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CALENDAR OF EVENTS OCTOBER 2015

October 1 thru 17 – “Artwork by Tammy Cantrell” – Gaston County Museum

The Museum is located at 131 W. Main Street in Dallas. The hours are Tuesday thru Friday 10:00AM-5:00PM and Saturday from 10:00AM-3:00PM. Tammy is a professional photographer and painter. She has a “Heart for History” and specializes in historical landmarks, architecture, nature and people. Whether painting or photographing, she does not have one particular style and probably never will. She is all over the place and still believes in the magic of art. For more details call Jason Luker, Programs Coordinator, at 704-922-7681, ext. 105 or email him at Jason.Luker@gastongov.com.

October 1 thru November 30 – “Tony’s Ice Cream’s 100th Anniversary Exhibit at The Schiele” – Schiele Museum / The Schiele Museum is located at 1500 East Garrison Blvd. in Gastonia. Tony’s Ice Cream tradition started in 1915 as a push cart business owned and operated by Carmine Coletta. Tony’s has stood the test of time and remains one of the landmarks in Gaston County. The exhibit at The Schiele Museum will include several items used in the business throughout its history, including scoops (one has Carmine Coletta’s initials engraved on it), an ice cream machine, milkshake machine, a replica of Carmine’s original push cart, and milk cans. The exhibit will replicate a 1960s-era ice cream shop. Tony’s is located at 604 E. Franklin Blvd. in Gastonia. Bring your family for a taste of history and start your tradition today! For more details call 704-867-7085.

October 1 thru March 31, 2016 – “The Solar System: A Journey of Exploration” Schiele Museum

The Museum is located at 1500 East Garrison Blvd. in Gastonia. Be the first in your neighborhood to see our new feature exhibit and enjoy a day of out-of-this-world family-friendly activities. Discover astronomy through hands-on activities and go on a Solar System scavenger hunt. Take a safe glimpse at the sun through a special solar telescope. Don’t forget to catch a show in the James H. Lynn Planetarium—programs are free in honor of this special event. For more details call 704-866-6908 or visit www.schielemuseum.org.

October 2 – “Belmont Trolley ~ Downtown Street Party” – Downtown Belmont

The nonprofit known as ‘Belmont Trolley’ is planning a street party to celebrate the newly purchased 112-year-old trolley with plans to travel between Belmont Abbey College and downtown Belmont. This will offer residents a chance to finally see the trolley firsthand, while ideally further inspiring financial support that’s still needed to complete the venture. Belmont Trolley is inviting anyone in and around Gaston County to come and join in the fun! For more details please call Rob Pressley at 704-651-9605.

October 2 – “Microbrews Cruise” – U.S. National Whitewater Center, 6:30PM

The U.S.N.W.C. is located at 5000 Whitewater Center Parkway in Charlotte. Microbrews Cruise begins with a guided group flatwater paddle along the Catawba River. As the sun starts to set on the river, you’ll work your way back to the shore for a chef-prepared, fireside dinner at the Ridge Pavilion. Each cruise features a select craft brewery; representatives from the breweries lead the tastings by highlighting new, seasonal and unique brews. Vegetarian and gluten free menus are available; please call *Guest Services* with any special dietary requests at 704-391-3900.

October 2, 7, 14, 16, 21, 23, 30 – “Zipline & Dine” – U.S. National Whitewater Center, 6:00PM
With Zipline & Dine, you can zip through the trees as the sun goes down before enjoying a fireside dinner with craft beer and wine. Guests will travel via a course of five different zip-lines and two roped bridges before rappelling out of the trees alongside the Catawba River. After a short hike back to base camp, guests will be greeted with craft beer, wine, and dinner around a roaring fire pit at the Ridge Landing. Dinners are prepared by our chef. Vegetarian and gluten free menus are available; please call *Guest Services* with any special dietary requests at 704-391-3900. For more details you may visit www.usnwc.org.

