

# HOYLE HISTORIC HOMESTEAD NEWS



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## IT'S OFFICIAL!

The IRS granted 501 (c) (3) designation for Non-profit Status to the Hoyle Homestead this January. The board of directors voted in May 1999 to comply with the guidelines set forth by the IRS for non-profits. A rigorous self-study was completed to show the IRS the to Hoyle Historic Homestead, Inc. meets high standards for accounting, has a mission that serves the general public and conducts its business in an open, professional manner. All said and done, over 3 inches of written responses and supporting documents were submitted to the IRS. Now the organization can enjoy the benefits of being accountable. Donations are fully

Tax-deductible and many grantors prefer funding 501 (c) (3) groups because they are so accountable.

Many thanks to Nan Bridgeman for heading this effort and Wilma Craig, David Hoyle Jr., David Hoyle III, Jayne Kennedy, and Mary Ann Antley for helping with this project.

## Meet our new Chairman



Nan Bridgeman has been elected Chairman of the board of directors for the Hoyle Historic Homestead, Inc. A history lover from childhood, Nan graduated from Wake Forest University and taught history to hundreds of teenagers before coming to the Gaston County Museum of Art

& History. While at the museum, she was leadership team that guided the museum to national accreditation.

Mrs. Bridgeman has been very active in serving on numerous boards. She co-chaired the Fund Drive for the Gaston County Arts Council, and served as president of the Junior League of Gaston County. Our new chairman says, "I am so pleased to be a part of the Hoyle Homestead effort. We have an architectural treasure which challenges us to restore it and open doors." Nan is married to John Bridgeman. They have 4 grown children and make their home in Gastonia.

## 1999 ANNUAL GATHERING DRAWS CROWD

*By Jayne Kennedy*

The eighth annual open house again benefited from a beautiful sunny day. Over two hundred friends of the Hoyle house attended and enjoyed each other and the visiting craftsmen. A delicious bar-b-que menu was an optional feature of the fun day.

The new board chairman, Nan Bridgeman, introduced both new and old board members. The governing board is fortunate in having members with experience and skills that will aid in reaching our goals of restoration and education.

The guest speaker was Dr. Andy Kardos of the National Park Service. He reminded us of how valuable the historic homestead is to the area and inspired us anew in our efforts.

We look forward to September 2000 and welcome any suggestions for improving the open house. Your ideas are valued.



L-R Lucy Penegar, Mitch Hoyle, David Hoyle & Wilma Craig enjoy the day.



Jayne & Joe Kennedy with grandchildren talk with Dr. Andy Kardos of National Park Service

## WE'RE RAISING THE ROOF



By Wilma Craig

You'll notice a new tin roof has been placed on the Gaston Barn when you visit the Homestead. The barn was built in the late 1800's on Gaston Family property. It was scheduled to be destroyed to make room for Public Service of North Carolina buildings. Through the efforts of the Gaston County Historic Preservation Commission, a challenge offer of \$1,000.00 from Gaston County Historical Society, \$4,000.00 donated by Mitch Hovl, and \$1,000.00 donated by Harley Gaston, Jr. the barn was saved from destruction. The barn was placed on the Hoyle Homestead site on September 26, 1996 after the Hoyle Board voted to receive it. We are pleased to have the barn as another point of interest for visitors

## ~ New Faces on the Board ~



L-R front row Tuga Adams, Carol Brittain, back row - Ralph Farmer, Vann Noblett & Katherine Currence gather on new porch for their board orientation.

*We are pleased to have new faces on the board, although none of these faces is really new to Gaston County! The IRS suggested we broaden our board representation and also increase the number of active board members. Welcome these new supporters.*

**"Tuga" Wilson Adams** was born in Gastonia and is a retired school librarian. Tuga is the widow of Robert Clements and now married to Robert L. Adams. She is the mother of Carter and Anne has seven grandchildren. Tuga has been active in the Schiele Museum, Friends of Gaston County Library, and With Friends Crisis Shelter. Her hobbies include gardening, needlepoint, and travel.

**Carol Belk Brittain** is a native of Gastonia with her husband Steve. She has two daughters Ashley and Jennifer. Carol is the media specialist at Cramerton Middle School. Her interest in history and preservation began early in life from stories her grandmother shared about family members. She enjoys reading and gardening. Carol feels "The Hoyle Homestead keeps part of the past alive for future generations."

**Katherine Currence** originally from Greenville South Carolina, resides in Gastonia and is a successful realtor. She has a son, two daughters, and five grandchildren. Katherine is active in the Chamber of Commerce, Gaston Debutante Club, and serves on the board of Centura Bank. She enjoys bridge and reading. Katherine says, "I love tradition and feel we need to preserve our heritage."

**Ralph Farmer III** is from Vale. He graduated from U Charlotte with a degree in anthropology and museum studies. He works for the Lincoln County Schools and enjoys reading, writing, research, and playing the bass guitar. Ralph became interested in Hoyle Homestead through his work at the Gaston County Art and History Museum. Ralph is chairing our new Collections Committee.

**Vann P. Noblett** from Gastonia is married to Tricia and is the father of Jacob who is ten months old. Vann is Director of Operations & Finance for the United Arts Council of Gaston County. He serves as treasurer for the York Chester Association and Western Piedmont Development Professionals Association. Vann's hobbies saltwater fishing and audio electronics. He is interested in the specifics of the renovation process at Hoyle Homestead and says "I realize the importance of preserving this historic structure for the future generations of Gaston County."

