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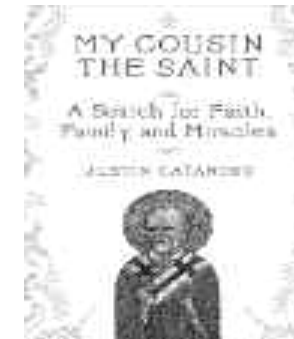
Plank Road Reader



Fall 2009

Friends of the Library to Hold Annual Meeting

Join the Friends of the Library for their annual dinner meeting. The speaker for the annual meeting will be Justin Catanoso, editor of the Business Journal, and author of the book, *My Cousin the Saint*. The event will be held Wednesday, November 4, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the String & Splinter Club, 305 High Ave., High Point.



Catanoso, a second-generation Italian-American born and raised in New Jersey, was a typical 21st century American Catholic. He knew as little about his faith as he did his family's immigrant past. That changed a few years back when, as his older brother lie ill and in desperate need of a healing miracle, Catanoso learned he had a saint in the family. Catanoso reveals in *My Cousin the Saint*, his first book, the remarkable life of a little-known saint, Padre Gaetano Catanoso. The humble priest was a cousin and contemporary of Catanoso's grandfather, born in the same Calabrian village in southern Italy. One cousin fled to New World prosperity, the other stayed behind to relieve Old World misery. As he uncovers this story on both sides of the Atlantic, meeting with Vatican saint makers and hearing tales of miraculous deeds, Catanoso confronts his own tenuous spiritual moorings and the significance of his immigrant roots.



Catanoso, who has lived in the Triad since 1987, is founding executive editor of The Business Journal, starting in 1998. There he leads a staff of 10, writes a weekly column and does business reports on WFDD and WFMY. Between 1987 and 1998, he worked as a reporter for the News & Record in Greensboro, and was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in 1993 for an investigative series on the tobacco industry. His writing has also appeared in the New York Times, Los Angeles Times, BusinessWeek and on National Public Radio.

Catanoso is a native of North Wildwood, NJ, and a graduate of Penn State University with a degree in journalism. He has a master's degree in liberal studies from Wake Forest University, where he has taught writing and editing to undergraduates since 1993. He is married to Laurelyn Dossett, singer/songwriter and composer for Triad Stage plays Brother Wolf, Beautiful Star and Bloody Blackbeard. They live in Greensboro and have three school-age daughters.

High Point Museum to Host 26th Annual Holiday Open House

Kick off the holiday season off by visiting the High Point Museum's 26th Annual Holiday Open House Sunday, December 6 from 1 pm to 4 pm.

It's a day filled with special reenactments, music, demonstrations, refreshments and hands-on activities. The High Point Youth Jazz Orchestra from High Point Area Arts Council will perform from 1 pm to 1:30 pm. From 1:30 pm to 2 pm the Celebration Band from the High Point Area Arts Council will perform. The Children's Chorale and the Youth Chorale from High Point Area Arts Council will entertain visitors from 2 pm to 2:30 pm and the Culler Senior Center's Happy Tones will take the stage from 2:30 pm to 3 pm.

In the historical park, adjacent to the Museum, there will be weaving and blacksmithing demonstrations, as well as historic games and candle dipping. In the 1786 Haley House, visitors will enjoy listening to old-fashioned holiday music played on dulcimers. The High Point Museum Guild will offer cider and cookies in the Hoggatt House.

Admission and all activities are free.

Combined quarterly newsletter for the Friends of the Library and the High Point Historical Society Members

