



The Chapel Hill Historical Society

Making the Past Present

Spring 2007 Newsletter

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Segregated Cinemas

Charlene Regester, film historian and Assistant Professor of African and African-American Studies at UNC, spoke to the Society at its February meeting. The title of her talk was “Uncomfortable Spaces, Unusual Practices, and Inconvenient Invitations: Black Moviegoing in Durham and Chapel Hill in the Pre-1950’s”

Charlene explained that black moviegoing in Durham and Chapel Hill prior to 1950 was characterized by three conditions: (1) segregated practices that occurred in

theaters where blacks were confined to the “buzzard’s roost;” (2) blacks opening or operating their own theaters, such as the Wonderland Theater in Durham and the Majestic Theater in Chapel Hill; and (3) black artists, such as Langston Hughes and Hazel Scott, enduring sometimes inconvenient experiences while visiting the area.

Charlene, who grew up in Chapel Hill, has been nominated to serve on the Board of the Chapel Hill Historical Society.

Advance Tour of the Love House

Society members got an advance peek at the newly renovated Love House and Hutchins Forum which now houses the Center for the Study of the American South. The House at 410 E. Franklin St. was built around 1887 for James Lee Love, a Carolina mathematics professor,

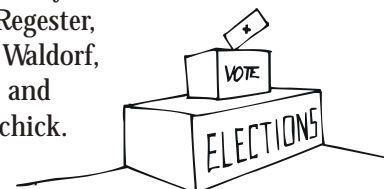


and his wife, June Spencer Love. UNC has owned the building since the 1940’s. The seven-room, one-story house with its deep porches, wide lawns and large shade trees, was officially dedicated on April 21. www.unc.edu/depts/csas/.

For the Coming Year

Vicki Threlfall, Chair of the Nominating Committee, will offer the following slate of Officers and Directors at the Society’s Annual Meeting on May 6: President, Terry Barnett; Vice President, Eleanor Morris; Secretary, Nancy Tannenbaum; Treasurer, Carolyn Sturgess. Directors:

Skip Brown, Emilie de Luca, Tony Hawkins, Harry McLean, Steven Petrow, Charlene Regester, Rosemary Waldorf, Tim West, and Mitch Verchick.





A Tip of Our Historical Hat to...

UNC Alumni for the poignant Memorial to Carolina Alumni Lost in Military Service, located next to Memorial Hall on Cameron Avenue.

The **UNC Campus Y**, for completing a beautiful restoration of its 100-year old building that has fostered so much social and political progress,

Center for the Study of the American South and **UNC Library** for the

Carolina Story: A Virtual Museum of University History at museum.unc.edu.

And to Chapel Hill Neighborhoods... Continuing the Society's recognition of the unique histories of Chapel Hill's various neighborhoods, the Society held a special program for residents of Cameron-McCauley in April at the home of Catharine Carter. Residents of the Forest Hills neighborhood will gather in June.

Annual Membership Meeting

The Annual Meeting for all members of the Society will be held on Sunday, May 6 at 4:00 at the Society's headquarters. Bob Brogden, a teacher at East Chapel Hill High and this year's recipient of the Historical Society's Educational Grant, will be joined by his students in presenting

information about their completed project on "Changes in Our Community." Members of the Society will then vote on nominations for Officers and Board of Directors. The Board will gather for its annual Planning Retreat on June 20



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