

# Wachovia Historical Society

## 2018 Annual Meeting Overview

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

The 123rd Annual Meeting of the Wachovia Historical Society (WHS) was held on Tuesday evening, October 16, at the James A. Gray Auditorium of the Old Salem Visitor Center. Prior to the 7:30 p.m. beginning of official WHS business, attendees were blessed by the lovely music of a string ensemble, “Lauren Kossler and Friends.” This group has begun our meeting in the past, and we were overjoyed to have them with us once again!

The 2018 meeting opened with an invocation by the Right Reverend D. Wayne Burkette, a bishop of the Moravian Unity. President I.B. Southerland III delivered the President’s Report, highlighting some of WHS’s accomplishments of the previ-



ous year, including the following: restoration of the WHS plaque in Savannah’s Oglethorpe Square; approved grant toward the continued publication of the “Records of the Moravians Among the Cherokees” series by the Moravian Archives; continuing work to digitize scrapbooks, which provides much information on our WHS history; and the WHS cooperation and support of the Medical Reader’s Theater. President Southerland introduced Johanna Brown of Old Salem Museums and Gardens who continues to manage many objects owned by WHS, including items housed in the Dianne H. Furr Moravian Decorative Arts Gallery. Expressions of appreciation were made for the service of retiring WHS Directors, including Tom Williams, Jimmie Snyder, Heather Fearnbach, Gene Adcock, and Cheryl Harry. Kirk Sanders proposed names for new Board members, as well as

those recommended for re-election as Board members, for the upcoming year. All were elected. New Board members include Michelle DeLapp, Karl Kapp, Michelle Leonard, Paula Locklair, and Ricky Sides (*see pages 6-7*). WHS officers elected for the upcoming year include: I. B. Southerland III, *president*; Chris Hartley, *vice-president*; Kirk Sanders, *secretary*; and Richard Starbuck, *treasurer*.

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*Above right, WHS members and guests arrive for the meeting. Above left, attendees are serenaded by the beautiful music of “Lauren Kossler and Friends” string ensemble. What a talented group!*

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## 123rd Annual Meeting

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The annual orator for last fall's meeting was Dr. Kevin Cherry. Dr. Cherry, a native of Denver, NC, is the deputy secretary of the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources and director of the Office of Archives and History. He oversees the operations of the divisions of State History and Maritime Museums, State Historic Sites and Properties, Archives and Records, Historical Resources (including State Historic Preservation Office, Office of Historical Research, and the Office of State Archaeology), and commissions (including Roanoke Island Festival Park and Tryon Palace). As Keeper of the Capitol, he oversees the museum functions of the State Capitol and the Executive Mansion. He is also the Secretary of the North Carolina Historical Commission and the State Historic Preservation Officer.




Entitled ***"1766—Salem in Context,"*** Dr. Cherry's oration was a most enlightening portrayal of the rest of North Carolina at the time of Salem's establishment by the Moravians. He described Salem "as a calm, planned, organized, ship-shape little island amidst the chaotic whirling sea of the rest of the colony of North Carolina." This description of Salem is apt for those of us very familiar with the history of our Moravian ancestors. But Dr. Cherry focused his remarks on the state of *everything else* going on around the early Moravians.

It's fair to say it was not exactly the most pleasant of times for the rest of our fellow North Carolina citizens. The colonists were fresh off the French and Indian War. Many new people were coming into North Carolina from points north and elsewhere. Relationships with Indian neighbors were not always friendly, he reported. A variety of illnesses affected a lot of people. The population was growing significantly. The 1767 population grew from 120,000 to 300,000 in just ten years! Dr. Cherry reported that the area was in such turmoil during these early days that a number of people "fled to the quiet and stability of the Moravians," so much so that Bethabara had to build an extra fort to protect the refugees.

In addition to population growth, illnesses and epidemics, people of many different faiths poured into the colony, providing another aspect of tension within the emerging North Carolina peoples. Additionally, industry was beginning to happen in the form of manufacture of tar, pitch, and turpentine, much of it needed back in Europe. Dr. Cherry notes that during this time North Carolina became a major producer of barrels. Thus the "coopering industry" was born here. Due to the influx of new people and the not so pleasant industries emerging, it was not a particularly enjoyable time for many people who were "unschooled, unchurched, and probably the poorest of any in the colonies." The unschooled nature of the populace led, Dr. Cherry reported, to the beginning of North Carolina's "academy movement."

Dr. Cherry also reported that as far as government was concerned, North Carolina's government was "structured to benefit the few and the well-connected." It is understandable that those not so well-connected did not react well to this, and many issues of dissent began to arise in the mid and late 1760's. He notes that it did not help that those "well-connected" decided to ultimately build the tony Tryon Palace for the governor in New Bern, and we can guess as to who was asked to pay for it. Dr. Cherry also described the "Stamp Act Crisis" when Britain was trying to raise money to pay for the very expensive French and Indian War, and again, who was being asked to pay for this??!!

