

**The Hickory Landmark's Society's**  
**24th Annual**  
***Romance of the Home and Garden Tour***  
**Hickory, North Carolina**

**Saturday, May 19, 2018**  
**9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**Featuring Self-Guided tours of 7 homes and gardens.**

**Cost: \$25 per person in advance**  
**\$30.00 per person day of the event.**

Tickets Are on Sale Now @ [www.hickorylandmarks.org](http://www.hickorylandmarks.org)

**Other Tickets Sales Locations:**

Maple Grove (542 2<sup>nd</sup> St. NE)

Bottega (262 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. NW)

Jenny's Gifts and Accessories (436 Main Ave., NW)

Lowe's Foods Belle Hollow (3010 North Center Street)

The Sally Company (323 2<sup>nd</sup> St. NW)

Village Gardens (Hwy. 127 North at 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW)

**The Sites:**

**Herman-Tuttle House**

**227 Fifth Ave. NE**

**Owner: Corey Richardson**



The Herman-Tuttle House is a one-and-one-half-story bungalow built in 1914. The broad gable roof extends beyond the front of the house to shelter the engaged front porch with its square wooden posts and low-stone wall. The entrance has nine-over-one sash sidelights, and flanking the entrance are two sets of three windows with nine-over-one-sash. The central shed-roofed front dormer continues the use of nine-over-one sash. The stacked rock foundation is the only stone foundation on the street.

Dr. Corey Richardson purchased the house in 2017 and has worked to restore it to its former glory. Structural repairs include a complete overhaul of plumbing and repair of systems. A metal fire escape was removed from the east side of the building and replaced with a Dutch door. Interior features of interest include a dual staircase with landing and original pocket doors. Local artist Frances Hairfield painted a faux fire for the firescreen.

### **Wm. & Blanche Busby House**

**334 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Dr. SE**

**Owners: Sheila Yost**



The 1925 Busby house is a one-and-one-half-story Colonial Revival style frame house with German siding. It has a side-gable roof with a large shed-roofed dormer on the façade with a front-gable-roofed entry porch supported by Tuscan columns. A shed-roofed side porch has Tuscan columns and wooden railing.

On June 18, 1925 the *Hickory Daily Record* announced that the contract had been let for erection of a home for William Busby in Kenworth. In 1925 William Busby worked at the Standard Garage and Sales Company and in 1935 he was the proprietor of Busby Motor Company, the local dealers of Studebakers and Packards. Charles Tyson Morrison (1875-1949) and his wife Grace Tuttle Morrison (1890-1976) purchased the house on September 26, 1939. Mr. Morrison was a real estate broker and worked periodically in businesses such as M&M Hosiery Mills and Paragon Manufacturing Company. His widow owned the house until 1962. A succession of owners followed.

Current owner Sheila Yost purchased the property in June 2016. Repairs were necessary on plaster and hardwood floors. The kitchen has been transformed into a country kitchen with minimal structural change. Throughout the house neutral backgrounds showcase whimsical décor. Ms. Yost builds miniatures which grace the house and are showcased in the sunroom.

**Perry-Bolick House**  
**422 3rd Ave. Dr SE**  
**Owners: Allan and Starry Jones**



The Perry-Bolick house appears to have been adapted from the Sears and Roebuck mail order house design number C3272 “The Maywood.” The two-story stucco and artificially sided dwelling has an unusual hipped roofline, shed-roofed dormers on the north and south elevations, brick foundation, brick interior chimney that extends from the center of the hipped roof, and an arched, recessed entry in the southernmost bay balanced by an engaged, arched, arcaded porch on the northernmost bay of the facade.

On October 5, 1929, Robert M. Perry (1884-1955), a building contractor, purchased the lot on which this house was in late 1929 and 1930. On April 3, 1930, Robert M. Perry and his wife Ollie F. Perry borrowed \$3700 from the First Building and Loan Association to pay for the construction of this house. This house was later owned by brothers Eubert, George, and Walker Lyerly; the Shuford Hardware Company, Inc, which was a holding company owned by the Lyerly family; and O.L. Davis and his wife Ruth Davis. On November 25, 1963, Robert Lawrence Bolick, director of safety and personnel at Gaines Motor Lines, and his wife Dorothy H. Bolick purchased this house. It remained in the Bolick estate until 2017 when it was purchased by Allan and Starry Jones who are in the process of restoring the house.

The interior of the house remains virtually original. The plan has been altered slightly to expand the kitchen, with the closure of a rear door and the removal of part of a wall. The rear windows will be replaced with French doors to access the rear yard. Original fixtures remain and will be restored to the house as the restoration progresses. The generous lot offers great space for future landscaping.

