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# Around the Museum

### DECEMBER 2015

## CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT OPEN HOUSE AND RECEPTION AT THE MUSEUM

The Fairfield County Museum announces its Annual Christmas Open House at its 231 S. Congress St. location in Winnsboro on December 6 from 4 to 7 PM. In addition to the gala event, museum volunteers have assembled two very interesting new exhibits. On the ground floor there is a display of antique sleigh bells from the collection of Ed Gates. A room on the second floor has been fitted up as an old-timey country store, with artifacts from several Fairfield County commercial establishments representing the late 1800s up through early 1900s periods.

Many volunteers annually contribute to this event and several organizations participate in preparing for the festivities. Our community's beautiful 1830 Museum building will be decorated for the season in



period fashions by the ladies of several partnering garden clubs. The Fairfield County Historical and the Genealogy Societies will provide refreshments for all. A slate of local musicians will perform in the parlor and the 1854 square Rosewood piano is being tuned to accompany performers and participatory caroling along with several other offerings. There will be a children's bell choir, a brass duet, a classical string performance, and some traditional vocal/string performances. The museum is promoting two other in-town offerings earlier during the afternoon with Handel's Messiah to be

performed by community singers at Bethel ARP church beginning at 3 PM. The Pinetree Players will be presenting their Christmas play, *Dashing Through the Snow*, also at 3 PM.

Both of these programs take place within walking distance of the Mu-

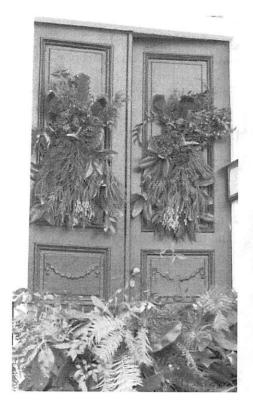
seum. The public is invited to join us to herald the Christmas

season in our community. Additional



information can be gotten at 635-9811 or by writing fairfieldmus@truvista.net.





## AROUND THE MUSEUM

It's that time of year again! In a few days, the garden club decorators will be towing in bags of holly and cedar, red nandina berries and smilax swags. The historical memand genealogicysociety members are joining forces to produce the setting. The cheerfulness and dedicated passion of caring and volunteerism is something I have contemplated a lot about in recent times.

Most of you know that I had a scary time of unexpected health issues and surgery just after my 65th birthday this summer. I see that this was my wake-up call precipitating an opportunity to view my life with a different pair of glasses. I have had no end of rethinking the importance of living in the moment and not taking connections in life for granted. While I was out of work for about 2 1/2 months, the museum elfish force of volunteers lovingly picked up all the loose ends and pushed ahead with museum programs, exhibits, and research requests.

Eddie, Ed, Suzanne, Shelbia, Susan, Claudia, Jon, Betty, Lee, and countless others stepped in with their shirt sleeves rolled up. I returned to the museum to witness the results which will be shared with the public on Dec. 6. Ed Gates's special work with the old store exhibit on second floor and the sleigh bells collection downstairs is not to be missed!

Contributions have come in as Fairfield County Historical Society donations and annual membership dues over the year in record receipts. With your help, Ed and Suzanne have been able to make some valuable purchases for the collection from the Columbia auctions of Mrs. Pauline Lauderdale's wonderful Fairfield County antiques. In addition, we were sent a sizable donation from the descendant of Revolutionary soldier Jessie Havis, who was one of the founders of the Methodist Church in Winnsboro. Ed had researched old records and maps of the rural area east of Winnsboro where Col. Havis's previously lost burial site was rediscovered. The volunteers, including David Wright on his fancy farm tractor, installed a newly minted granite monument to mark the place. Mrs. Sharon Havis's donation covered the historical society's expenses and the remainder was given to the Methodist Church where Rev. Bundy Bynum had a similar marker placed, along with his bronze soldier's plaque in the

#### Methodist cemetery.

Jim Young is another new volunteer from Rock Hill, retired from his television videography work with Charlotte television. He is now working on a documentary chronicling the sensational 1915 "Winnsboro Massacre" when Sheriff A.D. Hood. Deputy Raleigh Boulware, prisoner Jules Smith, and assailant Clyde Isenhower were killed. An article on the project published this summer in the Herald Independent can be read at http://heraldindependent.com/ news/232/he-did-his-duty.

In addition Jim is volunteering to renew our online oral history project with stories and interviews. A recent addition, author Pat West's interview with Brother Lyles about the Bratton family can be seen at <u>https:// www.youtube.com/watch?</u> <u>v=wu3yM0pDZ80&feature=yo</u> <u>utu.be</u>. Incidentally, the Youtube site offers several other interviews of Fairfield citizens that should be enjoyed if you have not.

January is annual membership renewal month and a form is attached on the next page. Why



not avoid the year-end hassle and join the several others who have joined our ranks as Life members.



This year marks the passing of one of everyoneps favorite Museum volunteers, the talented Susan Miller.