



# Vision 2020 Inc Annual Report 2021

PRESENTED: at the Annual Meeting,  
October 26, 2021  
Step Back in Time Shop event room

The evening began with a reception at 6:30pm. The annual meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Richard Eadler, Chair.

**Election of Officers:** Karen Davis was elected to a second term as Secretary of the Board of Directors.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Songwriters Week – Rita Watson**

In conjunction with the TN Tourism Songwriters Week a free concert featuring four local songwriters was held in the Palace Park in April. The concert was financed by a Covid-19 Relief Grant in the amount of \$4,000. Vision 2020 has been asked to participate in TN Tourism Songwriters Week 2022.

### **Easter Egg Hunt – Crystal Justice**

The community event was held for the 12<sup>th</sup> year with participation from other community organizations including the City of Red Boiling Springs Fire Department, First Baptist Church and others. Looking for a new coordinator for 2022.

### **Folk Medicine Festival – Karen Davis**

The Folk Medicine Festival was held Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. The committee felt our attendance was good. Some of our usual Arts & Crafts vendors chose another event that weekend but those who were part of our festival reported very good sales. That is a positive sign of the festival's success. Some of our food vendors failed to show and that put that area at a disadvantage. The Food Court Chair has already begun to look for different vendors to invite next year. Our Quilt Show Chair was unable to help this year so that portion of the festival was adjusted. Attendance in Speakers' Hall was down. Our main challenge is the complaint we hear each year that the festival is stretched out too far around town. People don't like to walk that much. When we had a wagon taxi for a couple of years that helped with this situation. We need to find another source to help move people around the festival area or try to draw it closer together. Planning meetings begin in January 2022. The 2022 Folk Medicine Festival is scheduled for Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.



### **Ice Cream Social & Auction – Sue Sullivan**

Was a success with a lot of participation by local folks and businesses. It was held at the RBS School Cafeteria. Cleared more than \$3,000.

### **Cathie & Troy Johnson 5k Walk/Run – Rita Watson**

Was not held in 2020. Scheduled for November 13, 2021 in partnership with the 37150 Community Center group. 37150 will provide a Veteran's salute and breakfast prior to the run of the race.

### **Christmas Parade – Crystal Justice**

The 37150 group has taken the lead on the community Christmas Parade this year. Crystal has been the Vision 2020 coordinator for many years. She will work with Amber, the new coordinator this year. It will be December 4<sup>th</sup>. Theme: A Story Time Christmas.



### **Bank Building – Del Watson**

Making progress with completing the restoration of the windows. All windows have been repaired and reinstalled in the building. Some touch up painting needs to be done before the cold weather. After repairs and the doors, work on the interior should begin in early 2022.

### **Financial Report – George McCrary**

Total cash in bank accounts = \$9,622. Museum account is low. Will need to access the Line of Credit with Macon Bank & Trust to pay current debts (window repair, property taxes, insurance).

### **Red Pump Café – Karen Davis**

We enjoyed some excellent entertainment during our four Red Pump Café shows in 2021 including the one in the park as Rita has already reported. Our attendance has been low as far as an audience goes. Our venue is small but we could still host 20 to 25 guests even with social distancing protocols. The Red Pump Café is not meant to be a fund-raiser or a money making enterprise. It is an opportunity for folks to get out and visit with their neighbors and to showcase the talents of our local singers/songwriters/storytellers/poets and jokesters. The \$5 fee collected at each show entitles the guest to one drink and snack item. The balance goes to the Shop to cover use of the building.



### **Step Back in Time Shop – Laura Merlo**

The shop has been open Fridays and Saturdays this year. Classes have been offered but limiting the size of the classes to allow for Covid-19 restrictions. Lone Star BBQ has agreed to set up twice a month in the parking lot to share their wares. We have several new consigners. Laura will step down as shop manager at the end of the year. Her duties will be distributed among several other volunteers.

### **Walking Quilt Trail – Rita Watson**

The walking trail has been expanded into the Walking Track Park. There is room for several new quilt boxes to be installed.

Announcement of **Volunteer of the Year** – Congratulations Jennie Minor

The meeting adjourned at 7:38pm