

EdVentures, May 22, 2019

The Barns of Madison County

*This trip was previewed in the January-April 2019 Newsletter

THE BARNs OF MADISON COUNTY A CELEBRATION OF THE MOUNTAINS

Wednesday, May 22

Depart: 8:00 a.m.
(approximately)

Return: 5:00 p.m.
(approximately)

Cost: \$126.00

Depart from and return to Lower Patton Parking Lot, BRCC

Registration Deadline:
April 19 - there are currently a limited number of spaces available for this trip.

Activity Level:
Moderate, short periods of walking to view the barns, one flight of 12 steps. There may be a few other steps on the tour, but they are discretionary. The restroom located adjacent to the barn is a well-maintained outdoor facility. This venue is privately owned and hosts weddings and local music festivals, to mention only a few.

Included: Motor coach transportation, driver gratuity, insurance, catered lunch, all tours, entertainment, rental fees, all taxes and tips.

There will be no alcoholic beverages offered.

Register on page 15.

Join us for a very special event! We have secured the services of **Taylor Barnhill** to be our step-on guide for a tour of some of the historic barns of Madison County. Taylor, who was the instructor for our class in May 2018 entitled *Appalachian Barn Building Tradition*, is a research historian for the Appalachian Barn Alliance as well as an architect/planner. His architectural expertise, combined with his knowledge of the local region, will give us a feel for the people who built and used the barns, each one of which was constructed at a different time and for a different reason. In addition to learning about the architecture of the barns, we will also hear stories about the history of the local communities. We will have a close-up view of several of the barns in the Mars Hill area of Madison County, as well as hear many stories about these and other barns we pass along the way. When you walk into an older barn, like one with a log crib, it's like walking into an archaeological discovery site. You can see the untouched evidence of a time when people built what they needed from materials at hand in order to survive.

Our three hour tour of the widely differing structures will be divided into two halves. After the first segment, we will enjoy a delicious, catered barbecue lunch in an authentic, perfectly preserved tobacco barn at Quiver Full Farms in Mars Hill. This barn, a handsome structure, will take you back to the days when sunlight streamed in through the cracks in the walls to aid in the drying out of the tobacco hanging over the rails.

To complete the nostalgic experience, we are honored to have three of the area's most prominent, Grammy award-winning musicians as part of our mountain celebration. **Roger Howell** is a masterful musician, both as a fiddler and a banjo player. A lifelong resident, he has helped put Madison County on the musical map with his award-winning performances at major music festivals and on recordings. **Jerry Sutton**, an essential branch in a rich family tree of musicians, is a hot guitar player who is equally at home on bass, guitar or lead vocals. He, too, has won many awards at major music festivals and on recordings. **Cathy Arrowood** is a world-class bass player who has also won many awards at major music festivals. CDs will be available to purchase after the performance. If any of you are cloggers, feel free to bring along your shoes and take advantage of this great music!

After lunch, we will continue with the final segment of our barn tour, at the conclusion of which we will bid farewell to Taylor and return to BRCC.



SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORY TOUR

Wednesday, June 26

Depart: 7:15 a.m.

Return: 6:30 p.m.
(approximately)

Cost: \$119.00

Depart from and return to Lower Patton Parking Lot, BRCC

Activity Level:

Moderate plus, extended periods of walking over even and uneven surfaces and some incline. There may be steps and extended periods of standing. Both facilities have elevators and are handicapped accessible; however, the motor coach is not.

Registration

Deadline: May 24

Included: Motor coach transportation, all tours and shows, snacks, bottled water, lunch, driver gratuity, insurance, tips and taxes.

