

The Yorkville Times

Yorkville Historical Society
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The White Rose of York

A Time for Community

Springtime is here with wondrous signs of the renewal of nature all around York.

The beauty that comes with this rebirth inspires us to explore all around us, our yards, our neighborhood and paths beyond.

Picking up on this energy, YHS invites you to come join us ... renew your membership now and invite your friends and neighbors to help grow our membership.

YHS needs your questions, thoughts, talents, and financial support. We know that it takes the work and engagement of every one of us to maintain and grow the work of the organization.

Come join us ... bring the spirit of new growth!

See you at our next meeting ... let's create some fun.

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Come on out...

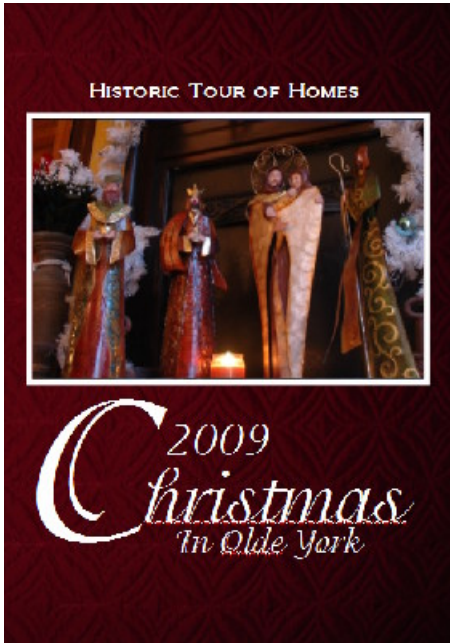
for an evening at historic McCelvey Center.

What: **YHS Meeting**
Speaker, Keara Reburn
Topic...her 2009 Trip to Ireland

When: Thursday March 25, 2010
7:30 PM

Where: McCelvey Center
212 E. Jefferson St.

Note: **Board Meeting**
6:30 PM



2009 CHRISTMAS TOUR

Winter weather did not deter several hundred from enjoying the hospitality of the Yorkville 2009 Christmas Tour of Homes. The home owners did a marvelous job and each splendidly unique home was grandly prepared for the Christmas visitors.

“Thank you”

home owners for your generosity in opening your homes to remind all of us of a time past and of the joy of living in olde York today.

Thank You Christmas Tour Volunteers

- Anne Allison
- Corinne Baltz
- Cheney Baltz
- Bruce Baltz
- Lou Barbary
- Martha Blackwell
- Paul Boger
- Libby Bradford
- Nancy Cumbie
- Peter Cumbie
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- Sarah Lane
- Elizabeth Lord
- Ken Merritt
- Cathy Miskelly
- Emily Mobley
- Mary Montgomery
- Liza Moore
- Louise Moss
- Marguerite Neary
- Jim Neary
- Debbie Norman
- Courtney Norman
- Marion Peterson
- Kandi Peterson
- Terri Philemon
- Marc Philemon
- Deborra Wood
- Russell Propst
- Kelly Ramsey
- Jan Ramsey
- Joyce Robbins
- Martha Rosalez
- Jose' Rosalez
- Daniel Rueff
- Wayne Sandifer
- Pam Schronce
- Nick Schronce
- Lisa Schultz
- Sadie Shillinglaw
- John Skinner
- Ken Spaulding
- Rena Strawhorn
- James Stroud
- Doris Thomas
- Barry Turner
- Grace Ulbricht
- Leah Vesselov
- Carolyn Wood
- Ed Wood

