

WHAT HAVE THE FRIENDS OF HISTORIC HALIFAX DONE?????

- Contributed to purchase of new flagpole for visitor's site
- Assisted in obtaining \$6.2 million to renovate the visitor's center and complete the interior of the WR Davie House
- Developed plan for landscaping of the WR Davie House to include brick pathways, privacy and decorative fencing, English boxwoods, gardens, and event space which can be rented for parties and events. COVID sidelined the project for several years; however, the restoration of the interior of the Davie House was completed by August 2025. During the summer of 2024, ground penetrating radar located the extinct outbuildings on the property which will allow landscaping plans to be updated to safeguard any future archaeological explorations.
- Worked with leadership in several organizations to develop a ten-year VISION for Historic Halifax that will include river walkways, updated facilities, coordinated efforts with town and county.
- Participating in planning for the NC 250th Commemoration Period celebrating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence which will be from April 12th 2024 to December 2026 with a statewide kickoff in Halifax on April 12th 2024.
- Assisting in planning for the 200 year commemoration of Lafayette's Farewell Tour in Feb. 2025.
- Supported lectures and historical discussions on historical events including a focus on Halifax Resolves, the NC signers of the Declaration of Independence, African and native American Patriots, Sir Archie,
- Advocated for additional staff positions at the visitor's center in 2023 and received a grant from Tourism for support of two part-time costumed interpreters.
- Assisted with site events such as the December event Yuletide by Lantern Light, the annual Halifax Resolves event in April, the Labors of Halifax event in the fall.
- Supported occasional site maintenance.
- Developing partnerships with Colonial Dames, Sons of the Revolution, Society of the Cincinnati, and other historical organizations.
- Wrote/received grants to fund volunteer staff at site, militia costuming, events, educational programs,
- Contributed funds for events, flagpoles, furnishings,
- Worked cooperatively with Colonial Dames and Sons of Revolutions
- Advocated republication of WR Davie book and received support /funding from Society of Cincinnati. Book was republished in summer of 2025.
- Worked with Halifax County Historical Association as the organization went inactive in spring of 2025 and donated the remaining funds and Architectural books to HHRA for support of historic site.
- Developed a website for FOHH
- Contributed with an education project in 2023-2024 and 2025-2026 with the local school systems to develop social studies lessons for grades 4, 8, 11 that focus on either the Revolutionary War or the Underground Railroad and utilize authentic documents. Teachers are introduced to the historic site and the history and field trips for their students are coordinated.
- Assisted in developing a local Halifax 250th Commission and coordinated events and projects for the commemorative period, in an effort April 2024 to December 2026.