

## 2025 Programs

- **March 22, 2025 – Maps as Storytellers.** A presentation by Fowota Mortoo, PhD student in geography at the University of North Carolina. She has created a 12-square-foot map of the UNC campus layered with images of the people who built the buildings, focusing on four Black Chapel Hill families - Barbee, Blacknell, Jones, and Johnson. Mortoo saw an opportunity to unsettle traditional mapping practices while highlighting the stories of the Black individuals who helped design and construct the University's buildings, rock walls, and brick pathways. Ms. Mortoo is joined by Dr. Kathryn Wall, co-director of public history at the Marian Cheek Jackson Center, who shares resources on [www.fromtherockwall.org](http://www.fromtherockwall.org) and discusses community efforts to honor Black builders and masons with a physical monument. You can view a recording of this presentation at <https://youtu.be/tKNLlssmhe8>
- **May 10, 2025 - Carrboro Goes to War!** A presentation by Richard Ellington, President of the Chapel Hill Historical Society. Did you know that Carrboro had its own group of “Rosie (and Robert) the Riveters” who contributed to the WWII effort by making munitions for the US Navy? Well, they did. A cotton mill that once sat on the current ArtsCenter location was transformed into a munitions factory in Carrboro. Starting in early 1942, that factory made anti-aircraft ammo for use by the US Navy against the Axis forces of Germany and Japan. Richard explained how this happened in the small town of Carrboro. You will see where the workers came from and how well they performed. This is a story that made the munitions’ workers proud of their efforts. There are LOTS of photos showing places and people that are long gone from Carrboro! You can view his presentation [here](#).