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Sherrills Ford Friends of the Library



A Note from Linda

The thing I love about history is there is always something new and interesting to learn today even though it all happened in the past. On April 12, we will have the opportunity to learn something new about the history and exploration of this area when archeologist Dr. David Moore tells us about his excavation work at Joara (Ft. San Juan) in Burke County.

It is amazing to me that this 16th century historically significant site is so close to us, and yet very few of us are familiar with it. Just think, if you had been sitting on your deck in 1566, you might have seen the Spanish explorer, Captain Juan Pardo, and his men on their expedition following the Catawba River after starting from the coast of South Carolina. What a sight that would have been!



On April 30, we will learn about another kind of explorer along the Catawba River - the hawk. We see hawks soaring high overhead every day. Now children in our community will have the opportunity to see a hawk up close. Mary Wanzong and Flo Hollands have planned this wonderful program for our Spring Event in conjunction with the Carolina Raptor Center.

While we say we do these programs are for the children of the community, I have noticed that the adults have as much fun as the children do at the various Friend's events. See the details for the Spring Event in this newsletter, and then plan to be at the Library on the 30th. It's OK if you say you are coming for the grandchildren's benefit - we understand.

The Connie Company (the youth theater group of the Davidson Community Players) will be back this summer, so watch for more information on that. We know everyone looks forward to their creative productions. We are excited to have them back again.

With spring comes the election of new officers for the Friends. If you have suggestions for candidates for any of the officer positions, please let us know. You can send an e-mail to sherrillsfordfol@gmail.com with your suggestions.

Keep checking our website for updates on the latest events in the area. Plus, give us feedback on any information that you would like to see on the website: www.sherrillsfordfriendsofthelibrary.org
See you at these special events on April 12 and April 30 as well as the Friends meeting on April 19.

Linda



April Schedule at our Library

Richard Griffin and Sandy Cooke

• **Story time 10 a.m. Wednesdays:** We will create a Star Pop-up Book, and Earth Day will be the theme on April 27

• **Music Time 10 a.m. Thursdays**

• **Information Available On Managing Personal Finances:**

The American Library Association (ALA) has partnered with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and has graciously shared resources for all interested libraries, groups, organizations and individuals who want to know how to better manage their personal finances.

Sherrills Ford Branch Library is partnering with our Local Government Credit Union to provide resource information for our community. Brochures on various "free" programs is available. This year will be a year of getting our feet wet in hopes that next year we can take a full dunk into the financial wellness pool.

• **Imagining Ourselves & Others: Art for Kids, 10 a.m. April 9:** April celebrates National Library Week and we will celebrate with several programs beginning with this unique art program by Susan Johnston. Throughout the week we will have materials available for all ages to participate in a Create Your Story Display. Also, a drawing will be held on Saturday, April 16th at each library location. The entry fee for the drawing is a submission of a story about you.

• **Joara/Spanish fort, 7 p.m. April 12:** see article

• **Rock painting, 4 p.m. April 14:** This special art program, presented by Wendy White is for all ages. No cost for participation to this program, however registration is preferred.

• **Friends of Library, 7 p. m April 19**

• **Egg hunt, 10 a.m. April 20:** on the Library grounds.



• **Landscaping, 7 p.m. April 26:** Celebrate Earth Day with a special gardening program with Kelly Groves, from NC Cooperation Extension Agency. Kelly will focus on how to design and maintain a successful lawn with ornamental shrubbery.

• **Friends Raptor Program 10 a.m. April 30:** see article

Special Friend's Program-April 12: Archaeologist to Speak

7 PM at Sherrills Ford Presbyterian Church, across from the library

Archaeologist Dr. David Moore of Warren Wilson College near Asheville will discuss Joara/Ft. San Juan, the 16th-century Spanish fort discovered near Morganton; http://www.joarafoundation.org/berry_site.html

Special Spring Event April 30 at the Sherrills Ford Branch Library

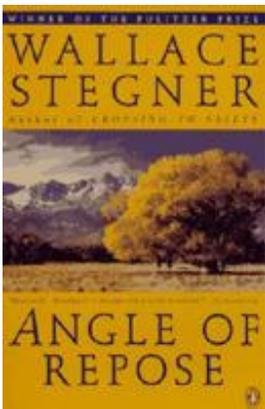
At 10 AM, Don West of the **Lake Norman Wildlife Conservationists** will speak about **creating a wildlife habitat in your own backyard.**

At 10:30 AM, Friends of the Sherrills Ford Library will sponsor a program by the **Carolina Raptor Center.** The Center will share a native bird program with us. A special feature will be a **release of a healed raptor** back into its native habitat. Please bring a blanket or towel to sit on for the program; **for the safety of the birds, do not bring chairs.** In case of rain, we will meet indoors.

For more information on these programs, call 828-478-4763.

