

CCHA Program

The Spirit of Harriet Tubman

Sunday, 29 September 2019

2:00pm

Historic Chatham County Courthouse
9 Hillsboro St., Pittsboro, NC



Embracing the statement, “If we ignore history, we are doomed to repeat it,” retired teacher Diane Faison has created a one-woman performance that enables her audience to take a step back in time and meet “The Spirit of Harriet Tubman.”

Diane began reenacting the life of Harriet Tubman when she was a teacher. Believing that students will remember more of what they see than what they read, she wanted to show her students the impact one person could have on the world. Harriet Tubman’s fearless determination to change the world made her the logical choice.

Harriet Tubman was enslaved, escaped, and helped others gain their freedom as a “conductor” of the Underground Railroad. She also served as a scout, spy, guerrilla soldier, and nurse for the Union Army during the Civil War.

Diane’s passion for Harriet Tubman’s legacy shines through her popular performances. She does not use a script, preferring to base her performance on “the true method of story-sharing by African Americans of yesteryear. They didn’t write their stories; they told their stories,” she says. “I am a traditional storyteller.”

The Chatham County Historical Association invites you to join us for Ms. Faison’s performance on Sunday, 29 September, 2019, at 2:00pm in the Historic Chatham County Courthouse in Pittsboro. The program is appropriate for adults and school-aged children. Everyone is invited to the free performance.

Ms. Faison is a retired teacher, with a teaching career spanning over thirty years. She is also an actress, visual artist, speaker, and writer. She received her BA degree from North Carolina Central University in Durham, North Carolina. Her graduate studies were at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia and Longwood University in Farmville, Virginia. She currently resides in Gibsonville, North Carolina.