

# D-OGS Newsletter – August 2018

News & Articles of Interest to Durham-Orange genealogists

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## D-OGS MEETING FOR 15 AUGUST 2018

Want to know what Durham-Orange Genealogy members have been up to this past year? Join us on Wednesday, August 15 2018, 7:00PM, at Duke Homestead for our annual "Show and Tell - Genealogy Roadshow" event.

Members can present information about their research, findings, or anything of interest to our group. We generally give 10 to 15 minutes per presentation. If you are interested in presenting, please send an email to [vicepresident@dogsn.org](mailto:vicepresident@dogsn.org) as soon as possible so we can make sure you will have a time slot - it's filling up fast! Members have priority, but if you are not a D-OGS member and have something to present please let us know in case there is a slot available.

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## ORANGE COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM EXHIBIT

### *Memories and War: Stereographs of WWI*



In honor of the World War I Centennial and in coordination with the Alliance for Historic Hillsborough and the Hillsborough Garden Club's Poppy Project, this exhibition shows a group of stereographs from the museum's collection.

**Warning:** many of the images in this exhibition are graphic.

Exhibition dates: April 27, 2018 - November 25, 2018

Free and open to the public.

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## **SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY ANNOUNCES DIGITIZATION OF OVER 11,000 REVOLUTIONARY WAR RECORDS**

The following announcement was written by the South Carolina Department of Archives and History (SCDAH):

### **S108902, SUMTER, THOMAS, ACCOUNT AUDITED (FILE NO. 7538) OF CLAIMS GROWING OUT OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

Columbia, S.C. – The South Carolina Department of Archives and History (SCDAH) is pleased to announce that the records series “Accounts Audited of Claims Growing out of the Revolution in South Carolina 1775-1856” is now active and images are available on the Online Records Index. This record consists of 11,170 documents presented by citizens to the treasury in support of claims for military service, supplies, and other contributions rendered during the latter part of the Revolutionary War. Most of the files contain an auditor’s cover paper, which includes the name of claimant, a brief description of their service provided, and the amount of their claim and its adjusted value. Additionally, if an indent was issued, its number and the claimant’s signature verifying its receipt were also included as well as receipts and affidavits to the validity of the claim.

Over the last six months, the SCDAH completed the process of adding these records to the Online Records Index. Our greatest appreciation goes to the Southern Revolutionary War Institute and Mr. Michael Scoggins for providing the images to the agency. Mr. Scoggins was instrumental in having the images scanned through a grant funded to the Southern Revolutionary War Institute from the National Park Service. Scoggins is the historian for the Culture & Heritage Museums in York County and research director of the Southern Revolutionary War Institute. This series is one of the most requested records series at the SCDAH. Records such as audited accounts are vital resources for genealogists and historians. Having a series as valuable and expansive available in a digital format is a milestone for any individual with South Carolina ancestry.

To view the record series, please visit the Online Records Index (<http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>). After opting to enter the Index, use the Advanced Search option, choose the Record Group “Combined Index to Records Series, 1675-1929” and the Series “ S108092: Accounts Audited of Claims Growing Out of the Revolution.” For questions about this series, please contact us at 803-896-0339 or [info@scdah.sc.gov](mailto:info@scdah.sc.gov).

#### **About the South Carolina Department of Archives and History**

The South Carolina Department of Archives and History is an independent state agency whose mission is to preserve and promote the documentary and cultural heritage of the Palmetto State. The department houses one of the most comprehensive state archival collections in the nation, spanning more than 325 years of South Carolina history.

(Reprinted from Dick Eastman’s Online Genealogical Newsletter)

