

Historic Carson House

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Marion, NC 28752

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Open April-November

Wednesday-Saturday
10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Sunday 2:00-5:00 pm

Guided Tour \$10 Adults;
Children 12 years
and under free

Historic Carson House is a 501 c (3) tax-deductible organization. As a member, you receive free admission to the house, the Newsletter, and invitations to special events. Join via www.historiccarsonhouse.com or email at

historiccarsonhouse@gmail.com

Calendar of Events

April 1 Park Day

April 5 Opening Day

April 22 10 AM The Emma Rankin Story: *A Play*

June 16, 17, 18 Carson Reunion

July 8 Freddy Bradburn Summer Concert

Sept. 28 OVTA

Sept. 30 Boot Stompin' BBQ & Silent Auction

Historic Carson House *Happenings*

Executive Director's Address

The **Historic Carson House** is busier than ever! After a full season of events in 2022, our new year promises to be filled with even more activities and events. Be sure to check our Facebook page and website for additional information.

Thankfully, our December events were able to be held before the cold snap hit. During that time, we had major heating issues and frozen pipes. Carson House Board members Pat Marlowe and Terrell Finley kept us going until the professional folks could get time to resolve our problems.

Our volunteer group, the **Carson Partners**, is such a vital, dedicated group of individuals who devote hours of their time to do everything from event planning to decorating to washing windows and anything in between. The Officers are **Janice Pierce**, chairman, **Diane Judd**, vice chairman, and **Martha Stepp**, secretary. They hold monthly meetings with the group of **Partner** volunteers to plan fundraising and other events throughout the year.

Partners teach lessons for **Living History** events, assist with field trip groups and even go to the schools to do presentations. **Partners** work in the herb garden, the barn, the **Jubilee Arbor** and in the **Historic Carson House** museum taking care of whatever has a need. Some volunteers do office chores including

working in the library and creating documents. They assist with giving museum tours, cataloging new acquisitions, stocking the gift shop to name a few. If you would be interested in joining this group, just call or email us, and we'll help you find a chore you'll like. You will be welcomed with open arms!

One addition to our museum is that we now have a **Lending Library** so that Society members and volunteers can check out selected books in the Carson House collection. One of a kind reference books will have to continue to be used on the premises. If you need assistance with genealogy research, we have volunteers for that as well. Our goal is to make the Carson House an inviting place for folks to visit often. Thank you all for your continued support of the Carson House. * * *

Park Day 2023

On Saturday, April 1st at 9:00 AM, volunteers will come to Carson House to help clean the house, grounds, barn and the artifacts on display. Polishing furniture and spreading mulch were two of the jobs completed by volunteers last year. Please join us this year if you can. * * *

Volunteers Help Clean Up Park Day 2022





Front View with Shutters



Moore Cabin Interior



Cabin Rear View

1768 William Moore Cabin Update

The **1700s William Moore cabin**, once located on **Muddy Creek** in McDowell County and moved to Buncombe County where it served as the meeting place for the **SAR** for several years, is being reconstructed on **Historic Carson House** property between the Carson House and the barn. The two story log cabin, being rebuilt by **Paul Levi** and crew, is now under roof, has shutters, and is nearing completion. Note the Carson House in the background of the Rear Cabin View. * * *

Partners Tour Burke History Museum and the Burke County Courthouse

Left, Partners pose outside the museum. Below is a display at the museum. * * *



Carson House Kids and Junior Historians Meet

by Crystal Wileman, CHK Instructor

We kicked off the **Junior Historians** and **Carson House Kids** in October, 2022. Historic Carson House Executive Director Martha Jordan and I started with a brief history of “*Fall in the Colonies*” and had the kids participate in grinding corn, leaf rubbings, drinking cider, and eating popcorn balls. We gave tours of the **Carson Barn** and played some games that colonial children would have played. In November 2022, Martha took the kids into the **Historic Carson House** to do a scavenger hunt and activities. In December 2022, we decorated gingerbread cookies and played parlor games, and Martha read the story of the **Gingerbread Man**. In January 2023, we took a field trip to the **Mountain Gateway Museum** in Old Fort. The children learned about gem mining and the tools miners used. In addition, the children participated in a scavenger hunt throughout the museum and made their own dipped candles. Due to bad weather, we had to cancel our February meeting, but we picked up in March with the children working on a family history project that we will continue to work on over the next couple of months. Once projects are complete, we will have the kids present their family histories. In April, we will start having two meetings each month. One meeting will be a field trip and the other will be activities at the Carson House. * * *



Grinding Corn



Carson House Barn



Artist **David Womick** poses with his original Carson House painting. Prints of his original painting as well as puzzles featuring his original painting will be available in our gift shop this season. Also for sale will be hand-painted Christmas ornaments featuring the Carson House and another ornament featuring the newly reconstructed Moore Cabin. * * *



Carson House Kids with dipped candles made at Gateway Museum

On Friday, December 2, 2022, Carson House members met for our annual Society Christmas Party!



At left, guests enjoy lots of goodies provided by Carson Partners, left. At right, **Freddie Ward** and **Dr. Jim Haney** pose in period dress. * * *



The J. Gillespie Reid and Sig Westmoreland Home

Don't forget to renew your Carson House membership! Or, if you prefer, you can come by the Carson House to get a membership card or download a card from our website at historicarsonhouse.com or call us at 828-724-4948. Thank you always for your monetary gifts which keep our grand old house going. * * *

Historic Homes of Marion Tours

On December 15, 2022, the **Historic Carson House** again sponsored the second annual Homes Tour. The homes included were the **James Lafayette** and Mary Moore Morgan Home, the Zeno and Margaret Martin Home, the Earnest J. House Home, the William and Catherine Conley McCall home, and the J. Gillespie Reid and Sig Westmoreland Home.

Please keep checking our website and Facebook page for updates on our **2023 Homes Tour**. * * *



Anne Toney Heard