October 3 – “4th Annual Downtown Gastonia Zombie Walk & Food Drive” – Rotary Pavilion
The Pavilion is located at 111 N. South Main Street in Gastonia. *ZOMBIES LOOSE IN GASTONIA!* This event starts at 1:00PM-8:00PM and is a benefit for the *Bread Inc. Food Bank*. Bring canned goods and get *ZOMBIEFIED!* Come and enjoy live music, food, arts, craft vendors, cake walks, pumpkin pie contests, scavenger hunt for body parts and so much more. Walk like a *ZOMBIE* and win a prize!

October 3 – “Pumpkin Beer Fest” – Gastonia Grizzlies, Sims Legion Park, 4:00PM-8:00PM
Home of the Grizzlies is Sims Legion Park, located at 1001 N. Marietta St. in Gastonia. This event was “sold out” in 2014 so get your tickets today! The cost per ticket is \$25 and if you plan not to drink there is a designated driver ticket for \$5 that allows you to come and socialize. Enjoy a night of sampling exotic beer and cider on a baseball field under the lights. There will be over 75 pumpkin and fall seasonal beers with unlimited sampling. Also, live music by the band *Emerge* and a cornhole tournament to round out a perfect evening with friends and family. NOTE: *No one under 21 will be allowed to enter, including non-drinkers and designated drivers. No babies please. No pets please. No refunds.* For more details call the Grizzlies at 704-866-8622.

October 3 – “Living History Day” – Belmont Historical Society, 10:00AM-3:00PM ~ **Free**
The BHS is located at 40 Catawba Street in Belmont. The three main museum buildings will be open for touring; the 1899 Robert L. Stowe Home, the 1899 free standing kitchen/cooks quarters and the restored 1930’s textile mill house. There will be many different exhibitors, bluegrass music, and so much more! Kyle Fletcher Bar-B-Cue will be served with all the trimmings at a cost of \$8.00 a plate. Come bring the family and your friends to learn about Belmont’s past. For more details call 704-825-4848.

October 3 – “Meet the Curators 2015” – Schiele Museum, 10:00AM-4:00PM
Enjoy a showcase featuring seldom seen items from The Schiele Museum collections. Visit with Museum curators and find out about current projects. See displays on 18th Century Lifeways, Mycology (Fungi), Entomology (Insects), and Archaeology (Human Cultures). See fantastic, unusual, and rare items usually not on display. For more details call 704-866-6908 or visit www.schielemuseum.org.

October 3 – “Hometown Hoedown” – Park Street UMC ~ 6:00PM-10:00PM
The church is located at 120 Park Street in Belmont. Yea-Haw! It’s that time of the year again to put on your boots and grab your hat. Let’s boot, scoot, and boogie! There will be live entertainment with the *16th Avenue Band*. Barbeque plates served from 6:00PM to 7:00PM. Advanced tickets are \$12.00. For more information please call the Belmont Parks and Recreation Department at 704-825-8191.

October 3 thru 31 – “Lewis Farm Fall Harvest Festival” – Lewis Farm, Saturdays 10:00AM-6:00PM and Sundays 1:00PM-6:00PM / the farm is located in Ranlo but the physical address is 330 Lewis Road in Gastonia. Bring the whole family for a fun-filled day at the farm. The entire month of October is the farms *Harvest Festival!* There will be horse-drawn hay rides, a corn maze; hand-held pony rides pick a pumpkin in the pumpkin path and so much more! For more information or to schedule a school field trip please call 704-842-1208 or you may email them at events.lewisfarm@gmail.com.

October 6 thru March 5, 2016 – “Hallowed Ground: How We Remember Our Dead” – Gaston County Museum / the hours are Tuesday thru Friday 10:00AM-5:00PM and Saturday from 10:00AM-3:00PM
Explore the history of how society has mourned and memorialized its dead, focusing on Southern traditions and how they compare to practices around the world. This exhibit will highlight four different cemeteries in Gaston County and share the stories of some of the people buried there. We will also explore how funerals

have changed over the years through our local funeral homes. For more details call Jason Luker, Programs Coordinator, at 704-922-7681, ext. 105 or email him at Jason.Luker@gastongov.com.