Dr. Cherry's presentation, in a word, was "fascinating." As he said often during his talk, "It was 1766." 

## Paula Locklair Receives 2018 Archie K. Davis Award

Paula Welshimer Locklair. Paula, who now serves as a member of the Board of Directors of WHS, was recognized for her outstanding accomplishments in the field of history. Earlier last year, Mrs. Locklair completed 46 years of service at Old Salem Museums and Gardens where since 2005 she was Vice President of Education. She has also authored or co-authored several publications interpreting the history and culture of the Moravians.

Mrs. Locklair was the primary driving force behind the historically accurate restoration of the 1800 Tannenberg Organ (originally in Home Church) and its “new” placement in a space appropriate in size and acoustic design, spearheading the \$600,000 campaign for the organ restoration and the \$3,000,000 campaign for the auditorium in which to house this magnificent instrument. CBS News, in a story from April 9, 2004, aptly describes Paula Locklair as the “guardian angel” of the 1800 Tannenberg organ. It was very appropriate that Paula received the Davis Award in the same place where the Tannenberg organ now is located.

Mrs. Locklair is married to Dr. Dan Locklair, Professor of Music and Artist-in-Residence at Wake Forest University. Mrs. Locklair also serves on the Board of Trustees of another important historical (and musical) Winston-Salem institution, the Moravian Music Foundation. ***Congratulations, Paula!***



***Additionally***, Mrs. Locklair joins a long and distinguished list of previous Archie K. Davis Award winners. In 1999, the Wachovia Historical Society established the Archie K. Davis Award for History to recognize an individual whose outstanding contributions and devotion to the history of our region, state and nation have enriched the appreciation of our heritage. That year Mr. Stephen Triplett, President of Trotman’s Picture Framing and Gallery, created a striking Davis Award plaque (*at left*) to honor his close friend, Mr. Davis. The first seven name plates of honorees were affixed, but then this commemorative piece was “lost” behind other pictures and paintings until it was discovered earlier last year. Mr. Triplett kindly restored the plaque matching name plates for all 20 recipients through 2018. Each year, the Davis Award is as new and fresh as our beautifully refurbished plaque. Thank you, Mr. Triplett.

The names of these winners are listed for posterity on the Archie K. Davis Plaque. Congratulations to everyone, past and present, who have been named to this stellar list! 📌

(Contributed by Peggy P. Dodson and Paul F. Knouse, Jr.)

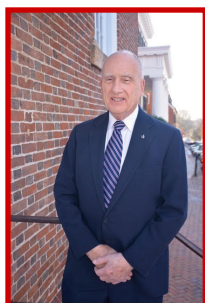
One of the highlights of last fall’s annual meeting was the ***official*** presentation of the 2018 Archie K. Davis Award for History to



*Above, left to right: Johanna Brown, Paula, Ann Hall Wauford, and Peggy Dodson*

## from the President

by I. B. Southerland III



The Board has been at work. All committees are continuing their assigned tasks. We are requesting members be involved in our committees. This aids the Board in having input from you, our members. The following are the committees and some of their activities that are currently going on.

### *Collections*

- ❑ Working with Old Salem to make sure we all have an understanding where our collection is located.
- ❑ Scrapbook and ledgers are ready to be digitized and were taken at the end of February (see article page 6).

### *Public Relations and Publications*

- ❑ Publishing **The Wachovia Tract** three times per year.
- ❑ Currently reviewing website to make improvements and bring it up to date.

### *Annual Meeting/Davis Award*

- ❑ Speaker secured for the next annual meeting in October, 2019 (see page 5).
- ❑ The committee is working on all of the details necessary for the meeting.
- ❑ Davis Award request will be mailed to the membership for their input.

### *Properties*


- ❑ The committee continues to deal with the issue of the Adam Spach Rock House.

### *Membership*

- ❑ Continuing to identify ways to attract new members.
- ❑ We all know friends that would enjoy the Society and the work that it does. Asking friends to join starts an interesting conversation.

### *Special Events*

- ❑ The committee is working to develop plans for new events. Currently, no firm plans are in place. If you have ideas for events that interest you, please let us know.