**Fox-Duhling House**  
**239 5<sup>th</sup> Street SE**  
**Owners: Eileen Alexander**



The Fox-Duhling House is a one-story, three-bay, weatherboarded bungalow with an engaged front porch. Its façade features a broad, wood-shingled gable end with widely overhanging, braced eaves. Four tapered wood porch posts rest on brick plinths and are connected by a plain balustrade. The center entrance is bordered by narrow sidelights and is flanked by single, one-over-one double-hung sash. Other features include shallow bays supported by brackets on the north and south elevations, one interior chimney, exposed rafter ends, and an enclosed porch at the east-southeast corner which has been converted to a bath and laundry room.

Edgar L. Fox (1896-1965) bought this house from the Hickory Land and Development Company on May 11, 1920 for \$5000. It had been built during the earlier months of 1920 and possibly the latter part of 1919. A graduate of the Asheville Business College, Fox became office assistant for the City of Hickory in 1916. Thereafter he was employed by the First Savings and Loan Association, where he rose to the position of executive vice president in 1951. He was on the board of directors from 1930 until his death. In 1929 Fox married Euphemia “Peggy” Lipford of Chester, South Carolina, and they lived in this house until 1937. The Foxes sold the property to Walter E. Wootten in 1937. In 1951 William H. Duhling and his wife, Netta, purchased the house. They had lived in the nearby Katharine Carr House for a number of years before they moved to Mount Airy in 1949. Robert Craig and Louisa J. Russell purchased the house in 1983. It has change owners a number of times since. The house is currently owned by Eileen Alexander.

Ms. Alexander moved to Hickory in August 2015 from New Hampshire, leaving behind her previous furniture. She purchased this house and furnished it with a mixture of antiques and 80% specially chosen pieces from consignment and thrift shops. Her preference in décor is eclectic and colorful.

**Bailey Patrick House (Access1Source)**  
**429 First Ave. NW**  
**Owner: Mike Lefevers, CPA**



The Bailey Patrick House is one of the oldest houses standing near Union Square. A two-story, frame house, built around 1900, it is a Queen Anne style building with asymmetrical massing. Early owners of the house include W. R. Bradshaw who sold it to Earl N. and Bertha Carr in 1938. Mr. Carr was a former mayor of Hickory and World War I veteran. Bailey and Louise Patrick purchased the house in 1948. Patrick was a prominent Hickory attorney who lived in the house until 1984, when it was purchase by Richard and Francis Boyd. Following their departure the house was allowed to fall into disrepair.

Mike LeFevers purchased the property in 2015 and preformed major exterior and interior rehabilitation work, all in keeping with the building's architectural and historical character. His company, Access1Source, operates out of the building.

**Frans House**  
**1608 Sixth St. NW**  
**Owners: Tom and Ann Dobbins**



The L.P Frans house was built in late 1955 and 1956 by the Crouch Lumber Company. The contract for the house was signed on September 12, 1955 for a new house based on plans designed by D. Carroll Abee. It is a one-level brick structure, typical of the ranch style of the

1950s with traditional Colonial Revival elements such as columns on the exterior. The house remained in the Frans family until 1992 and has had only a few owners. A major renovation of the kitchen was carried out five years ago. Many original features of the Crouch interior remain, including dentil molding, wainscoting and wooden louver blinds. The kitchen has one original cupboard and a built-in ironing board. One structural change is the enclosure of a screened in porch which is now a home office.

The Dobbins have furnished the house with a mixture of antiques and local craftsmanship from Century Furniture and Hickory Chair. Touches of family history are worked in such as a chandelier from Mr. Dobbins parents dining room reused in the entryway. Collections are showcased throughout the house, including Chinese export porcelain, cut glass and dolls.

### **Adam and Will Whetstone Memorial Gardens**

**1514 6<sup>th</sup> St. NW**

**Owner: David and Debbie Whetstone**



David and Debbie Whetstone have established one of Hickory's most unique gardens, filled with rock sculptures by famed Watauga County sculptor Kenny Bill. Bill began collecting and sculpting stones as a hobby, with David acquiring works as early as 2009. Their first rock formation is located at the front/right. It gives the appearance of a prehistoric bird. Another highlight is a stone backpacker. The rock wall was built by well-known local stone mason John Lutz.

Walking to the back yard, you will be enthralled by even more stone formations, big and small, mixed with fabricated metal sculptures. Note the large, painted rooster from Mexico, the stone memorial, a sparkling gate, the frog attached to the house, original stained glass windows rescued from the demolished St. Stephens Lutheran Church, and a Weeping Mulberry tree bent by weather. The early log cabin was moved here from South Boston, Virginia.

In 2017 the Whetstones dedicated their garden to the memory of their deceased twin sons William and Adam.