SFFOL Sponsors Successful Community Book Discussion

Anthony Abbott, poet and professor emeritus at Davidson College, was our host for a community book discussion of Wallace Stegner's novel, *Angle of Repose*. The well attended event took place March 29 at Sherrills Ford Presbyterian Church. Dr. Abbott provided background on the author, and how events in his life influenced the content of this book. A spirited discussion among the group ensued about many aspects of the story and the characters. After the meeting, everyone continued their discussion over coffee and various goodies provided by members of the Friends. Thanks to Flo Hollands, Joanie Gardner and Joyce Beatty for selecting the book for this event, and to Barbara Nelson for contacting Dr Abbott to facilitate the discussion.



Above center: Dr. Tony Abbott leads the discussion.

Above right: Dr. Abbott signs his latest book of poetry for Joanie Gardner

Left: The crowd enjoys refreshments following the discussion.

(Photos: Linda Greenwell)

More Recipes from SFFOL Sponsored Spanish Class Fiesta

Señora Jones shares these recipes that she prepared for the fiesta following the last Spanish class February 26.

REFRIED BEANS	FLOUR TORTILLAS
<p>1 lb. Pinto or black beans 6 cups of hot water Salt to taste 1 tablespoon of oil 1 small onion</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sort the beans; wash them and soak them in hot water for a couple of hours. Drain them and put them in a pot. 2. With 6 cups of hot water, salt, oil and onion, bring them to boil and simmer until tender. 3. To refried them: Sauté a medium chopped onion; pour in some of the beans (very little liquid) and mash them a little at a time. Then let them simmer stirring A a few times a few minutes (maybe 5minutes). <p style="text-align: center;">Sherrills Ford Salsa Verde</p> <p>10 tomatillos 5 chiles serranos 2 garlic cloves ½ of a cilantro bunch ½ of a small onion Salt to taste</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Remove the husk and wash the tomatillos. 2. Remove the stems and wash the chiles. 3. Put the tomatillos and chiles on a cookie sheet and broil for a few minutes until a little charred, then turn them to get both sides of the tomatillos and chiles a little charred, now put these aside. 4. Remove the cilantro leaves from the stems and wash them. 5. Put everything in a blender, and blend to the texture you want. Enjoy!! 	<p>2 ½ cups of flour 2 ½ teaspoons of baking powder 1 teaspoon of salt ½ of margarine Hot water (aprox, 1 cup)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mix flour, baking powder and salt, cut in margarine. 2. Using pastry blender until all flour is blended and resembles coarse sand, pour hot water, a little at a time and mix with pastry blender until dough forms a ball. 3. Pour on lightly floured surface and knead a few times. 4. Form small balls (about 1 inch in diameter) and flatten with the rolling pin to form a tortilla. 5. Cook on a hot grill on the stove until lightly brown, then flip over to cook the other side. <p>NOTE: I like to use one cup of whole-wheat flour and one and one half of white wheat flour.</p> <p>I use butter instead of margarine and use only six or seven tablespoons of butter.</p> <p>Once you form your balls cover them with plastic and let them rest for 15 minutes to making forming the tortillas easier.</p> <p>----- (If you want more kick , put in more chiles, if you want less then use fewer chiles. It is difficult to control the spiciness because of variation in the chilies</p>

SFFOL Member Information

FOL Meeting: Tuesday, April 19, at the Library, 7 PM.

Newsletter Submissions: Please e-mail **news and photo submissions** to Ellen Dewey by the fourth Tuesday of the month for inclusion, or to request previous issues: ejdewey@gmail.com

County Library News

Tammy Wilson, Public Info. Officer, CC Libraries, <http://catawbacountync.gov/library>

County library offers free computer classes: Catawba County Library System retains its commitment to adult learning by offering classes to sharpen computer skills and to download electronic books. The free 90-minute sessions are taught by trained library staff. Pre-registration is required.

–PhotoStory—This class will show you how to combine graphic images with text to create your own illustrated stories. Session begins at 9 a.m. Friday, April 15 in Newton. (60 minutes)

–Google Documents—See how to create documents from this popular search engine. Class starts at 10 a.m. Friday, April 8 at Southwest.

–Intro to Excel—Learn this basic spreadsheet program to create interactive charts for bookkeeping and other purposes. Scheduled 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 12 at Newton.

–Intro to Word—See how easy it is to create, edit and store documents using this popular word processing program. Offered at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 19, in Newton.

–LearnFree Sessions—Goodwill Community Foundation’s Learnfree program offers self-paced learning for those who wish to brush up on computer, math, reading or other life skills topics at their own pace through interactive videos. Sessions will be held each Thursday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Newton.

To register for any class, call the Main Library in Newton at 465-7938; St. Stephens, 256-3030 or Southwest, 294-2343.

Community

Garden Club Plant Sale - The Lake Norman Garden Club 12th Annual Plant Sale will be held Saturday, **April 16th, 8:00 am-1:00 pm at Rehobeth United Methodist Church, 9297 Sherrills Ford Road, Terrell, NC.**

Plants from Shagreen Nursery will be featured along with proven plants from members’ gardens. Dr. Emile Gebel, owner of Shagreen Nursery, and other experienced gardeners will be on hand to assist with gardening questions. Proceeds from the sale support community projects, including the upkeep of the Sherrills Ford Library garden and a scholarship to a local student majoring in a horticulture related field.

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