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The Allan Herschell carousel at
John Chavis Memorial Park.

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Administrator's Letter



Hello! We hope you enjoy reading this issue of the Raleigh Register and appreciate learning all about animals and their impact at our sites and programs.

Spring is certainly in the air and we invite you to take advantage of the changing seasons and come out to visit one of our sites or participate in one of our programs. The diversity of cultural programs and events we offer can tempt any critic. After all, where else can you take a train ride at Pullen, catch the new exhibit at the COR Museum, ride the carousel at Chavis, and visit the house and gardens at Mordecai all in the same day?

To help you get the spring in your step, please take advantage of some of the walking tours being offered including A Walk-Through History at Pullen Park where you can learn about some of the animals from the time the park once operated as a zoo. You can also take the Square Roots History Tour starting at Moore Square or the Fayetteville Street Walking Tour starting at COR Museum to find out about some of the people and even animals that made Raleigh special.

We are excited about these special walking tours and hope you take advantage of them. Feel free to drop me a line sometime to tell me what you think of our programs or just to chat. I am always interested in ways we can make our programs better and for feedback.

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Follow the HRM Program!

Check our social media for the newest additions of upcoming events at all of our sites!

Chair's Letter



Disneyland really began when my two daughters were very young. Saturday was always Daddy's Day and I would take them to the merry-go-round, and sit on a bench eating peanuts while they rode. And sitting there alone, I felt there should be something built, some kind of family park where parents and children could have fun together. —Walt Disney

Inspired by early European or Middle Eastern horse-mounted jousting contests, carousels have always captured the imagination of children. During the golden age of carousels in the United States from the 1890s through the 1920s, there were thousands of these early artistic and mechanical marvels in operation in communities across the country. Of the 200 or so remaining from that era, the Historic Resources and Museum Program is fortunate to be the caretaker for two of them:

- The Dentzel Menagerie Carousel is one of the main attractions at Pullen Park.
- The No. 2 Special Three Abreast Allan Herschell Carousel is located in the heart of John Chavis Memorial Park and currently offers a front row view of the construction of the new community center and public spaces that will celebrate the important history of the park.

Both carousels are open to the public. I invite you to be inspired.

Fred Belledin
Chair, HRM Advisory Board



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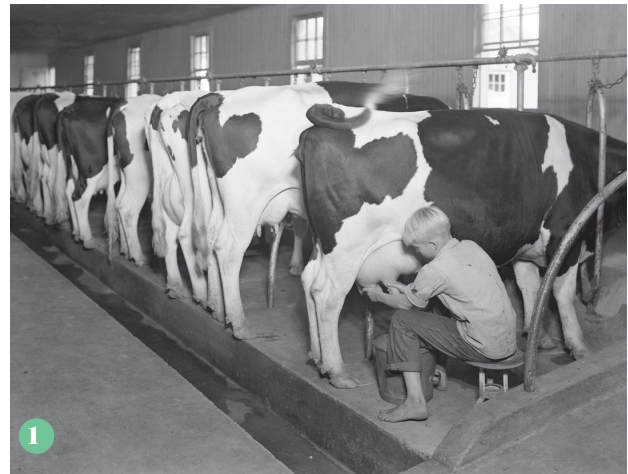
by Douglas Porter, Program Director, Historic Sites

Q I have heard that the old campus for the Methodist Home for Children included many animals. What is the story?

A Readers probably know that the Methodist Home for Children once stood in the area that is now Fred Fletcher Park. The original campus boasted numerous buildings including dormitories, a dining hall, and a laundry. Most of these are long gone, but two original structures—the Borden Building and Garriss Building—remain. The c. 1900 Borden Building, thought to be the first building constructed on campus, is probably what old records referred to simply as “Number One.” It served as the superintendent’s residence and later as a dormitory. The Garriss Building, constructed in the mid-twentieth century, was added much later as a boys dormitory.

What readers may not know about the Methodist Home for Children is that it was a working farm for much of its history. The agricultural section was located in the northeastern portion of the campus, in an area close to Glenwood Avenue. Each day, students worked with a variety of livestock, such as hens and cattle. The orphanage included an onsite dairy until 1930 which provided students the opportunity to learn all stages of the business. Dairy attendants started their days early as they were expected to milk the cows with the first light each morning. Other residents, boys in particular, worked in the fields. In this capacity, they learned how to labor with horses and mules, animals that provided the muscle for plowing and pulling. Images from the 1940s show boys at the Methodist Home farming alongside of their animals, a scene which was common in North Carolina at the time and would remain so for a couple more decades.

Images courtesy of the State Archives of North Carolina.



1 Milking Cows, August 1944.

2 Boys Feeding Pigs, August 1944.

3 Boys Working in Fields, August 1944.

4 Mule Pulling Wagonload of Boys, August 1944.

Your question regarding the history of Raleigh could be answered in the next edition of the Raleigh Register. Send questions to: kathryn.neuhart@raleighnc.gov

Collection Corner

by Ainsley Powell, HRM Curator of Collections

Wild or Tame, Animals are a Part of Life

The items included here are from various collections across the Historic Resources and Museum Program. They all demonstrate how animals have shown up in obvious, and not so obvious, ways in Raleigh throughout the years.



