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# “Written in Stone,”



## *a record of Historic Hope*

*Winter*

*2011*

*Roanoke Chowan*

*Heritage Center*

*On the  
Historic  
Albemarle  
Tour Route*



### *Agenda*

**SPRING GRAND REOPENING & FLOWER SHOW**

SATURDAY APRIL 2, 2-6

**REGULAR OPEN HOURS**

SATURDAY-MONDAY 10-4;

SUNDAY 2-5

**IVES LECTURE**

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 9.30-2

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP**

MONDAY, APRIL 18, 6:30 P.M.

**FRIENDS OF HOPE SATURDAY, MAY 7**

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*The Gala Ball at Hope*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30**

*An update from the Hope Ball Committee.....*

## *“Some Enchanted Evening”*

***Come and spend an enchanted evening at the Hope Ball  
Gala on April 30th, 2011.***

-Cocktails and jazz begin at 6:30 pm at the Heritage Center on the grounds of Hope.-

-Take a romantic carriage ride to the Mansion if you so desire.-

The incredible food is being catered this year by ***Myrtle Grove Plantation***. You are in for a first class treat!!

Just a few of the items you will enjoy are:

Lump crab cakes, their famous Shrimp & Grits, creamy tomato bisque, roasted turkey breast; glazed ham; herb roasted beef tenderloin; marinated vegetables; cheese spreads, meatballs and mushrooms in cream sauce; spinach dip; some of the fabulous desserts will be their sought after brownie cups, cream puffs with chocolate sauce; raspberry trifle and fruit with chocolate fondue!!!!

Is your mouth watering yet?

♪And you can eat and drink to your heart's delight

because you can dance it all off to the music of Maurice Williams & the Zodiacs!! ♪

♪These well known entertainers will have you up out of your seat shagging and singing along. ♪

This year's chairman, Sam Ridley Speller, says “The Ball committee is working hard to put together a night to remember. We also need it to be a successful fundraiser so we can continue the mission of the Historic Hope Foundation.”

The cost this year is only \$100.00 per person.

Please take this opportunity to update your membership.

(Forms are at the end of the newsletter)

Invitations to the Ball Gala are generated from the membership.

***We can't wait to see you 'across a crowded room' on April 30th.***

*The Gala Ball at Hope*  
*Saturday, April 30, 2010*

*~ Cocktails with Jazz ~*  
*~ Dancing with Maurice Williams and*  
*the Zodiacs ~*  
*~ Food by Myrtle Grove Plantation ~*



*Black Tie Optional*  
*One hundred dollars a person*

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*At Historic Hope April 2*

# *Spring Grand Reopening and Flower Show*

Historic Hope Plantation in Windsor will host a Spring Grand Opening and Flower Show on Saturday, April 2 from 2:00 PM until 6:00 PM. Governor Stone's 1803 mansion has been rearranged to be in keeping with the inventory of furnishings at his death.

History will come alive as actors guide visitors through the Mansion and the 1763 King-Bazemore house. A descendent of David Stone will be playing the role of the Governor. Cooks will be preparing food in the kitchens. Fresh flower arrangements provided by local volunteers will adorn all the rooms.

Admission for the event is free to members of the Historic Hope Foundation and Bertie County School children. For non members a \$10:00 admission fee for adults and \$5:00 for children will be charged.

Come and see the exciting new look at Historic Hope and enjoy the beautiful flowers. If you wish to offer a flower arrangements please call Hope's office at 252 794 3140.

The new Cross Cultural exhibit exploring the Native American, the African American and European American convergence in this area will also be open in the Roanoke Chowan Heritage Center. See John White's book of drawings of the Native Americans he discovered on Roanoke Island in the 1500's. There is also an exhibit of antiques in the Hope Collection.





*At Historic Hope*  
*132 Hope House Road*  
*in the Roanoke Chowan Heritage Center*  
***The Annual Ives Lecture-***  
**“FROM TILLAGE TO TABLE”**

Saturday, April 9, 2011.  
9:30 am-2:00 pm  
From Jefferson's Monticello.....  
Curator, Elizabeth Chew  
Director of Gardens and Grounds, Peter Hatch,  
will be at Hope  
to join with  
Alice Eley Jones, noted historian of this area.



## *Do you remember the sad state of affairs?*

The Hope Mansion's beautiful "Chippendale widow's walk" was badly damaged in a late November storm, which also felled a few trees on the property.



### *Afterward.....*

With help from the Jenkins fund and Hope supporters the widow's walk was restored better than ever. Look below. Those aren't finials on the posts: the knobs are integral to the uprights. Jerry Castelloe who did the carpentry worked with Joey Hoggard to make a giant lathe that would turn the wood for the posts in one piece.

