

The
CHARLOTTE MUSEUM
of HISTORY



WHERE HISTORY HAS A HOME

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Images available upon request

Robin Edgar, Jen Crickenberger and project participants available for interviews

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Charlotte Museum of History hosts the opening of *Personal Legacies: Surviving the Great Depression* on September 30, 2006 from 2 to 4 p.m. Based on interviews by local author and reminiscence-writing facilitator Robin Edgar, the exhibit shares personal accounts and universal lessons about how Charlotteans not only survived but thrived during the Depression.

The author and a selection of exhibit participants will be at the opening day event. The event also marks the launch of Edgar's book, by the same name as the exhibit. Books can be purchased from the Museum gift shop and Edgar will be on hand to sign them.

The event will also include a scavenger hunt for children. They will be asked to locate different items throughout the exhibit, and if they find them they receive a prize. Visitors can also enjoy paper doll making, excerpts from *Little Rascals* playing in the Museum's Hands-on History room and popcorn while they enjoy the movie.

After viewing the stories of twenty-five Charlotteans who share their accounts of life in Charlotte during the Depression, visitors are asked to share their own stories.

For more information contact The Charlotte Museum of History at 704-568-1774, info@charlottemuseum.org or visit www.charlottemuseum.org.

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General Information

The Charlotte Museum of History

The Charlotte Museum of History is *Where History Has A Home*. The Museum, with its core and visiting exhibitions, explores Charlotte-Mecklenburg's rich history during the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries. The Museum is home to the oldest surviving

structure in Charlotte-Mecklenburg, the Hezekiah Alexander House (circa 1774). Set on eight acres of park like grounds, the Museum is also home to the American Freedom Bell, the Backcountry Patriot Statue and historic gardens. In addition, the Museum offers: rental space for events and weddings, education programs for adults, schools and families, and membership benefits and opportunities. The Charlotte Museum of History is supported, in part, with a Basic Operating Grant from the Arts & Science Council. The Charlotte Museum of History is located at 3500 Shamrock Drive (between Eastway and Sharon Amity). Open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Free every Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. Open Mondays from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Guided tours of the Hezekiah Alexander Homesite given daily at 1:15 and 3:15 p.m.

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CPCC Press

The CPCC Press, a division of Central Piedmont Community College, is thrilled to add Robin Edgar's *Personal Legacies: Surviving the Great Depression, Charlotte/Mecklenburg 1929-1939* to its list of publications. The CPCC Press has published twelve books since its inception in late 2003; and before the end of 2006 it will add five more to its credit. The CPCC Press accepts submissions from CPCC faculty and staff as well as select community authors. For more information visit our website: www.cpccservicescorp.com or email cpccpress@cpcc.edu.



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