

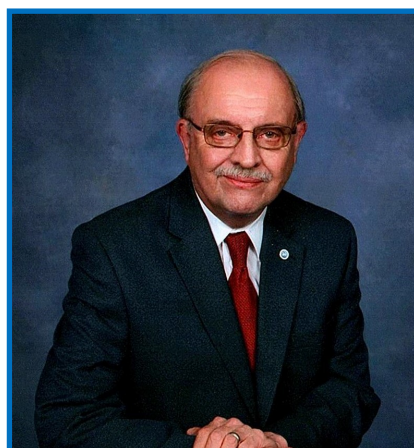


## Wachovia Historical Society 125th Annual Meeting—Oct. 20

by Paul F. Knouse, Jr. and Johnnie P. Pearson

The 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Wachovia Historical Society was held virtually last October 20, 2020, a change in our original plans for the meeting due to the pandemic. WHS is most grateful to Mr. Erik Salzwedel, Business Manager of the Moravian Music Foundation. Erik did a masterful job of working with Annual Meeting chair, Johnnie P. Pearson, to string together music recordings, presentations by WHS Board Members, the Annual Oration, and the presentation of the Archie

K. Davis Award in a seamless video production of our annual meeting on WHS's own *You Tube* channel. We are also pleased that those unable to view the meeting "live" may still view the video at any time on this channel. Thank you, Erik and Johnnie, and all participants, for your work and for making it possible to continue our Annual Meeting tradition.



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The October 20<sup>th</sup> telecast began with organ music by Mary Louise Kapp Peebles from the CD, "Sing Hallelujah," and instrumental music from the Moravian Lower Brass in the CD, "Harmonious to Dwell." Both CD's are produced by and available for sale from the Moravian Music Foundation (*see covers on page 2*). The music was beautifully interspersed with pictures of Old Salem buildings, especially the Salem Tavern (*a WHS property, pictured at right*) and the Boys' School.

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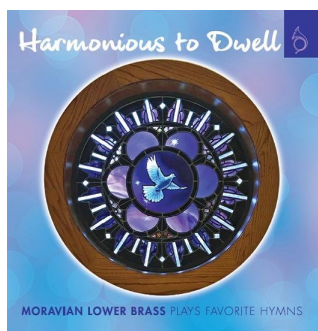


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WHS President I.B. Southerland III opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Southerland expressed appreciation to the Moravian Archives and the Moravian Music Foundation for hosting this year's meeting in the Archie K. Davis Center, which in 2021, will be celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its opening. The invocation was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Nola Reed Knouse, Director of the Moravian Music Foundation. In her prayer, Dr. Knouse acknowledged that "in remembering our past, we can take courage for the present and hope for the future."

In Mr. Southerland's annual "Remarks from the Society," he stated that 2020 has been a very busy year, in spite of the pandemic, and that the Board of Directors and its committees continue to work thanks to the medium of *ZOOM*! Two highlights of his remarks included the following: (1) continued work by a special task force on the Rock House property with an eye to considering the future of this site; and (2) establishment of a new lease with Old Salem Museums and Gardens for our collection and properties.

Retiring Board member W. Kirk Sanders provided a report from the Nominating Committee. New directors approved by the Board include the following: Zack Routh, Raleigh, NC; William Phillips, High Point, NC; Jimmie Snyder, Friedberg Moravian Church member; Dr. Edward Hill, for a second term; and Robert Spaugh, an attorney in Davidson County. Both Phillips and Snyder have faithfully served in the past as Board or Advisory Society members. Expressions of appreciation were expressed to retiring Board members, Kirk Sanders and Paul Armfield. Thanks were also expressed to retiring WHS President I. B. Southerland, having served three years as President. Southerland continues his service on the Board. Sanders also announced WHS officers for 2021: Michelle DeLapp, *president*; Jimmie Snyder, *vice-president*; Victoria Remishofsky, *secretary*, and Karl Kapp, *treasurer*.



