

# Historic Carson House

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## Historic Carson House

1805 HWY 70 West  
Marion, NC 28752

828-724-4948

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](http://www.historiccarsonhouse.com) or email at

[historiccarsonhouse@gmail.com](mailto:historiccarsonhouse@gmail.com)

## Calendar of Events

**Lost Arts Day**  
October 28, 2023

**Carson Society  
Christmas Party**  
December 1, 2023

**Candlelight Tours**  
December 2 and 3, 2023

**Park Day**  
April 6, 2024

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## Historic Carson House *Happenings*

### Executive Director's Address

As 2023 draws to a close, we can reflect on an incredibly eventful year. Many large and small projects have been completed, some are almost complete and our biggest one is just beginning!

Two of the hearths in the Carson house have been repaired and they look so much better.

The William Moore cabin is nearing completion. Volunteers have been working on the chinking, a task

that is very time consuming.

The McDowell Historical Society and the Carson House are planning a dedication service for May 19, 2024.

The new Interpretive Center is also nearing the groundbreaking stage. After countless hours of planning, archaeological work, Zoom meetings, conversations with contractors, meeting with legislators, holding fundraising events and doing lots of research, plans are moving forward to construct this new center! Groundbreaking will probably take place in the spring of 2024.

Some of the events this year at the Carson House included Park Day, Blanton House Fundraiser Kick-off, NC Legislative Breakfast, Carson/McDowell Reunion, Market Days, Living History Events, OVTA

Days, Family Heritage Day and Silent Auction.

In addition, the County Commissioners October Meeting was held in the room where McDowell County was formed in 1843. We also hosted numerous school field trips, tour bus groups, historical groups and the LINC Program.

You don't want to miss the upcoming fall markets, Freddy Bradburn and the Foothills Community Schools Concert, Discovering the Lost Arts Exhibition, The Carson House Society Party, Candlelight Tours and the Historic Homes Tour. Check our Facebook and website for more information.

Thank you for your patronage and continued support of the Carson House!

**Martha Jordan**

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At Left, Dr. David Moore excavates the brick hearth of the Carson House Ell as Descendant and Carson Board Member Doug Swaim Looks On.

# A Pictorial Review of Carson House Events 2023

## Interpretive Center Fundraiser Kicks off at Blanton House



Above, Marion City Council Member Ann Harkey graces the Interpretive Center Fundraiser Kickoff at Blanton House May 4, 2023.



Above, volunteers clean artifacts in the Carson dining room, and, below, volunteers clean artifacts in the Carson barn on Park Day, April 1, 2023.



At left, Tiffany Hudgins of Johnson Family Farms teaches Carson house Kids how to make apple butter.



## **Summer 2023 Was All About Fun and Learning for Area School Children**



**Writing with quill pens on paper and with chalk on old fashioned school slates, learning about food growing, gathering, and food preservation as well as learning basic weaving techniques using paper strips were a few of the things children learned during Living History Days at the Jubilee Arbor.**

## **The OVTA Volunteers Make Our Revolutionary History Come Alive**



**Each year, the OVTA (Overmountain Victory Trail Association) arrives in September to tell the story of how our ancestors gathered together to defeat Major Patrick Ferguson at the Battle of Kings Mountain. Many historians agree that this was the turning point of the American Revolutionary War. This group of patriotic volunteers teach our fourth graders history through their living history presentations. We applaud all the effort this tireless group does for area children and Carson House.**



# Heritage Day 2023



**Face Painting**



**Hayride**



**Photo Booth**

Top left, Pat Marlowe and cousin Frankie Marlowe play corn hole. Top right, Chuck Metcalf asks Elaine Dellinger about early lucet cording. Bottom left, Dr. Jim Haney gets his picture taken at the Photo Booth. Bottom right, Pam Talburt tries to win the Cake Walk.

**Did you know?** From our opening on April 1st through October 14th, we have given 1,623 tours, had over 763 guests visiting without taking tours, and had 6,239 guests using the Jubilee Arbor for weddings, reunions, baby showers, and other events. Carson House is **THE PLACE TO VISIT IN McDOWELL COUNTY, NC!**



**Bouncy Houses**

