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Christmas at Silvermont

JHPC joined with the Transylvania Heritage Museum and the Transylvania County Historical Society to host *A Silversteen Christmas* at Silvermont during the Heart of Brevard's 2018 Twilight Tour. Volunteers decorated the mansion, provided snacks, music, and tours of the Second Floor House Museum. One hundred gift bags were prepared and handed out to children, revisiting a fondly remembered Silversteen Family tradition.



Local Landmark Property Owners Attend Special Meeting

The JHPC hosted a meeting for Local Landmark Property Owners on November 13, 2018. Special guest, Jennifer Cathey, Restoration Specialist with the State Historic Preservation Office, addressed the group. Her presentation highlighted the connections between the State Historic Preservation Office and the local JHPC. Cathey also presented resources available to property owners of historic properties.

Joint Meeting of History Related Groups

One of the goals of the JHPC is to facilitate partnership opportunities among Transylvania County's many history-related groups. This year, the JHPC hosted a Networking Event and invited representatives from fourteen organizations. During the first segment of the program, each group was asked to give a three minute overview of their organization's efforts. The second part allowed the groups to network and brainstorm possible collaborations and partnerships with their peers.



Picture courtesy of Rowell Bosse, NC Room

Invited groups included: Abandoned Cemetery Board of Trustees, African American Storyline Project, Cradle of Forestry, Friends of Silvermont, Heart of Brevard, Historic Toxaway Foundation, Morning Glory Inspirations, Rowell Bosse NC Room of Transylvania County Library, Transylvania Citizen's Improvement Organization, Transylvania County Historical Society, Transylvania Heritage Museum, Veterans History Museum of the Carolinas, and Waightstill Avery Chapter of the NC Daughters of the American Revolution.

If you would like to learn more or share a related story please contact JHPC at 828-884-3205 or visit: <http://planning.transylvaniacounty.org/>

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JHPC Chair Comments:

The JHPC serves as a leader in historic preservation by providing resources to the community, coordinating partnerships among history-related organizations, and preserving historic structures through local designations. Historic preservation helps create a sense of place and also transmits our understanding of the past to future generations.

-Rebecca Suddeth



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CLG Grant Survey of Historically Significant African American Resources

As a Certified Local Government (CLG), JHPC applied for Historic Preservation Funds from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to facilitate an architectural and cultural survey of African American communities in Transylvania County. The grant was awarded and matching funds secured through the Terence Mills Memorial Fund for Historic Preservation managed by the National Trust.



The last architectural survey of the county was completed in 1991 and resulted in the publication of the book titled, "Transylvania the Architectural History of a Mountain County". The resources included in the book were built before 1940 and had historically significant architectural features. At that time, African American neighborhoods were underrepresented, mainly due to the age of the structures.

Since that time, additional buildings in the community have reached the age of 50 years, and with a new

emphasis on cultural significance as a measure of historical importance, a new survey was needed to have a more complete documentation of Transylvania County's history. This project allowed the built environment and related architectural resources of African American communities to be understood within a historical context.

Dr. Michael Ann Williams and Sydney Varajon presented a program to community members on September 19, 2019, at the Morris Education Building, known locally as the Old Rosenwald School. The presentation was entitled, "Walking Around the World: African American Landscapes and Experience in Transylvania County, NC."

The Lodge COA

On June 11, 2019, JHPC reviewed plans for renovation of The Lodge, a historic landmark designated in 2013. The Lodge was built in 1935 and is an American Chestnut Shingle-style house. Some areas of the siding had deteriorated and need to be replaced. American Chestnut is extinct and shingles are no longer available. The Owners employed a Historic Consultant and Architect to determine the best approach for replacement with compatible materials that would not compromise the historic integrity of the house. After careful consideration of the applications and the Secretary of the Interior Standards, JHPC approved the Certificate of Appropriateness (CoA) for partial replacement of the siding. For more information about Certificates of Appropriateness contact JHPC at 828-884-3205.