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 23 Sisters Connected Reading Club** **7 pm at Barnes & Noble Oak Hollow Mall**
Join Sisters Connected and author Mona Lisa Covington for an author signing and discussion of her book *Tears on My Pillow*. **FREE**
- 24 Blacksmithing Demonstration in the Historical Park** **10 am to 4 pm** **FREE**
- 25 Blacksmithing Demonstration in the Historical Park** **1 pm to 4 pm** **FREE**
Come watch our costumed blacksmith in action as he crafts various iron pieces. All ages welcome.
- 26 12 @ 12 Reading Club** **12 pm to 1 pm 3rd floor boardroom High Point Public Library**
Come share what you have recently read with other ladies who enjoy reading. You may bring a bagged lunch, drinks will be provided.
- 27 PCC Open Lab Session** **10 am to 11 am at Macedonia Family Resource Center** **FREE**
Bring your questions and projects that you need to finish to the computer lab. A librarian will be on hand to help with computer questions. Call 883-3641 or visit the Public Computing Center to register and get directions. Limited to 5 people.
- 31 Learn To Sell On Ebay** **9:30 am to 4 pm 3rd floor boardroom High Point Public Library**
The Friends of the Library are offering an introductory class on how to sell on eBay taught by certified eBay instructor Rick Hargrove. The cost, \$49 per person, covers all instructional and registration materials. You will leave ready to go home and start selling on eBay! Call 883-3631 to reserve a seat.
- 31 Blacksmithing Demonstration in the Historical Park** **10 am to 4 pm** **FREE**
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NOVEMBER

- 1 Blacksmithing Demonstration in the Historical Park** **1 pm to 4 pm** **FREE**
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- 4 Friends of the Library Annual Meeting** **6:30 pm to 8:30 pm** **String & Splinter, 305 High Ave.**
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- 18 High Point Museum Guild Meeting** **10 am to 12 pm** **High Point Museum**
"Oakdale Cotton Mills" – Mary Dalton, an award winning filmmaker and Wake Forest Associate Professor of Communications, will show her 26-minute film "Oakdale Cotton Mills: Close Knit Neighbors."
- 21 Open Hearth Cooking in the Historical Park** **10 am to 4 pm** **FREE**
Come watch our costumed interpreters cook a traditional fall harvest meal over an open hearth in the Hoggatt House. Drop-in.
- 24 High Point Public Library and High Point Museum** **CLOSING AT NOON**
- 25 High Point Public Library** **CLOSING AT 5 PM**
- 26 and 27 High Point Public Library and High Point Museum** **CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING**
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DECEMBER

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- 6 26th Annual Holiday Open House** **1 pm to 4 pm High Point Museum** **FREE**
This annual event has become a tradition with local families. Come for a day of special reenactments, music, demonstrations, refreshments and hands-on activities like candle dipping! Fun for all ages. No reservations required.
- 19 Candle Dipping in the Historical Park** **10 am to 4 pm**
- 20 Candle Dipping in the Historical Park** **1 pm to 4 pm** **\$1 per candle. Free for members.**
Light up your dark days of winter with a candle made in our historical park. Our costumed interpreters will show you how. All ages welcome.
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- 31 High Point Public Library** **CLOSING AT 5 PM**
- JANUARY 1 High Point Public Library and High Point Museum** **CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEAR'S**

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What suits my interests please complete so we will know how to involve you in Friends activities that are meaningful to you. Please check all selections that appeal to you.

I might take part in the following:

- Book Sale Volunteer
- Writing for this newsletter
- Helping plan Author/Speaker programs
- Helping plan the annual Friends dinner
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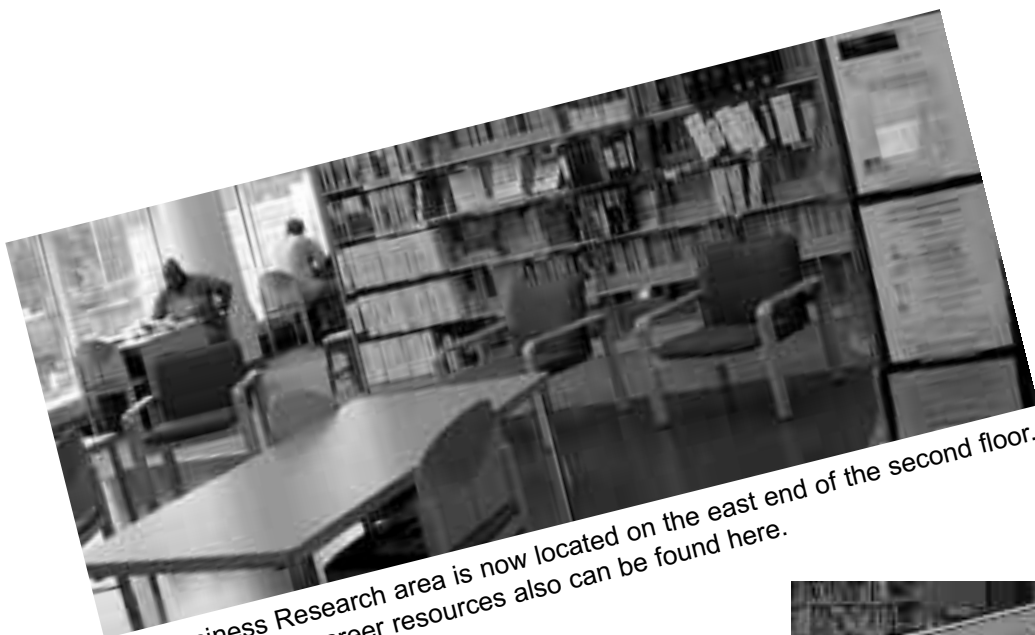


