



# FOOTPRINTS OF THE PAST

PRESERVING FUQUAY-VARINA'S HERITAGE

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FUQUAY-VARINA MUSEUMS

## Board Sets Strategic Goals for the Fuquay-Varina Museums

The Friends of the Museums have spent a year discussing our long-range plans. This involved several studies of other museums and their plans and suggestions from the state historical organizations. Our purpose was to have a document which was practical and thorough which we could use to verify our efforts to all interested parties and to improve the Fuquay-Varina Museums.

A committee composed of Dan Turner, Gail Woolard, Betty Vaughan, Orlean Newton and Shirley Simmons then, for the better part of six months, composed a document called Long Range Strategic Goals or Principles for the Museums. After incorporating all the actual work of the museums and all the ideas from board members, the document is now complete. Following the list of goals, the board has approved a time line of work for three years. Here we are publicly sharing our STRATEGIC PRINCIPLES divided into six areas on which we base our operations. Following this we share a series of pictures representative of our efforts over time which we prepared for the notebook. The membership tier is posted on this web site and we encourage all individuals, non-profits, & businesses to join the Friends of the Museums, 501 c 3 annually. The Fuquay-Varina Museums belong to everyone.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS

- Expand public awareness of museums
- Research requests for the public
- Publicize tiers of membership
- Continue museums collection & archives

### EDUCATION

- Increase attendance and historic knowledge of public
- Support youth educational activities

- Provide interpretative history
- Increase components of our African-American History collection

### BUILDING AND GROUNDS

- Preserve historic structures in Ashworth Park
- Expand and improve museums complex
- Add historic buildings to Ashworth Park
- Add restrooms to the Ashworth Park Complex
- Advocate for preservation of historic structures in the town of Fuquay-Varina

### COLLECTIONS

- Maintain and receive artifacts, iconographic, genealogical, and archival collections as outlined in our museums collection policy
- Maintain proper storage procedures
- Manage and maintain displays and interpretative materials
- Provide access to research materials

### FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

- Research the financial plans of other small museums
- Prepare a realistic and effective annual budget to maintain operations
- Develop annual fundraiser
- Review long range goals annually

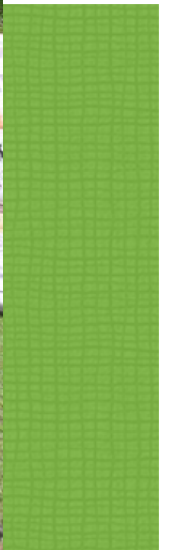
### ADMINISTRATION

- Continue Friends of the Museums Board
- Continue effective partnership with the Town of Fuquay-Varina
- Provide and obtain insurance policies per agreement with the Town of Fuquay-Varina and the Friends of the Museums
- Maintain docent and volunteer schedule for museums
- Secure all components of the complex
- Maintain membership in professional museums organizations
- Provide a notebook of key documents to Friends of the Museums Board and the Fuquay-Varina Town Council members

Submitted by Shirley Simmons, Volunteer Director



HERITAGE  
DAY  
PHOTOS





## MUSEUMS TOUR PHOTOS

Grandmother & Adcock Children

School Tours in groups for small rotations





## Projects by Friends of Museums

Conserving scrapbooks, Building ramp for playhouse , Building the caboose interior, Display at Chamber of Commerce, Promotion of museums to the FVMS students, New roof for the Ballentine Schoolhouse





Painting  
ramps

Finishing  
barn

Moving  
playhouse

ReBuilding  
barn

Moving the  
caboose





SPECIAL PROGRAMS AT THE MUSEUMS



- Artists Presentation of Old Ships
- Dedication of Ashworth Park
- Dedication of Senter Bench
- Recognition of Local Writer
- Stringing of tobacco each fall
- World War I Armistice 2017
- Judd Organ Concert