The Board is working to continue to keep our collections and purpose, "Fulfilling our potential for advancing the understanding of how the past produces the future," in all that we do. We encourage your ideas for the Society. Please consider volunteering for our committees. Thank you for your support of our Society.  *I.B.*

## Wachovia Historical Society 2019 Board Meeting Schedule

March 12



May 14



July 9



September 10

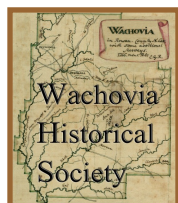


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**124th  
Annual  
Meeting**

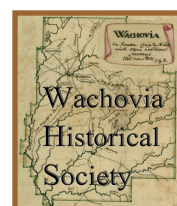


**October  
15,  
2019**



## 2019 WHS ANNUAL MEETING— OCTOBER 15

by Johnnie P. Pearson




The 2019 Annual Meeting of the Wachovia Historical Society has already been scheduled! The meeting will be held on **Tuesday evening, October 15, 2019**, beginning at **7:30 p.m.** in the Old Salem Visitor Center. An always, a delightful **musical prelude** will precede the meeting, beginning at **7:00 p.m.**

This year's annual oration will be delivered by Mr. Randell Jones, an award winning author and storyteller (*shown at right*). Mr. Jones's oration is entitled "They Came to Wachovia, Tired, Cold, and Hungry." Randell will present a story of the American Revolution which touched Wachovia specifically, the march of the prisoners after the Battle of Kings Mountain to Bethabara. He will enhance this presentation with new developments in historical knowledge. Those interested in getting the background for this story, will want to watch the video, "The American Spirit, 1780." This 40-minute video is accessible on YouTube directly from Randell's website, [www.DanielBooneFootsteps.com](http://www.DanielBooneFootsteps.com). Just click on "Classroom" in the main menu to find the link.



Randell Jones is the author of *In the Footsteps of Daniel Boone* and *Before They Were Heroes at Kings Mountain* as well as other books of the pioneer era and the American Revolution. Most of his books feature historical aspects of North Carolina, including *Scoundrels, Rogues, and Heroes of the Old North State*. He has produced three videos including "The American Spirit, 1780." Since 2007, Randell has served as an invited member of the Road Scholars Speakers Bureau of the North Carolina Humanities Council. In 2013, the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, conferred on him their national History Award Medal. His works have received two Kentucky History Awards from the Kentucky Historical Society and a Medal in 2014 from the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution for his body of works. Several of his books and videos have been recognized with awards from the North Carolina Society of Historians. Randell lives in Winston-Salem, NC with his wife. He earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in engineering from Georgia Tech and an MBA from UNC-Chapel Hill. His Jones ancestors lived in East Tennessee during the time David Crockett was there, and he believes a McBride ancestor was on the campaign with Colonel Andrew Lewis down the Kanawha River to what became the Battle of Point Pleasant along the Ohio River during Lord Dunmore's War in October 1774.

Randell speaks to groups of varying size on topics related to American heritage and North Carolina history. He is a member of the Genealogical Speakers Guild. The North Carolina Humanities Council has notified the Society that our application for funding for Randell Jones through the Road Scholars Program has been approved. 

Johnnie P. Pearson



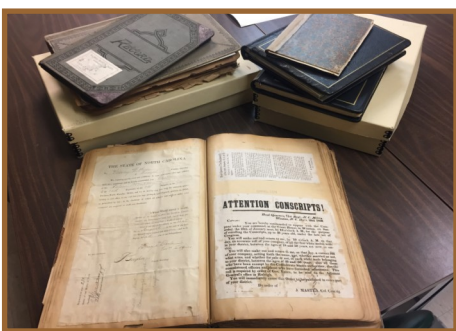
NORTH CAROLINA  
HUMANITIES  
COUNCIL


MANY STORIES, ONE PEOPLE

## Wachovia Historical Society Scrapbooks Project

For the past two years, the Collections Committee has been working with Johanna Brown, Curator of Moravian Decorative Arts & Director of Collections for Old Salem, to prepare the Society's scrapbooks (*see below*) to be digitized and published to provide greater access to this collection.

We own five scrapbooks and other documents such as guest registers, check registers, and ledgers, many dating back to the

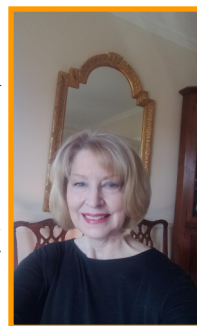


1800's. These articles are preserved in storage at the Horton Center. Under Johanna's direction, interns photographed and described the items on each page of the scrapbooks and then entered the information in Old Salem's database. Our WHS Board of Directors funded this documentation in anticipation of the scrapbooks being moved to Chapel Hill (already done!) to be scanned by the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center and published online at DigitalNC.org. The Center provides this service without charge. WHS maintains ownership of the materials. The NC Digital Heritage Center is a statewide digitization and digital publishing program housed in the **North Carolina Collection at UNC's Wilson Special Collections Library**. The center works with North Carolina cultural heritage institutions to scan, describe, and publish historical materials online, increasing access to/use of their collections.  **Peggy P. Dodson**

## Welcome New WHS Board Members!

At last fall's annual meeting, members of WHS approved the election of 5 new members of the Society's Board of Directors. We are excited to welcome these new members and are certain they will make significant contributions to the Society and its members. These members will serve an initial term lasting until 2023. Welcome, all of you!