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1 Transparency slide of unrestored tiger, September 2, 1981

2 Technical drawing of horse, ca. 2010s

3 Stuffed dog, no date

4 Door stop of dog, 1930s

5 Drawing fragment with lobster, ca. 1950s

6 Silver commemorative mug, featuring Raleigh Police Department Riding Patrol horse, 1989



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There's always Moore at the Square!

by Amanda Fletcher, Moore Square Assistant Director

In August of 2019, after a two-year renovation project, the beloved downtown space, Moore Square, reopened to the public. The reimagined space now boasts two event lawns, outdoor classrooms, an interactive water feature, a children's play area, on-site restrooms, and a quick service restaurant, Square Burger.

Right away, the Moore Square team set out to provide free, innovative programs and events on a regular basis. The Grand Opening in August of 2019 featured live music, roving entertainers, a photo bus and vendors that would be providing programs to the park year-round. The Play Moore Music Festival also took place in August. The inaugural hip-hop festival highlighted the art of the DJ while turning the Square into a lively block party.

In October, the ambitious team launched two festivals. The Raleigh Roots Festival brought the origins of the city to life. Vendors, speeches, a pig roast, and historical reenactments took patrons back to yesteryear. Later in the month, the Roaring Raleigh Lawn Party celebrated the 1920s through dance, jazz

music by Mint Julep Jazz Band, costumes, Model T cars, and elaborate picnic set ups.

To round out the year, a partnership with The Handmaidens, a local "collective of artists, designers, and crafters," resulted in "Made & Found". The market was the first ever event of its kind in the space. The 75 vendors showcased a well curated mix of vintage products and handmade goods.

Additionally, the park boasts over 500 programs a year. Everything from small fitness classes to art classes for kids and more are offered daily. All current programs are free and open to the public.

Come out to the Square in 2020 to see what's next!

Upcoming Events:

- 1) Culture Pop Ups 4/3, 5/1; 6pm-8pm
- 2) Soulful Sunday 4/19; 11am-4pm
- 3) Moore Square Market (every Wednesday starting 5/13); 5pm-8pm

Friends of COR Museum



Become a Friend!

The City of Raleigh Museum depends on the support of the community through annual memberships. One hundred percent of your membership goes towards museum programs and exhibitions. Through your generosity, we can continue our role as the only organization committed to the collection, preservation, and interpretation of Raleigh's past, present, and future.

Be A Friend!

To become a Friend, visit:
cityofraleighmuseum.org/membership



COR Museum's annual Raleigh Roast event was held on January 18. The event brought over 800 people to the museum to taste amazing coffee and pastries from local vendors.

Upcoming Events

Museums

Raleigh Walking Tour

City of Raleigh Museum

Every Saturday 2pm

The City of Raleigh Museum offers downtown walking tours every Saturday at 2pm. Tours will begin at the museum, travel around downtown viewing historic landmarks and sites, and end back at the museum. The tours will last approximately one hour.

Rates: Adults \$10; Youth 7-17 \$4; Children 6 & Under Free

Exhibit Opening: Raleigh Kiwanis 100th Anniversary

City of Raleigh Museum

April 3

6-9pm

Since April 1920, the Kiwanis Bell has been rung nine thousand three hundred twelve times to open and close meetings of the Hall of Fame Kiwanis Club of Raleigh, 5th largest in the world. An exhibition on view at the City of Raleigh Museum, running from April 3 to June 28, 2020, will highlight the past, present, and future of Kiwanis, in helping kids all over the city and across the world.

A Community's Legacy: African American History Walking Tour

Pope House Museum

April 4

10-11am

Join us for a guided walking tour as we explore the rich African American history along the streets of downtown Raleigh. From stories of entrepreneurs, triumphs, and tragedy, you will discover the legacy of the men and women who lived,

worked, and helped make Raleigh what it is today. Adults \$10; Youth 7-17 \$4; Children 6 & under Free. Register at reclink.raleighnc.gov Barcode: 258026

The Doctor Is In

Pope House Museum

April 4

10am-2pm

On April 4, the Pope House Museum will be hosting "The Doctor is In". This exciting event will immerse visitors in the life of Dr. Manassa T. Pope, a graduate of Shaw University's Leonard Medical School and the state's first licensed African American doctor. Pope had a vibrant medical practice serving Raleigh's African American Citizens in the early 20th century. Rare medical artifacts including Dr. Pope's medical bag will be on display. Visitors will also get to be hands on with artifacts from the "history mysteries cart" and families will enjoy crafts to take home. The event will take place 10-2. Admission is FREE. The Pope House Museum is located at 511 S. Wilmington Street and is located in the former home of Dr. Manassa T. Pope.

