



Education, Appreciation, Preservation
Volume XIII 12-2025

Historic Turner House Foundation, Inc

Historic Turner House Foundation Inc, a non profit, 501©(3) will continue to build on past and current efforts in lectures, walking and digital tours, historic and preservation projects to encourage cultural reconciliation and understanding. In person tours by appointment at www.historicturnerhouse.org



Cultural Heritage class presentation at NCSU November 2025

Thank you for your support of the Historic Turner House. This year has been an exciting journey as we met or exceeded our team goals. 2026 goals include educational and preservation projects; fundraising to support our initiatives. With our passion for history we bring recognition to the Turner Family and Historic Oberlin Village history locally and nationally. As we look forward to our fourth year, we ask for your generous donation to continue our mission. We are so grateful to our volunteers and supporters who have helped throughout the years

The year at a glance:

- 18 Tours, 16 Presentations/Events and 689 Visitors/Guests
- Successful repair of site's roof funded by donations & MSC Foundation grant
- First Annual 'Turner House Tea' to celebrate our mission/supporters
- Shared Raleigh and Oberlin history through cultural trolley rides, summer camps, community service and scholarly opportunities for students
- Awarded grant to support our missions from the Historic Stagville Foundation
- Cheryl Williams accepted role on the Friends of the Archives(FOA) board
- Partnered with municipal and civic organizations to educate our community
- Launched our gift shop on www.historicturnerhouse.org
- Awarded the 2025 MACLURA AWARD for Outstanding Participation in the Historic Resources and Museum Volunteer Program

Did you know.....

Our country will celebrate her 250th anniversary in 2026.

We wanted to share some North Carolina fun facts.

This area was inhabited by Carolina Algonquian and Iroquoian speaking tribes like the Tuscarora, Cherokee, Saponi, Catawba and others who governed the North American continent under the Iroquois Confederacy. North Carolina was the 12th state to ratify the US Constitution on November 21, 1789. The state became the tenth to join the Confederate States of America on May 20, 1861. North Carolina was restored to the Union on July 4, 1868 following the Civil War. The state motto is "To be, rather than to seem".

State berries: Strawberry and blueberry-How many of you have berries and cereal?

In 2001, the NC General Assembly adopted the strawberry as the official Red Berry and the blueberry as the official Blue Berry of NC. Both are grown throughout the state and are important crops for farms. Folk can pick their own berries at farms from one end of the state to the other. <http://ncpedia.org/symbols/berries>

State beverage: Milk

The bill to make milk the official beverage of NC became law on June 12, 1987. At that time, NC cows produced 179 million gallons of milk a year. Dairy is the 9th largest farm product in NC. We drink 143 million gallons of milk a year.

<https://ncpedia.org/symbols/beverage>

NC State Insect: The Honey Bee

In 1973, the NC General Assembly named the Honey Bee as the Official Insect of NC.

Honey bees are important for helping pollinate plants. Without them we wouldn't be able to enjoy many berries, fruits and vegetables. They also produce honey and make wax in their hives. Honey and beeswax have been used in food, medicine, and cosmetics.

Beeswax has been used to make candles. Since the 1980's, the numbers of bees in NC and throughout the world have been dropping. Scientists are trying to figure out what has caused this in order to help the bees survive-and to help us continue to have fruits and vegetables. <http://ncpedia.org/symbols/insect>

"Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better."

Maya Angelou



Upcoming Events Turner House Tours-By appointment only
Jan 3rd Emancipation Day-Trolley Tours to Historic Oberlin Village @ Pope House 10am & 11:30am



admin@historicturnerhouse.org

Education, Appreciation, Preservation

You may donate online at www.historicturnerhouse.org

Or by mail to 1002 Oberlin Road Raleigh, NC 27605