



# Matthews Historical Foundation

'preserving our past for the future'  
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Dear Valued Members and Friends,

You have supported the Foundation in the past and certainly know how important maintaining and preserving the history of our town is to our community. We are proud of what we have accomplished in the last 30 years. We are excited about the future. However, to maintain our ongoing activities and launch new projects the Foundation needs to raise funds by memberships and donations. Here are a few highlights of our recent accomplishments:

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| <b>2009</b> Published <i>Matthews Memories</i> Cookbook | <b>2013</b> Matthews Heritage Museum opened           |
| <b>2010</b> Acquired/renovated Massey-Clark House       | <b>2014</b> Matthews gets Preserve America award      |
| <b>2012</b> <i>Matthews Remembered</i> DVD completed    | <b>2015</b> Outen Pottery listed on National Register |

The Matthews Heritage Museum, part of MHF, has been open and a busy downtown asset since opening in June, 2013. The museum is open Thursday through Saturday and is staffed with twenty-four volunteers/docents and a paid director. Group tours and changing displays continue to be a Museum focus. Foundation merchandise is available for sale at the Museum Store.

In 2014, the Town of Matthews, in partnership with MHF, was the 30<sup>th</sup> NC community to receive the Preserve America award from the US Dept of the Interior. In 2015, the US Dept of the Interior placed the Outen Pottery on the National Register of Historic Places. The Pottery joins the 10 buildings in the downtown Matthews business block that were listed on the National Register by the US Dept of the Interior in 1996.

Foundation members receive email MHF newsletters and updates along with free admission to our popular Community Meetings series, offering 4 meetings a year with local history programs. An old-fashioned lawn party is planned for Saturday, April 8 along with a history bus tour of historic Matthews. All of our projects and events are made possible by the financial support from our members, friends, and benefactors. Your past support has been invaluable. We ask you to please RENEW your membership for 2017 or JOIN today by sending your tax deductible dues or donation to our PO Box. With your support, we can continue to do great things.

With sincere appreciation,

*Paula Lester*

President, Matthews Historical Foundation

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**JOIN or RENEW TODAY**

*All membership levels include free admission to all MHF Community Meetings & Events*

- \_\_\_\_\_ Individual/Family \$30 - Receives 2 tickets to Matthews Heritage Museum
- \_\_\_\_\_ Patron \$100 – Receives 4 tickets to Matthews Heritage Museum
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor \$250 – Receives 6 tickets to Matthews Heritage Museum
- \_\_\_\_\_ Donation – Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

All Memberships are for 1 Year – January to January

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