

Free classes to tell Charlotte's history

Classes on 5 straight Saturdays beginning Jan. 30 will cover four centuries.

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The Mecklenburg Historical Association Docents will sponsor "From Wagon Roads to New South City," a free series of history classes covering four centuries of Charlotte-area history.

The classes will be on five consecutive Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to noon, beginning Jan. 30. The series will be based on historian Mary Kratt's book, "Charlotte, North Carolina: A Brief History" and will feature lectures by members of the region's academic and history communities.

The registration deadline is Jan. 25. To register, leave your name and contact information with Alice Bostic at 704-527-3251 or alice.bostic@cpcc.edu or Camille Smith at 704-334-2201 or CSmith10@carolina.rr.com.

Topics of study and locations of the classes:

Jan. 30, 9:30 a.m.-noon, "Native Americans and Early Settlement," presented by Ann Evans, curator at the William Elliot White Homestead. It will be at the Charlotte Museum of History.

Feb. 6, 9:30 a.m.-noon, "Charlotte's Beginnings," presented by Leslie Kesler, Charlotte Museum of History historian and curator; Tom Phlegar, museum docent; and the Historical Cooking Guild of the Catawba Valley. It's at the museum.

Feb. 13, 9:30 a.m.-noon, "19th Century Charlotte," presented by James Hogue of the UNC Charlotte history department; and Ann and Jim Williams, MHA Docents. It will be at the Levine Museum of the New South.

Feb. 20, 9:30 a.m.-noon, "20th Century Charlotte," presented by Thomas Hanchett, historian at the Levine Museum. Levine Museum.

Feb. 27, 9:30 a.m.-noon, "Historical Interpretation and Tour of the Church," presented by the MHA Docents, at Sugaw Creek Presbyterian Church.

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