Greater York Chamber of Commerce
Olde Rail Road Depot Built circa 1901



Elizabeth Lord
Finley Home Built 1880



Terri & Marc Philemon
Stroup / Wiley Home Built 1900



Abiding Presence Lutheran Church
Built 1957



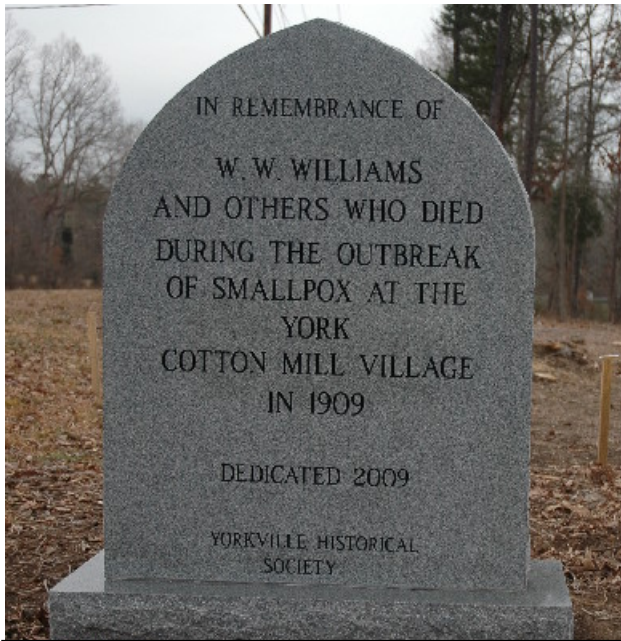
Faith Goodman
Inman Home Built 1890



Lula Barbary
Barbary Home Built 1950



Abiding Presence Lutheran Church
Greater York Chamber of Commerce



The Yorkville Historical Society is seeking more information about the smallpox outbreak at York Cotton Mill Village.

Monument at 1909 Cemetery

One of the projects undertaken last year by the YHS was to erect a monument to memorialize the York Cotton Mill Village 1909 smallpox outbreak victims.

The 1909 gravesite located at Hwy. 49 (North Congress) and Ross Cannon Street was discovered by Yorktowne Village owners while clearing a section of their property along Hwy. 49. Most of the headstones found were broken with only two still standing and only one having legible engraving.

Scott Hollis, president of YHS, did some research at the McCelvey Historical Center. He searched through *Yorkville Inquirer* issues of that period. Here are excerpts from some of the news articles that Scott found in his search:

Excerpts from the *Yorkville-Enquirer*

March 16, 1909

There was a death from smallpox in the York Cotton Mill settlement on the outskirts of the town last Sunday night. The victim was Kirby Pugh, an operative, who had been sick about two weeks. His was the only case and it is not known where he contracted the disease. As soon as they learned that they were contending with smallpox, the mill authorities had the premises thoroughly fumigated and notified Dr. C. F. Williams, secretary of the board of health, who was expected to arrive in Yorkville this morning. There is no excitement or alarm over the situation.

April 9, 1909

When the last issue of the *Enquirer* went to press, the smallpox situation was quieter than it had been since the first alarm on March 14, and since then there has been further improvement, rather than otherwise. The only new cases reported are those of Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Williams at the York Cotton Mill Village. Mr. Williams had not been vaccinated, but Mrs. Williams had been, a short while after the disease developed in her house.

April 16, 1909

There was another death from smallpox in the York Cotton Mill Village, at about 2 o'clock Wednesday morning, making nine since the beginning of the outbreak about the 7th of March. The last victim was Mr. W. W. Williams, whose critical condition was mentioned in the last issue of the *Enquirer*. The understanding is that he had never been vaccinated, because at the beginning of the outbreak, he said he feared vaccination more than smallpox.

April 20, 1909

The Yorkville board of health on last Saturday night, raised the quarantine that had been enforced against the York Cotton Mill Village for some weeks on account of the outbreak of smallpox, and the mill people and others who desire to do so, are at liberty to go and come between the mill and town as they please.

For more details and pictures, go to www.yorkvillehs.org.



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"Under the Big Top"

A Celebration of Barnett Brothers Circus Days in York

Calling all YHS members...

