

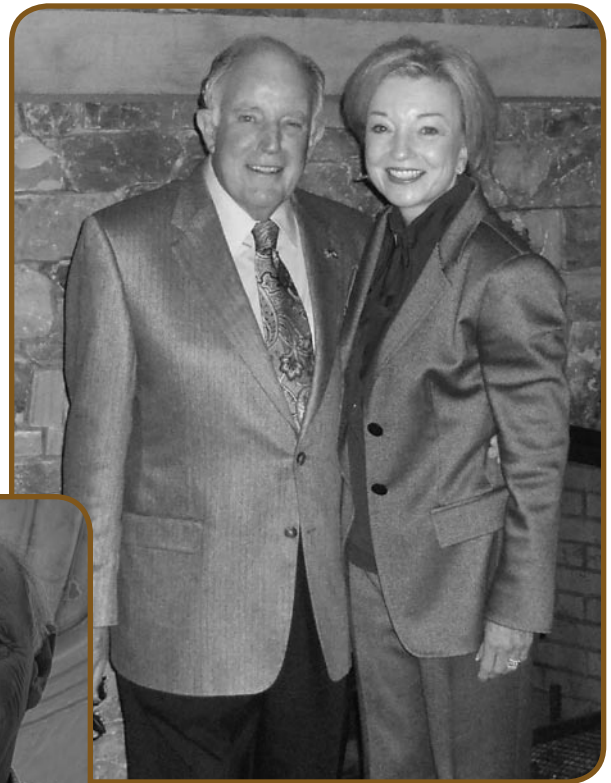


Past Times

Letter from the Chair

Assuming the Chairmanship of the Cashiers Historical Society, one of my greatest pleasures was honoring & recognizing the accomplishments of outgoing Chair, Darla McBurney. Darla's accomplishments were many. She has left myself and the organization quite a legacy and a challenge to answer in-kind her commitment and passion for both education & preservation. I am confident that together we can answer the call. I am looking forward to great things in 2011 and beyond.

David Dimling
Chairman of the Board, Cashiers Historical Society



Willard & Darla McBurney



Zachary Family Reunion



Descendants of Mordecai Zachary gather at the Lower Zachary Cemetery for the 102nd annual Zachary Family Reunion.



Three great-great grandsons of Mordecai Zachary gather around the 1870 Zachary Family Bible in the Zachary-Tolbert House Museum. Mordecai built the house in the 1840s, where 12 of his 13 children were born.

A Busy Season



For their 2010 contributions, the Cashiers Historical Society recognized (L-R) Marty Boone, Christie Wardowski, and Will Wardowski as Volunteers of the Year. On one notable public occasion, Will “became” Mordecai Zachary, with Christie playing the role of his wife, Elvira, and Marty along for the historical fun as Elvira’s sister, Eliza.



Jackson County Old-Timey Blacksmith Matthew Shirey set up his forge one sunny afternoon on the Zachary Meadow. Matthew is a local school teacher who enjoys sharing his craft with his students as well as at public demonstrations - like the one he provided our group. The Historical Society plans to have Matthew use his traditional blacksmithing techniques to create iron markers for a variety of Historic Sites designated throughout the Cashiers Valley. Pictured with Shirey is Historical Society Volunteer, Helen Bertles.



For over 10 years, local carpenter Ken Fisher has volunteered his time to the ongoing restoration of the Zachary-Tolbert House Museum site. Through countless hot afternoons and bitter winter days, Ken’s dog, Barney, was a comforting sight exploring the grounds (usually with tennis ball in-tow) while Ken worked on the project of the day. Barney recently passed, and in his memory the Historical Society has designated the “Barney Trail”. Here, Ken (L) and Sam Dunn, who created the beautiful recognition post, pause to remember.



Nannie Plott, pictured lying in the grass, enjoyed a recent afternoon at the Zachary-Tolbert House. Her breed, the Plott Hound, is the state dog of North Carolina and provided the name for the Plott Balsams mountain range in northern Jackson County. Our brush with fame, Nannie Plott was the guest of honor at the 75th anniversary celebration of the Blue Ridge Parkway on Water Rock Knob in August.