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SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORY TOUR

Join us for a tour of the South Carolina State House in Columbia, SC and the South Carolina State Museum, which is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC. The SC State House is home to the South Carolina General Assembly and the offices of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor. Learn about the destruction of the old State House, which was built between 1786-1790, and the fate of the new State House, which also has a storied past. Construction of the new State House took place during the Civil War and was suspended in 1865 as General Sherman's U.S. Army entered Columbia on February 17. The old State House was put to the torch during this period. The new State House was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1976 for its significance in the post-Civil War Reconstruction Era. The building's grounds are home to several monuments, including the Confederate Monument, the African-American History Monument, and many more. These monuments are displayed in the beautiful gardens that surround the State House building. Following our guided tour of the State House, we will proceed to lunch at Doc's Barbecue and Southern Buffet, a favorite with the locals.

You will be able to choose from a variety of southern specialties ranging from their famous fried chicken, world-class barbecue and much, much more. Of course you can finish your meal with the best peach cobbler in town or their home-made banana pudding. Everything is fresh and delicious!

When lunch is over, we will set out for the SC State Museum, which features four floors of permanent exhibits on history, art, natural history, and science and technology. On this guided tour we will explore the diverse and exciting history of SC through fascinating displays on dinosaurs, prehistoric fossils, the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, African-American history, historic telescopes and more. You'll also find SC art featured across all four floors of exhibit galleries. In addition to the exhibit galleries, we will be attending a show in the 145-seat, 55-foot digital dome planetarium theater, which provides a totally immersive environment that surrounds you with multi-media images and sound, and a short movie in the 4D interactive theater, the only permanent theater of its kind in SC. At the time of this printing, the June schedule was not available, but any additional exhibits and the names of the shows we will be seeing will be identified at a later date.



Upon completion of our SC State Museum experience, we will board our motor coach and return to BRCC.



Historic Jonesborough and Much More

Tuesday, August 20

Depart: 7:30 a.m.

Return: 6:15 p.m.
(approximately)

Cost: \$94.00

Depart from and return to Lower Patton Parking Lot, BRCC

Registration

Deadline: July 17

Tickets for the Storytelling Center performance will be released close of business July 17.

Activity Level:

Moderate, extended periods of walking over even and uneven surfaces and some incline. There may be a few steps and periods of standing. The walking tour will be no longer than 20 minutes in duration.

Included: Motor coach transportation, all tours and performances, snacks, bottled water, driver gratuity, insurance, tips and all taxes.

Not Included: Lunch

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Historic Jonesborough and Much More

We have an exciting combination of stops planned for this day trip: Hands On! Discovery Center (formerly the East Tennessee State University Museum of Natural History), the International Storytelling Center, and a private guided tour of historic Jonesborough - the oldest city in Tennessee.

First stop on our tour will be the Hands On! Discovery Center, where we will enjoy a guided tour to step back in time 4.5-7 million years and unearth the past while exploring the science of fossils and paleontology. Get a glimpse into the processes, tools and technology used to unearth fossils right in their own backyard at the Gray Fossil Site. View articulated replicas of specimens found on site and tour the dig site. Witness an electrifying, Guinness record-holding experience that honors the great inventor, Nikola Tesla. Watch in amazement as the world's most powerful, musical, bi-polar Tesla coil turns 240 volts into 200,000!

Next we will drive to the Jonesborough Historic District, with one of America's most charming main streets and distinctive architecture. We will have a choice of several restaurants for lunch, which will be on your own, before we proceed to our matinée.

The world famous International Storytelling Center is next, where **David Holt** will be the featured artist. He is a four-time Grammy Award-winning musician, storyteller, artist, historian and radio and television host who, for more than 45 years, has collected and performed the songs and stories of the Blue Ridge Mountains. In 2016 he was inducted into the North Carolina Music Hall of Fame.

At the conclusion of the performance, we will be met by our private costumed guides who will lead us on a short walking tour of Main Street to describe the buildings that still stand, the people who built them, and the lives they forged in the town. Our guide will then join us on the motor coach as we drive through the Historic District to point out sites that helped forge Jonesborough's place in the history of both Tennessee and the United States. Topics will include the founding of Jonesborough, the Civil War, Jonesborough's historic churches, the railroad, the cholera epidemic of 1873, historic preservation and much more.