Oak City Architecture Tour

City of Raleigh Museum

April 11

10-11am

Come join us on April 11, for an in-depth walking tour of some outstanding architecture near Fayetteville Street! The tour will cover several buildings in the downtown area, ranging from classic 19th Century storefronts to futuristic banks and everything in between. Learn about the unique decisions and choices made by the builders that made our city look the way it appears today! Adults \$10; Youth 7-17 \$4; Children 6 & under Free. Register at reclink.raleighnc.gov Barcode: 258025

Civil War Walking Tour -

"Between Heaven and Hell:

Raleigh and the End of the Civil War"

City of Raleigh Museum

April 18

10-11am

Retreating Confederate soldiers, freed slaves, and an invading Union army all made Raleigh a city balancing on the edge of destruction and salvation in the final days of America's bloody Civil War. The City of Raleigh Museum invites you to explore this rapidly changing world of 1865 through a special walking tour of Downtown Raleigh. Join COR Museum Director, Ernest Dollar, as he uses letters, diaries, and photographs to reveal life in Raleigh the end of the Civil War. Tours begin at the COR Museum and lasts approximately 1 hour. Adults \$10; Youth 7-17 \$4; Children 6 & under Free. Register at reclink.raleighnc.gov Barcode: 258027

Historic Raleigh Bike Tour

City of Raleigh Museum

May 23

10-11:30am

Join us for a peddling history tour! See the city on your bike and learn about the hidden histories of Raleigh! Bring your own bike, helmet, & water. This tour will last approximately 2 hours and begin at the City of Raleigh Museum. No age requirements but all must be confident riders who can keep with the group on city streets. Adults \$10; Youth 7-17 \$4; Children 6 & under Free Register at reclink.raleighnc.gov Barcode 258029

Sites

Culture Pop Up

Moore Square

April 3 & May 1

6-8pm

A First Friday event celebrating various cultures through art, dance and food.

Egg Hunt

Mordecai Historic Park

April 4

10am-12:30pm

Come to Mordecai Historic Park on Saturday, April 4th, for a fun-filled morning! Enjoy the exciting pre-hunt activities and snacks. Hunts start promptly at 11am. This is a free activity, and preregistration is not required.

Soulful Sunday

Moore Square

April 19

2-6pm

A community celebration that nourishes your mind, body, and soul featuring music, dance and vendors.

Annual Plant & Herb Sale

Mordecai Historic Park

April 25

8am-3pm

Get your summer garden started with a trip to Mordecai Historic Park's Annual Plant & Herb Sale! Heirloom varieties of flowers, vegetables, and herbs will be for sale. All plants are started from seed by the Mordecai gardeners.

Moore Brunch Market

Moore Square

April 26 & May 10

11am-4pm

Over 50 local artisans, food trucks, live music, a kids zone and more!

Attractions

Egg Hunt

Pullen Park

April 4

11am

Designed for children up to 10 years in age; come join us on Saturday, April 4 for a fun-filled morning! Check with Pullen Attractions at 919-996-6468 for the inclement weather policy. Hunts start promptly at 11am. This is a free activity and pre-registration is not required.

Letterland

Pullen Park

April 25

10am-4pm

Letterland brings letters to life by turning them into colorful characters, each with their own personality and stories that go along with their sounds. Wake County elementary schools in grades K-2 and many preschool programs use the structured phonics program as part of their literacy instruction. Raleigh's Pullen Park will be transformed into Letterland on Saturday, April 25th, from 10am to 4pm to celebrate preschool and elementary school students in Wake County. This is a FREE event open to the public with no registration required.

The U.S. Army Field Band

Jazz Orchestra

Fred Fletcher Park

June 25

7pm

Join us at Fred Fletcher Park on June 25, at 7pm to hear the famous U.S. Army Field Band. As the premier touring musical representative for the United

States Army, this internationally-acclaimed organization travels thousands of miles each year presenting a variety of music to enthusiastic audiences throughout the nation and abroad. Through these concerts, the Field Band fosters the support of the American people for members of the armed forces and supports diplomatic efforts around the world.

Raleigh Sister Cities

German Film Night

Mordecai Historic Park

Visitors Center

May 14

6:30-8:30pm

Join the RSC-Rostock Committee from 6:30pm until 8:30pm to watch a free screening of a German movie with English subtitles.

RSC Annual Membership and Open House Meeting

Borden Building

June—Date TBA

Be on the lookout for this exciting meeting and find out how you can be part of the great international growth and adventures revival with the City of Raleigh. All are welcome to share in the great opportunities that RSC has to offer!

HISTORIC RESOURCES AND MUSEUM PROGRAM

In July 2012, Raleigh City Council created the Historic Resources and Museum Program, hereinafter the HRM Program, with the express purpose of protecting and programming identified cultural, museum, and historic resources within the City of Raleigh.

The HRM Program manages operations and programs at:

- Borden Building and Stone Circle at Fletcher Park
- City of Raleigh Museum
- Fred Fletcher Amphitheater at Fletcher Park
- John Chavis Memorial Park Historic Attractions
- The Latta House and University Site
- Moore Square
- Mordecai Historic Park
- Pope House Museum
- Pullen Park Historic Attractions
- Raleigh Trolleys
- Tucker House

Additionally, The HRM Program manages an artifact collection consisting of more than 21,000 fine and decorative material culture objects.

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