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Harper House/Hickory History Center Reopens to the Public; “Unmasking Harper” Celebration Planned for October 30

HICKORY, N.C. — The Historical Association of Catawba County is pleased to announce that **Harper House/Hickory History Center is now open to the public Wednesday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.**, following extensive restoration efforts at the historic property.

Visitors are once again invited to step inside one of Hickory’s architectural treasures and experience the stories, people, and history connected to the Harper House and the Hickory community. **Group tours are also available by appointment.**

The Historical Association is especially excited to welcome **local historian and author Richard Eller**, who will be giving tours of Harper House on **Wednesdays**. Eller’s extensive knowledge of Hickory and Catawba County history will offer visitors an engaging opportunity to discover the people and stories that shaped the community.

Save the Date: “Unmasking Harper” — Friday, October 30

After months of restoration work, Harper House is ready for its official reveal!

The Historical Association of Catawba County invites the community to **save the date for Friday, October 30**, as we officially **“Unmask Harper”** with a special celebration marking the completion of the extensive restoration efforts.

In keeping with the spirit of the evening, guests will be encouraged to **wear a mask and join in the fun** as we celebrate the next chapter in the life of this treasured historic home.

Additional details about the “Unmasking Harper” celebration, including event times and activities, will be announced soon.

“We are thrilled to welcome the community back to Harper House,” said Susan Holbrook, Executive Director of the Historical Association of Catawba County. “This restoration represents an investment not only in a beautiful historic property, but in preserving the stories and history of Hickory for generations to come. We can’t wait to open the doors, welcome everyone back, and celebrate together on October 30.”

Visit Harper House/Hickory History Center

Harper House/Hickory History Center
310 North Center Street
Hickory, NC

Hours: Wednesday–Friday, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
Group Tours: Available by appointment
Phone: 828-324-7294
Email: director@catawbahistory.org

The Historical Association of Catawba County encourages the community to follow along for additional information about the October 30 celebration and upcoming programs at Harper House/Hickory History Center.

About the Historical Association of Catawba County

The Historical Association of Catawba County works to preserve, interpret, and share the rich history of Catawba County and its role in the Western Piedmont of North Carolina. Through its historic sites, collections, educational programs, exhibits, tours, and community events, the Association connects people with the stories and places that have shaped Catawba County.

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