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News from the Joel Lane Museum House



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Summer 2013

Lecture Series

An exciting lineup of speakers is coming to the Visitors Center. Please plan to join us! Admission is \$15 per person for the general public and \$10 for members of the Joel Lane Historical Society. Advanced purchase is required, and seating is very limited. For more information, visit www.joellane.org. Purchase tickets by phone or at Eventbrite.com.

Thurs., September 19, 2013, 7:00 pm

Exploring Northeastern NC's

Early Architecture

By Reid Thomas

NC Historic Preservation Office

Thursday, October 10, 2013, 7:00 pm

Archaeology in Raleigh

By John Clauser

Consulting Archaeologist

Thurs., November 14, 2013, 7:00 pm

The Early Anglican Church in NC

By John Ward

Historian

Thursday, January 16, 2014, 7 pm

Elizabeth Keckly: 30 years a Slave and 4

Years in the White House

By Rebecca Ryan

Executive Director

Historic Hillsborough Commission

Thursday, April 10, 2014 7 pm

Fine and Decorative Arts:

An Era of Transition?

By Leland Little

Leland Little Auction & Estate Sales

Tavern Party

In the Gardens

Thurs., Sept. 12 6:30 to 8:30 pm*

Rain Date Friday, Sept. 13

The Tavern Party in the Gardens is coming back this fall for the sixth time! It will take place in the JLMH gardens. Admission is \$30 per person; \$25 for members of the Joel Lane Historical Society. Must be 21 years of age to attend. Advanced purchase strongly suggested by MasterCard, Visa to 919-833-3431, check to PO Box 10884, Raleigh NC 27605, or on line at Eventbrite.com. Tickets are non-refundable unless we must cancel the event.

Guests will toast Joel Lane's contributions to the founding of the capital city, Raleigh, at the current location of his home that was built in 1769.

The event will include a beer tasting of delicious brews from *Boylan Bridge Brew Pub*. Wine will be available for those who don't drink beer. Light hors d'oeuvres will be compliments of *Irregardless Cafe*, *Mitch's Tavern*, *Sitti*, and *NOFO at the Pig*. Music on Thursday will be provided by the *Southern String Band*. Some of the activities colonial gentlemen engaged in at taverns, including table top games such as dice and quoits, and dancing the Cumberland and Virginia Reels will be offered. Bear baiting and wrestling will not be permitted!

Colonial Christmas

Open House

Saturday, December 7, 2013

11 am to 4 pm

It seems a long way off, but it's not too early to mark your calendar for the 36th annual Christmas Open House. Hundreds of people start the holiday season by experiencing the past at the JLMH. If you've never attended, you've missed an important Raleigh institution.

Admission is free, and donations are requested. Scores of volunteers will make your day both fun and educational. The event will feature re-enactors, costumed docents, and others eager to share an activity or information about the past. You can make a rag doll, write with a quill pen, and numerous other activities. Bring the family, and plan to join us!

SPECIAL PROGRAM

Featuring Elliot Engel

**"Defining Dr. Samuel Johnston:
Eccentric Inventor of the
English Dictionary"**

Friday, February 21, 2014, 7:00 pm

\$25 per person

Long View Center

118 S. Person Street, Raleigh



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

*The Joel Lane Museum House
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at the corner of St. Mary's
and West Hargett Streets.*

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From the President's Quill

By Fair K. Pickel

The Joel Lane Museum House continues to enjoy a busy year with many accomplishments. The turnout for our Independence Day Open House was the second highest ever, over 550 visitors! I want to thank our many volunteers who made this an exciting day filled with demonstrations of 18th Century activities like blacksmithing, weaving, quilt-making and cooking to name a few. Visitors were enthralled with these hands-on activities and showed great interest in the history of JLMH. An exciting day for us all!

In May, we were very excited to have C-Span visit the JLMH to film a segment for its "History of Raleigh" feature which was broadcast on June 15 and 16. Our director Belle Long gave a splendid presentation in the gardens of the house, and emphasized the importance of the JLMH to the history of Raleigh and North Carolina, and the United States.

Recently, we were very pleased to receive the results of a dendrochronology study, funded by grants, dating the beams in the Joel Lane Museum House to 1769. How wonderful to know, for certain, how old the structure is. Also, work is ongoing by interns and volunteers to uncover new information about Joel Lane and his family, as well as to document and disprove claims made about him over the years.

As always, we are so grateful for your continued support for the Joel Lane Museum House and we hope you will visit often. On behalf of the Board of Directors, my sincere thanks.

Fall Fundraisers—Spring Flowering Bulbs and Christmas Wreaths

Please consider ordering your spring flowering bulbs and Christmas wreaths from the JLMH this fall! Every dollar raised supports our educational mission.

The bulbs will arrive in early November directly from Terra Ceia Farms in Pantego, NC. The story of their family is fascinating. They left Holland in 1938 and eventually settled in Pantego. You may choose from daffodils, tulips, hyacinths, crocus, narcissus, iris, lilies, daylilies, and peonies.

The wreaths will come from the Doughton Mountain Tree Farm in Western NC. Available in several sizes, either beautiful, fresh Fraser fir or Fraser fir mixed with holly and boxwood will be available.

Order forms will be posted on the JLMH website in mid-August.

Remember or Honor Someone Special— Purchase a Commemorative Brick

The sale of brick pavers is on-going. Your personalized inscription can be added to a brick that will be laid in the JLMH courtyard. The cost is just \$60 per brick. You may have your paver engraved to commemorate an event or honor or remember a person. Contact JLMH or www.joellane.org for details.





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The Honor Plaque

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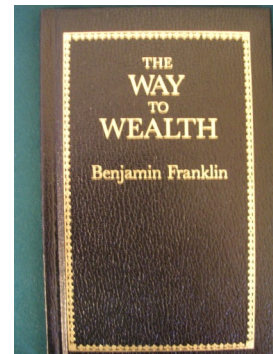
New in the shop, handsome brass seals and sealing wax! Choose from an eagle, rose, fleur de lys, a quill pen, and many other historically appropriate symbols. Seal your letters with class.

Salem Kitchen cheese straws are the perfect tidbit to offer to your drop in guests. They freeze beautifully, and are available in one pound or half pound boxes. Be sure to stock up so you don't run out.



\$17.25 and \$8.75

Looking for a gift for a history lover? We have a good selection of books on colonial and North Carolina history. A series of small, hardcover editions include Common Sense (the book that ignited the American Revolution), The Declaration of Independence, George Washington's Rules of Civility and Decent Behavior, and Benjamin Franklin's Way to Wealth which are particularly popular. Just \$10.75 each, they make a nice small gift.



Spotlight on Volunteers

Volunteers make this place run smoothly! They can't really know how important their contributions to our mission of education truly are, so we want to thank several very special ones. All volunteers are special, and we wish we could thank every one in every newsletter.

From Mount Olive College, intern Katie Wallace is spending the entire summer researching the Lane family in the State Archives. She is adding new materials to compile timelines for Joel Lane and other family members in computerized Excel spread sheets. The spreadsheet makes searching for facts about the Lanes' lives quite easy, and the sort functions of Excel make grouping facts a snap. For example, if we want to look at a list of the deeds a family member held, the spreadsheet can sort them by date, location, and a host of other factors.

Keen Trucking is lending us volunteer extraordinaire, David Ingle. Unable to work because of an accident, David is entering his fourth month as a volunteer. He has done scanning of photos, data entry, on-line research, and general handy man tasks. We are so far ahead of where we were three months ago, thanks to these wonderful volunteers!



*Left: Katie Wallace
Right: David Ingle*





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