

The Lamp Post

Historic Rock Hill's Weekly Newsletter



Our 2024 Annual Member Picnic Was a Success!



We couldn't have asked for a better turnout (or weather!) at this year's picnic! Your continued support and involvement are what make Historic Rock Hill thrive. At the event, members voted on a new slate of board members and Executive Committee members and learned more about our NEW Planned Giving program. We also unveiled our **2024 Preservation Award winner - The Powerhouse Building at the Bleachery Site!** This building was thoughtfully restored by Tara Sherbert and the Sherbert Group. Tara's fascinating speech highlighted numerous challenges faced while renovating a powerhouse structure - a building with immense scale and drainage issues, including a subfloor that was underwater for more than a decade and a turtle that was rescued in the draining process! Thank you all for a wonderful evening - I'm already looking forward to next year's event!



2024 Executive Committee Members:

- Joel Hamilton - Chairman
- Dontavius Williams - Vice-Chairman
- Meredith Strosser - Treasurer
- Nelson Wright - Secretary
- Claude Close - Past Chair ex-officio



Donate to the Historic Marker Fund
Our community brims with hidden history waiting to be preserved! While the SC State Archives has approved numerous marker proposals, securing funds to fabricate them remains a challenge.

Can you help?
[Donate here.](#)

Our Summer Speaker Series Kicks Off Next Month!

We've planned a series of cool events to keep you engaged throughout the warm months. Stay tuned for upcoming announcements featuring local history talks, engaging activities, and more!

Tickets are \$15 for individual events, or \$50 for Members/Students for the full series (four dates!) or \$55 for Non-Members. All proceeds benefit our Historic Marker Fund.

[Save Your Spot Early!](#)



HISTORIC ROCK HILL'S 2024 SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES

@ The White Home!

Beat the heat this summer as we stay cool in the White Home and learn more about fascinating local history topics from wonderful local historians!

June 27 6:30 PM	Pat Grant will present: <i>The Evolution of the New Acquisition - "The Long and Fascinating Road to Becoming York County, SC."</i>
July 11 6:30 PM	Stephen Turner will present his popular and visual program - <i>A Postcard History of Rock Hill. Travel through Rock Hill's history as seen through old postcards.</i>
August 15 6:30 PM	Join us as we learn more about the evolution of Rock Hill's schools - from Pine Grove Academy to Winthrop University.
September 12 6:30 PM	Stephen Turner will present "David vs. Goliath - the Story of Levy Deas Versus the Bleachery." A feel-good story about one of our Freedom Walkway award winners.

Tickets are \$15 for individual events, or \$50 for Members/Students for the full series (four dates!); \$55 for Non-Members for the full series.

Register here or on our website!
www.historicrockhill.com/events



Upcoming HRH Events

[Click here](#) for additional information

- June 23
Downtown Rock Hill Walking Tour
3-4:30 PM in Downtown Rock Hill
- June 27
Summer Speaker Series: The Road to Becoming York County with Pat Grant
6:30 PM at the White Home
- July 11
A Postcard History of Rock Hill with Stephen Turner
6:30 PM at the White Home

*HRH Members Only
Not a Historic Rock Hill member but would like to become one?

Click [HERE](#) to sign up today!

Pip's Fun Fact of the Week:



Once a backyard garden, Glencairn Garden has blossomed into an 11-acre paradise in the heart of Rock Hill. Founded by David & Hazel Bigger in 1928, this destination boasts stunning landscapes and vibrant floral displays, making it a favorite spot for leisurely strolls and picnics.



Are you following us on social media?
Like us on Facebook [HERE](#)
& follow us on Instagram [HERE](#)