



# Past Times

## Letter from the Chair



David Dimling & Darla McBurney

GREETINGS FROM the Cashiers Historical Society. I would like to open by welcoming David Dimling as the new Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee. Dave is new to our group but is certainly a familiar face within our community. Say hello to Dave when you see him out & about.

We are so excited and pleased with our 2009 Calendar of Events. We began in March with Heritage Apple Day, where participants grafted over 400 apple tree cuttings! The annual Jan Wyatt Symposium focuses on Mountain Music and the title is: "Will the Circle Be Unbroken." We will continue to have our Rambles and Front Porch Family Fun days throughout the summer and fall. In early June we will dedicate our newly restored Kitchen Dependency. At this year's Pinnacle Party we will recognize the centennial of the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust with a new collaborative Nature Trail.

July brings the annual Village Heritage Award Presentation and Music on the Grounds. However, the summer highlight is our primary fundraiser, the annual Cashiers Designer Showhouse. This year the topic is Green: Leaving a Legacy—as we learn ways to make our lives more eco-friendly and preserving the precious things we have. Founder's Day for local schoolchildren occurs in late September and will tie into the Appalachian Music theme. October brings the annual meeting for the Historical Society and the season winds down.

As you can see there is a lot going on with the Cashiers Historical Society. Our attendance is up at the Zachary-Tolbert House Museum & Grounds, our membership has grown, and volunteerism has increased. Please join us this season and be a part of the history, energy, and fun.

Warmest Regards,

DARLA MCBURNEY

*Chairman of the Board of Trustees CHS*

## The Cashiers Historical Society Circle of Volunteers



Volunteer Coordinator Vicky Robson

JOIN THE Historical Society in welcoming Vicky Robson. Vicky is the Volunteer Coordinator for the newly formed Cashiers Historical Society Circle of Volunteers. Originally from Florida, Vicky and her family have lived in Cashiers since the early 1990s where she remarks, "they feel fortunate to be a part of such a close-knit, intimate community." Vicky and her

husband Rick have two grown sons, Mike and Charley, who she notes, "were dragged to countless art museums, historic homes, monuments, and tours hoping to expand their worlds by exposing them to the wisdom of the past." In addition to her community involvement, Vicky acknowledges her lifetime love for sewing and clothwork and operates her own business as a commercial embroiderer.

In 2009, a new group emerged, The Cashiers Historical Society Circle of Volunteers. Look for members of The Circle throughout the summer when you drop by for a tour of the Zachary-Tolbert House Museum. Twenty strong and growing, be sure to say thank-you to this dedicated community of supporters who are taking the time to make Cashiers a great place to both visit and to call home.



Circle members Vicky Robson, Patti Iezzi, Helen Bertles, Susan & Ken Hawkins

## Letter from the Director



PLEASE RESERVE time this season to visit your Historical Society and the Zachary-Tolbert House Museum & Grounds. Without your support and attendance, we would not be able to accomplish, or even attempt, such an impressive list of activities. Ongoing efforts and future plans include a completely retooled Zachary-Tolbert House Tour for 2009, the opening & dedication of the newly restored Kitchen Dependency, the selection of the adjacent Nancy Hanks House for this year's Cashiers Designer Showhouse, and a variety of hands-on educational activities for all ages.

*Executive Director Tim Osment*



ABOVE LEFT: Ron Hensley's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Class gathers for a field trip into history.

ABOVE RIGHT: Students sift an archaeological site at the Zachary-Tolbert House



LEFT: The Nancy Hanks House, site of the 2009 Cashiers Designer Showhouse



IN THE 1920s, soon after the original Zachary Kitchen burned, the current dependency was relocated from a Whiteside Cove logging camp to its current location behind the Main House. Over this past winter, every component of the kitchen from the ground up was

carefully restored preserving the building's historic integrity and significance. This will be a highlight of the House Tours for many years to come.



A Cashiers Historical Society tradition continues—sponsoring a horse-drawn wagon full of community kids in the annual Cashiers Christmas Parade. The sideboard reads “On Our Way to the Zachary-Tolbert House.”



Folks of all ages attended Heritage Apple Day, held March 28 at the Cashiers Community Center, and left with young apple trees ready for planting. The Historical Society provided over 400 rootstock for grafting and preserving apple varieties native to our region.



Old-timey apple expert Tom Brown demonstrates grafting techniques to attendees of Heritage Apple Day.



For the first time—and to the delight of many, Heritage Apple Day featured live bluegrass and mountain music.



The Cashiers Historical Society would like to thank Bobby Applewhite, a Western Carolina University History Department Intern, for his contributions over the last few months. In addition to other tasks and assignments, Bobby completed a semester-long research project on Jackson County’s Gertrude Dills McKee, the first woman to serve in the N.C. Senate. Pictured with Applewhite are Emma Wertenberger, Director of the Appalachian Women’s Museum and Dr. Jessie Swigger of WCU.



Cashiers native Blaine Hawkins at a Heritage Apple Day exhibit. Mr. Hawkins remembers the whole community turning out 50 years ago to celebrate the opening of the Cashiers Community Center, the home of many events including Heritage Apple Day.



Executive Director of The Village Council, Jim Sibley speaks to an overflow crowd at a premier showing of the PBS special, Appalachia. The Village Council, with the support of the Cashiers Historical Society and other community organizations, works to preserve the culture & character of the Cashiers Valley, while preparing & planning for the challenges of the future.

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### *Cashiers Historical Society Mission Statement*

The Mission of the Cashiers Historical Society is to foster public appreciation of the history of Cashiers Valley and to preserve and protect the historical and cultural character of the community through its commitment to the preservation of the Zachary-Tolbert House and other historic resources.

## *2009 Calendar of Events*

### ZACHARY-TOLBERT HOUSE TOURS,

*Fridays & Saturdays, 11am-3pm, May 15-Oct 17*

### APPALACHIAN MUSIC SYMPOSIUM,

*Friday & Saturday, 29-30 May*

FRONT PORCH FAMILY FUN, *Saturday, 13 June*

COMMUNITY HISTORY RAMBLE, *Tuesday, 16 June*

### PINNACLE PARTY / HIGHLANDS-CASHIERS LAND TRUST

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, *Thursday, 25 June*

VILLAGE HERITAGE AWARD, *Friday, 10 July*

MUSIC ON THE GROUNDS, *Saturday, 11 July*

FRONT PORCH FAMILY FUN, *Saturday, 8 August*

CASHIERS DESIGNER SHOWHOUSE, *22 August-6 September*

FOUNDERS DAY, *Thursday, 24 September*

BOARD MEETING, *Friday, 9 October*

MEMBERS MEETING & EVENT, *Monday, 12 October*

COMMUNITY HISTORY RAMBLE, *Thursday, 15 October*

FRONT PORCH FAMILY FUN, *Saturday, 17 October*

*Visit [www.cashiershistoricalsociety.org](http://www.cashiershistoricalsociety.org)*

The Cashiers Historical Society is thrilled to announce the launch of its new website. This will be a first stop for both members and visitors who want to know more about Cashiers Valley, The Zachary-Tolbert House, and the Historical Society. It will be a "work-in-progress" throughout 2009 as we add more content and additional features. Drop us a call or email with your comments and suggestions.