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Macon County's *Heritage* comes

ALIVE...

through these FHAMC
sponsored projects:



Women's History Trail *Walking in Her Steps*

Celebrating the lives of Macon County
women and honoring their accomplishments
along a designated walking trail in
downtown Franklin, NC.

WHT Sculpture *Sowing the Seeds of the Future*



**Co-sponsor of fall 4th Grade Student
Heritage Day at Cowee School Arts &
Heritage Center**

**Heritage demonstrations at the Macon
County Fair, Cowee Christmas, and
other heritage related events.**

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Folk Heritage Association of Macon County



Purpose: To provide living
history experiences and to
preserve the heritage of
Macon County for
generations to come.

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**We welcome your participation. Please let
us know if you would like to join in our
efforts to preserve our heritage!**

Our Story - FHAMC

The Folk Heritage Association of Macon County (FHAMC) is dedicated to preserving and sharing the culture and folkways of our Southern Appalachian Mountains. The founding members understood that with the increasing development and changing lifestyles in our county, this priceless heritage was in danger of being lost, simply by our indifference and neglect.

Margaret Ramsey, FHAMC's visionary and founder, believed that "In today's world, we are constantly amazed by the new technologies that make our lives easier; however, we must never forget the hard work and ingenuity of our forefathers that made these advances possible." By providing living history experiences through hands-on demonstrations, FHAMC strives to keep Macon County's heritage alive.

Our immediate goal was to develop a showcase for demonstrating the everyday skills, crafts, and music of our ancestors. With wide community support, the first Franklin Folk Festival was

launched in 2004 and continued through 2023. To meet our goal of heritage preservation, FHAMC will sponsor several projects instead of one large event offering demonstrations and educational activities. FHAMC will also continue to partner with like-minded groups to promote heritage preservation opportunities, i.e. Cowee Christmas, fall 4th Grade Student Heritage Day, etc.

In 2016, FHAMC adopted the Women's History Trail "Walking in Her Steps" project, a designated path in downtown Franklin identified by bronze plaques that share stories about women who helped shaped Macon County's history. In March 2024, our monumental bronze sculpture, "Sowing the Seeds of the Future" was dedicated to the Town of Franklin as public art. This piece serves as the Trailhead for the WHT and is located in East Franklin by the river in Women's History Park. Please visit our website to find out more. womenshistorytrail.org

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