

***Camden County Heritage Museum and Historic Jail Wins 2018 North Carolina Preservation Consortium Robert James Award for Preservation Excellence***

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*Anne Jennings (L) and Dewey Burgess (R)*

Anne Jennings and Dewey Burgess from the Camden County Heritage Museum and Historic Jail accepted the 2018 Robert James Award for Preservation Excellence at the 2018 NCPC Annual Conference on November 16, 2018. This annual award recognizes institutions in North Carolina that have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to the preservation of tangible and intangible heritage of enduring value. The NCPC Board of Directors selected the Museum for its commitment to preserving the history of Camden County and its historic jail.

The museum opened in September 2017 and has already seen visitors from around the state. “The Museum’s mission is to present Camden County’s rich history through collections, programs, events and partnerships. The museum engages with the public by inviting visits from local school personnel, classrooms, civic organizations and the general public,” wrote Donna Stewart, Director of the Dismal Swamp Welcome Center and Camden Tourism Development Authority Chair.

“The Camden History Museum and the Friends of the Camden County Museum, Inc., have greatly contributed to the preservation of Nansemond Indian and Weapemeoc Indian history. In addition to displaying Indian artifacts, the museum staff has researched local indigenous history and culture and developed educational materials for visitors. Our tribal members have visited the museum and consider it a local asset,” wrote Chief Lee Lockamy, Nansemond Indian Tribe.

Visitors experience various time periods through the museum’s storyboards, furniture, photographs, census records, ledgers, textiles, and other artifacts. See more about the museum online at:

“Camden Heritage Museum” [94 seconds]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QbviCIEU4VI&feature=youtu.be>

“Camden County Jail” [7m 42s]

<https://video.unctv.org/video/our-state-camden-county-jail/>