



CCHA Bulletin

June 2024

Caswell County Historical Association
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Historical Facts

June 3, 1864

The Battle of Cold Harbor began when Union General Ulysses S. Grant encountered Confederate troops while traveling to Richmond.

June 19, 1865

Union troops arrived in Galveston Bay, Texas and announced that the more than 250,000 enslaved Black people in the state were free, which is celebrated as Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day.

June 25, 1876

The Battle of Little Big Horn, also known as Custer's Last Stand, took place, resulting in the deaths of George Armstrong Custer and 265 of his men.

June 30, 1971

The 26th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was passed, allowing citizens 18 and older to vote in all federal, state, and local elections. This increased the number of voters in the U.S. by 11 million.



Flag Day - June 14

On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress took a break from writing the *Articles of Confederation* and passed a resolution stating that “the flag of the United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white,” and that “the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.”

Over 100 years later, in 1916, *President Woodrow Wilson* marked the anniversary of that decree by officially establishing June 14 as Flag Day.

Juneteenth



The Juneteenth Flag © National Juneteenth Observance Foundation

People designed this flag to tell the story of Juneteenth

The colors: The colors of the American flag – red white and blue
This is to say that the people freed in Texas were American citizens
The 5-point star is a symbol for Texas (the Lone Star State)
Texas is where the Juneteenth holiday started
They added the big star to tell about the spread of freedom

Juneteenth (short for “June Nineteenth”) marks the day when federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas in 1865 to take control of the state and ensure that all enslaved people be freed. The troops’ arrival came a full two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. Juneteenth honors the end to slavery in the United States and is considered the longest-running African American holiday. On June 17, 2021, it officially became a federal holiday. Juneteenth 2024 will occur on Wednesday, June 19. This year the Town

of Yanceyville will be closed on Wednesday, June 19 in recognition of Juneteenth.

CCHA June Happenings

Maud Gatewood Art Exhibition opens June 28 in Blowing Rock, NC

The exhibition begins June 28 and will continue through January 2025. The CCHA is coordinating a group with the Arts Council to travel to Blowing Rock. Contact us at CaswellNCHistory@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us.

More information can be seen by clicking [**here**](#), for the article with details.

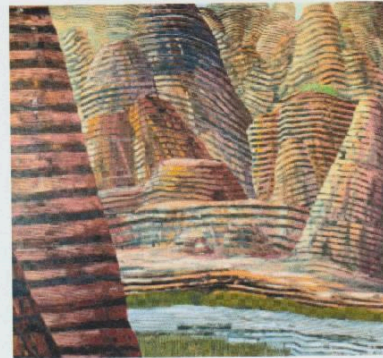
THE HARD EDGE & THE SOFT LINE

A Retrospective of Maud Gatewood

June 28, 2024 – January 5, 2025
Blowing Rock Art & History Museum

Maud Gatewood (1934–2004) is a titan amongst her peers in the art history of North Carolina and the American Southeast. A painter of exacting technique with a keen eye for composition and cultural commentary, her pictures capture the Carolinas (and the expanding world beyond) across much of the 20th Century. A native of Yanceyville, NC, Gatewood's paintings reveal rural landscapes and their denizens in the midst of transformation while also cleverly framing the experience of modern life with acerbic wit and a surprising wealth of empathy.

The Hard Edge & The Soft Line: A Retrospective of Maud Gatewood is a major undertaking by the Blowing Rock Art & History Museum (BRAHM). This retrospective project aims to provide a comprehensive narrative of Gatewood's career, considering the evolution of her oeuvre and her significant contributions, as an artist and educator, to the field of contemporary representational painting in North Carolina and the region.



Bungle, Bungle, Bungle, 1998, acrylic on canvas. Collection of Lee Rocamora & John Thompson



With the collaboration of six public institutions, six private collections, and BRAHM's Permanent Collection, the installation will feature approximately 40 works and a checklist that represents the breadth of Gatewood's career. Of particular interest to this exhibition are her landscape and figural studies, experimental use and application of paint, material assemblage, and pointed social commentary.

Maud Gatewood Exhibition Programming Schedule

June 29, 5 - 7 PM Exhibition Celebration

July 11, 6 pm - Film Screening

Maud Gatewood: Facing the White Canvas, with
film's directors David Kasper & Carlyle Poteat

August 4, 4 PM

Maud Gatewood: A Southern Modernist
with Martha R. Severens

August 29, 6 PM

It's a Maud, Maud World with Will South

October 19, 2 - 4 PM - Memories of Maud

Film screening of *Maud Gatewood: Facing the White
Canvas* with friends sharing stories about their times
with Maud



CCHA Receives Historical Records Collection from the Lloyd Blalock Family

The Blalock family of Prospect Hill, has
provided a collection of historic records,



books, papers and documents from the early years in the county.

The CHHA appreciates this contribution and welcomes the new additions to the Richmond-Miles Museum's historical documents. The team is in the process of organizing and sorting the materials now. If you are interested in assisting or reviewing your family's records that may be included, contact the museum at 336-694-4965.



America will be Celebrating our *250 Birthday in 2026*

Plans are in motion for the celebration.

At the Caswell County Historical Association, we have presented a Resolution for the County to have an official committee for the planning process and it was approved by the County Commissioners. The CCHA is now applying for a grant for funding to assist in the county's celebration.

More details will be coming on this project and we invite you to let us know if you'd like to be involved. We are seeking individuals that are interested in the history of the county and want to help

It is a great way for citizens, schools, churches and organizations to be a part of the celebration.

To learn more, click *here*. If you are interested, email *here*.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

FRIDAY JUNE 28, 2024

5:00 FESTIVITIES BEGIN
Vendor Festival and Kids Activities 5 - 8 pm
Cruise In 6pm - Until
Live Music RETRO VINYL 7:00pm
Fireworks at Dusk

Bring a yard chair or blanket and enjoy the afternoon /evening of fun, food, festivities and fireworks!

Yanceyville Pavilion
158 E. Church Street, Yanceyville, NC 27379

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Music at the Market

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June 6th

Food Truck - Soulful Peartree

Music - Trevor Percario

June 13th

Food Truck - The Mess Haul

Music - Kyle Moore

June 20th

Ginger Hearts Drinks

Music - Another Chance

June 27th

Food Truck - TBD

Music - Mickey Mills



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