October 8 – “Old Gravesites Revisited ~ Gaston and Lincoln Counties” – Brevard Station
Brevard Station is located at 112 South Main Street in Stanley, NC. The featured speaker is Terry Waldrop who is an historian and will share stories about his efforts in helping people find the resting places of their ancestors and the discovery of old, abandoned cemeteries. Admission is **free** and refreshments will be served. For more details call the Brevard Station at 704-263-9801.

October 9, 10, 11 – “28th Annual Cotton Ginning Days” – Gaston County Park in Dallas
The park is located at 1303 Dallas-Cherryville Highway in Dallas. The festival hours are Friday, Saturday, 10:00AM-5:00PM and Sunday, 10:00AM-3:00PM (Church Service in Chapel at 9:00AM) Exhibitors from all over the southeast will convene in Dallas, North Carolina for the annual 'crank-up' of antique steam and gasoline engines and tractors. One of the highlights of the engine show is the operational 1900 single-stand, Continental Cotton Gin and we will be ginning cotton all weekend long during the festival until we are all ginned out! In addition to the engine show, many activities are planned including a Kids County Fair, Heritage Arts area, handmade craft vendors and music. As always, the food is good and admission and parking are free. Camping facilities are available with limited electricity and water hookups. So mark your calendars and plan to join GAMTRA and Gaston County Parks & Recreation Department as we present the 28th Annual Cotton Ginning Days. For more information on the Engine show, please call 704-482-2951 or 704-864-7329 after 6:00PM.

October 10 – “Cotton Ginning Days: Somethin’ Pumpkin Cooking Contest” – Gaston County Park
The fall season is almost here and with it comes the season of festivals, foods, and of course, pumpkins. As part of the *Cotton Ginning Days*, the Gaston County Cooperative Extension invites adults and youth (ages 8-18) to enter the newest activity ~ *Somethin’ Pumpkin Cooking Contest!* Are you ready for a competition? Sign up for the *Somethin’ Pumpkin’ Cooking Contest*...besides “bragging rights”, winners also receives cash prizes! All participants receive goodie bags with *Contest Recipes*. For complete contest rules and information, please contact Minges at 704-922-2127 or linda_minges@ncsu.edu. Contest guidelines are also available online at Gaston.ces.ncsu.edu.

October 10 – “Fall Finale at the USNWC” – U.S. National Whitewater Center, 7:30AM-8:00PM
The Center is located at 5000 Whitewater Center Parkway in Charlotte. Close out the *2015 River Jam* concert series with us at *Fall Finale*. This year’s festival features the always entertaining and exciting *B.Y.O.B. (Build Your Own Boat) Competition & Race*, where participants create their own river-worthy vessels and put them to the test with a trip down the whitewater competition channel. Start your day off by taking part in the *Dirty Dozen Obstacle Trail Race* through the USNWC trail system before enjoying the sights and sounds of our final musical performances of the year and cider sampling from around the Southeast. For more details call 704-391-3900 or visit info@usnwc.org. Note: call before you go or check online for a list of events with the time of each event.

October 10 – “Beer Walk: Tour of the South” – Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden, 1:00PM-3:00PM
The Garden is located at 6500 South New Hope Road in Belmont. *Beer Walk: Tour of the South* will take your taste buds from the highlands of North Carolina to the blue mountains of Virginia and the bayous of Louisiana. Event organizers are working hard to find the best brews in the southeast and to bring them to the Garden for this very special event. The Tour of the South will feature a selection of brews from breweries located in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, Tennessee and Louisiana. The event will include beer sampling stations located throughout the Garden, including Lost Hollow, where you will enjoy the musical styling of *Chris Hertz*, cornhole and more. Each participant will also receive a commemorative sampling glass while supplies last. For more details please visit <http://www.dsbq.org/event/beerwalk>.

October 13 – “FREE TUESDAY ~ Every Second Tuesday of the Month” – Schiele Museum, 4:00PM-8:00PM ~ The Schiele Museum is located at 1500 East Garrison Blvd., in Gastonia. Enjoy exhibits and programs for **free**! This includes an aquatic conservation program at 5:00PM and a showing of Bear Tales at

6:00PM in the James H. Lynn Planetarium. For more details call 704-866-6908 or visit www.schielemuseum.org.