## **Featured Speaker: Calvin Reyes**

**Lead Training Specialist - Winning Matters, LLC**

**Partner - Henry River Mill Village, LLC**

**Executive Director - Henry River Preservation Fund, Inc.**

**Location: Maple Grove**

**Time: 8:30am**

**(Continental Breakfast 8am)**



As his day job, Calvin helps run the consulting firm Winning Matters, which has provided him with over 10 years of experience in the textile industry. Calvin helps independently owned companies around the country develop value focused sales and management teams, as well as branding and marketing strategies to reach new customers and increase revenue. On his free time, he and his family (Elaine Namour - Mother and Michael Namour - Step Father) purchased the Henry River Mill Village property, and they established the not for profit Henry River Preservation Fund to focus on the preservation and continued education of the Historic Henry River Mill District. He is the current Executive Director of the Henry River Preservation Fund, Inc.

In his personal life, Calvin and his wife, Melissa, and their 3 kids live in downtown Hickory and enjoy spending time in the community they have decided to call home. Their hopes with a project like Henry River is to demonstrate the importance of the adaptive reuse of historic properties, and to bring life and hope back to the community for their children and others to flourish and grow. Calvin has an outgoing, self-confident personality, and has spent the majority of his career learning how to motivate and inspire people to lead and succeed.

In his free time, he loves to entertain people, and outside of developing teams and historic properties, he enjoys cooking, baking and gardening. Many of his recipes can be found in the

local publication, Foothills Digest. His and his family's vision for Henry River is to create a destination that highlights more than just history, but allows visitors to experience all of the great heritage, culture and quality products that western North Carolina has to offer that can't be duplicated anywhere else in the world.

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### **Suggested Driving Route**

**Note: The City of Hickory is divided into quadrants, with railroad tracks separating North and South and Center Street (a.k.a. Rt. #127) separating East from West. When you see street signs with NE, NW, SE, and SW you have a general idea where you are! This suggested route to follow is intended for your convenience. This particular starting point is Maple Grove (542 Second St., NE). You may choose to begin your tour at any location and at any time between 9 am and 4 pm. Yellow daffodil & tulip shaped directional signs are placed at selected points along the route.**

Maple Grove is the venue for a complimentary breakfast and guest speaker between 8 am and 9 am. From Interstate 40 take Exit #125, then North on Lenoir-Rhyne Boulevard approximately 2 miles. Turn left at First Ave. SE (a.k.a. Tate Boulevard) then right at first traffic signal. Pass through 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, NE traffic signal then first right at Maple Grove sign, into parking lot.

Depart Maple Grove parking lot, then left onto Second St. NE (a.k.a. Hwy. #127), then immediate left at traffic signal onto Fifth Ave. NE. Look for the (1) **Herman-Tuttle House - 227 Fifth Ave. NE** on left. Park on street opposite the house. To continue, return to Second St. NE (a.k.a Hwy. #127) via a right turn on Third St. NE then right on Third Ave. NE. Proceed past the Arts and Science Center and then turn left at signal. Travel five blocks to Second Ave. SE, then left at signal. Follow for two blocks, passing Mt. Zion Baptist Church, then immediate right into Fifth St, SE. Look for two stone columns marking the entrance to the Kenworth Neighborhood and historic district. Follow Fifth Street one block, then left onto Third Ave. Dr. SE. The (2) **Busby House - 334 Third Ave. Dr. SE** and (3) **Perry-Bolick House - 422 Third**

**Ave. Dr. SE** are on your right around the bend. Street parking recommended for all but disabled and elderly ticket holders. For traffic safety, please park only on one side of street.

To reach the (4) **Fox-Duhling House - 239 Fifth St. SE** continue along Third Ave. Drive SE, then right onto Fifth Ave. SE, then right back onto Fifth St. SE. The Fox-Duhling House is in the final block leaving Kenworth. Continuing your tour, cross Second Ave, SE and take next left onto First Ave., SE. Head West for eight blocks until you reach Fourth St., SW. Turn right, cross railroad tracks, then second left onto First Ave., NW. The (5) **Bailey Patrick House (a.k.a Access1Source) – 429 First Ave. NW** is on your left. Parking in rear.

Return to First Ave. NW entrance and turn left. Follow for 1 ½ blocks, then right onto 6<sup>th</sup> Street NW. Follow Sixth St. for approximately 1 mile, passing the Propst House and Geitner Road (12<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW), until reaching the 3-way intersection with 16<sup>th</sup> St. NW. The (6) **Frans – Dobbins House – 1608 Sixth St. NW** is on your left and the (7) Adam and **Will Whetstone Memorial Gardens – 1514 6<sup>th</sup> St., NW** is on your right. Parking is limited: do not park in the memorial garden driveway. Suggested parking: (1) on 15th St. NW; (2) in circular driveway at Frans-Dobbins House. Park to the right so that cars can pass by but please do not park on the grass; or (3) bicycle path in front of Frans-Dobbins House and carefully walk across intersection.

For more information call (828)322-4731 or e-mail [info@hickorylandmarks.org](mailto:info@hickorylandmarks.org).

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