The Cashiers Historical Society donated a “Director’s Lunch” to the recent benefit auction at the Church of the Good Shepherd. The winner’s prize was a catered lunch and private tour of the Zachary-Tolbert House Museum & Grounds. Christie & Will Wardowski, as 1860s Mordecai & Elvira Zachary, led the tour.



Community Historian, Jane Nardy, is joined by her family at the Historical Society’s annual Members Meeting. One of the founders of the organization, Jane was recognized for her many years of historical research and, through her writings, the preservation of “the way things used to be” in Cashiers Valley. In her honor, the Historical Society has named its past & growing collection, The Jane Nardy Archives.



Sandy Hardy of the Cashiers Valley Community Council joins Dave Dimling at the Cashiers Historical Society’s annual Members Meeting. The Historical Society provided a donation to the CVCC, recognizing both groups’ commitment to the ongoing upkeep and repairs to the Cashiers Community Center building & site.

CHS Recognition



Architect Jane Mathews of Asheville received a Tower Award for her company’s restoration of the Zachary-Tolbert House Kitchen Dependency. Selected by the North Carolina Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, the recognized project spanned six months during the winter of 2008 and 2009. Pictured at the recent awards ceremony on the Biltmore Estate, (L-R) Mathews; Ken Fisher; Project Carpenter; Allen Roderick, Project Contractor; Tim Osment, CHS Executive Director.

Founders Day



The Cashiers Historical Society held its annual Founders Day on September 23. One hundred 3rd & 4th graders from Blue Ridge and Summit Schools enjoyed a hands-on journey through local history. The children learned how to operate an apple press, churn butter, play the mountain dulcimer, and identify useful & native plants. Tours through the Zachary-Tolbert House were guided by the home's original owners, "Mordecai and Elvira Zachary", who arrived in the 21st century via local actors and volunteers. The day was concluded by a joyful dance celebrating a beautiful, outdoors Fall day and the heritage of Cashiers Valley. Thanks to Event Chair Lisa Bates for her organization and hard work!



Cashiers Designer Showhouse



The 2011 Cashiers Designer Showhouse lived up to its billing as the premier annual fundraiser in the Cashiers Valley. Dozens of volunteers, designers, merchants, staff, contractors, & vendors combined to welcome hundreds of guests to “Whisper Fade”, the beautiful showhouse positioned within Wade Hampton Golf Club. The pre-event Patron Party at the Wade Hampton Club House was a spectacular evening; and just like in 2010, the Zachary-Tolbert House was open daily for tours, lunches were catered under the Dowden Pavilion, and the Cashiers Merchants Association provided a Merchants Tent for visitor shopping. Thanks to Susie and Denny Goode for chairing the 2011 Showhouse.



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Mission Statement

The Mission of the Cashiers Historical Society is to preserve the heritage of Cashiers Valley through Stewardship and Education



2011 Calendar of Events

- ◇ HERITAGE APPLE DAY, SATURDAY, MARCH 26
- ◇ CIRCLE OF VOLUNTEERS RAMBLE, SATURDAY, APRIL 30
- ◇ ZACHARY-TOLBERT HOUSE MUSEUM OPENS, FRIDAY, MAY 13
- ◇ 2011 OPENING EVENTS, FRIDAY & SATURDAY, MAY 13 & 14
- ◇ JANE NARDY CIVIL WAR HISTORY RAMBLE TUESDAY, MAY 17
- ◇ JAN WYATT SYMPOSIUM, WILLIAM HALSTEAD THURSDAY, JUNE 2
- ◇ PINNACLE EVENT, THURSDAY, JUNE 23
- ◇ MUSIC ON THE GROUNDS, SATURDAY, JUNE 25
- ◇ 103RD ANNUAL ZACHARY REUNION, SUNDAY, AUGUST 14
- ◇ CASHIERS DESIGNER SHOWHOUSE
 - ◇ *PATRON EVENT, FRIDAY, AUGUST 19
 - ◇ *DESIGNER SHOWHOUSE AUGUST 20 – SEPTEMBER 4
- ◇ FOUNDERS DAY, THURSDAY, SEPT 22