2023 Programs

- **January 26, 2023 - Everything You Should Have Learned in High School About the Articles of Confederation** - Ms. Courtney Smith, Exhibits and Programs Coordinator at the Orange County Historical Museum, followed her popular November 2022 presentation on the Declaration of Independence with this look at the Articles of Confederation.

- **January 29, 2023 – James Cates Scholars Presentation** – The James Cates Scholars are local young people, ranging in age from 11- to 19-years of age, who are dedicated to exploring and understanding history on local, national and international levels. Three current participants, Myles Jackson, Zadie Taylor, and Nevaeh Hodge, discussed their experiences and projects with the program. During this past summer, they learned from experts in the field about documenting, archiving, photo journalism, writing, and producing historical narrative and the Critical Oral History Process. Their accomplishments include being featured speakers at local Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., celebrations, producing documentary films and podcasts, and being a recipient of a local MLK Bridge Builder award. The scholars have been asked to assist the SNCC Legacy Project and Duke University to develop a national Civil Rights school curriculum. They will also be speaking at the upcoming Universities Studying Slavery consortium that UNC is hosting in March. The Historical Society provided grant money this past summer to support their scholarship. The following link provides more information about the James Cates Scholars program and how you can support it: https://www.bridgingthegapdmh.org/copy-of-what-we-do.

- **March 5, 2023 – Hearts Torn Asunder –** Ernest Dollar discussed his book, "Hearts Torn Asunder: Trauma in the Civil War's Final Campaign in NC," that explores the psychological experience of soldiers and civilians during the chaotic closing weeks of the war that ended with the surrender at nearby Bennett Place in Durham. Their letters, diaries, and accounts reveal just how deeply the killing, suffering, and loss had hurt and impacted these people by the spring of 1865. He used first person narratives to illustrate how individuals' experiences shaped their understanding and memories of events and how those experiences often gave rise to conflicting narratives. He delved into the experiences of individual soldiers and the trauma they experienced years after the war. He noted that many of the symptoms described by doctors treating soldiers mirror those that we now know as post-traumatic stress disorders. He observed that civilians were not immune from the trauma of the war, with many turning to opium to try to cope with their trauma. He showed ledgers from Dorothea Dix hospital that listed the symptoms of soldiers and civilians, including an entry for Eli Hill, a Black man from Onslow County who had joined the Union forces and became the first African-American patient at Dix.

- **March 19, 2023 - WCHL - 70 Years of Broadcasting -** Scott Washington (filling in for Aaron Keck) discussed some of the history and accomplishments of WCHL and how it

continues to play a role in our local community. He noted some of the journalists and personalities who worked at the station, including Charles Kuralt and Jim Lampley. He summarized the station's mission as one to educate, inspire and entertain. Attendees shared their memories of WCHL and some of the programs and promotions it sponsored over the years.

- **April 30, 2023 - Building A Farmers' Market: A Light History of the Carrboro Farmers' Market -** Maggie Funkhouser, manager of the Carrboro Farmers' Market, and Alex Hitt, owner of Peregrine Farms in Graham, NC, discussed the history of the Carrboro Farmers' Market, from its initial inception in 1977 to its current operations. They noted that the market's genesis was a proposal by a UNC Public Health School student and a group at the Church of the Reconciliation in Chapel Hill. Around the same time, Carrboro officials were interested in developing a market like the one found in Madison, Wisconsin. In 1979, the market moved to Carrboro with 68 local farmers and artisans. Mr. Hitt noted that while the market belongs to the town of Carrboro, it is run and primarily funded by farmers, a factor that has been critical to its success. Other key operating rules are requiring vendors to live and produce their goods within a 50-mile radius, prohibiting vendors from buying and reselling from other locales or sellers, and conducting onsite inspections of vendors' operations. Mr. Hitt and Ms. Funkhouser discussed ways that the market works to improve accessibility and nutritional information, including efforts that enable vendors to accept SNAP/EBT payments; the Farmers Food Share program that culls and distributes leftover produce to local food banks; and partnerships with UNC and other organizations to provide cooking demonstrations and wellness checks. They also displayed a portion of a timeline of the market's history. The full timeline is available on their website: https://www.carrborofarmersmarket.com/visual-history-of-the-carrboro-farmers-market. The YouTube recording of their program is available here.

- **September 24, 2023 Zoom Program - *The UNC Naval Armory and Military Organizations at UNC During WWII and Their Legacy Today*** with Sandy Henkel, a Chapel Hill native, UNC graduate, and affiliate of the Naval ROTC Alumni Association at UNC. Ms. Henkel provided a history of the Naval ROTC and the many ways that it and the other military organizations made lasting contributions to the landscape of UNC and Chapel Hill. She explained that UNC President Frank Porter Graham was a member of FDR's War Labor Board and offered UNC to the Defense Department for military training, starting with the launch of the Navy ROTC at UNC. The Navy presence brought physical changes to the campus, including the Kessing outdoor pool, Navy Hall (now Jackson Hall), and the Horace Williams airport. It also brought lasting changes to the UNC curriculum with the development or expansion of the communications and foreign language departments, the transformation from a two-year to a four-year medical school, and later, the development of the Peace, War and Defense curriculum. She explained that the Naval Pre-Flight School at UNC, which trained high school cadets, was separate from the ROTC college programs and

became the largest pre-flight school in the country. Ms. Henkel concluded the program by highlighting some of the men and women who have passed through the ROTC programs at UNC and their lasting contributions to military and civilian life. You can watch the YouTube recording of her presentation here: **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KEUICPk5C24**.

- **November 19, 2023 Zoom Program "*A Legacy of Leadership: Ruth Pope and Lincoln High School*"** - Ernest Dollar, Director of the City of Raleigh Museum and the Pope House Museum in Raleigh, discussed the life and legacy of Ruth Pope, who taught at Lincoln and Chapel Hill high schools. Using photographs from the Pope House collection, he traced the history of her family and how the family's background, education, and experiences shaped Ms. Pope's values, morals and career. Mr. Dollar read excerpts of the short autobiography Ms. Pope wrote during her graduate studies at Columbia University to illustrate the forces that shaped her life. His presentation included many photos of Ms. Pope taken around the UNC campus during WWII and Naval pre-flight school. The YouTube recording of his presentation is available here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KZtR0xtKDCg.