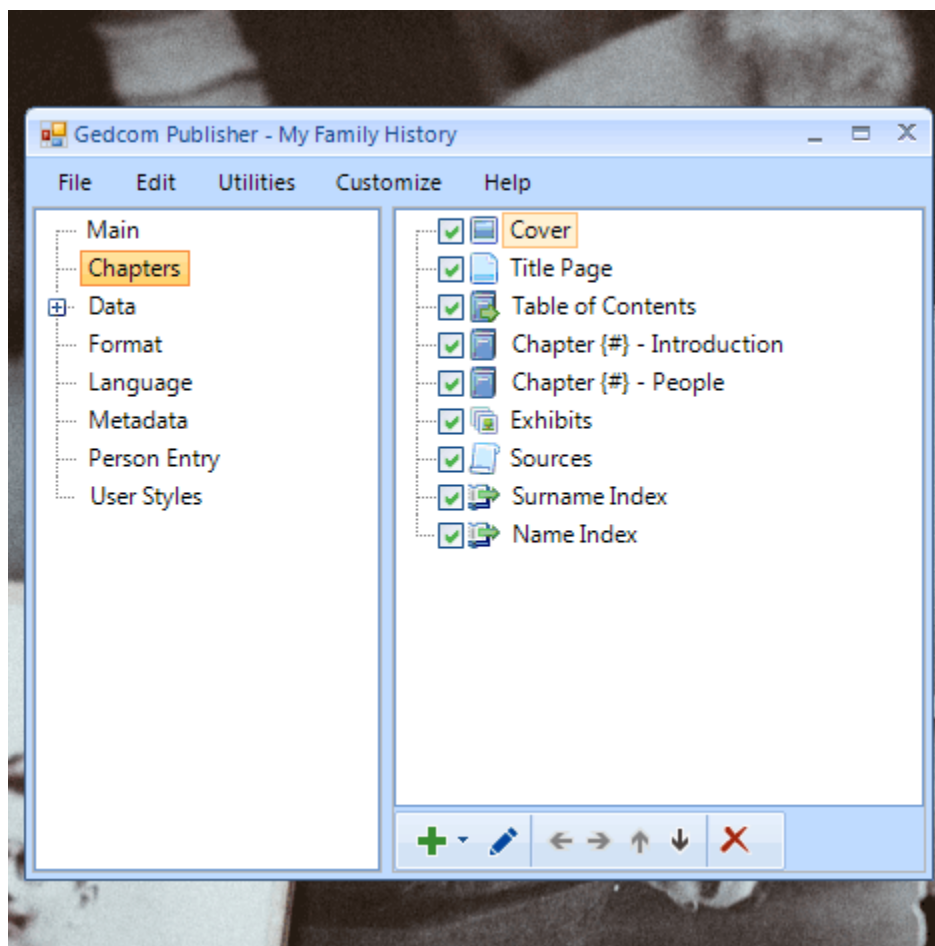
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## **NOW IT’S EASY TO PUBLISH YOUR FAMILY HISTORY IN AN ELECTRONIC BOOK WITH GEDCOM PUBLISHER**

John Cardinal is well-known for the excellent software products and services he has created, including the genealogy hosting service, [Family History Hosting](#), and his products that produce web pages for personal genealogy web sites: [Second Site](#) and [GedSite](#). Now he has a new product that produces electronic books

(ebooks) containing the results of your family history research. These ebooks can be read on most ebook readers, such as an iPad, as well as on Windows and Macintosh computers. Here is the announcement:

Narragansett, RI - July 25, 2018 - [Family History Hosting, LLC](#) is pleased to announce **Gedcom Publisher**. **Gedcom Publisher** is a ground-breaking application that creates an electronic book in EPUB format by combining text and images you enter with information taken from your GEDCOM file. Gedcom Publisher knows the ins and outs of constructing a book in EPUB format, and it knows how to read your genealogy data. That means you can focus on the content of your family history book.

