

GREETINGS to all in 2024



Halifax is celebrated as the **Birthplace of American Independence**. The 4th Provincial Congress of North Carolina gave unanimous approval to the **Halifax Resolves**, the first colony to direct their representatives in Philadelphia to declare independence from England.

FOHH will be involved in supporting and coordinating with the **250th Commemoration**. The American250th Commission and the NC250th Commission both have websites and will be organizing/publicizing activities throughout the states during the three-year period. The Halifax County Commissioners also constituted a **Halifax 250th Commission** which is planning events and projects for both the historic district and the towns throughout Halifax County.

Projects under discussion include walking trails and park along the Roanoke River, renovation of the visitors center in Halifax (scheduled 2024) with new exhibits, completion of the WR Davie House and grounds, burying of power lines in Halifax and putting colonial lamp posts, additional signage. Events under discussion include galas, reenactments, living history, visits from Lafayette and George Washington, lectures, and house tours. Several members of the FOHH board are members of the Halifax 250th Commission.

The Education Committee of the Halifax 250th Commission has a project underway with the endorsement of the school systems in the county that supports teachers developing instructional plans that are aligned with the NC Standard Course of Study which prepare the students for a field trip to the historic site. Teachers have selected one of two focus areas, either the Revolutionary War or the Underground Railroad. Two members of the FOHH board are coordinating this project along and the participating teachers are receiving a stipend.

The Friends of Historic Halifax invites your support. Your membership and contributions will directly impact our county in their efforts to attract folks from near and far to come visit and learn. In the past several years, FOHH contributions have supported events and projects such as purchases of flagpoles and microphones, decorations and refreshments for events, speakers, literature, landscaping, and the purchase of furniture. This organization will continue to assist the historic site in our county in any way to ensure it can offer programs and a living history experience to visitors.

Come get involved, come visit, and come learn. Invite your friends. Besides the important part during the Revolutionary War period, Halifax has many other stories to tell that were important to our becoming a nation including the Underground Railroad, the Ram Albemarle, Sir Archie, Andrew Jackson, the Masonic Lodge, Lord Cornwallis, Lafayette, George Washington, Cornelius Harnett, the Native Americans, and William R Davie and the founding of the first state university at Chapel Hill.

If you are interested in being a volunteer at the site, site employees can offer suggestions.

Thank you for your support.

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