

Remember Rockford



Fall/Winter 2017 Edition

Village of Rockford est. 1789



Candlelight Christmas in Rockford

Thursday November 30, 2017 7:30 pm

Friday December 1, 2017 7:30 pm

1914 Rockford Methodist Church
Historic Village of Rockford

**Don't miss the 27th year of this Christmas tradition
led by Dr. Gena Poovey, Professor of Music
Limestone College in Gaffney, SC
sponsored by The Rockford Preservation Society, Inc.**



Thursday evening

Dr. Gena Poovey
Accompanied by Adam Rudisill
CandelFirth - Susie Cooper and Randy Candelaria
Kelsey Stanley
Ashley and Devin Matthews
Marshall Brothers and High Road
Surry Central High School Chorus directed by Angie Smith

Friday evening

Dr. Gena Poovey
Accompanied by Adam Rudisill
Fiddle Dee Dee
Kelsey Stanley
Ashley and Devin Matthews
Gene Anderson and Reel Shady
Limestone College Chorus directed by Dr. Poovey

Refreshments will be served following both programs. Shuttle van service will be available beginning at 6:30 from the Rockford Baptist Church parking lot provided by YVEDDI.

Sweet Paws Home Goods in the 1900 Post Office building and **Rockford by the River Gallery and Gifts** in the 1850 Dudley Glass Store/Davenport Gallery will be open before the Candlelight Christmas programs from 5 pm until 7:30 pm for your early Christmas shopping! Both stores have been an asset to the Rockford community giving visitors to Rockford more shopping options!



On August 5th, we sponsored a Rockford Community Social that was held in the Rockford Park on the site of the former Grant-Burrus Hotel. We had food trucks and homemade ice cream. This was the first community social in the village in years, and local residents responded enthusiastically, giving us ideas on how to expand activities in the village.

On Saturday, August 19th, we had a major fundraiser at RagApple Lassie Vineyard that featured beach music, crafters and food trucks. The event was fun and it helped to raise funds needed to repair the foundation of the Rockford Methodist Church. We still need about \$1000.00 to be able to get this started. If you would be willing to help with this project, just designate your contribution to the Methodist Church.

On October 21st, we had a painting class at the Rockford by the River Gallery and Gifts. Our instructor helped us paint a fall pumpkin! It was great fun!

One more community event is planned for Saturday, December 2nd in the Rockford Park. We will have a tree lighting, Santa will be visiting, hot chocolate and cookies, and caroling! This will be from 5 to 7 pm. Come out and join us!

The Remember Rockford Reunion that was scheduled for Sept. 9, 2017, was cancelled due to lack of registrations. We plan to have the next reunion in September 2019, which will mark the 10th anniversary of the very first descendant's reunion. We are already in discussions about how to make that event as great as the first one, if not even better! Hopefully, we will be able find and invite even more descendants from around the United States!



The Rockford Preservation Society Inc. Mission Statement and Scope of Work

The Rockford Preservation Society is committed to the ongoing process of preserving the historical integrity of the Village of Rockford through documentation, restoration and presentation. The Society focuses on acquiring and preserving historical properties, collecting and maintaining historical documents and family lineage, and sharing the results of Society efforts through public programming, publications and special events. The Society works cooperatively with other organizations charged with preserving the history of Surry County and the Yadkin Valley region. As a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, grants, and public/private contributions enable the continuation of the Society's work.