2020 Annual Oration speaker, the Reverend Dr. C. Daniel Crews, was introduced by former Archivist of the Moravian Church, Southern Province, Mr. Eric Elliott. Elliott remarked that whenever anyone wants historical information about the Moravians, the standard response is: "See (i.e., C) Daniel Crews." Elliott acknowledged that Daniel has "lived a life of dedication to church and community." For the full oration, you are strongly encouraged to check out the WHS *You Tube* channel, where you can hear all the stories. Simply go to *You Tube*, enter "Wachovia Historical Society," and select the video.

*Music heard at the 2020 Annual Meeting included selections from the CD's shown above and at right. Both are available for purchase from the Moravian Music Foundation.*

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Dr. Crews expressed appreciation for being asked to speak to WHS members at their annual meeting. Crews acknowledged that he was not particularly interested in giving a

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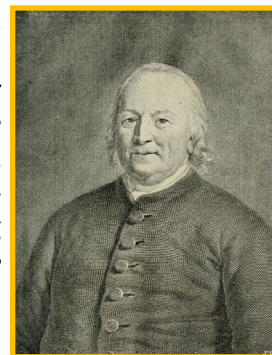
“scholarly lecture on deep academic topics, valuable and necessary as they can be.” Rather, he chose to talk about several “vignettes” about history and persons related to Wachovia which he has come across during his service as minister and archivist. Thus, his oration mentioned some of the well-known historical figures of our Wachovia history, including the likes of Nicholas Ludwig von Zinzendorf, August Gottlieb Spangenberg, Frederick William Marshall, and closer to our timeframe, former Archivist Adelaide Fries. Also mentioned were lesser known figures, who nevertheless made important contributions to their times, including Lucinda Bagge, Christian Lewis Rights (Reutz), and John Sherman Teague. Dr. Crews’ oration was delivered in true “Daniel style,” interesting historical facts mixed with fun and often hilarious commentary: “History with a humorous slant.” For the full oration, you are strongly encouraged to check out the WHS *You Tube* channel, where you can hear *all the stories!*



A count of the Roman Empire, Nicholas Ludwig von Zinzendorf (1700-1760, *pictured at left*) opened his estate “temporarily” to persecuted Czech protestants seeking a place to worship freely following the 30-years war (1618-1648). But these Moravians remained on the land permanently, founding the Moravian center of Herrnhut, Germany. Indeed, “the rest is history!” Crews reported one humorous Zinzendorf tale. Early in his time, Zinzendorf would compose a note to Jesus every night and place it in a crack in the stonework outside his house for the angels to pick up and take to heaven. What he did not know was that an old family retainer’s regular job was to pick up the note each day and send it to heaven via the fireplace! While we enjoy this humorous tale, we acknowledge the role of Zinzendorf in allowing the establishment of Herrnhut and making the way for our beloved Wachovia!

Ultimately and after some fits and starts and encounters with other settlers with somewhat different beliefs, the Moravian settlers agreed to live in community with each other, adopting the Brotherly Agreement (now known as the Covenant for Christian Living) in summer 1727. At a communion service on August 13, 1727, the community felt the presence of the Holy Spirit, and following this service, shared a simple meal which we now know as the Lovefeast. Crews reported that while Zinzendorf was a visionary, practicality was assured by August Gottlieb Spangenberg (1704-1792, *pictured at right*). Crews noted, “If you want a vision climbing to the stars, ask Zinzendorf. If you want a job done simply and well, and actually finished, ask Spangenberg.”

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shape of early Wachovia.” Marshall was in fact Zinzendorf’s “agent” in the purchase of the 99,985 acres Wachovia tract. We learn from Dr. Crews that Marshall liked Georgian English style and recommended what we now call the typical “Moravian doorway arch” for Home Church. You might assume, as many listeners did, that the arch is typical of most Moravian churches worldwide. It is not, and is prevalent only in the churches in the Southern Province of the Moravian Church (*note picture below from Calvary Moravian Church.*) Marshall was pivotal in securing the Tract, as Crews noted in a serious tone,



“We would not have been here tonight without him.” Crews also noted that Marshall served on the Provincial Elders’ Conference of the Moravian Church, South, for 40 years. Imagine that!

