



# Matthews Historical Foundation

'Preserving our Past for the Future'

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Dear Valued Members and Friends,

We are reaching out to you because you know how important maintaining and preserving the history of our town is to our community. We are proud of what we have accomplished in the last 39 years and we are excited about the future. In order to maintain our ongoing activities and launch new projects, the Matthews Historical Foundation needs to raise funds by memberships and donations. Here are a few highlights of our recent accomplishments:

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| <b>2010</b> Acquired & Renovated Massey-Clark House | <b>2015</b> Outen Pottery listed on National Register |
| <b>2012</b> <i>Matthews Remembered</i> DVD complete | <b>2021</b> Roseland Cemetery Restored                |
| <b>2013</b> Matthews Heritage Museum opened         | <b>2021</b> Reid House Patio Completed                |

The Matthews Heritage Museum, part of the MHF, has been a busy downtown asset since June of 2013. Since opening, the Museum has welcomed thousands of visitors and school groups. Open Thursday through Saturday, and free to the public, it is staffed with volunteers (docents) and a paid Director. Tours and changing Matthews historic displays continue to be the focus of the Museum.

Members receive the MHF newsletters and updates by email. We are proud of the Historic Reid House and rent the house and the lovely landscaped grounds for weddings, baby showers, family celebrations, etc. In December the Annual Holiday Party is well-attended at the Historic Reid House. We host the Matthews Women's Club Christmas Teas annually, tours of Matthews Historic locations, school programs, host various civic groups and we will be having our Fine Art Sand Craft show in April at the Historic Reid House featuring local Fine Artists. We work to maintain and preserve the Historic Reid House and the Matthews Heritage Museum throughout the year. All of our projects and events are made possible by the financial support from our members, sponsors and benefactors. Your support is appreciated!

Please **Renew** your membership for 2026 or **Join** today by sending your tax-deductible dues or donation to **The Matthews Historical Foundation, PO Box 1117, Matthews, NC 28106.**

Thank you for your support of the Foundation. Together we can continue to do great things.

With sincere appreciation,

*Matthews Historical Foundation volunteer Board of Directors:*

*Becky Willard - President, Bob Aycock - Vice President and Museum Director, Brian Antal - Treasurer, Carol Cullis - Secretary, Anne Bennett, Chuck Bennett, Tom Dorsey, Steffney Messer, W. Kress Query, Jim Taylor, John Urban, Tina Whitley*

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**JOIN or RENEW TODAY for 2026 - Membership is for one year**

_____ Individual/Family \$30	_____ Patron \$100	
_____ Sponsor \$250	_____ Donation	Amount Enclosed \$ _____
_____ I would like a written receipt for my taxes		

Name \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_