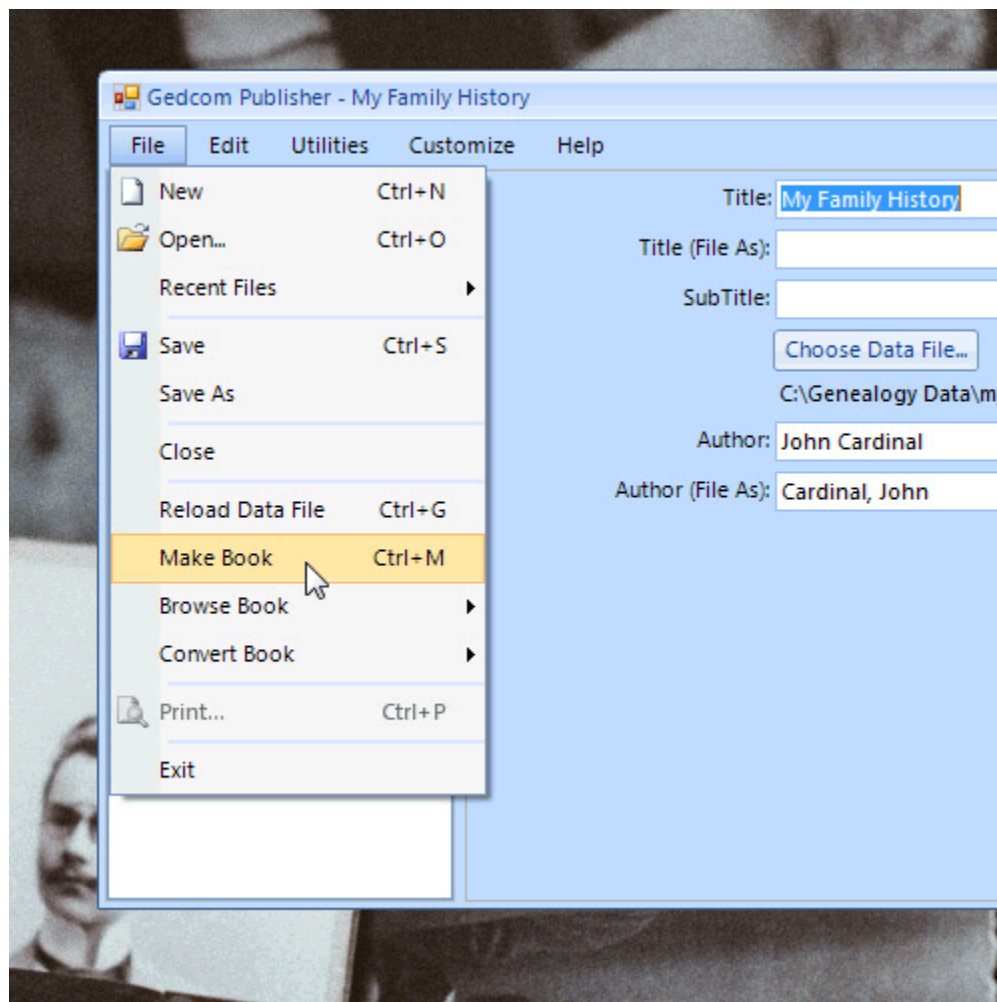


“Digital publishing is very popular,” said John Cardinal, CEO and Founder of Family History Hosting, “and it’s likely that when our grandchildren mature, most if not all their reading will be e-books, not paper books. That’s why we should create family histories using electronic books.”

An electronic book (or e-book) is a book made available in digital form. E-books are easy to share and update, and they are more flexible than paper books. Readers can carry hundreds of e-books with them on their device of choice, including smartphones, tablets, and dedicated reading devices like Kindles and Nooks. Readers can adjust the font size to make reading easier on the eyes, and links in the text help them navigate to sections of interest. Text search commands make it easy to find specific names, words, or phrases.

You may insert biographies from your genealogy database into your book by choosing people one at a time, or by entering criteria to select multiple people. The biographies are called person entries.

In addition to the information drawn from your genealogy project, you can add other content to your book, including text and images. You can link from narrative text to person entries in the book and add source citations where Gedcom Publisher manages the footnote numbers for you.



E-books are a great choice for archiving the fruits of your genealogy research project. E-books never go out of print because they aren't printed at all. E-books are contained in a single data file, so they are easy to share. Send a copy to family members or other interested researchers, donate your book to archival organizations, or sell it on Amazon - your choice.

Gedcom Publisher is incredibly flexible and includes a GEDCOM reader that handles GEDCOM variations from popular genealogy programs. It also reads TMG project databases.

For more information, please visit the home page for **Gedcom Publisher** here: <https://www.gedcompublisher.com>.

### **About Family History Hosting, LLC**

Family History Hosting LLC was founded in 2007 to provide first-class web hosting services for genealogists and family historians, and to publish genealogy software focused on web site creation.

(Thanks to D-OGS member Carol Boggs for mentioning this product a while back)

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## **GENEALOGY TIPS OF THE MONTH FROM MICHAEL JOHN NEILL**

### **Pensions Are a Better Bet**

While genealogists usually want every record they can get, remember that in terms of potential information, military benefit records (pensions, bounty land applications, etc.) tend to have more details about the applicant and his family. Service records may document when your ancestor was mustered in and out, physical characteristics, etc.