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Industry Tour, June 5, 2019

Biltmore Industries

111 Grovewood Rd
Asheville, NC

Wednesday, June 5

1:00 p.m.

Limited to 25
Participants— Members
Only (self drive)

Cost: \$20.00

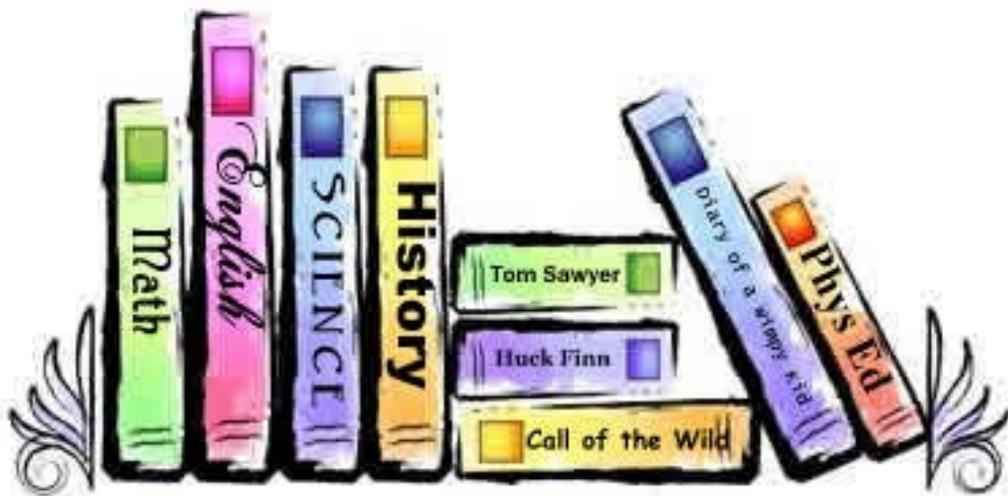
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HISTORIC GROVEWOOD VILLAGE

One of the area's first craft enterprises, Biltmore Industries was founded in 1901 by Edith Vanderbilt and others as a weaving and textile trade school, which grew into a successful retail operation. At the height of its success in the late 1920s, 40 looms were in steady operation, producing bolts of some of the finest handwoven wool fabric in the country. Orders were shipped as far afield as China and Uruguay, and customers included the likes of Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, Helen Keller, and several U.S. presidents and first ladies. Step back in time to learn the story and view the original looms, carding machines and dye vats on this guided tour.

You may arrive before the tour or stay after the tour is completed, so you will have time to visit the Grovewood Gallery and an antique car museum, both of which open at 10 am. You can also see a sculpture garden and have lunch or dinner at the Golden Fleece Restaurant.



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EdVentures & Industry Tour Registration, May - August, 2019

PREVIEWS OF FALL TRIPS

September 24, 2019 (estimated date) – Trip to the high country, Ashe and Avery counties, to visit the cheese factory, Crossnore and many other interesting sights.

October 22-24, 2019 – We are considering the possibility of a two-night trip to Raleigh/Durham, North Carolina. More information will be forthcoming.

December 2019 - To Be Determined



The Barns of Madison County, May 22	\$126.00 x ____	
South Carolina History, June 26	\$119.00 x ____	
Historic Jonesborough & Much More!, August 20	\$94.00 x ____	
Biltmore Industries (Groveswood Village), June 5	\$20.00 x ____	

*** TRIP CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY ***

We understand that you occasionally may have to change your plans due to unexpected events. If you need to cancel a trip and **WE ARE ABLE TO FILL YOUR PLACE FROM AN ACTIVE WAITING LIST**, you will receive a full refund minus an administrative fee of \$10. If there is no wait list, refunds cannot be given.

Make check payable to **BRCC (Blue Ridge Community College)** and mail to:
Blue Ridge Center for Lifelong Learning, 180 West Campus Drive, Flat Rock, NC 28731

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