



Joint Historic Preservation Commission

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Historic Spotlight: Cedar Mountain Community

JHPC met at the Cedar Mountain Community Center in September to learn about the community from Patty Stahl, whose family has been in Cedar Mountain for generations. She shared that Cedar Mountain began with the establishment of the Buck Forest Hotel, which was home to the Cedar Mountain Post Office until the Civil War. After the war, the post office moved closer to its current position and retained its name as the Cedar Mountain Post Office.

The Cedar Mountain Community was greatly impacted by turnpikes used by drovers to move livestock from Tennessee and North Carolina down to South Carolina. The route led through Cedar Mountain. A portion of the Johnstone Turnpike is still visible behind the Cedar Mountain Community Center. Houses and hotels were built along the heavily traveled route.



Photo courtesy of Cedar Mountain Community Center

Patty shared pictures and stories of the oldest homes in the Cedar Mountain Community that are still standing. Of note are the “summer homes” that have been used by the same families for generations as a destination during the summer.

Additional information about the current events taking place in the Cedar Mountain Community is available at: <https://www.cedarmountaincommunitycenter.com/>.

Historic House Ramble

JHPC, in partnership with the Transylvania Heritage Museum, Transylvania County Historical Society, City of Brevard and Transylvania County Library, held a Historic House Ramble on May 19, 2018. Owners of seven local historic landmarks opened up their homes to allow visitors to see the architectural significance and historic value of their properties. Two additional homes, Silvermont and the Lankford-Cleveland House joined the ramble to highlight their importance in the creation and growth of the City of Brevard.

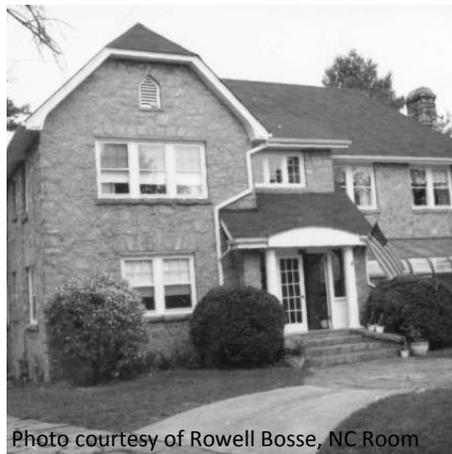


Photo courtesy of Rowell Bosse, NC Room

Handouts and maps were created to help the tour participants gain a better understanding of the contribution the buildings had on the history of Brevard and Transylvania County.

Proceeds from the ticket sales went to support the Transylvania Heritage Museum and the Transylvania County Historical Society, which are two active non-profits focused on preserving the history of Transylvania County and providing

educational programs that bring history alive.

If you would like to learn more or share a related story please contact JHPC at 828-884-3205 or visit: <http://planning.transylvaniacounty.org/>.

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JHPC Chair Comments:

JHPC plays a leadership role in preservation by uniting agencies to build public awareness of our historical and cultural heritage and administering grants to assist in joint efforts. The value of preservation is much greater than simply saving old structures, it shows residents and visitors who we are as a community.

-Marcy Thompson



Staff Members:

- Mark Burrows, Director
- Joy Fields, County Planner
- Kalen Lawson, Assistant

Historic Downtown Walking Tour Guide

JHPC, in partnership with the Heart of Brevard and Transylvania County Library, worked with Think It Studio to develop a Historic Walking Tour Guide of the Historic Main Street District in downtown Brevard. Many of the buildings located in the historic district exhibit historic architectural features, while others have been modified significantly through the years.

Through local landmark designation, property owners can become partners in preservation and benefit financially from maintaining the historical architecture that is such a rich part of the history of downtown Brevard and Transylvania County.



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CLG Grant to Survey Historically Significant African American Resources

As a Certified Local Government (CLG), JHPC applied for Historic Preservation Funds from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to facilitate an architectural and cultural survey of African American communities in Transylvania County. This project will allow existing structures and related architectural resources of the community to be understood within a historical context.



Photo courtesy of Harris Architects

The last architectural survey of Transylvania County, completed in 1991, resulted in the publication of the book titled, "Transylvania the Architectural History of a Mountain County". The resources included in the book were built before 1940 and had architectural features that were historically significant.

Since that time, additional buildings have reached the age of 50 years and there is a new emphasis on cultural significance as a measure of historical importance. Therefore, additional structures and sites need to be surveyed to show a more complete documentation of Transylvania County's history.

Red House Inn COA

On June 19, 2018, JHPC reviewed a new structure on the property of Red House Inn, a significant local historic landmark. After careful consideration of the application materials and the Secretary of Interior Standards, JHPC approved the Certificate of Appropriateness (COA).

For more information about Certificates of Appropriateness contact JHPC at 828-884-3205.