Other notables in Wachovia mentioned by Dr. Crews included Christian Lewis Rights (Reutz), John Sherman Teague, and Edward Rondthaler. Christian Lewis Rights (1820-1891) was a printer in Salem who ultimately was instrumental in the Moravian work among the American Cherokee Indians. In

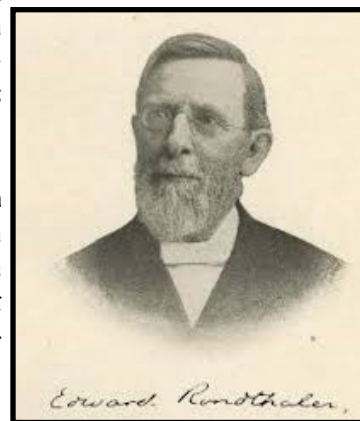
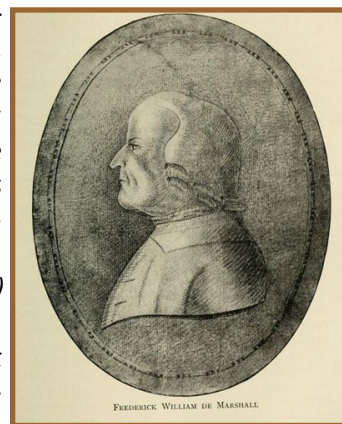
fact, he passed away at the age of 70 during a trip to Cherokee County, Oklahoma. Rights was related to our own Bishop Graham H. Rights via, as Crew puts it, “a different branch of the family tree.”

John Sherman Teague (1880-1984) was a member of Immanuel Moravian Church, an indefatigable presence at Immanuel and elsewhere until his death at age 104. Dr. Crews noted that Teague had significant involvement with the Moravian Home, a forerunner of today’s Salemtowne. Crews noted that Teague had a true servant’s heart, always attentive to opening doors for people who were significantly younger than he.

Edward Rondthaler (1842-1931) was, as the Reverend Walser H. Allen, Jr. described in 1994, a “Moravian pastor, administrator, teacher, historian, editor, writer, linguist, and community leader.” Rondthaler was pastor of the Salem Congregation Church (Home Church) and also served on the Provincial Elders’ Conference, South, 1880-1929, including being President from 1891-1929.

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Frederick William Marshall (1721-1802, *pictured below*), per Crews, “determined the physical, economic and spiritual





Last but certainly not least, meeting attendees were pleased to learn about two extraordinary women whose work and contributions were pivotal to Wachovia. Lucinda Frederica

Bagge (1815-1872) was the granddaughter of Traugott Bagge, owner of the original Salem Store. Crews notes that Bagge used her considerable fortune to help pay for ministers' salaries. Dr. Crews said, "She always contributed to the needs of the church."



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The gravestone of Adelaide Lisetta Fries (1871-1949, *pictured at left*) lists her as "Archivist." A veritable institution at the Archives, Dr. Crews describes "Miss Adelaide" as having provided "a key and lasting influence on Wachovia," and that "Being Moravian" was her motto. Someone not to be "messed with," which one would say in all positivity and with all respect, Miss Adelaide was the author of "The Road to Salem" about Anna Catherina Reuter and seven volumes of *Records of the Moravians in North Carolina*. She was the recipient of three honorary Doctor of Letters degrees. Since the brief highlights above cannot capture the full knowledge, wit, humor, and style of Dr. Crews, we again encourage you to view and hear the entire presentation on *You Tube*.

The meeting concluded with the delivery of a \$1,000 check to the Moravian Archives (part of a 5 year commitment), and the annual presentation of the Archie K. Davis Award (*see page 6*). Wachovia Historical Society again expresses appreciation to Annual Meeting chair, Johnnie Pearson, all the presenters, and to Erik Salzwedel for making this virtual meeting possible. ★WT

## RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!



As spring dawns this year (and we certainly hope it will be a better one, hopefully with an end to the pandemic!), we are well into 2021. If you have not done so already, we hope that you will consider renewing your membership in the Society! Contributions made during 2021 will secure your Society membership *through December 31, 2021*.

*Enclosed with this newsletter is a contribution card*, along with a complimentary return envelope (postage is required). On the back of the card are some survey questions, which will help us to serve you better.