LOCATION HOURS CONTACT

High Point Public Library, 901 N. Main St., High Point; 883-3660; www.highpointpubliclibrary.com
Monday - Thursday 9 am to 9 pm; Friday - Saturday 9 am to 6 pm; Sunday 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm

High Point Museum, 1859 E. Lexington Ave.; High Point, 885-1859; www.highpointmuseum.org
Tuesday - Saturday 10 am to 4:30 pm; Sunday 1 pm to 4:30 pm; Historical Park Saturday 10 am to 4 pm; Sunday 1 pm to 4 pm

Library Renovations Taking Shape



The Business Research area is now located on the east end of the second floor. The college and career resources also can be found here.



This skylight adds a dramatic touch to the new study area located on the second floor near the north side of the building.



New non-fiction browsing area located on the second floor just in front of the elevators.



The Heritage Research Center (former North Carolina Collection), is now located on the second floor. The entrance to the HRC is located just to the left of the elevators.

The renovation will continue on all three floors through December. Library materials will be shifted into each completed section.

First floor - lending desk, returns, customer service and security, periodicals and children's services. Drive-up window also available.

Second floor - research desk, reference and business reference, foreign language, career, college and test prep, non-fiction, computers and Heritage Research Center.

Third floor - fiction, music CDs and readers' services.

Director's Digest

This summer has been an exciting and a busy time for me with our continuing building project here at the Library as well as our new affiliation with the High Point Museum. On July 1, the High Point Museum officially merged with the City of High Point as a division of the Library.

One of my first decisions was to promote Edith Brady to be the new Director of the Museum. This has been a good decision for the Museum. Edith has worked tirelessly since July 1 and even before to make certain the Museum transitioned to the City smoothly for Museum visitors, the staff and the Historical Society Board.

During the past few months, I have had the opportunity to work with the Historical Society Board on everything from budgets to strategic planning. I am so impressed with how passionate these

board members are. Each and every one is a loyal promoter for the High Point Museum. The time and energy these leaders expend on behalf of the High Point Museum is noteworthy, given the fact most have full time careers of their own.

The Library has already benefitted from this merger in tangible and significant ways. This issue of our combined newsletter is one example of how the Library and the Museum plan to work together, to combine forces, and share resources. I am confident this merger will strengthen both the Library and the Museum.

Currently, the Museum is embarking on an eight-month strategy planning process similar to the one the Library experienced in 2007-2008. I am eager to see the

results of this process at the Museum and how these results will inform our plans for the future with regard to the Museum's property and facilities.



We are on track to complete the renovation of the Library in December. Already the staff and I are making plans for exciting new resources, services, and programs at both the Library and the Museum for 2010. I hope you will plan to visit us at both locations frequently!

Kem Ellis - Library Director

Message from Museum Director

One thing about High Point that has always struck me is how much people love this city. Over the years I have come to understand why. As curator of education for the past nine years, I had the opportunity to interact with a wide variety of community members in researching, developing and implementing museum programs. In generously sharing their memories and artifacts, these people showed me that High Point has a very rich history with many unique stories to tell. I now have



the privilege of leading the institution responsible for preserving and sharing these stories. I believe this Museum is important to High Point and the work we do is significant in shaping and interpreting our community's identity. I am excited to announce that we are starting a new strategic planning process to more clearly define our role in this community. Throughout this journey we will be thinking a great deal about how to more effectively engage our members and citizens in the work we do. Everyone has a role to play in making this a true community Museum. Thank you for your past and continued support of the Museum as we look to the future.

