



Dear Friends,

The Washington County Historical Society wishes to cultivate new partnerships (and renew old ones) with residents of Washington County and beyond. Therefore, you are invited to become a Friend of the Washington County Historical Society.

For nearly three decades, the Historical Society has worked to preserve and promote the history of Washington County through the Port o' Plymouth Museum, the Davenport Homestead, the CSS *Albemarle* replica, and the Battle of Plymouth Living History Weekend. Through hard work, the Port o' Plymouth Museum has gained the reputation as being one of the premier museums in North Carolina. In May 2015 and June 2016, the *News & Observer* listed the Port o' Plymouth Museum as being one of the “**best kept secrets**” in the eastern part of the State. This reputation has helped draw tourists from all over **North Carolina** and the **World** to Washington County. **This year we have had visitors from Germany, England, Canada, and many more countries so we are expanding worldwide! The Museum has been featured on WITN News, Eastern Living, The Roanoke Beacon, Magic 95.9, and many more media outlets in North Carolina in 2018!**

Due to the Historical Society's status as an independent non-profit organization, we need your moral and financial support in order to continue our legacy of preserving Washington County's history. Your **tax deductible contribution** keeps our doors open by funding **facility maintenance, the curator's salary, new exhibits, and special events.**

The Historical Society has much to look forward to in 2019-2020. In October the Historical Society will hold its **annual paddle** in Washington County, stay tuned because there might be a new exciting route for the paddle.. In 2019, the Battle of Plymouth Living History Weekend will take place **April 27-28<sup>th</sup>**. For this event, we are excited to announce the Second Edition of the **Fireside Feast**, which will include food, drinks, and entertainment of the Civil War period. We are continuing to work diligently to make our historical records available to the public and we are making progress in that direction. This year, we will also be updating some of our existing exhibits and, provided that we can raise enough money, we are planning to introduce new exhibits. For instance, we plan on expanding our artifacts and history before and after the Civil War, in order to tell the whole story of Plymouth and Washington County.

If you would like to see the Historical Society expand its vision and offer more cultural activities, please become a Friend of the Washington County Historical Society. You will see, below, that we have included additional levels of membership and expanded our benefits.

Benefits to all members:

- Membership Card
- 10% off Museum Gift Shop
- 10% off all ticketed museum events
- Early Notice of Special Events

Membership Levels:

- Student - \$10 (you must be 25-years old or younger to select this option)
  - Benefits listed above
- Military (Individual) - \$10
  - Benefits listed above
- Military (Household) - \$20
  - Benefits listed above



- Individual - \$15 (1-year)/\$25 (2-year)
  - Benefits listed above
- Household - \$25 (1-year)/\$45 (2-years)
  - Benefits listed above
- Business or Individual Ally- \$50
  - Benefits listed above, plus:
    - Free t-shirt
- Business or Individual Supporter - \$75
  - Benefits listed above, plus:
    - Free t-shirt
    - 20% discount on one admission all ticketed museum events



- Business or Individual Patron - \$100
  - Benefits listed above, plus:
    - Free t-shirt
    - 30% discount on admission to ALL ticketed museum events

- Business or Individual Sponsor - \$250
  - Benefits listed above plus:
    - Free t-shirt
    - 40% discount on admission to ALL ticketed museum events
    - Named as a sponsor on our website as well as at the museum



- Business or Individual Benefactor - \$500
  - Benefits listed above plus:
    - Free t-shirt
    - Two Free admission tickets to ALL ticketed museum events
    - Named as a benefactor on our website as well as at the museum
    - One free ticket to ride on Cushing's Launch or the CSS Albemarle, during Living History Weekend
- Business or Individual Gold Benefactor - \$1000
  - Benefits listed above plus:
    - Free t-shirt
    - Four free admission tickets to ALL museum events
    - Named as a gold benefactor on our website as well as at the museum
    - Links to your website on our social media and our website
    - Two free tickets to ride on Cushing's Launch or the CSS Albemarle, during Living History Weekend.

Thank you for your consideration,

*George Waters*

President