

## EdVentures, September - December, 2019

### AUTUMN IN THE HIGH COUNTRY

Tuesday, September 24

Depart: **7:30 a.m.**

**SHARP**

Lower Patton Parking Lot BRCC corner of Airport Road and College Drive

Return: 9:30 p.m.  
Lower Patton Parking Lot BRCC

Cost: \$124 per person

**Activity Level:**

Easy Plus – Some walking on mostly flat surfaces. Some standing in the churches.

**Registration Deadline:**

August 22

**Included:**

Motor coach transportation, all tour fees, lunch at Shatley Springs, driver gratuity, insurance, all tips and taxes.

**Not included:** Dinner

Please indicate your lunch selection on the registration page 16.

Come with us to the beautiful High Country of North Carolina to witness firsthand the burgeoning signs of fall. We will begin our journey by traveling through the beautiful countryside to West Jefferson, home of the famous Ashe County Cheese Company, where they have been making fine cheeses since 1930. A visit to the viewing room will provide an opportunity to watch a film of the cheese being made, and you will then have time to stop at the retail store to sample and purchase the product, should you so desire. From there, we will continue on to the historic Shatley Springs Inn for lunch, which is included in the price of the tour. During your stay, you will be able to learn the fascinating history of Shatley Springs and the healing power of the waters. You may bring along one gallon jug in order to take some of the spring water home with you, or you can also purchase an unused jug at the springs. The water is free to visitors.

After lunch we will take in a portion of the Benjamin Long Fresco Trail. Long is one of the few artists today who is recognized as a master of the art of fresco painting on wet plaster, the same process used by Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel. There are nine frescoes on the trail, three of which we will see on this tour. Our first stop will be at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in West Jefferson to see a series of three individual frescoes. Next, we will visit the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Glendale Springs to view Long's masterpiece of the Last Supper, and our last fresco, entitled Suffer the Little Children, is at the Crossnore School in Crossnore, NC. You can learn more about Benjamin Long, a native of the Asheville area, at [www.benlongfineart.com](http://www.benlongfineart.com).

While we are at the Crossnore School, time permitting, we will visit the famous Crossnore Weavers and have a chance to browse in the shop where their handicrafts are sold. After Crossnore, we will bid the High Country farewell and sit back and relax for the journey home. On the way, we will stop in Marion at a restaurant where you will be able to have dinner before returning home. Dinner is not included in the tour price.

ASHE  
CHEESE



SHATLEY



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Smiling Faces in Scenic Places

## Special Interest Tour, October 3, 2019

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### Join us for a visit to the newly renovated and expanded Asheville Art Museum

#### Asheville Art Museum

Pack Square, Asheville

Thursday, October 3,  
11:00 a.m.

#### This is a self-drive tour.

Cost: \$20.00  
members only

Tour is limited to **25** participants and is open to members only.

**Registration Deadline:**  
September 19\*

\*Confirmation of the number must be submitted by that date.

#### Activity Level:

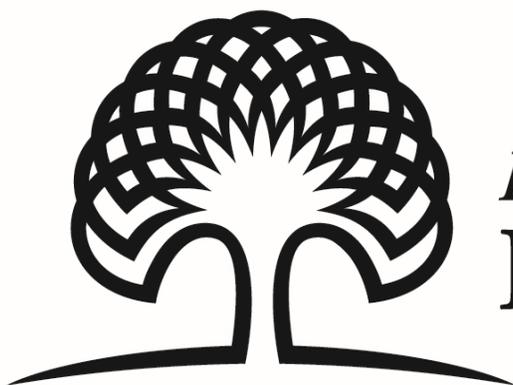
Moderately easy, some walking on even surfaces, some standing. The tour will be approximately 1.5 hours.

Parking is available in various garages in the area.

Big changes have taken place in the Asheville Art Museum building during the recent major expansion and renovation project right in the heart of downtown Asheville.

The new Museum, which reopened this summer, combines historic and contemporary elements. It honors the past with the restoration of the Pack Library building, an Asheville landmark built in 1926; and it steps into the future as a 21<sup>st</sup> century architectural monument in downtown Asheville with a visually stunning new front façade, entrance and plaza. Among the features of the project are new exhibition galleries, expanded collection storage, an education suite and classrooms, and a rooftop sculpture terrace and café.

We will spend an hour visiting the Museum's collection galleries and another half-hour touring the new architecture/building add-on. It's possible that the café will be completed by October so that you could have lunch after the tour, should you so desire.



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### Savoring Old Salem

Wednesday, Oct. 23

Depart: 7:30 a.m.

**SHARP**, rain or shine

Lower Patton Parking Lot, BRC corner of Airport Road and College Drive

Return: 9:30 p.m.

Approximately

Cost: \$139 per person

#### Activity Level:

Moderate Plus - walking, self-guided historic town tour, set your own pace, flat surface, cobblestones, benches located throughout Old Town. The Tavern dining room is on the second floor, so it will be necessary to climb stairs. Restrooms are also on the second floor.