**Michelle DeLapp** (*right*) is a real estate broker with Coldwell Banker Brokerage. She volunteers with the National Boone Society, Tryon Palace Commission Board, Preservation North Carolina and is development associate for Three Rivers Land Trust in Salisbury, North Carolina. Michelle has a deep interest in the Wachovia history. Her husband has family ties to Vannimen Zevely, and she has common ancestry with Daniel Boone.



**Karl Kapp** (*left*) recently completed 10 years as Chief Operating Officer for Auto Supply Company, Inc. He is a Board member and Secretary for Muttentz Descendants, Inc., an association of people who tie their history here in North Carolina to 120 emigrants from Muttentz, Switzerland in the 18th century. Karl's ancestor was John Jacob Kapp, one of the second band of Moravian settlers to come to Bethabara in 1754 and the miller there. John Jacob's son, Henry, lived and apprenticed in the Single Brother's House in the late 18th century.

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(article contributed by Helen B. Beets)

## New Board Members *(continued from page 6)*

**Michelle Leonard** is Mayor Pro-Tem of Bethania, NC. She is Board Chair of Audubon North Carolina and serves on the Board of Advisors for Muddy Sneakers, providing outdoor education programming on North Carolina preserved lands based in Brevard, North Carolina. She *(at right)* is a former board chair and founding member of the High Country Conservancy, Boone, NC and a former board member of Piedmont Land Conservancy. Her family resides in the Cornwallis House in Bethania.



**Paula Locklair** *(left)* is the immediate past Curator for Collections at Old Salem, Inc. She is a consultant to Salem College for assessment of their collections of art and artifacts. She also serves on the Board of the Moravian Music Foundation, and she has worked

actively with WHS since 1972. *(See page 3 for more on Paula!)*

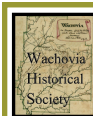
**Dr. Ricky R. Sides** *(right)* is founder and president of Sides Chiropractic, PA. Before chiropractic studies, Ricky was an auditor for Ernst and Young and a controller for a hospital.

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Ricky is a Fellow of the NC Institute of Political Leadership; a Paul Harris Fellow for Rotary in Winston-Salem, a member of the Board of Directors for Forsyth County, a member of the Consolidated Human Services Board, a Board member of the Trinity Center Winston-Salem, and a member of the Board of Trustees, Winston-Salem State University. 📍

**Helen B. Beets**



### Wachovia Historical Society 2019 Board of Directors *(alphabetical order)*



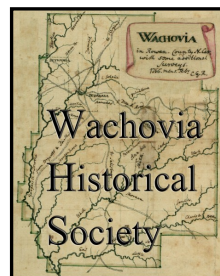
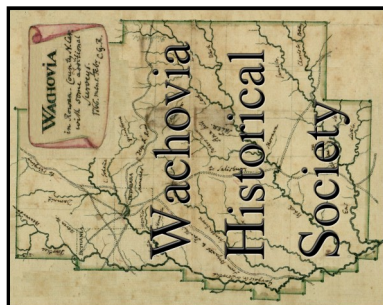
Paul W. Armfield (2020)  
Helen B. Beets (2019)  
Peggy P. Dodson (2019)  
Michelle M. DeLapp (2023)  
Chris J. Hartley, *Vice-President* (2022)  
Edward G. Hill (2021)  
Karl Kapp (2023)  
Paul F. Knouse, Jr. (2022)  
Michelle Leonard (2023)  
Paula W. Locklair (2023)  
Conrad A. Mitchell (2019)  
Johnnie P. Pearson (2021)  
W. Kirk Sanders, Esq., *Secretary* (2020)  
Ricky R. Sides (2023)  
I. B. Southerland III, *President* (2019)

#### **Advisory Members:**

Johanna Metzger Brown *(Old Salem)*; William W. Phillips, Jr.; Jimmie Snyder; Frederick P. Spach; Richard W. Starbuck, *Treasurer*

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**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS NOW!!**

**Wachovia  
Historical Society**

*124th Annual Meeting*

**Tuesday, October 15, 2019**

Old Salem Visitor Center

7:30 p.m.

*(Music prelude—7:00 p.m.)*



**Annual Oration**

Mr. Randell Jones

*Award-winning author and storyteller*



*Presentation of  
The 2019 Archie K. Davis  
Award*