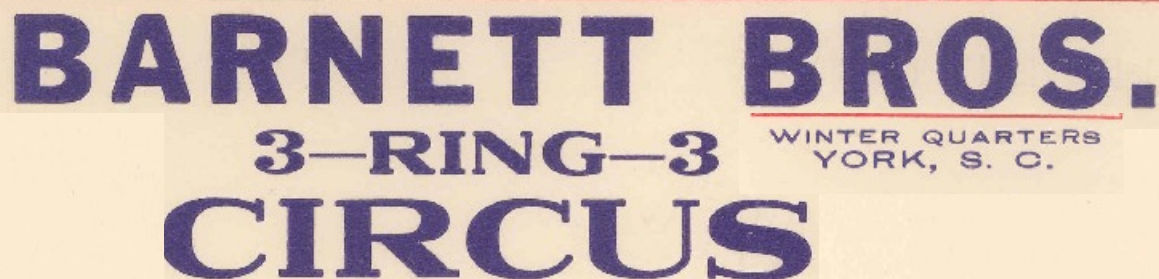
The York Downtown Business Association is presenting the celebration in collaboration with the City of York, Culture & Heritage Museums, Yorkville Historical Society, York Library, and York Parks & Recreation. Mark your calendars for **May 14 & 15 and come join in the fun.**

The event site is located in the historical area of the Barnett Bros. Circus Winter Quarters campus, which covers East Jefferson Street from South Congress Street to College Street including the McCelvey Center.

The celebration will begin with a "Bucket Brigade" softball game on Friday evening, at the Optimist Park on White Rose Lane, featuring York's own Fire Department personnel. Saturday will start off with a Circus Parade followed with all sorts of circus themed activities. There will be local talent featured under the "Big Top", a reunion of circuses' personnel along with their families, historical walking tours and displays, performances by the Carolina Clowns, and children's activities sponsored by the Library. ... And of course there will be circus themed vendors, but many of the activities will be FREE.

So look for more details on this exciting event and **come help now** as the "*Under the Big Top*" Committee (made up of groups mentioned above) continues planning this event.

At it's February meeting YHS voted to act on the opportunity to be the Title Sponsor for the event and take one more step toward making Under the Big Top "the best possible celebration". **We need all of our YHS members to help us do our part in making this a community celebration to remember!**



BARNETT BROS.
3-RING-3 WINTER QUARTERS
CIRCUS YORK, S. C.



"UNDER THE BIG TOP"
FESTIVAL

A Celebration of Circus Days In York - May 14 & 15



Moore Park Makeover

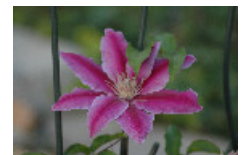
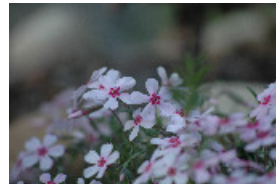
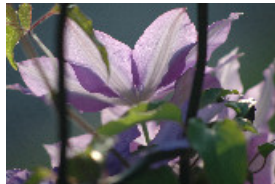
Here is something for your "Fun To Do List".

Do stop by Moore Park, especially this Spring, and enjoy the landscape improvements. The main objective of the project was to add some color or as Paul Thompson put it "pizzazz". The decision was made last Fall to undertake the Moore Park project and as you read in the Enquirer Herald "a little bit of hard work can go a long way". YHS recruited the help of Mr. Thompson and provided the funds to pay for the supplies the volunteer gardeners used.

Quote from Enquirer Herald article of Thursday December 17, 2009 ...

" A little bit of hard work can go a long way.

Take for example the efforts of York County Clemson Extension Agent Paul Thompson and members of his most recent Master Gardener class to refurbish the landscaping at Moore Park."



2010 YHS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

All members are asked to fill out new membership forms. This will provide the necessary information to update the membership list.

Please submit your form and check by March 31, 2010

Mail To: Yorkville Historical Society
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2010

Type of Membership

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____

E mail Address: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Single- \$15

Family- \$25

Student- \$5

Patron- \$50

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Special Delivery

Calendar

Save these dates for **YHS Meetings**

25 March

29 April

27 May

24 June

29 July

30 September

28 October

18 November

6:30 pm **Board Meeting**

7:30 pm **YHS Meeting**

"Under the Big Top" Festival
A Celebration of Circus Days In York
May 14 & 15

Join Us at Summerfest
28 August

2010 Christmas In Olde York
Tour Of Homes
December 11 & 12

2011 YHS "Stories of the Stones"
Cemetery Tour
October 2011

Check our web site for updates - www.yorkvillehs.org

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