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Call for Wood Donations

We need your help to start construction on the outdoor exhibit for the Catawba Meadows Interpretive Center. We plan to start building a palisade wall section on May 26th, but would like to have all the materials ready at least a month in advance.



We need:

- 8-10 foot posts between 3-6 inches in diameter
- Small saplings under an inch in diameter and preferably 6 feet long

The raw wood can be of any type, though hardwood is best. If you would like to donate wood to the project, please contact Emma Richardson at 828-439-2463 or exploringjoara@att.net.

Your help is greatly appreciated!

March Lab Nights

NC Potter to give lecture at WPCC



Numerous examples of Native American and European pottery and shards have been uncovered at the Berry site, including Blue Spanish Majolica, providing key evidence of Spanish activity and critical dating.

Western Piedmont Community College will host western North

Carolina potter Stanley Mace Andersen from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Thursday, March 8, in the College's Professional Crafts: Pottery Studio H-26. Throughout the Southeast, Andersen has become known for his utilitarian earthenware forms and bright Majolica decoration. He will demonstrate decorative brush working techniques, present a Majolica Glaze history lecture, discuss his personal experiences as a working studio potter, and display examples of his work.

The event is free and open to the public. A one-hour break will occur from 12 to 1 p.m.

EJF's trip to Hayesville



Join us this month for two nights of analyzing and identifying North Carolina projectile points!



Monday, March 19th Monday, March 26th

Lab night is held at the Wall Center, and runs from 6:30pm - 8pm.

No experience is necessary. Registration is free for all members.

For more information and to reserve a space, please contact Emma Richardson at exploringjoara@att.net or 828-439-2463. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Save the Date! Saturday, April 14th

Tamara Beane, foremost replicator of prehistoric Native American pottery of the southeastern United States, will be leading a pottery workshop on Saturday, April 14th at the Catawba Meadows Recreation Park in Morganton.

This is the first workshop in a series of Native Technology Workshops funded in part by the North Carolina Community Foundation's Unifour Endowment.

Next month's email newsletter will have more information on how to sign up for the event. Stay tuned!



Last month, EJF led a trip to Hayesville to see the Cherokee Homestead Exhibit. The group was given a tour by Rob Tiger and Sandy Nicolette of the Clay County Communities Revitalization Association (CCCRA). The outdoor exhibit of a 1650-1750 Cherokee Winter House was built with the help of local volunteers over the course of six months.



The talk and tour showed just how feasible it is to build a remarkable outdoor exhibit. We left with new ideas and a better understanding of how to start construction on the Catawba Meadows Interpretive Center.

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