A thank you to the Jenkins family, to Hope supporters and to longtime contributor Mrs. Jean Sharp, who was the first to donate to the restoration.



### *The tiara is restored but the rest of the outfit needs mending!*

A new campaign to restore the roof and paint the Mansion is the next priority. Hope was so well worth restoring in the sixties and it is even more part of our heritage and worth saving now.

## HOPE IN THE MEDIA

WUNC -TV

March 24, 9 pm *North Carolina Weekend*

Re broadcast: March 25, 8:30

The program will feature the new reorganization of the furniture in the Hope Mansion, under Curatorial Consultant Gregory Tyler.

## HOPE CHAIR VISITS AN EXHIBIT AT EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

**A**n early chair from Hope is displayed in the exhibition of seating furniture from North Carolina and Virginia, "Have a Seat: Early Turned Chairs of the Tar and Roanoke River Basins," Mark R. Wenger, exhibit curator.

The exhibit will feature 29 chairs from the 18th and 19th centuries and is currently on display in the Verona Joyner Langford North Carolina Collection, Joyner Library,

**Greenville. January 17 to March 31, 2011. Admission is free, and the exhibit will be open 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 8 to 5 on Friday; 10 to 6 on Saturday; and 1 to 10 on Sunday.**

### *Annual General Meeting of Members of the Historic Hope Foundation, Inc.*

Members are reminded that the Annual General Meeting is open to all members.

- Meet your fellow members.
- Get information on current projects and policies.
- Participate in the election of officers.
- Show your support for Hope and its programs.

#### **Set aside Monday, April 18th**

Come at 6:00 for light refreshments and conversation in the Roanoke Chowan Heritage Center on the Hope site (132 Hope House Road, Windsor)

Stay for the meeting from 6:30-7:30.

If your membership has lapsed, a renewal form is on the last page of this newsletter. You might also like to give a membership to someone.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **THE REVEREND JOE COOPER**



Greetings to all, this has been a busy time at Historic Hope Plantation. I want to thank the staff and Board of directors and the Friends of Hope for all their dedication and hard work over the past year.

We started the year by opening a new exhibit exploring the three cultures that lived together in Bertie County. Displays show the life styles of Native Americans, African Americans, and Europeans Americans and the important contributions they have made to our area. Thanks to the hard work of Dr. Karen Ray in obtaining a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Sciences and in executing the exhibit.

In early November we had Harvest Time at Hope with costumed actors in the houses dramatizing the rolls of the Stones and the Kings and their house hold staff. We had craftsmen on the grounds demonstrating candle making, pewter making, drums, basket weaving, cooking and plowing up the garden with horses. Several other booths we available for people to sell their wares. There was a Pumpkin Chunking booth for the children as well as a hay ride in a horse-drawn wagon. Students from the Bertie County STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) High School provided traditional Jonkanno dances for the crowd. The weather kept attendance down but we all had a grand time. This year we have set the date for Harvest Time at Hope to be Saturday, October 8.

On the first Sunday in December we hosted our Christmas Open House. The houses were decorated beautifully with live greens and fruit. Thank you to Nancy Davis for her excellent leadership.

Under the guidance of Bill Smith, our Treasurer, and funds from a Golden Leaf Grant the heating and air conditioning in the Roanoke Chowan Heritage Center is now working very well.

We were closed for the winter months except by appointment from December 21 until April 1 in order to save money.

On February 5 we hosted the African American Heritage Day under the leadership of Dr. Ben Speller. The day centered on the expansion of African American churches and the establishing of many congregations in our area.

On Saturday, March 19 we had a Beautification Day at Hope to clean up the grounds and prepare for a vegetable and an herb garden to be planted. The Master

Gardeners of the county and the Herb Society and the Agricultural School will join together on the project.

After much study and discussion the board made a decision to follow the discoveries of our Consultant Curator, Gregory Tyler, to rearrange the furniture in the mansion to follow the inventory of David Stones estate at his death. This has been completed and we will have a Spring Grand Opening and Flower Show on Saturday, April 2 from 2:00 to 6:00PM. Come and see how beautiful the Mansion is. Costumed Actors will be on hand to guide people through the Houses. Flower arrangement will adorn all the rooms.

Under the leadership of Jon Powell we are in the process of improving our walking trails in the Hope Woods and around the property. A grant from the Golden Leaf Foundation will help do this work.



On Saturday, April 9 The Ives Lectures will take place under the

leadership of Clara Bell. The Theme is “ From Tillage to Table”. More details are located elsewhere in this publication.

The Hope Gala Ball will take place on Saturday, April 30. The theme is “Some enchanted evening” Maurice Williams and the Zodiacs will provide the music. Sam Speller is this year’s chair and has an exciting time planned for us. Please be sure your membership is up to date so you will receive an invitation.