Edith Brady - Museum Director

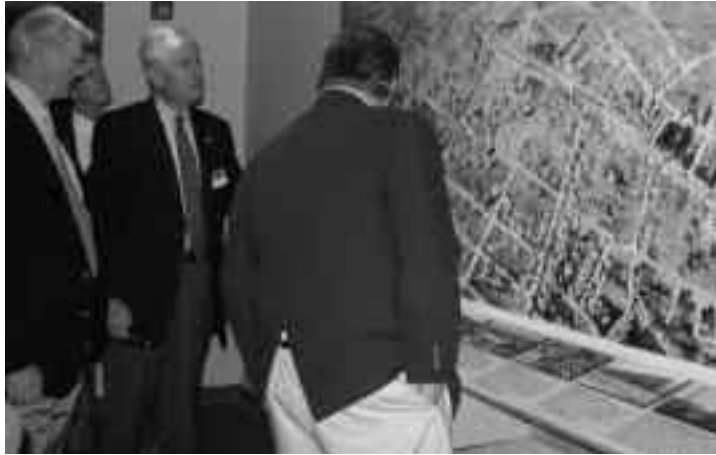
Plank Road Reader

This newsletter is the first combined newsletter for the Friends of the Library and the High Point Historical Society members. And we want your suggestions for a name - Plank Road Reader is a working title. The title needs to represent both organizations and showcase the significance to the community. So please send your suggestions to Teresa Loflin at teresa.loflin@highpointnc.gov or call 883-3022.

Thanks for your input!

The High Point Museum wants to thank the following for their donations in memory of longtime High Point Historical Society supporter Evelyn Wood

Jim Armstrong, Mrs. Jerry Bain, Mr. & Mrs. Stan Belk, Ned & Katherine Covington, Fred Didyoung, Elizabeth Fisher, Groome & Ann Fulton, Skipper & Maria Gates, Helen Godwin, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Gooding, Judy Haworth, Mrs. A. B. Henley, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Hubbard, Eleanor & Carey Ilderton, Florence Kendall, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Kyle, Jeanne Pleasants & Sally Farrar, Liz & Raymond Rogers, Peter Simon, James & Marlene Stanton, Barbara Taylor, Inge Van Loan, and Mr. & Mrs. Randy Vaughan.



During the opening of *High Point's Furniture Heritage*, visitors discuss the locations of furniture factories in the city.

High Point Museum Highlights



Visitors experienced furniture demonstrations during the opening of *High Point's Furniture Heritage*.



During our Community Heritage Day, visitors enjoyed demonstrations, games, crafts, reenactments and music. Spinning and quill pen writing were popular attractions.



This is Your Life High Point was the theme for the High Point Historical Society Annual Meeting in May. The event was held at Centennial Station.

Book Signing

Mary A. Browning, writer, historian, and professional genealogist, will be signing copies of her latest book, "Oakdale Cotton Mills," Sunday, November 15 from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm in the lobby of the High Point Museum.



The book chronicles the journey of the company from its beginning in 1865. The book includes photographs and documents showcasing the stories of the mill and the workers.

Copies are available in the Museum Store.

Welcome New Historical Society Members

May 1, 2009 - September 24, 2009

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 Edith Brady
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Start this historic collection today for yourself, children or grandchildren or as a time endearing holiday gift for friends, family and co-workers. Pick Up will be at the 26th Annual Holiday Open House - Sunday, December 6 from 1 pm to 4pm at the High Point Museum

Ornaments are \$15 each

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Thanks to Huffman Paint and Sign Mine for their in-kind donations for High Point Museum Children's Learning Center project in collaboration with the Junior League of High Point.

Friends of the High Point Public Library Book Sale

One Day Only!

First Baptist Church
 405 N. Main St.

Saturday - November 14
 9 am to 4 pm

"Bag for a Buck" sale from 3 pm to 4 pm



Need a holiday gift for family, friends or co-workers? Need a birthday or anniversary present? Are you looking for something unique and special?

Then try the Museum Store.

The Store offers a variety of local merchandise. Items include Seagrove pottery, jewelry, books, miniature furniture, games, puzzles, novelties, T-shirts and CDs. Gift certificates also are available.

Continuous Book Sale



Sales have really increased since the Friends' continuous book sale shelves were relocated to the new lobby.



Become a fan today of both the High Point Museum and the High Point Public Library