

# Historic Carson House



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1805 HWY 70 West

Marion, NC 28752

828-724-4948

Open April-November  
2024

For Guided Tours

Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sunday 2:00-5:00 pm

Guided Tours \$10 Adults

Children 6-12 years \$5

Children age 5 and under FREE

Historic Carson House is a 501 c (3) tax-deductible organization. As a member, you receive free admission to the house, the Newsletter, and invitations to special events.

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## DINNER ON BUCK CREEK

Saturday, May 18, 2024

Silent Auction ends at 6:00

(online bids begin May 3rd) [www.historiccarsonhouse.com](http://www.historiccarsonhouse.com)

Social Hour, Music, House Tours 5:00-6:00

Special Groundbreaking Ceremony 6:00

Catered Surf and Turf Dinner 6:30

Tickets by Reservation only \$75 (\$40 tax deductible)

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Above is your invitation to attend Dinner on Buck Creek 2024. The picture is a rendition of what the new Interpretive Center will look like once it is completed. Groundbreaking will be during this popular fundraising event. Please purchase your tickets as soon as possible and be sure to bid on the many items collected for the Silent Auction. \* \* \*

## Executive Director Martha Jordan Retires



My tenure as Executive Director began in August of 2018. I have thoroughly enjoyed all the years that I have served the Historic Carson House and I hope to continue to volunteer as I'm able. Working with the Staff, the Board and the Partners has been a wonderful experience. Through dedication and hard work from the Staff, Board, Partners and Volunteers, many exciting projects were completed. Some of those projects included replacing the east-facing chimney, repairing the second floor balcony porch, painting the house, restoration of the barn roof, replacing the cedar shake roof on the house, moving the William Moore Cabin, completing an archeology study, repairing several hearths, and starting the new museum addition.

I am most proud of the Living History Events for school children and the general public. My heart will always be dedicated to sharing history with others so they can have a vision of our rich heritage. \* \* \*

**Martha Jordan**

## Carson House Kids Remain Active

The **Carson House Kids** club meets monthly to learn about history while having a fun time doing projects, games and activities. In **February**, the kids learned about some of the Presidents who were alive when the Carsons were living at the Carson House. Each participant chose a President and made a puppet of that President. At the end of the meeting, each kid shared facts and stories about the President they had chosen.



In **March**, the focus was on the history of Easter. The kids died eggs using natural dyes, learned fun facts about Easter and then they had a tour of the first floor of the Carson House.



# LIVING HISTORY DAY

## HISTORIC CARSON HOUSE



Reinactor Steve Rick-er, left, explains how glass beads were used to trade for other needed items.

Reinactor Tom Vaughn, right, explains the types of tools used in the 1860's and for what purpose.



Right, Martha Jordan teaches her group a little more history of the Carson family and life they led.



On March 28, 2024, Martha Jordan (above) welcomes a group of more than 400 Homeschooled children to the Historic Carson House for Living History Day.

Ann Heard (below) gives a roomful of children a little history about the Carson House and life as the Carson lived it.



Left, Coleman Metcalf rings the dinner bell to signal when groups of students move from one station to the next.



# Historic Carson House 2024 Schedule of Events

Feb. 10 – Board Retreat – Universal Building

March 13 – Park Day

April 6 – Opening Day

May 18 – Dinner on Buck Creek

Sept. 29 – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Program OVTA

Sept. 30 – Living History Day – 4<sup>th</sup> Graders/ OVTA

Oct. 14 – County Commissioners

Nov. 8 – Christmas Luncheon, Bake Sale and Bazaar

Dec. 6 – Society Party

Dec. 7, 8 – Candlelight Tours

Dec. 17– Historic Homes Tour

For the 2024 season, the Carson House will be open for tours on Saturday from 10:00-4:00 and Sunday from 2:00-5:00 with the last tour scheduled an hour before closing. Tours can be scheduled in advance by emailing [historiccarson-house@gmail.com](mailto:historiccarson-house@gmail.com). Special group tours may be scheduled during the week depending on staff availability.

Board meetings – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month except February, July and December

Partners meetings – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month except January, July and December

Carson House Kids – 4<sup>th</sup> Friday, 3:30 Starting in February

## Society Christmas Party

Top left, Partners Janet Williams and Janice Pierce enjoy the buffet provided by the Carson Partners; top right, buffet table; lower left, decorated Carson Stairs; and lower right, Shelba Murray helps Dr. Haney with his bow tie.

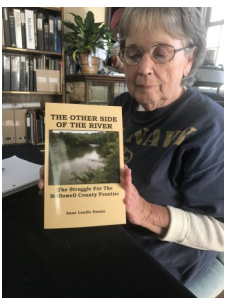


## Candlelight Tours

Left, Martha Jordan and Santa Clause greeted guests for the Candlelight Tours. Right, students from Early College dressed in period costumes and assisted with guided tours through the Historic Carson House.



Candlelight Tours also found local author, Anne Swann, signing her revised book, The Other Side Of The River for avid readers.



## PARK DAY

Left, volunteers clean the Carson House while, right, Hunter Ray fills packets with information.



As always, we thank all of you, our Membership, for your generous donations which help us keep the Historic Carson House open for all to enjoy. Without your support, nothing we do here would be possible.