Hope is facing some very serious problems in the coming months. Our financial situation is not good and we are facing some major repairs to our historic buildings. All of them need to have the cedar shake roofs replaced because they are leaking. All the structures need repairs and need to be painted. We will be launching a major fund raising campaign in the near future. Betsy Buford, our new chair of the Friends of Hope, has agreed to chair the campaign.

Please do all you can to help us raise these funds. We have estimated that we need to raise \$600,000.00. It will mean all of us who love Hope will have to join together to help raise these funds. I know we can do it.

Peace,  
Joe Cooper

## ***A REALLY CONCISE FINANCIAL SUMMARY***

*Usually* by William S. Smith, Treasurer



Bill Smith, one of the most valuable volunteers at Hope, has been busy this month with taxes, grants, an infinite number of tables and major league accounting tasks, including the detailed report he gives to the Board each month. When asked by your editor for the gist of his message, it was simple: GIVE, please!

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## *Christmas at Hope: A Tradition of Hospitality*

How many of us have been to see the wonderful Christmas displays at Hope and wondered how it was all done? We asked Nancy Davis, the inspiring chair of the displays and festivities this year, to tell who was involved and what they did. If you see a neighbor in the list following, thank him/her for all of us. It was glorious!



Photo: Jim Davis

VOLUNTEERS, HELPERS AND EVENTS  
CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AT HISTORIC HOPE  
DECEMBER 5, 2010

**Workshop with a light lunch on December 2** led by the Rev. Joe Cooper  
Dianne Johnson and Shannon Jenette also gave pointers.

Six others attended.

**Musicians and Singers**

Choir Quartet from Cashie Baptist Church: Jonathan and Beth Huddleston,  
Andy and Linda Lee (with guitar and banjo)

Mary Mardre on Clavichord with Kim Dunlow, soloist

Students of Mary Mardre: Bethany Daniels, Raylyn Bunch, Renee Harden,  
Niki Byrum, and Isaac Williams.

**Decorators**

Sylbil Skinner and son, Kaye Byrum, Rhonda Forsythe, Joan Dunston,  
Dianne Johnson, Mary Tibbs, Almarie McCrery, Gaol Jernigan, Julie  
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Rev. Joe Cooper, Sam Speller, Clara Blancjard and Mrs. Schott,  
Boo and Laura Beasley, Mary Mardre and Nancy Joyner, Ernie Carter and  
Harriet Byrum, Linda Hoggard, Ivy Lane and Kim Hickman, Nancy Davis,  
Della Cherry and Margaret Attkisson, Joe and Rosanna Rhea, Patsy Jones,  
with Margaret Newman and Claudia Griffin, Janet Price, Jim  
Davis, Dell Allen and Tonza Ruffin, Kate Cale and Kathryn Raines,  
Shannon Jenette.

**Refreshments**

Clara Bell and Becky Carter.

**Hosts and Hostesses in the Mansion and the King Bazemore House**

Dr. Ben Speller, Ann and Priscilla Lunsford, Ollie Bond, Kim Dunlow,  
Julia Credle, Joe Cherry, John Hill, Linda Hoggard, Pat Ivey, Sam Speller, Kate Cale,  
Kaye Byrum, Pat Mulray, Jim Davis.

**Celebration/Thank you Supper**

Bill Smith, Clara Bell, Becky Carter, Margaret Newbern, Ernie Carter,  
The Rev. Joe Cooper, Sam Speller, Mary Mardre, Nancy and Jim Davis,  
Karen Ray, Dr. Ben Speller, Ollie Bond, Kate Cale, Jon Powell, Marian  
Perry, Harriet Byrum.

**Hospitality and Gift Shop**

Ciara Cherry, Kimberly Winborne, Helen White, Belinda Winborne.

**All Around Helpers**

Gregory Tyler, Junior Lee and John Gillam.

## *News from the Friends of Hope*

To the delight of all and the benefit of Hope, Betsy Buford has agreed become Chair of the Friends of Hope. Roy Parker, Jr., whose term as Chair was both long and fruitful, has become *Chairman Emeritus*.

We asked Betsy Buford for a brief statement:

*Following Roy Parker, Jr. as Chairman of the Friends of Hope is an honor and a challenge. I promise to work hard to continue his legacy. I welcome any names of potential new Friends and suggestions for any activities current Friends would enjoy and support. Working with Clara Bell and each of you will be a joy.*

**In our next issue an exclusive interview with Betsy Buford!**

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**BASIC INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP**

*35 dollars*

**BASIC FAMILY MEMBERSHIP**

*50 dollars*

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*one thousand dollars or more*

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