October 16 thru 18 – “Cramerton’s Centennial Celebration & Golf Tournament” – See attached schedule
Congratulations to the historical town of Cramerton ~ 100 years and going strong! For more information please call Cramerton Parks and Recreation Department at 704-824-4231 or email Cam Carpenter at ccarpenter@cramerton.org.

October 17, 18 – “Lost Hollow Music Fest” – Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden
The Garden’s first music festival will include six performances, jam sessions by the Catawba River Bluegrass Association on the acoustic stage, food trucks, a cornhole tournament, a selection of craft beer for purchase, and fun for the entire family. Our State magazine will be on-site October 17 distributing complimentary issues of the magazine and a raffle prize giveaway away. On October 18, Blue Ridge Music Trails of North Carolina will provide information about music born in the mountains of the Carolinas and the rich music traditions of the region. The festival is free to the general public with Garden admission. For more details call 704-825-4490 or visit www.DSBG.org.

October 18 – “Pumpkin Carving” Schiele Museum, 1:00PM-4:00PM
Try your hand at an extravagant pumpkin carving! Create a Jack-O-Lantern using a variety of designs from scary monsters and wild animals to movie characters and famous people. Learn how to cut, scrape, clean, design, trace, engrave, chisel, and help preserve a pumpkin. Space is limited, so reservations are suggested. The cost is \$3 in addition to museum admission. Call 704-854-6676 for advance tickets.

October 20 thru December 12 – “Artwork by Jennifer Burlison” – Gaston County Museum
Jen Burlison is a photographer from Western North Carolina. She delights in building lifelong relationships and friendships with her photographed families. The greatest challenge that photographers face is learning to harness the light they are given. In honor of this, Jen works under the business name of *Master’s Light Photography*. For more details call Jason Luker, Programs Coordinator, at 704-922-7681, ext. 105 or email him at Jason.Luker@gastongov.com.

October 24 – “Belmont’s BOO Festival” – Stowe Park / Main Street in downtown Belmont, 1:00PM-8:00PM
There will be craft vendors, food, inflatables, costume contest, cake walk, games, prizes, and candy! The costume contest is from 6:00PM-8:00PM. For more details please visit www.cityofbelmont.org or call the City of Belmont at 704-825-8191.

October 24, 25 – “Botanical” – Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden, 11:00AM-3:00PM ~ both days
Fall is a “bootiful” time to visit the Garden, so you’re invited to enjoy it by celebrating Halloween early at Botanical! Live folk music by *Jamie Kay* will drift through the crisp fall air while attendees enjoy horse-drawn carriage rides, gather around campfires to make s’mores, play fun games such as cornhole, watch some Punkin Chunkin’ and participate in some not-so-frightening fantastic fall activities. Lunch items in addition to a wide variety of fall snacks, desserts and beverages will be available throughout the event. There’s something for all ages! Botanical is free with general Garden admission and all children wearing costumes will receive free admission. Garden Members are admitted free. For more information please call 704-825-4490 or visit <http://www.dsbq.org/event/bootanical-2015>.

October 25 – “Autumn in Early Carolina” – Schiele Museum, 1:00PM-5:00PM
Come by the Backcountry Farm and observe how early settlers prepared and enjoyed the fruits of autumn. Taste fresh, homemade apple butter, and pick up an 18th-century recipe for a delicious apple dish. Watch as backcountry folk in period dress demonstrate skills from 250 years ago. For more details call 704-866-6908 or visit www.schielemuseum.org.

October 29 – “Science Café: Science Chamber of Horrors with Dr. Greg Gbur” – Schiele Museum
6:00PM / Enjoy a live presentation with the opportunity to ask questions, share opinions, and express ideas. No science background is necessary; just bring an open mind and gear up for a fun-filled round of science trivia! The cost is \$5 per participant – includes beverage and snacks. Call 704-854-6676 for advance tickets.

October 30 – “Schiele Trail-O-Treats” – Schiele Museum, 6:00PM-8:00PM ~ (5:00PM Members Only)
Enjoy planetarium shows, hands on activities, hay rides, and collect treats as you explore outdoors along the Trail-O-Treats. This event is great for the entire family. Kids are encouraged to attend in costume. Be sure to bring your flashlight to light your way. The cost is \$5 for Members / \$7 for Non-Members. For more details call 704-866-6908 or visit www.schielemuseum.org.