**Tim Helms** will be our Membership Chairman. Tim is former President of the Gaston Chamber of Commerce and is now with First Financial Resources. Tim loves history and has served on many boards in Gaston Coun including chairman of the Gaston County Museum of & History. His upbeat "can do" attitude is contagious. Tim and his wife Mimi make their home in Gastonia.



New porch on original front of home with cypress planks & hand trimmed nails.

## PAST CHAIRMAN NOTES

By David W Hoyle, Jr. Past Chairman

Early this year the State approved our name change to "Hoyle Historic Homestead, Inc." which started another ambitious year. Thanks to your financial support, the hard work of the Board of Directors and many others; we have moved the Homestead project forward. just a partial list of accomplishments for this year:

- ◆ You can now visit the Homestead on the internet [http:// webwalkin.com/homestead/](http://webwalkin.com/homestead/)
- Dean Ruedrich, our restoration contractor, has worked on the original front of the house.
- Electrical service to the house was installed underground.
- The Gaston barn's new roof was installed.
- Larger areas around the buildings were cleared.
- The Board has spent many hours planning for the future and working on the corporate structure.
- We have, also, expanded the membership of the Board and we will need your continued support for the ongoing restoration of the Homestead.

It was good to see and visit with you at the "Open House". I want to thank each of you for giving of your time, talent, and /or support to the Homestead.



We wish to acknowledge future supporters in coming newsletters. Please call Carol Brittain (704-865-1043) or Nan Bridgeman (704-865-2087) with suggestions.

## Special Thanks To

- ◆ Retiring Chairman of the Board, *David Hoyle, Jr.* of Charlotte for all his hard work and leadership.
- ◆ Retiring board members *David Hoyle Jr., Doris Hoyle, Jack Hoyle, and Roy Hoyle* for their leadership, devotion and hard work.
- ◆ *Mitch Hoyle and Wilma & Bill Craig* for donating \$ 1,000 each toward the CPA fees and IRS filing
- ◆ *Gastonia Debutante Club* for donating \$2,000 in honor of Nan Bridgeman.
- ◆ *John Hovis* for volunteering to see that the grass at the Homestead is faithfully cut.
- ◆ *Nardy & Doris Hoyle* for generously funding the "portajohn" for construction workers at the site.
- ◆ *Jayne Kennedy* and her committee for hosting a great Annual Gathering in the Fall of 1999.
- ◆ *Nan Bridgeman* for her work compiling and editing the application for non-profit status.
- ◆ *David Hoyle, III* for setting up our web site.
- ◆ *Wilma Craig and Lois Graham* for hosting tours o the Homestead this year.
- ◆ *Emily Harrison* for her legal services.
- ◆ *Lucy Penegar and Wilma Craig*, of the local Historic Commission, for overseeing grant work at the site. Gathering in the fall of 1999.

## HOYLE HOMESTEAD HOSTS TRIP

The Hoyle Historic Homestead, Inc. is arranging a very special trip to Old Salem Saturday, May 20" when weather conditions are optimum. Join friends and fellow history lovers for a wonderful day.

Our morning begins with a special Welcoming Reception with Hobart G. Cawood, President of Old Salem. Hobart (Hobie) and his wife are long time friends of Board member Jayne Kennedy and her husband Joe. Following the reception, Vice President of Preservation at Old Salem, Job Larson, will give a program on Preservation with references our Hoyle Homestead.

Following our program, we will walk to the quaint Salem Tavern where a leisurely lunch is planned. After lunch, we will have a guided tour of M.E.S.D.A and then enjoy unscheduled time exploring and shopping. Our day will end when our chartered bus returns to Gastonia

*See insert for further information and sign up.  
(Priority will be given to Friends of the HHH.)*

## Please Join the *Friends of the Hoyle Historic Homestead, Inc.*

The Hoyle Historic Homestead, Inc. is at an exciting point in its growth. We are pleased to offer different levels of support so *everyone* can help preserve a vital piece of our area's heritage. Become a Friend today!

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### Individual Friends

- *Friend* (\$10-\$50)  
Friends receive newsletters and other mailings.
- *Supporter* (\$50-\$99)  
Receives newsletters plus special recognition.
- *Patron* (\$100-\$249)  
Newsletters, 2 meal tickets for use at Annual Gathering, priority registration for all educational trips/lectures sponsored by the Hoyle Historic Homestead, Inc. and special recognition.
- *Sponsor* (\$250-999)  
Newsletters, 4 meal tickets, priority registration for all educational trips and lectures and special recognition.
- *Benefactor* (\$1,000-\$4,999)  
All basic benefits, 8 meal tickets, priority registration for all educational trips/lectures & special recognition.

### Corporate Friends

- *Corporate* (\$250-\$1,000)
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- *Leading Donors* (\$5,000 and +)

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I (We) also can help in the following ways:

- Help with Gathering
- Help fund raise
- Help write grants
- Help label newsletters
- Help with grass mowing
- Help beautify grounds

*YES! I wish to become a Friend to the Hoyle Historic Homestead, Inc.*

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