



Preservation Zebulon, Inc.

Promoting historic preservation and appreciation of buildings in the Zebulon NC area.

Newsletter December 2019

Join Us for Preservation Day February 8

“Memories and Merry Moments in Time” is the theme of Preservation Day on Saturday February 8 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Wakelon Zebulon Town Hall, 1003 North Arendell Avenue in Zebulon. Please assist us in capturing and preserving memories of Zebulon. Our event will include:

- Zebulon photo and document Scan-a-thon – bring items that celebrate Zebulon’s pre-1980 treasures
- Help us film video memory captures – What Zebulon Means to You
- View a video presentation of “*Rex Tippet and Zebulon’s Farming Heritage*” as our first installation of Zebulon Memory Project
- Tour *Friends of Wakelon* display on second floor
- Door prizes at 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. (Winner must be present to win.)
- Light refreshments will be served.

Weather make-up date for the event is February 15.



National Register Update

Our consultants who are preparing our nomination for a National Register Historic District in Zebulon have been hard at work this past year. They are expecting to turn in their draft nomination to the NC State Historic Preservation Office by the end of the year. Thanks to Ruth Moss, Patricia Roberson, Betsy Green, Marvin Howell, Tommy Massey and MaryBeth Carpenter who have helped flesh out historic information and photos on structures needing more information.

A Tax Credit workshop will be held in Spring or Summer of 2020 once our nomination is going through the review and approval process. Check out our website and Facebook pages for updates! More good news – the NC General Assembly has extended the tax credits available for historic structures through 2024. Next year we will present a series on what this means to owners of buildings that contribute to the potential district.

Death by Disco Murder Mystery

SUPER SLEUTHS – Winning the Award as Super Sleuths and solving the Murder Mystery at Preservation Zebulon’s fundraiser on September 28, 2019 are the attendees below.



Left to right: Ashley Nigh, June Lanier, Rob Nigh, Faye Wade, Brenda Avant, Sandra Richardson, Tim Richardson, Cindy Privette, Glenn Privette

PZ Annual Meeting Launches Memory Project

Our Preservation Zebulon Annual Meeting and kickoff of our Zebulon Memory Project was held at the House of Joy, the Gathering Place, at 108 W. North Street, Zebulon on November 14. Extended members of the Tippet family and many community members attended to screen a viewing of an interview with the late Rex Tippet on farming through the decades in Zebulon. This 25 minute film was the first to be released from the Zebulon Memory Project. Carol Ellis, Executive Director of the House of Joy told about the history of the home from its beginnings as the Millard Chamblee house at 108 W. North Street and through its ownership by Nancy Bunn, from whom Carol’s non-profit group purchased the house.

The event, attended by 110 people attired in Disco costumes, was Preservation Zebulon’s second fundraiser and was held at the Zebulon Lion’s Club building on East Lee Street. It was a murder mystery *Death by Disco*, featuring seven actors from “It’s A Mystery” and a Disco Dance Party theme. Preservation Zebulon used all local sourcing for the event, with catering by Southlands, dessert by Carter’s Bakery, wine, beer and bar service from EnoNeo, centerpieces and décor from Lovallo’s Florist, and wait service provided by East Wake High School honor students. Funding from the event will go toward Preservation Zebulon’s efforts to create a national register historic district in Zebulon and its ongoing nonprofit documentation, preservation, and promotion projects.

Rex Tippet’s Farming Heritage



Members of the Tippet family gather at our Nov. 14 event.



Rex Tippet, the baby, and his family in 1930.

Highlights of 2019



Members and guests at PZ Annual Meeting on November 15

OUR MEMBERSHIP INCREASES

- 76 individual paid members, 106 overall
- 19 corporate members, 15 businesses contribute to Murder Mystery

Activities this year:

- 1 historic downtown walking tour (October) and 3 in 2018 (April, June, Oct)
- Zebulon Memory Project – 4 new one-hour interviews captured on tape (10 total)
- Zebulon Memory Project – Local families sharing photos and history – 6 families
- Launched “Rex Tippet’s Local Farming Heritage” film at Nov. 14 Annual Meeting
- Murder Mystery Dinner Fundraiser Sept. 28 – 110 attended
- Hired Firefly Consulting to conduct NR Nomination
- Assisted with queries from Firefly on businesses and residences

- Digitized photos from local families, posted many on Facebook
- Continuing to collect photos from residents, archiving, sharing on Facebook
- 2 Newsletters out via print, can see issues on website under resources
- Raised funds in 2018 to fully pay for National Register Historic District nomination
- Planning Scan-a-thon and Zebulon Memory Project event for Feb. 8, 2020
- Continuing to assist with NR nomination, expected to receive in 2020

All of Preservation Zebulon’s activities are run by volunteers. Thank you for your support and participation!

Walking Tour

We had beautiful weather for our historic downtown walking tour on October 12 for Preservation Zebulon. Thanks to all who attended and added their own stories to the mix! We plan to hold our next tour in the Spring of 2020.



Walking Tour participants pause in front of Wiggs house on 214 Sycamore Street.

PRESERVATION ZEBULON LOGO ON DOWNTOWN SIGN



Left to right, Marvin Howell, MaryBeth Carpenter, Tommy Massey and Ruth Moss, all PZ board members, pause by our new logo on Arendell Avenue downtown in November.



Preservation Zebulon joins other non -profit organizations that lift up the community in the downtown area.

PLEASE SUPPORT PZ

In this holiday season, as we celebrate the spirit of giving, please consider giving the gift of preserving history, economic development and promoting our small town feel by making a tax-deductible donation to Preservation Zebulon today.

Together, we can save our precious historic resources, reach higher and make futures brighter! Preservation Zebulon Inc., is a local, tax-exempt non-profit organization founded to promote the historic preservation of structures in Zebulon and its surrounding areas. The area surrounding downtown is full of structures built from the time of Zebulon's founding in 1907, and we'd like to see them preserved for future generations. Please give today online at www.preservationzebulon.org or by mailing a check to the address below.

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