October 30 – “Little Spooks Parade” - Main Street in Cherryville, 10:00AM
The fun starts on Main Street with plenty of little ghosts and goblins. Pre-school children and area day care centers have been invited to take part in the parade which will be led by the Cherryville High School band and the police and fire departments. If you stay after the parade, the downtown merchants will be giving away treats. For more details call the Cherryville Chamber of Commerce at 704-435-3451 or visit www.cherryvillechamber.com/events.

October 31 – “Halloween on the Square & Hoffman Hotel Tours” – Historic Dallas Square, 5:00PM-9:00PM / located at 131 West Main Street. The Town of Dallas will be hosting its annual Halloween on the Square. Children of all ages are welcomed to walk along the historic square and trick or treat from community organizations. This year, the Gaston County Museum will set up fun games that would have been popular during the 1800s. *At 7:00PM the Hoffman Hotel tours will begin (\$3 per person)* where you might meet someone from Gaston County’s past! For additional information about this program, please contact Jason Luker, Programs Coordinator, at 704-922-7681 ex 105 or at Jason.Luker@gastongov.com.

FOR ADDITIONAL ENTERTAINMENT AND INFORMATION!

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“Gastonia Grizzlies ~ 2015 was a Record Breaking Season ~ The Grizzlies were the 2015 CPL Attendance Champions ~ Over 60,000 fans and the West Division Champions!” Way to go GRIZZLIES! Home of the Grizzlies is Sims Legion Park, located at 1001 N. Marietta St. in Gastonia. The Gastonia Grizzlies is a proud member of the *Coastal Plain League*, the nation’s hottest summer collegiate baseball league with 14 teams playing in N.C., S.C. and Virginia. Come and enjoy *The Best Show In Town!* For more information on the Grizzlies please visit www.gastoniagrizzlies.com or call 704-866-8622.

“Muddy River Distillery” – Distillers of Carolina Rum & Queen Charlotte’s Reserve”
Please visit the website for details on October hours, *and* reservations for the Owner Guided Tour with 40 spots available. Tours come with a souvenir shot glass and samples of their products. Thursday and Fridays: Staff Tour & Tasting \$5 on the hour from 4-6pm, Owner Guided Tour & Tasting \$8.50 7pm ~ Saturdays: Staff Tours & Tasting on the hour 12-6pm, Owner Guided Tour & Tasting 7pm. The distillery is located at 1500 River Drive, #100 in Belmont on the banks of the Catawba River. Muddy River was the first rum distillery in North Carolina and 5th legal distillery. They do everything in house including ferment, distill, age and bottle their products. Owners Caroline and Robbie Delaney would love to show you around the distillery. Their website is <http://www.muddyriverdistillery.com/tours/>. For more details please call [336-516-4190](tel:336-516-4190).

“Lineberger Park Train” – Gastonia Parks and Recreation, Lineberger Park is located at 632 E. Garrison Blvd. in Gastonia. Spring hours are as follows: March – April – May, Saturday 12PM-6PM and Sunday 1:30PM-6PM. Summer hours are as follows: June – July – August, Thursday & Friday 10AM–1PM and 2PM–6PM, Saturday 12PM-6PM and Sunday 1:30PM-6PM. Fall hours for the train are as follows: September – October – November, Saturday 12PM-6PM and Sunday 1:30PM-6PM. The cost is \$1 per person per ride. For private parties, day cares and schools call 704-869-1018. The park reserves the right to cancel operations due to inclement weather. The winter, December – January – February the train is closed and will reopen in March.