So, *renew your membership TODAY*. Your contributions are critical to the Society's operations. And if possible, *consider increasing* your gift! Thank you! ★WT



## Frederick Pfohl Spach Receives 2020 Archie K. Davis Award

One of the highlights of last fall's annual meeting was the presentation of the 2020 Archie K. Davis Award for History to Frederick Pfohl Spach (at right, Peck Spach, center, with



*Southerland III, left, and Tom Williams, who presented the award.)* Each year the Board of Directors may select a person to receive the Archie K. Davis Award. This award is named in honor of a man whose contributions in many fields enriched the state of North Carolina and beyond. As a banker, a legislator, a churchman and a historian and author; in all of these fields, he excelled. He was a strong supporter of our society over many years. Davis award recipients are selected in recognition of their achievements reflecting Mr. Davis' example. This year's recipient is a native of Winston-Salem where his family has long been involved in the business, cultural and religious affairs of our city. His roots, however, trace to the Friedberg community.



He is a graduate of R.J. Reynolds High School and Davidson College. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War. Now retired, he had a very successful career as a stockbroker. He has a lovely wife (*Gerrii, pictured at left with Peck*), and they have three children. Our recipient is a lifelong member of Home Moravian Church, where he has served as an Elder and a Trustee. He has served on various church boards and committees. He served as a member of the Board of Salem Congregation. In addition to his church work, he has been active in Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministry. He has delivered Meals on Wheels for Senior Services and has volunteered at the Shepherd's Center. He is a member of Old Salem's Frederic Marshall Society. The man we honor has a strong interest in history, especially in that of Wachovia. He has for many years been a valuable member of the Wachovia Historical Society, serving multiple terms on the Board of

Directors, including two terms as President. Whenever there is a project or concern of the Society, he is quick to lend his knowledge and energy. As an advisor, he continues to assist the Board in carrying out its mission.

Our recipient has a keen interest in the protection, preservation, restoration and useful development of the Rock House property which is owned by the Society. This daunting task never discouraged his zeal, as he is an eighth generation direct descendant of its builder, Adam Spach. For years of services to church and community and to the Wachovia Historical Society, for a keen interest in the early years of Wachovia and for being a good resource for all his fellow society associates, the Wachovia Historical Society gratefully presents it highest honor, the Archie K. Davis Award, to Frederick Pfohl (Peck) Spach. **\*WT**

*Contributed by Tom Williams*

*from the President**“Keeping the Faith”**by Michelle M. DeLapp*

“There is nothing new under the sun”, a wise King Solomon offered in the book of Ecclesiastes. We don’t have to look far to see the struggles of societies past and the same struggles being repeated today. A global pandemic, centuries-old ideologies being challenged and an ever-present general fear of the unknown keep us off balance at times in trying to envision the future for ourselves and our families. But coming to the realization of the truth that this scenario is nothing “new” seems to ease our minds, if only for a while.

This is also why knowing and preserving our history is so important. The history of our great nation shows us a tapestry of peoples who flourished in the midst of their own chaos because they kept the faith. The Moravian story is about keeping the faith. Leaving family and possessions behind because of religious persecution, these early Moravians charted their course into the unknown. But their vision was so clear that they could express it in the documented plan for a community that would be strong, united and able to support itself once they arrived at their destination. They brought a diverse group of artisans, brick makers, joiners, gunsmiths, cobblers, blacksmiths, millers and other skilled craftsmen who established one of the most remarkable and enduring settlements in Colonial America. The descendants of this small band of artisans and craftsmen formed the bedrock of the economy of the great city of Winston-Salem and surrounding areas that we know today.



These early families would endure attacks by native Americans, whom they later befriended and educated, pandemics of smallpox and other infectious diseases that took the lives of many of their small settlement, and even the threat of exile and confiscation of their 100,000-acre tract by the New State of North Carolina in 1789 because of their conscientious objector status within the Moravian religion. They endured because they kept the faith.

Today, the Wachovia Historical Society exists to “collect, preserve and disseminate everything related to the history, antiquities and literature” related not only to the experiment known as Wachovia, but to the history surrounding the settlement of the NC backcountry. We are interwoven into this tapestry as we look toward the future guided by the examples of those that came before us. We can only hope that those who come behind us will find us faithful.

