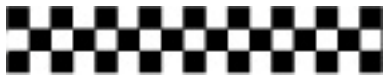


*Lavish Table Settings at
Lizzie Lane's Colonial Tea*



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