“U.S. National Whitewater Center” – This official U.S. Olympic training facility is the training ground for future Olympians offering kayaking, rafting, canoeing, rock climbing, mountain-biking and running trails – just minutes from hotels, restaurants, and shopping! Parking is \$5.00 then you pay as you go or purchase one of the many ‘All Sport Passes’. *For more details/reservations and to see what activities are available this time of year, call 704-391-3900 or visit www.usnwc.org.*

“Carolina Speedway: Dirt Track Racing Friday Nights!” (*Every other Friday night during winter season*) Carolina Speedway is attracting crowds *every Friday night* to its improved dirt race track in southern Gaston County. The 4/10 mile track has excited fans and drivers in Gaston County for 44 years. The gates open at 5:00 PM with hot laps at 7:00 PM. Racing starts at 8:00 PM. For details call 704-869-0313 or visit www.driveondirt.com. Be sure to check out *Dirt Track Racing School* located at the Carolina Speedway.

“The Floating Goat” – *SPORTS & RECREATION!* The hours are 10:00AM-7:00PM. Kayak rentals...located at 137 8th Ave. in Cramerton, NC, 28032. Please call 704-734-8599 or 704-914-5552 for rentals and reservations or you may email Greg at gregthefloatinggoat@gmail.com. (*Call before you go due to the season, price and weather conditions*)

“Historic Cherryville Railroad Depot” – This 1922 Depot is located at 105 Depot Street in Cherryville. You can watch the model trains run or bring yours to run on the “Big Layout”. Join us on Thursday evenings (7PM-9PM) or Saturday mornings (10AM-12PM) and at other times by appointment. For details call Bob Fanter at 704-482-8723.

“Lake Wylie Kayak Rentals / Tailrace Marina” – The Marina is located at 1000 Marina Village Drive in Mount Holly. Bring your picnic baskets and favorite beverage and enjoy one of the four picnic areas set with seating, tables and BBQ grills. Rent pontoon boats; stand up paddle boards, kayaks & canoes at the ship’s store. All groups are welcome and reservations are needed. For more details or for reservations call 704-827-000. You may also visit www.tailracemarina.com. *Note: please call before you go due to the season and weather conditions.*

“The Cherryville Historical Museum” – The museum is located in downtown Cherryville in the Old City Hall built in 1911 to house the fire station, jail, police department, court room and the office of the city clerk. The building contains three levels of exhibit space where exhibits include a replica of the Old Academy, a 1950’s Beauty Shop, Little Church on Main Street, Optometrist Office, and other medical exhibits. Special attractions are the 1921 LaFrance fire engine, the New Year Shooters display, original Bull Durham painting, and the Genealogy & History Library. The hours of operation are Saturday from 10:00AM-2:00PM, other times by appointment and the admission is **free!** For more details call 704-435-8011 or email chvhistorical@att.net.

“Millican Pictorial History Museum” – Located in ‘*The Abram Stowe House*’ built in 1868, it’s the oldest house in Belmont. Come and enjoy thousands of rare photos of cotton mills, workers and their way of life. On display are photographs of towns, churches, schools, trolleys, trucks, service stations, drive-in theaters, just to mention a few. You may also purchase these photo’s which will help the museum. The hours are Monday-Friday from 1:00PM-5:00PM and Saturday from 10:00AM-5:00PM, admission is **free** and donations are appreciated. For more details please call Allen Millican at 704-825-5391 or you may email Allen at milkcan@bellsouth.net.

“Restored ~ 1930’s Textile Mill House and R.L. Stowe’s Home” – ‘The Belmont Historical Society’, located in the *R.L. Stowe historical home* at 40 Catawba Street in Belmont. In the Stowe home you will find rooms displaying furnishings and artifacts from by-gone-eras of our history. There are various permanent exhibits, and “theme” exhibits which are changed regularly. The 1930’s textile mill house is where you can explore life displayed in a mill worker’s home. There are souvenirs for sale to help continue restoring the *1950’s Stowe Park Train* as well as an *1890’s Self-standing Kitchen*. The hours are Friday through Sunday from 1:00PM-5:00PM. Admission is **free** and donations are appreciated. For more details call 704-825-4848 or you may visit the website at www.belmontnc-hs.org.

“Mount Holly Historical Society” – Open every Saturday from 10:00AM-1:00PM

The Mount Holly Historic Exhibits are on display during these hours. Consider becoming a member and help preserve Mount Holly’s historic character! For more details email www.mhhistoricalsociety@gmail.com or visit on facebook at www.facebook.com/mhhsnc.