Thank you for supporting the Wachovia Historical Society in its mission through the years, and we humbly ask for your continued support in continuing this great work! ★WT

*Michelle*





## 2021 WHS 126TH ANNUAL MEETING—OCTOBER 19

The 2021 Annual Meeting of the Wachovia Historical Society has already been scheduled! The meeting will be held on ***Tuesday evening, October 19, 2021***, beginning at ***7:30 p.m.*** As always, a delightful *musical prelude* will precede the meeting, beginning at ***7:00 p.m.*** The location of the meeting will be announced later in 2021, when we are able to assess the status of the pandemic. Plans are being made to accommodate either an in-person meeting or a virtual meeting. We are also planning to either live stream or record the meeting so it will be viewable under either scenario.



This year's annual oration will be delivered by Johanna Metzger Brown (*photo at right*). Johanna is Curator of Moravian Decorative Arts at Old Salem Museums and Gardens in Winston-Salem, NC., and she is also an Advisory Member of the WHS Board. Her oration recognizes the 250th Anniversary of Salem Academy and College (1771-2021): ***“a place of peace and a dwelling of blessing”***: The Early History of the Salem Girls' Boarding School in Commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of Salem Academy and College. Johanna has a BA in American Studies and Anthropology from Salem College and an MA in History Museum Studies from the Cooperstown Graduate Program in Cooperstown, New York. In 1991, after completing her MA, Johanna began working at Old Salem where she has served in various collections management and curatorial positions. Although her primary research focus is the Moravian decorative arts collection at Historic Old Salem, Johanna also works with the collections of the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts (MESDA). She has written for a variety of publications including *Ceramics in America*, *The Journal of Early Southern Decorative Arts*, *The Magazine Antiques*, and *Antiques and Fine Art* and lectures regularly on Moravian and southern material culture. Johanna co-curated *Art in Clay: Masterworks of North Carolina Earthenware* with Luke Beckerdite and Robert Hunter. The exhibit was co-sponsored by Old Salem Museums and Gardens, the Chipstone Foundation, and the Caxambas Foundation. More recently, Johanna curated the Dianne Furr Moravian Decorative Arts Gallery in the Horton Museum Center at Old Salem. ***Mark your calendars for this fall's 126th Annual Meeting! More details to come! \*WT*** *Johnnie Pearson, Annual Meeting Chair*

### Join the Guild!

The WHS Guild will offer enriching and educational events in 2021 and beyond! *Historical Feasts* will offer themed parties that inspire, instruct, and intrigue with local excursions, unmatched cuisine, and unusual entertainments. *Historical Inspira-*

*tions* will include lectures and performances by WHS members and supporters, including the Annual Meeting Oration by Johanna Brown! And, *History in the Schools*: introducing Forsyth and surrounding counties' students to local history through drama productions or a chance to participate in historical re-enactments. Guild membership is open to all. For information **contact: Victoria Remishofsky; ortonacademy@gmail.com; or 828.258.3499.**





## *Contributors to WHS September 1-December 31, 2020*

**Thank you** for your contributions for the period of September 1 through December 31, 2020. It is only through your support that this wonderful organization continues. We thank all of you for your membership, and we look forward to many years of adventures in history together. ★WT

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## Treasurer's Report by Karl Kapp *as of 3/3/2021*

Dear WHS Members, many thanks for your TERRIFIC response to the Fall 2020 newsletter request to renew your membership in the Society. We received 64 responses for a total of \$4,110 !!! That put total membership donations for 2020 at \$9,835. Again, as stated in the Society's 1895 Constitution: *"The object of this Society shall be the collection, preservation, and dissemination of everything relating to the history, antiquities, and literature of the Moravian Church in the South and the secular and religious development of North Carolina and the adjoining States."* And this objective can be accomplished only with the generosity of people like you. We are deeply grateful for your continuing interest and support, especially at this time of considerable uncertainty for our families, our communities, our country and our world caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Also, many thanks to the following members that made contributions to help cover the costs for the Christmas greenery in Old Salem which was provided by

