



Rockford Preservation Society

Fall/Winter 2015 Newsletter

Village of Rockford, NC

Candlelight Christmas in Rockford

The Rockford Preservation Society, Inc. invites you to the annual Candlelight Christmas celebration on Thursday, December 3rd and Friday, December 4th at 7:30 pm in the historic 1914 Rockford Methodist Church. Shuttle van service will be available beginning at 6:30 from the Rockford Baptist Church parking lot provided by YVEDDI.

Dr. Gena Poovey, Professor of Music at Limestone College in Gaffney, SC will lead the programs. The Thursday night program will feature Gene Anderson and Reel Shady, Ashley Holyfield and Devin Matthews, the Surry Central High School Chorus directed by Angie Smith, Gaynell and Michael Lambert and Dr. Poovey. The Friday night program will feature Candel Firth, Limestone College Chorus directed by Dr. Poovey, Marshall Brothers & High Road, Ashley Holyfield and Devin Matthews, and Dr. Poovey.

This is the 25th year of Candlelight Christmas in Rockford. This year will be a very special program! It is a wonderful way to start your Christmas season! Admission is free with donations accepted and appreciated.

The 1850 Davenport Gallery will be open before and after the programs on Thursday and Friday evenings for your early Christmas shopping. The Davenport Gallery features local artists and is located in the Historic Village of Rockford a short distance down Rockford Road from the Rockford Methodist Church.



**6th Annual
Remember Rockford Families Reunion
Saturday September 12, 2015**

Current and former Rockford residents along with descendants of early Rockford families enjoyed a wonderful day in the Village of Rockford.



We welcomed everyone around 10:00 am at the Rockford Park/Grant-Burrus Hotel Site. After sharing Rockford history and the progress of our projects, we walked over to the Davenport Gallery/1850 Dudley Glass Store. The gallery has pottery, prints, paintings and other arts and crafts from local artists for sale.



Then we walked up to the 1850 Mark York Tavern. This year the rough-in electrical wiring has been completed. We had a wine tasting at the Tavern provided by RagApple Lassie Vineyard and Winery.



Next we walked over to the 1810 W.P. Dobson General Store/Masonic Lodge to show the considerable progress made on this building. Jason Allen, the restoration specialist working with us on this project, was there to share with everyone what restorations have been made and the next phase of the work. We are so pleased with the progress and so excited for what is yet to come with this building!



We continued to the 1914 Methodist Church for a BBQ lunch and music by Ashley Holyfield and Devin Matthews. Everyone had time to fellowship with each other and exchange family information. After an enjoyable day, we said our good-byes until next year!



Many thanks to Melissa Taylor for donating the ca. 1870 well house structure. We moved it from Dobson to the W.P. Dobson Store/Masonic Lodge property. Thank you to all who helped with this project!