“Permanent Exhibit Update – Period Hotel Rooms” – Gaston County Museum, the Gaston County Museum’s newly renovated period hotel rooms is open to the public. These rooms will explore the history of the Hoffman Hotel starting from its beginnings through the 1920s. Patrons will learn about several types of guests including: a Confederate Officer, a lawyer, a doctor and his family. Visitors will see what it would have been like to stay at the hotel as well as traveling through Gaston County. The exhibit will feature interactive displays and a new hands-on children’s area. The museum is housed in an 1852 brick Greek revival style hotel that has been adapted for visitors and travelers of today. The museum contains North Carolina’s largest public collection of horse-drawn vehicles consisting of sleighs, drays, wagons, and buggies and is the home of the *Ties that Bind: Carolinas Textile Exhibit*. Museum hours: Tuesday – Friday 10:00AM – 5:00PM, and Saturday 10:00AM – 3:00PM For more details contact Jeff Pruett at 704-922-7681 x105 or jeff.pruett@co.gaston.nc.us Museum’s website – www.gastoncountymuseum.org.

“Belmont Abbey College – Performing Arts” – For the 2015-2016 schedule or tickets call 704-461-6787 or you may visit www.belmontabbeycollege.edu/academic/performingarts/abbey-players-theater-schedule.aspx. Information is also available for the **“2015-2016 ~ Arts at the Abbey Concerts”** at www.bac.edu or call 704-461-6813.

“Carolina Pro Musica ~ Arts at the Abbey 2015-2016 ~ Belmont Abbey College Basilica” – For the 2015-2016 schedule please contact Karen Hite Jacob at www.carolinapromusica@gmail.com. The Abbey Basilica is located at 100 Belmont-Mt. Holly Rd., on exit 26 off I-85 in Belmont. For questions or additional information please contact Karen at karenjacob@bac.edu. The concerts are **free** but donations are gladly accepted!

“The Little Theater of Gastonia” – For the 2015-2016 schedule or tickets call 704-865-0160 or you may visit www.littletheaterofgastonia@gmail.com. To order your tickets online, visit www.Carolinatix.org or call Carolinatix at 704-372-1000.

GASTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY **WEEKLY TODDLER TIME**

Simple 20-minute program for children ages 1 – 2 years with parent/caregiver.
Program includes picture book-sharing, finger plays, songs and activities,
and introduces toddlers to books

Belmont Branch Library: Thursdays at 10:00AM – 704-825-5426

Lowell Branch Library: Fridays at 11:00AM – 704-824-1266

Main Library / Gastonia: Thursdays at 10:30AM & 1:30AM – 704-868-2164, Dial 3

Mount Holly Branch Library: Tuesdays at 10:30AM – 704-827-3581

Stanley Branch Library: Wednesdays at 10:30AM – 704-263-4166

Union Road Branch Library: Wednesdays at 10:00AM – 704-852-4073

*For more details about **Weekly Toddler Time** and **Weekly Story Time** events, please contact your local Gaston-Lincoln Regional Library location or call 704-868-2164 / Dial 4.*

GASTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY **WEEKLY STORY TIME**

Storytelling, book-sharing, songs and participatory activities for children age 3 through 6 years old.

Belmont Branch Library: Tuesdays at 10:00AM – 704-825-5426

Bessemer City Branch Library: Wednesdays at 10:30AM – 704-629-3321

Cherryville Branch Library: Tuesdays at 10:30PM – 704-435-6767

Dallas Branch Library: Wednesdays at 10:00AM – 704-922-3621

Ferguson Branch Library / Erwin Center: 704-868-8046 for Program Details
Lowell Branch Library: Wednesdays at 10:30AM – 704-824-1266
Main Library / Gastonia: Wednesdays at 11:30AM & 1:30PM – 704-868-2164, Dial 3
Mount Holly Branch Library: Thursdays at 10:30AM – 704-827-3581
Stanley Branch Library: Fridays at 10:30AM – 704-263-4166
Union Road Branch Library: Wednesdays at 11:00AM – 704-852-4073
Charles R. Jones Library / Lincolnton: Wednesdays at 10:30AM – 704-735-8044
Florence Soule Shanklin Branch Library: Tuesdays at 10:30AM – 704-483-3589
West Lincoln Branch Library: Thursdays at 10:30AM – 704-276-9946

James H. Lynn PLANETARIUM At The Schiele Museum

Tickets to the Planetarium are \$3 for all visitors, plus Museum admission (*except FREE days*).
Program schedule is subject to change. On the day of your visit, confirm your schedule by calling 704-866-6908.

