

ATTENTION, HISTORY BUFFS!

The Yadkin Valley Historical Association, Inc., will sponsor our 2nd Annual Yadkin Valley History Fair & Conference on Saturday, August 11, 2007, 8:30 am - 9:00 pm, at the new Wilkes Heritage Museum (former Wilkes County Courthouse), 100 East Main Street, Wilkesboro, NC.

Our purpose is to encourage more regional cooperation by bringing together history-related groups and historians from the 14 counties of the Yadkin River Valley, which are Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Caldwell, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Iredell, Rowan, Stokes, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yadkin.

We meet once a year for information, fellowship, and fun. We want historical, genealogical, historic preservation, patriotic groups, and individuals to attend, as well as members of historic properties commissions, museums, libraries, heritage tourism organizations, operators of historic sites, re-enactors, authors, etc. Historical attire is encouraged.

From 8:30 am - 12:30 pm, we will sponsor a History Book Fair on the front lawn of the Wilkes Heritage Museum. It is free and open to the public. History-related groups and historians will display and sell their publications. From 8:30 am - 10:30 am, the Museum will offer self-guided tours of its exhibits.

From 10:30 am - 3:00 pm, we will hold our annual conference in the Museum. Our 2007 theme is finding and keeping resources (people, money, etc.) to preserve local history. Keynote speakers Jennifer Purr and R. G. Absher will explain the success of the Wilkes Heritage Museum. After a catered lunch, Kaye Myers and Nancy Watson will inspire conferees to develop action plans to use back home.

At 3:00 pm, we will take a bus to the historic Whippoorwill Academy & Village in Ferguson, where Edith Carter will give us a tour of the buildings and grounds. This is Daniel Boone and Tom Dula country!

At 6:00 pm, we will hold a banquet in Wilkesboro at the Tory Oak Restaurant and Daniel Barefoot will share his stories about the Civil War in Wilkes County.

From 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm, R. G. Absher will lead us on a Candlelight Tour of Old Wilkesboro, where stories of local history will be told where they happened.

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For special lodging rates, contact the Hampton Inn, 1300 Collegiate Drive, Wilkesboro, NC, (336) 838-5000, through July 31, 2007.

Preregistration is available until July 31, 2007.