Benefit records may provide significantly more detail about the applicant and his family--especially if his widow applied for a pension. She would have had to document his service and her relationship to the veteran.

If you've only focused on the service, locate the pension record. There may be more detail than you imagined.

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### **Thrown In At the End of the Year**

When searching chronological entries of baptisms in a church register, always look through the entire year--even when you are certain of the date.

The chance you are incorrect is not the only reason for doing this. Some pastors or priests would record baptisms for children born out of wedlock at the end of all the entries for the year, thus separating the entries. If you look for it "exactly where it is supposed to be," you may miss the desired entry--even if you have the date correct.

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### **Why the In-Laws of My Uncle Matter**

When relationship details in records are scant, every record matters and researching the entire "group," (even non-relatives) is important. Arvin Butler appears in records in New York, Ontario, and Michigan in the 19th century. Showing I have the "same guy" in various locations is difficult--unique names are not always sufficient.

Arvin in some of those locations is living near a man named Rufus Stephens--likely father-in-law of Arvin's probable brother Benjamin who was also living near Arvin in some of those locations. The close proximity of Arvin Butler and Rufus Stephens in more than one state and time period makes it more likely I have the same Arvin.

If I ignore Rufus because he's Arvin's brother's father-in-law, I may miss knowing I have the same guy.

Those neighbors matter--especially when the neighbors are the same from one state to another.

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## **WEBSITES OF POSSIBLE INTEREST**

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**PIEDMONT TRAILS** - <https://piedmontrailsblog.wordpress.com/about/> - Piedmont Trails is a group of tools and resources designed to focus on the genealogy and history of North Carolina. The initial website was launched in September of 2017 with family surnames, genealogy links, historical maps and historical blogs. The name Piedmont Trails pertains to the piedmont area of North Carolina. This area covers Anson, Rowan, Surry, Stokes, Rockingham, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Guilford, Iredell, Wilkes and Yadkin counties. You will find historical facts, historical maps, genealogy data, stories, genealogy research tools and much more. The purpose of Piedmont Trails is to share this information in order to assist others with their research and to allow everyone to learn the history of the area. If you have a question, or would like to make a comment, or you have a suggestion, or you request a query lookup, please fill out the form on the contact page and click submit. **THANK YOU** so much for your interest and your support of Piedmont Trails. It is greatly appreciated !! Wishing you all great success with your research and Thank You for sharing your journey with us.

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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**HISTORIC HILLSBOROUGH SATURDAY GUIDED TOURS** - every Saturday from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm - Experience American history through the unique perspective of one of North Carolina's oldest and most historically significant towns, with a guided walking tour of downtown Hillsborough. Established in 1754 as the seat of government for Orange County, Hillsborough's colonial legacy and signs of its importance in North Carolina and American history can be seen everywhere.

The tour begins at the Hillsborough Visitors Center, located in the eighteenth century Alexander Dickson Farm House, and guides visitors to a variety of historic places from the site of a 1790s African American-owned distillery to the 1840s Orange County Courthouse and the grave of one of North Carolina's signers of the Declaration of Independence. There is a \$6 fee per person for the tour. Tickets are available online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/historic-hillsborough-guided-walking-tour-tickets-41435630085>

**ORANGE COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM** - *August 10 - Doug Clark, 7pm* - Doug Clark and the Hot Nuts were a college party staple. Performing at colleges across the United States, the Clark brothers entertained countless with their bawdy rock and roll. This film was the last recorded interview with Doug Clark before his death in 2002 as part of an exhibit at the OCHM

Individual tickets are free and available through [Eventbrite](#).

**DURHAM LATINO FESTIVAL** - Durham's sizable Latinx community has made many contributions to the Bull City, including a plethora of incredible restaurants. In addition to attending the annual [Durham Latino Festival](#) on August 11, enjoy a delicious meal (or treat!) at [one of these Latinx-owned restaurants](#) in anticipation of Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 through October 15!

**ARK-LA-TEX GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION** - host an all day seminar and book fair on Saturday August 11, 2018 in Shreveport. Featured speaker will be Philip Adderley, professional genealogy consultant and lecturer. He will present four lectures that will provide strategies to help find those elusive ancestors plus tips and tools to improve your research skills. Topics and descriptions are listed on the flyer.