#### Registration Deadline:

September 13\*

\*See notation in trip description.

**Included:** Motor coach transportation, entrance fee to Old Salem with unlimited access to all exhibit buildings and MESDA, lunch at the Historic Tavern at Old Salem, driver gratuity, insurance, all tips and taxes.

**Not Included:** Dinner

Old Salem, frequently praised as one of America's most authentic and well-documented colonial sites, is a historic district of Winston-Salem, founded in 1766 as a Moravian church town and backcountry trading center. Costumed interpreters, tradespeople and home life educators will greet us in the historic buildings and demonstrate daily activities and trades that were part of the lives of European-American and African-American residents of Salem in the late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. The cobblestone streets of Old Salem are lined with homes, shops, gardens and other examples of how the Moravians lived and worshipped. St. Philips Moravian Church, the state's oldest standing African-American church, is also located here, along with several museum shops and the famous Winkler Bakery, where shoppers can still purchase Moravian cookies and other goodies. In all, the self-guided tour features about one hundred restored and reconstructed buildings, among which are the T. Vogler Gunsmith Shop, Shultz Shoemaker Shop and the Single Brothers' House. You are welcome to roam the streets of Old Salem as in any other small town and view as many structures as you wish.

We will begin our visit by going directly to the Tavern restaurant for lunch. The Tavern was built in 1816 as an annex to the 1784 historic Salem Tavern and has been authentically restored. Lunch servers in period attire will welcome and serve you with Southern Moravian cuisine and hospitality. After lunch, we will proceed to the Visitors Center to purchase our tickets which will allow us to tour Old Salem until closing time. We'll have time to view a brief orientation film before strolling across the Heritage Bridge to begin our special day in Old Salem. You may choose to make your first stop in Old Town at the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts (MESDA) located in the Frank L. Horton Museum Center. MESDA showcases the furniture, paintings, textiles, ceramics, silver and other metalwares made and used in Maryland, Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia, Kentucky and Tennessee through the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. MESDA is a gem, not to be missed! The remainder of the afternoon is yours to explore Old Town. You will also be able to see the historic Tannenberg Organ, located in The Gray Auditorium at the Visitor Center, which is the largest organ in existence, built in 1800 by Moravian organ builder David Tannenberg.

At the close of our enjoyable day in Old Salem, we'll board our motor coach and begin our trip back to BRCLL. We'll stop for dinner (not included) in Statesville on the way home.

#### \*PLEASE READ CAREFULLY\*

**Registration Deadline** for this trip is **September 13**.

Old Salem is a destination that is very much in demand and has strict cancellation policies. If we have sufficient participation, our reservation will be confirmed and paid for on September 16. If you choose to register after that date, you will be charged an extra \$5.00 fee. Our reservation for lunch at The Tavern is for 11:15 a.m. and we must arrive by 11:00 a.m.



## EdVentures, September - December, 2019

### Christmas Town USA

Thursday, December 5

**In the event of inclement weather, the trip date will be Wednesday, December 11.**

Depart: 2:15 p.m.

Return: 10:00 p.m.  
Approximately

Depart from and return to Lower Patton Parking Lot, BRCC Corner of Airport Rd and College Drive

Cost: \$99.00 per person

**Registration Deadline:**  
November 4

**Activity Level:**  
Moderately easy, leisurely walking over primarily even surfaces.

**Included:**  
Motor coach transportation, bottled water and snacks, dinner, all taxes, insurance and driver gratuity.

**Not included:**  
Alcoholic beverages

It's said that McAdenville, NC (outside of Charlotte) is addictive and that certainly seems to be true. By popular demand, we are headed back to Christmas Town USA once again this year. This time we will experience what it's like to walk part way through the town and feel the real spirit and essence of McAdenville. The Christmas celebration goes to the real heart of the town.

It all began with a group of men who worked at the textile mill, and their upcycled Christmas craft project. They took some pipe from the mill yard, made a sign saying 'Merry Christmas', wrapped it in lights and mounted it on the hillside above McAdenville. The story goes that the owner of the mill was thrilled with their work and offered to pay them for more decorations. It spread across the town, with Pharr Yarns helping with expenses. And the people started coming.

The entire town makes up the light display, with awards being given to the best decorated homes/establishments, and people are outside their homes welcoming visitors and often providing treats to passers-by. This small town of 700 residents draws over 600,000 visitors every year for its holiday display. We will do our best to park by the lake, or perhaps in one of the town parking lots, and have some time to explore the town on foot. We will also do the complete two mile drive through the town.

Prior to arriving in McAdenville, we will stop in Belmont at approximately 4:00 p.m. for a leisurely holiday dinner at Estia's Kouzina, which is included in the price of the trip. After we have finished dinner, the lights will be on in McAdenville, which is a 15 minute drive from the restaurant.

Once we have enjoyed the lights of McAdenville, we will return to the Blue Ridge campus.



