

# FRIENDS OF HISTORIC HALIFAX

## MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER

### MISSION

The **Friends of Historic Halifax** is a state-associated, non-profit organization initiated in 2017 to support the Historic Halifax site by

- supporting the ongoing efforts to sustain, improve, and maintain Historic Halifax to enable living history,
- promoting pride, economic development, historical appreciation, cultural wellness and a sense of community for Historic Halifax,
- assisting the staff at Historic Halifax in recruiting, recognizing and retaining volunteers,
- and working cooperatively with the municipalities and community organization in Halifax County in generating long-term financial support for Historic Halifax

**MEMBERSHIP:** Please join us in helping Historic Halifax become a premier tourist destination and a living history site that can continue to educate all of us in the importance of freedom. Membership in FOHH runs for a calendar year so **join now for 2020**. A form is included with this newsletter. If you need clarification whether your FOHH membership is current, email FOHH1776@gmail.com

**PRIMARY PROJECT:** After reviewing the various buildings included in the historic site, the FOHH board determined that the WR Davie House needed to enhance the grounds. A preliminary plan has been drawn up which includes English boxwoods, privacy hedges, additional brick walkways, flowering trees, fencing, and gardens as well as a rentable event space behind the house that will have caterer access and bathroom facilities in a carriage-house building. Davie lived in Halifax from 1781 to 1805 and was renowned as a military leader, governor, and founder of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The estimated cost is \$75,000 and we are activating searching donations and grants. Please consider contributing. You can donate on a Fund-Me page or send a check directly to the site made out to FOHH/landscaping. All contributions are appreciated. Watch us GROW!

**KEEP IN TOUCH:** We are working diligently to inform all about our mission, our activities and events, and our projects. The FOHH Facebook page is kept posted with events and interesting historical notes. Periodic newsletters and invitations are sent by email/snailmail depending on which addresses we have. We would love to add your family and friends so send us emails and home addresses.

### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

#### TUESDAY MARCH 17: BITES OF HISTORY

Michelle Lanier, the Director of Historic Sites and Properties with the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources will speak about "Halifax: Past, Present, and Future" during a buffet dinner at the Hen and Hog, 6-8 pm. Tickets are available through

[www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com). Reserve your ticket this week.

#### SATURDAY APRIL 4: REENACTMENTS, BRADFORD HOUSE DEDICATION MORATTICO ARTISAN FAIR

#### SUNDAY APRIL 12: HALIFAX RESOLVES CELEBRATION

#### SATURDAY APRIL 18: SAR WREATHE LAYING

#### SATURDAY JUNE 20: GEORGE WASHINGTON COMES TO THE WILLIAM R DAVIE HOUSE

Plans are in progress for a wonderful event with a George Washington impersonator. More details to follow soon.

**DESCENDENTS OF DELEGATES:** Are you related to any of the delegates of the 4<sup>th</sup> Provincial Congress that was held in Halifax and voted to approve the Halifax Resolves? Trace your history and complete the form on [www.halifaxnc.libguides.com/hcl](http://www.halifaxnc.libguides.com/hcl)

### WE NEED YOU...

Please join in the support for Historic Halifax. Get your friends to also join. It is a worthy cause and each of us can make a difference. Membership brochures are available at the site so come by or call to request one to be mailed to you. There are many opportunities for you to become involved including volunteering at the Historic Halifax site. Come and visit and experience living history.

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