A major vendor will also be on site with a large selection of genealogy books. Lunch and syllabus included if pre-registered. Online registration is available. Limited seating. Numerous door prizes. For further details go to <http://www.altgenealogy.com/seminar.htm> or contact Jim Johnson at [jjohnson747@suddenlink.net](mailto:jjohnson747@suddenlink.net).



**DUKE HOMESTEAD STATE HISTORIC SITE - August 18: *Mythbusting Day: Tobacco Myths - Tours:*** 10 am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm - What makes tobacco bad for you? Who invented iconic bright leaf tobacco? We're tackling tobacco myths in a day of special guided tours at Duke Homestead. You'll leave an expert about what's true and not true about the plant that built Durham. This special event is free of charge, and open to the public.

**CELEBRATING BLACKBEARD: BUT SHOULD WE?** - Saturday, Aug 18, 2018 10:00 AM - 117 E. King Street, Edenton, NC 27932 - <https://www.facebook.com/events/1799218693883551/> - The Charlotte Observer published a story questioning why North Carolina would celebrate a murdering scoundrel like Blackbeard? It's a point well taken, and yet, most people are fascinated by North Carolina's most notorious pirate. Fortunately, archaeology gives us a legitimate opportunity to satisfy our guilty pleasure!

Join us for an engaging lecture to help us celebrate the arrival of the Queen Anne's Revenge exhibit! Our lecturer is Dr. Charles Ewen from East Carolina University who will be speaking on the topic: "Celebrating Blackbeard: But Should We?". Located at the 1767 Chowan County Courthouse, Admission FREE.

**STAGVILLE STATE HISTORIC SITE - Stagville Under The Stars: Summer Edition - FRIDAY** August 24th, 2018 from 8 to 10 p.m. The Morehead Planetarium presents a night of West African storytelling and stargazing at Historic Stagville. Learn about the oral tradition that might have been preserved by enslaved families. In this new summer edition of our popular winter program, we will see a totally different seasonal night sky!

**BENTONVILLE BATTLEGROUND STATE HISTORIC SITE - Life on Campaign - Saturday, Aug 25, 2018 10:00 AM - 5466 Harper House Rd, Four Oaks, NC 27524 - Hear the roar of cannon fire!** Starr's Battery and the Carolina Living History Guild will show how artillery regiments loaded and fired during the Civil War. Infantry displays by the 27<sup>th</sup> NC Co. D will showcase a common soldier's daily life. Demonstrations will occur throughout the day.

**DUKE HOMESTEAD STATE HISTORIC SITE - August 25: *Harvest and Hornworm Festival - Saturday, 10 am to 3 pm*** - Celebrate North Carolina farming culture and history at Duke Homestead with our Harvest and Hornworm Festival. Don't miss the looping contest and Hornworm Race! This event will feature live music, local arts and crafts vendors, hands on history, and the last tobacco auction in Durham! This special event is free of charge, and open to the public.

**42ND ANNUAL LAZY DAZE ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL - Cary August 25-26, 2018 - Saturday:** 9am-6pm; Sunday: 12:30-5pm

Join the Town of Cary as it celebrates the 42nd anniversary of the annual Lazy Daze Arts and Crafts Festival. In 2016, the one-day festival expanded to two days. The festival is a signature event for the Town of Cary, annually welcoming people into the historic downtown to experience an amazing array of exceptional arts and craft vendors. It's a fun day for the entire family - arts and crafts, food, Kid's World and two huge stages with entertainment all day. Lazy Daze is a big-time festival that maintains its small-town roots. Festival proceeds are dedicated to supporting arts activities, downtown and Town of Cary initiatives.

**LAST SUNDAY AT HISTORIC MOOREFIELDS - August 26 from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Moorefields** welcomes visitors on the last Sunday of each month. The 1785 house and grounds are open on Sunday, April 29. Guided tours of the house are offered. There is no charge, although contributions are encouraged. Moorefields is located 3 miles southwest of the courthouse in Hillsborough at 2201 Moorefields Road.

**WAKE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** - 28 August 2018 -- *History of Oberlin Village* - Speaker: Cheryl Williams In the late 1860s freed slaves founded Oberlin, the largest Reconstruction-era black settlement in Wake County. By 1880 some 160 families lived in Oberlin Village. They established churches, schools and businesses. They buried their loved ones at the Historic Oberlin Cemetery. Today the area has been designated a History Overlay District.

