

Proper Disposal of Ashes from Stoves, Fireplaces Could Save Your Home

With the arrival of cold weather many North Carolinians are beginning to use their wood-burning stoves and fireplaces. The NC Forest Service reminds stove users to never dump hot ashes or coals into a wooded area. If you do you're risking not only your home, but your neighbor's as well.

In Mitchell County recently, an eight-acre fire on Humpback Mountain damaged two homes. The suspected cause of the blaze was stove or fireplace ashes that had been dumped outside a residence.

"Despite more than an inch of snow on Halloween night, the low humidity and dry fuels led to an intense fire that burned through a hardwood stand with 5 foot flames in the hardwood litter and flames fueling 13 to 15 feet in the laurel and rhododendron," said Greg Smith, district forester. "The NC Forest Service and four local fire departments arrived on scene to find a home on fire. While crews were able to save both structures, one suffered fairly significant damage."

The simple solution to preventing this type of fire is to properly dispose of stove ashes, Smith said. Soak them in water in a metal bucket, stir them about, or only put them in an area where the wind won't cause them to spread to combustible fuel such as leaves, pine needles, or other forest litter.

For more fire prevention tips, visit ncforestservice.gov or call your county ranger's office. In Anson County call County Ranger Jay Strider at 704-848-4705.

Rev. Oscar Tillman Honored in Phoenix

Reverend Oscar Tillman received a proclamation from Phoenix, Arizona Mayor Greg Stanton declaring April 25 "Rev. Oscar Tillman Day" in Phoenix. The presentation was made to Tillman during the NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner. Tillman recently ended his tenure as President of the Maricopa, AZ County NAACP branch.

Rev. Tillman is a graduate of J. R. Faison High School in Wadesboro. He is the son of the late Bill and Annie Sue Tillman.



Zumba Party In Pink

Over 50 ladies gathered last Thursday night at Wadesboro Elementary School to show their love and support for friends and family members who are battling or have battled breast cancer. The night was filled with fun, fellowship, and zumba! Over \$600 was raised and all money will benefit the Zumba Global Research Grant for breast cancer prevention, in partnership with Susan G. Komen for the cure.

This successful event would not have been possible without the help of Anson County Schools, Anson County community members and host, Mirandi Chewning. Thank you to everyone involved.

Starring North Carolina! Celebration Features Monthly Film Series, Film Festival and Programs

The exhibit Starring North Carolina! at the N.C. Museum of History in Raleigh is part of a larger celebration that features a monthly film series, the Longleaf Film Festival and programs for all ages. Beginning in January, the museum will offer Hollywood-themed lunches for groups of 10 or more. Choose from plenty of happenings that will complement the blockbuster exhibit, on view from November 15 through September 6, 2015.

Monthly Film Series Celebrate the films of North Carolina! On the second Friday of each month at 6 p.m., watch a movie that will be introduced by a featured speaker. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased in the Museum Shop.

For a complete list of movies through September 2015, visit www.NCMOH-starring.com. Films from December 2014 through March 2015 follow:

- **Iron Man 3** (MPAA rating: PG-13), Friday, Dec. 12, 2014. Featured speaker: Bryan Simmons, memorabilia collector.
- **Brainstorm** (MPAA rating: PG), Friday, Jan. 9, 2015. Featured speaker: Ira David Wood III, actor, author, singer, theater director and playwright.
- **Firestarter** (MPAA rating: R-L,V), Friday, Feb. 13. Featured speaker: Jennifer Bunch, photo double for Drew Barrymore.
- **Dirty Dancing** (MPAA rating: PG-13-L,S), Friday, March 13. Featured speaker: Dr. Marsha Gordon, Associate Professor, Film Studies, N.C. State University

Longleaf Film Festival Mark your calendar for the inaugural Longleaf Film Festival on May 2, 2015. The film festival will explore historic and contemporary stories from the state, the country, and the world through narrative and documentary movies. All winning entries will be shown at the festival.

"Museums help tell stories that connect us all, and the North Carolina Museum of History is in a unique position to showcase films from all over," says Sally Bloom, festival co-organizer. "We believe the Longleaf Film Festival will reflect the diversity of talent and imagination in the filmmaking world."

To enter a film visit www.LongleafFilmFestival.com.

Programs for All Ages A variety of programs will be offered throughout the exhibit's run, so check for updates at www.NCMOH-starring.com. These related children's programs take place in December.

- **History Corner: Starring North Carolina!** Wednesday, December 3, 10-11 a.m. Ages 6-9 (with adult), \$3 per child. To register, visit NCMOH-programs.com. For information call 919-807-7988. Visit the exhibit and learn about our state's role in filmmaking.
- **History Hunters: Behind the Movies.** Wednesday, December 3, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Ages 10-13, \$3 per child. To register, visit NCMOH-programs.com. For information, call 919-807-7988. What is a dolly grip, or a gaffer? Learn about North Carolina filmmaking, and meet people who help create the magic.

Lunch - Hollywood Style Are you looking for a different lunch venue for your company, organization or group of friends? Sign up for a Red Carpet Lunch! For groups of 10 or more, the lunches will begin Thursday, Jan. 8, 2015, and will be offered every Thursday through Aug. 27, 2015. Cost is \$25 per person, which includes exhibit admission. For more information, visit www.NCMOH-starring.com or contact Cheri Williams at 919-807-7875 or cheri.williams@ncdcr.gov.

Exhibit Admission Purchase exhibit tickets at www.NCMOH-starring.com or in the Museum Shop. \$10 per person, ages 18 and up, \$6 each, ages 7 to 17, \$6 and up, active military personnel, college students with ID, and \$6 per person, groups of 10 or more with reservations (visit www.nccapvisit.org to make reservations). Free, ages 6 and under, museum members

Major sponsors of the exhibit are the News & Observer, North Carolina Museum of History Associates, and North Carolina News Network.

To learn more about the N.C. Museum of History, a Smithsonian-affiliated museum, call 919-807-7900 or visit www.ncmuseumofhistory.org or follow on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Google+ or YouTube.

About the N.C. Museum of History The N.C. Museum of History is located at 5 E. Edenton Street in downtown Raleigh. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. The museum collects and preserves artifacts of North Carolina history and educates the public on the history of the state and the nation through exhibits and educational programs. Each year more than 300,000 people visit the museum to see some of the 150,000 artifacts in the museum collection. The Museum of History, within the Department of State History Museums, is part of the N.C. Division of Cultural Resources.

For more information, please call 919-807-7300 or visit www.ncdcr.gov.

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