

## Arts Council Brings 2014's First Artists Reception to Morven Sunday

The Anson County Arts Council's first Artists Reception of 2014 will be held Sunday, January 12, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the HOLLA! Community Center, located 229 East Main Street in Morven. The event is free and open to the public. Four artists will be featured.

Debbie Phillips of Morven has been painting with watercolor, her favorite medium, for seven years. She loves the transparency, texture, and granulation of watercolor, especially the "happy accidents" that occur with this fluid medium. You may have seen her paintings at Fancy Crafts.

Lula Smith of Rockingham, a former model whose artwork has been exhibited in the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D. C., often incorporates her memories of rural areas and cotton and tobacco fields into her work. Her paintings speak to the heart and often spark our own memories of simpler times.

Jocelyn Capel of Wadesboro, with degrees in Fine Arts and Environmental Design, enjoys being creative. She has worked in interior design and furniture design, and sewing has been a lifelong hobby. She uses materials such as natural stone, pearls, fossils, leather and glass beads in her unique jewelry designs.

Willie Ronnie Bigelow of Durham, who works in oils and pastels, has exhibited his paintings in Charlotte, Durham, Savannah, Wilmington and Greensboro, as well as at Duke University. Retired after having held positions such as graphic artist and microfilming and digital scanning specialist, he now creates paintings that delight and inspire us.

Drop by Sunday and enjoy the artwork, conversation, and refreshments - the perfect way to spend a cold January afternoon.

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### State Government Summer Internship Deadline is January 17

The Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office within the Department of Administration announced that they are accepting additional applications for the 2014 State Government Internship Program for select projects. The program has 23 remaining paid internship projects in the following cities: Beaufort, Chimney Rock, Corolla, Pisgah Forest and Raleigh. Internships would start May 27th and end on August 1, 2014. Application deadline is postmarked by January 17th. The 2014 State Government Internship Project Booklet describing all available rules and opportunities is now online.

The State Government Internship Program offers students real-world experience in a wide range of state government workplaces. Internships provide opportunities for students to work in their chosen field and to consider careers in public service. More than 3,600 students have participated since the program was established in 1970.

"In the current job market, it is tough for college students to find paid employment opportunities that equip them with relevant and meaningful professional experience in their field of study," said Stephanie Nantz, Executive Director of the Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office. "This program does just that, as well as assist state agencies with meeting their missions."

Paid summer internships are available in locations across the state. They provide North Carolina students with compensated professional work experience that integrates education, career development and public service. Opportunities exist in numerous recognized fields of study, from accounting to zoology, and interns will also participate in seminars, tours or other activities designed to broaden their perspective of public service and state government. Interns will earn a stipend of \$8.25 per hour and work 40 hours per week for 10 weeks in the summer.

To be eligible for the program,

a student must be a permanent North Carolina resident with an overall grade point average of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale, and have graduated from high school and subsequently completed their sophomore year of college before beginning the internship. Community college students must complete their first year before beginning the internship. Applicants must be continuing their education in the fall following their participation in the program. To qualify for a position designated for law interns, a student must have completed at least one year of law school before the beginning of the internship. Students having previously held paid internships at the Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office are not eligible to apply.

Interns are selected through a competitive process overseen by the NC Internship Council. Selection is based on a review of applications by the Council, student interviews with prospective supervisors, academic records, participation in extracurricular activities and interest in state government.

For more information, please visit the Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office online at [www.doa.state.nc.us](http://www.doa.state.nc.us) or by phone at 919-807-4400. Information is also available in campus career services or cooperative education offices.

### Carolina Female College/Ansonville Methodist Church

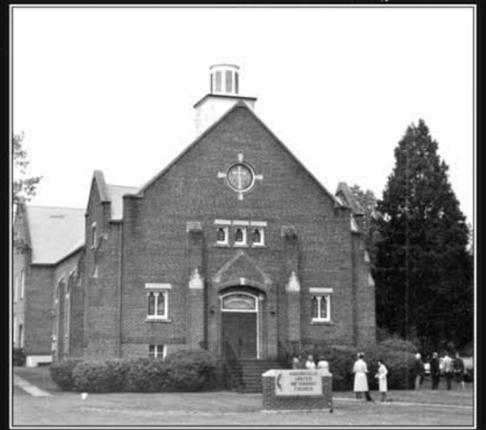
The brick building was three stories high, with thick, heavy heart pine floors. The wooden shingle roof eventually began leaking so badly that all the residents moved out. The remains of the old "brick skeleton" was torn down in the early 1930's.

The Methodist Church was a very impressive wood structure with four large columns across the front. I was about five years old and went to Sunday School there. Upstairs there was something like balconies down each side of the main part of the sanctuary for classrooms. I always received a Sunday School card every Sunday.

It was on a cold January Sunday that the church burned to the ground.

Very soon after the fire building plans were made and a new brick church was built. It was completed during the Depression years, and was dedicated on April 4, 1937, by Dr. J. B. Craven, Bishop Paul B. Kern and Pastor L. F. Strader.

Pictured above is the present apartments in the old building church.



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### Going Once! Going Twice! Sold!

Get ready to bid on the amazing items at the 2014 Barn Blast, to be held Friday, January 31 at SPCC's Lockhart-Taylor Center in Wadesboro. Don't miss an opportunity to bid on an exquisite sycamore bowl hand carved by master craftsman Emmett Patterson, or a large professionally framed print from Cherished Frameworks, or even a brand-new storage building from Wadesboro Lumber and Barns. Each year Barn Blast guests enjoy bidding on the wide array of silent auction items, as well as participating in the fast-paced live auction. Make sure to buy your 2014 Barn Blast ticket soon so you won't miss the fun!

Pictures and additional information on auction items as well as a list of Barn Blast sponsors are available on the Anson County Partnership for Children's Facebook page and website ([www.ansonchildren.org](http://www.ansonchildren.org)).

This fundraising event features dinner, dancing, drinks, silent auctions, live auction and lots of western themed fun. General admission tickets (6 to 11:30 p.m.) are \$40 each. Early admission tickets (5 to 11:30 p.m.) are \$50 each. Tickets increase in price by \$10 after January 17, so purchase your tickets now. Reserved tables for eight Barn Blast guests are also available for \$350 per table. Business sponsorships, donations in any amount and auction item donations are welcome and needed to make the 2014 Barn Blast a success.

Anson County Partnership for Children is a non-profit public/private organization which was formed in 1996 in response to the North Carolina Smart Start initiative. The Partnership's mission is "helping to make Anson County a better place to be a child and to raise a child." All profits from the Barn Blast will be used for Partnership programs which address the unique needs of children and families in Anson County, focusing on child care, health, literacy and family support. For more information, contact Bonnie Morgan at 704-694-4036, [www.ansonchildren.org](http://www.ansonchildren.org).



### Hampton B. Allen Library Closing

For the day on January 10

The Hampton B. Allen Library would like to announce a day long closing to the fine citizens of Anson County. All HBA staff will be attending a training session for our entire regional library system on Friday, January 10. The normal schedule will resume on January 11.

### Reunion Meeting

The next Bowman/Anson 1968, 1969, 1970 Reunion planning meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 18 at 2 p.m. at Ladybug Restaurant in Wadesboro. Classmates are urged to please attend.

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