Come learn about the contributions the people of Oberlin and their descendants have made to Raleigh history. Olivia Raney Local History Library 4016 Carya Drive Raleigh, NC 27610. All WCGS meetings are free and open to the public. Bring a friend! Refreshments will be served during social time before the presentation. Presentation will start at 7:00.

**FORT FISHER STATE HISTORIC SITE - Fort Fisher's and North Carolina's World War II Experience** - Saturday, Sep 1, 2018 10:00 AM to Sunday, Sep 2, 2018 4:00 PM - Fort Fisher State Historic Site, 1610 Fort Fisher Blvd. South, Kure Beach, NC 28449 - Join us Labor Day weekend for 'Fort Fisher's and North Carolina's World War II Experience,' a two-day activity-filled program at which visitors can learn about Fort Fisher's role as an anti-aircraft training base during World War II. Military and civilian reenactors will set up displays on the old Fort Fisher airstrip and discuss the life of World War II soldiers, Marines, and loved ones on the home front. Also discussed will be the amazing stories of military women who played a vital role in the march toward victory. The program will include tours, military weapon demonstrations, and special guest speakers. Kids of all ages will also enjoy the Toy Soldier workshop, a family activity at which participants paint toy soldiers and learn about military uniforms and equipment. General admission is free, but there may be a small charge for some tours, and for a small donation, visitors can also ride in an authentic World War II jeep.

Saturday's speaker schedule is as follows: At 11 am, Paul Peebles of the US Marine Corps Historical Company, will present about the Marines at Camp Lejeune, Montfort Point and the Women Marines during World War II. At 1 pm, Stormi Souter-Brown will present "This is My War Too" a discussion of the contributions of the Women's Army Corps soldiers (WACs) at North Carolina bases and to the Allied powers on all fronts. At 3 pm, Cliff Tyndall will discuss the history and role of Camp Davis and Fort Fisher. On Sunday at 12:30 pm, Cliff Tyndall will speak again and at 2:30 pm, John Moseley will discuss the Women Army Service Pilots (WASPs) at Camp Davis and Fort Fisher. All presentations are free and open to the public and will be held in the Spencer Theater.

Explore Fort Fisher's little known World War II history in the lower Cape Fear. All Fort Fisher programming is made possible by the Friends of Fort Fisher, its sustaining members, and from generous support from New Hanover County, the town of Carolina Beach, and the town of Kure Beach. All programming is subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. For more information, please call the site at 910-251-7340.

**MILE HIGH KITE FESTIVAL** - Beech Mountain September 1-2, 2018 - Beech Mountain invites families to revel in the simple pleasure of flying a kite each Labor Day weekend. The 16th annual Mile High Kite Festival takes place in Beech Mountain's kite field. The town's lofty elevation of more than 5,000 feet allows kites to easily soar a mile above sea level.

The festival also includes kite-flying music, prizes, face painting and food and craft vendors. Kite clubs will show off their flying skills with demonstrations throughout the weekend. On Saturday night, an all-ages street dance takes place in front of town hall.

<https://www.beechmtn.com/things-to-do/happenings/mile-high-kite-festival>



**ORANGE COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM** - 1st Wednesday Lecture: *CIA and Modern Art* September 5, 7pm

If there is one thing that's true in this world, it's that there sure isn't a lack of conspiracy theories out there. Every day we might hear a new, wacky theory, even in the art world, like how the CIA funneled money into the arts, towards revolutionary painters like Jackson Pollock and Mark Rothko, in order to fight the Cold War. Crazy, right? Except that it isn't a crazy conspiracy theory at all. It's actually a true story of propaganda, secrets, lies, and fine art. The pen is mightier than the sword, the saying goes. Well, it turns out that the same could be said about the paintbrush.

Join Jennifer Dasal, Associate Curator at the North Carolina Museum of Art and Founder of the ArtCurious Podcast, at the Orange County Historical Museum to hear the full story.

Free and open to the public.

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## **HUMOR**

The good news is I made it to my golden years. The bad news is there ain't no gold!

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## **PARTING THOUGHT**

There are only two lasting gifts that we can give to our children; one is Roots, the other Wings.

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If you have any items of interest that you would like to submit for future publication, please contact Richard Ellington at [mailto:richard\\_ellington@unc.edu](mailto:richard_ellington@unc.edu) or 919.967.4168