“The Light-Hearted Astronomer” – Saturday – Sunday 1:30PM ~ Free Tuesdays (2nd Tuesday of each month) 6:00PM ~ Free Fridays (the fourth Friday of each month) 3:30PM / Ken Fulton has been described as the light-headed astronomer, but he is best known for his book, *The Light-Hearted Astronomer*. Naked eye and binocular observing are promoted in this adaptation, along with the personal experience and enjoyment of astronomy. Visitors will also learn how NOT to buy a telescope...perfect information for the upcoming Holiday season!

“Nightwatch” – Saturdays & Sundays, 3:30PM

There is more in the night sky than you can see with your naked eye. Learn how to explore the universe with binoculars and small telescopes without leaving your own backyard. The cost is \$3 in addition to museum admission.

DID YOU KNOW?

“Know Before You Go” – Dial 511 to reach the NC 511 Travel Info Line or get real-time info online at www.ncdot.gov/travel. NCDOT also offers travel information for motorists on Twitter.

“Crowders Mountain State Park Hours”

November-February, 8AM-6PM

March-April, September-October, 8AM-8PM

May-August, 8AM-9PM

Closed Christmas Day

Park Office Hours: 8AM-5PM Daily

(While in the park in case of an emergency call the park office at 704-853-5375)

2015 FARMERS MARKET REPORT (updated as info is provided)

The Dougie Henry Farmers Market a.k.a. Gastonia Farmers Market

410 E. Long Ave. – for more details, call Carol Shrum at (704)853-0049 / www.gastoniafarmersmarket.com

Now thru October

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday from 7:30AM-12:30PM

November

Saturday only - 7:30AM – 12:30PM

Cherryville Farmers Market

Located at 220 East Main St. in the Chamber of Commerce parking lot

For more details call 704-435-3451

Now thru October 29

Thursdays only 4:00PM-7:00PM

Farmers Market of Bessemer City

101 E. Virginia Ave. behind Angel's Upscale Sales

For more details call 704-616-0406

Open year round

Saturdays only from 8:00AM-1:00PM

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, October 16, 2015

- 10am-3pm Historical Timeline/Information
(Rader Center)
- 8:30am Registration (Golf Course)
- 10am Golf Tournament - Shot Gun Start
(Cramer Mountain - Pre registration required)
- 7pm Football game at Stuart Cramer High
School. Homecoming game against
North Gaston High School
- 8pm-11pm Merchant Sponsored Entertainment
(Center Street & Town Center)

Saturday, October 17, 2015

- 8am-10am Breakfast at local restaurants (Specials
will be offered)
- 10am-6pm Historical Timeline in Rader Center
- 11:30am-12pm Centennial Dedication Ceremony
- 12pm-1:30pm Picnic Lunch (\$5 per plate)
(Sandwich, chips, drink)
Provided by Kyle Fletchers Barbeque
& Buddy's Barbeque
- 2pm-4pm Fall Carnival (Town Center)
- 4pm-6pm Play/Choral Concert at Stuart W.

Sunday, October 18, 2015

- 12pm-2:30pm Homecoming Lunch
(Local Churches)
- 1pm-3pm Historical Timeline
(Rader Center)

Golf Tournament registration Forms can be
picked up at the recreation office, Town Hall,
or printed from the website. Golf Tournament
will be Four Man Captains Choice Format. 30
teams max. \$400 per team

Hole and Tee sponsorships are available .
Call for Details

T-Shirts, Hats, Magnets, Polo Shirts, and
Tumblers are available for purchase. Items can
be found on website and Facebook page.