the Society (*see page 11*): Anonymous; Mary Louise Ball in memory of her mother, Aurelia Gray Eller; Wayne and Peggy Dodson; Sallie Greenfield; Drew Hancock; John Larson; Bill and Katherine Petree; Anne Marie Rogers and the Zevely House; and Keith and Leah Wheeler. Invested funds of the Society as of 12/31/2020 are: General Funds Unrestricted – Wells Fargo Business Choice Checking; \$10,417; General Funds Unrestricted – Wells Fargo Business High Yield Savings: \$15,003; General Funds Unrestricted – Moravian Ministries Foundation in America: \$38,485; Rock House Restricted – Moravian Ministries Foundation in America: \$44,931; TOTAL: \$108,836. At the board of directors meeting in March 2020, the decision was made to invest funds with Moravian Ministries Foundation as further detailed per above. These funds were previously invested in savings accounts with Wells Fargo. Since investing these funds, annualized return for General Unrestricted as of December 31, 2020 was 28.4% and for Rock House Restricted was 20.9%. ***Once again, many thanks again for your membership giving.*** As can be noted from articles in this and previous issues of **The Tract**, my belief is we have been excellent stewards of your interest and support. ★WT

Karl



## WHS Scrapbooks Update *by Victoria Remishofsky*



Scrapbooks. Today the word calls to mind a collage of festive paper, ribbons, glitter, charms, photos, and other embellishments. But not the worn leather scrapbooks belonging to the Wachovia Historical Society which are preserved in the research area of the Horton Center, Old Salem Museums and Gardens. These scrapbooks, containing essential stories, are much more akin to those scrapbooks dating back to the thirteenth century. Those pre-printing press books, often called commonplace books, were assemblages of “scraps” of information that the collector deemed necessary for reflection as seasons and years passed.

So, when Peggy Dodson, then president of our Society, saw the WHS scrapbooks that contain materials dating back to the 1800s, she knew we needed to find a way to have the vast information in these resources available to the public, especially researchers. All items in each scrapbook were documented prior to their removal for digitization. Under the direction of Johanna Brown, curator of Moravian Decorative Arts, and funded by the Wachovia Historical Society, interns photographed high-resolution images and described the items on each page of the scrapbooks. The scrapbooks were then scanned and published (without charge) as an online resource by the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center ([digitalnc.org](http://www.digitalnc.org)) located in the Wilson Special Collections Library, UNC Chapel Hill. Currently, handwritten documents are being transcribed. The link to our online scrapbooks is: <http://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/wachovia-historical-society/>. This important preservation of gleanings, pre-photography engravings, and writing keeps Salem’s larger story through 1917 available. The digital option preserves a wealth of material and solves the vexing problems of reading and maintaining the delicate glued newspaper and ephemerals. Whether it is tracing Moravian communities’ development on the Wachovia Tract or the destructive flood of 1912, these scrapbooks showcase and preserve memories. Wachovia Historical Society members are proud to have sponsored this project and invite others to view a world that no longer exists. ★WT



**Old Salem, Christmas 2020** was looking a little bleak until Steve Allred came to the rescue! He is the familiar coachman and well-versed tour guide with the open carriage pulled by a beautifully groomed, gentle horse. Steve found the vendors who previously supplied the Salem garlands, purchased the \$3,500 of the pine boughs, filled his horse-drawn cart with the branches, and draped every fence in Salem, filling it with Christmas joy. WHS members responded to Steve’s unselfish reverence and made contributions (see page 10). WHS will continue to fundraise for next year’s Christmas decorations. Donations are accepted through the WHS website [www.wachoviahistoricalsociety.org](http://www.wachoviahistoricalsociety.org) or mail to WHS, P.O. Box 20803, WS, NC 27120-0803. ★WT

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!

### Wachovia Historical Society

*126th Annual Meeting*

**Tuesday, October 19, 2021**

7:30 p.m.

*Location to be announced*

Music prelude—7:00 p.m.



### Annual Oration

Johanna Metzger Brown

*Curator, Moravian Decorative Arts,  
Old Salem Museums and Gardens*



*Presentation of  
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