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Lecture Series

Mark your calendar now and plan to hear renowned experts in their fields lecture in the Visitors Center. Admission is \$15 per person for the general public and \$10 for members of the Joel Lane Historical Society. Refreshments will be served. Advanced purchase of tickets is required, and seating is very limited. For more information, visit www.joellane.org.

Thursday, February 16, 2012, 7 pm

LeRae Umfleet of NCDCCR
"Slavery in Microcosm: Bertie
County, NC 1790-1810"



LeRae Umfleet

Sunday, April 1, 2012, 2 pm

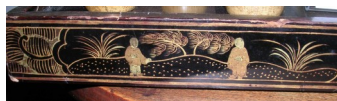
Jane Bultman, Retired Book
Conservator
"The Book in Colonial America and
Caring for Your Books"



Jane Bultman

Spotlight on the Collection: Checkerboard

In 2006, the Children of the American Revolution made a very generous gift for acquisitions. One object acquired is a beautiful checkerboard made in China for the export market. It is wooden and features exquisitely detailed paintings on the sides. In the 18th century, the game was called draughts (pronounced drafts) and was similar to the modern game of checkers. It was often played in period taverns and ordinaries like the one owned by Joel Lane.



Detail of checkerboard

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Purchase a Brick Paver to Remember or Honor Someone Special!

Purchase a paver to be inscribed and 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 for details.

Hands-On History in the Schools

JLMH staff and volunteers take reproduction artifacts to the schools to teach history in a concrete way. Six different teaching modules range from Schooling to Gender Roles in the 18th Century. Only \$1 per student per module, this very affordable out reach program is available to schools that may be unable to come to the site for a field trip. To schedule a visit, contact the office.

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Holt and
students
discuss
colonial
clothing*



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From the President's Quill

By Clare Maddison

I can't believe this is my last article for the Parchment Press as President of the Joel Lane Museum House. It has been an honor to serve in this position and a great learning experience as I have made many new acquaintances.

Much has been accomplished. The Board is pleased that:

WRAL TV broadcast a segment on holiday preparations for the Christmas Open House on December 19, 2011.

WUNC TV broadcast a 4-minute segment on the "mysteries" of the JLMH, on January 18, 2012; it is also posted on YouTube.

Tom Beaman, professor of anthropology and archaeology at Wake Tech, and his student, Stephanie Byrd, have cataloged over 300 artifacts found on the grounds and will put this data in Excel for easy access.

The gift of a continental currency note printed in Philadelphia in 1776 was made by Michael Helms.

Former re-enactors from Connecticut (who have moved to Cary), the Strom family, have donated a vast collection of reproduction items we will use in our educational programs and in the Museum.

There was a 5% increase in response to our YEAR-END APPEAL, much appreciated!

The 5th year of the lecture series has hosted 5 lectures, attracted over 100 people, and netted over \$1,000. These lectures help fulfill our educational mission and introduce new faces to the property.

Visitation in November & December 2011 was up 65% from last year. Our curator and volunteers have taken our story to many venues including an assisted living center, elementary school, & Y Chiefs meeting.

The gift shop has appeared at NSCDA committee meetings in Winston-Salem, Farmville, Wilson and Chapel Hill-Durham.

At its January meeting, the Board adopted a conservation policy to protect the use and integrity of our historic collection.

The sale of pavers to fund the construction of the storage shed is on-going.

The buildings are constantly checked for repair needs.

There is much to accomplish before this Board retires in May:

Three lectures: "Slavery in Microcosm in Bertie County, 1790-1810"; joint fundraiser with Haywood Hall at the Long View Center; and "The Book in Colonial America & Caring for Your Books." The Long View Center, whose use is a generous gift from Gordon Smith, is located at the north end of Moore Square and has ample street or deck parking and many wonderful options for dinner afterwards. The talk should last one hour.

Members of NSDCA in NC attending the annual meeting in Raleigh/Cary will enjoy the JLMH on Sunday, April 15 with tours and cooking demonstrations with herbs.

And put the spring fundraising party on May 9 on your calendar.

I credit a very successful year to the Wake Committee of the NSCDA, all the friends of the Joel Lane Museum House, and especially the Board for their support of events, attendance at meetings and execution of duties. This is your house. Let's keep her healthy and stay committed to its continuing to provide a living history lesson for all.

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Wednesday– Friday

10, 11, 12 & 1 pm

Saturday 1, 2 & 3 pm

and by appointment

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Annual Meeting of the Joel Lane Historical Society

On Tuesday, February 28 at 7:00 pm, Board President Clare Maddison will present the annual report of the Joel Lane Historical Society. The Curator, Belle Long, will review the results of new research on Joel Lane. If you are not a member and would like to join, please use the form on the back of this newsletter. Welcome new members!



Dr. Elliot Engel

Sir Walter Raleigh:

Beyond the Muddy Cape

Friday, February 24, 2012, 7 PM
Long View Center
118 South Person Street
Downtown Raleigh

Dr Elliot Engel is not merely a lecturer but a captivating storyteller with a talent for bringing history to life. He promises to educate, entertain, and make you chuckle, too. Dr. Engel has taught at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina State University, and Duke University. He now lives in Raleigh between his many public performances around the country. Dr. Engel describes SIR WALTER RALEIGH as a “true Renaissance man...brilliant...the Steve Jobs of the era...” Get the real story on this often controversially portrayed namesake of Raleigh.

REGISTRATION

Lecture Tickets \$25

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919-833-3431

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Please consider joining at one of the following levels:

- **Joel Lane Associate** (\$1,000): Name Engraved on Plaque · Private Tour for 15 · 10% Discount on Rental of Grounds for Events · Free Admission · 10% Gift Shop Discount · Newsletter for One Year · Discount on Events · Preservation of JLMH
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