

# NORTH ARROW



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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Wow.... It seems as if I was just writing the article for the December issue of the North Arrow and here I am again. Ya'll know that ya can't get tired of me!!

Well, it's February, and already this year is flying by, but that's alright, I think I can keep up, or at least try. Man has it been cold or what? We have already had snow 3 times. I am ready for spring time and warmer weather. Now when it gets warm, we'll probably be saying man I'll be glad when it cools down, so we need to just be happy with what we have and go with it.

The Executive Board had our first meeting in Fayetteville, NC at the Cumberland County Courthouse on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011. We had a very productive meeting, a lot of things were discussed and important decisions were made.... we are going to have a GREAT year! Our committees are already hard at work planning mapping school and the NCPMA Fall Conference. Tom Morgan and Robin Etheridge are in the process of planning and organizing 6 workshops which will allow for certification hours; they will be announced at a later date, (with a few changes I might add), so be on the look-out!!! I'm excited to see what Eric John and his Program committee are putting together for the fall conference; it's going to be absolutely delicious!! Kevin Jamison is at work getting the activities together for mapping school, and of course, Julie Stamper is working diligently on gathering all the information for the Legend and Memberships. Please make sure you fill your Membership forms out COMPLETELY and LEGIBLY and don't procrastinate, get them in to Julie as soon as possible. Our Treasurer, Kevin Locklear, well what can I say, he's the man!!!! He's always busy, not only as the Treasurer making sure all is in order, but he has designed our conference logos for the past several years. So, Thanks to you all for an outstanding job, I appreciate the hard work that you do making sure that NCPMA has the best.

Thank you to all the ones that volunteer to serve on our committees as well, we could not do it without you.

As President of NCPMA I am addressing ALL members; I ask that you please become more involved this year. This is your organization and we, as the executive board would love to hear your suggestions and input on anything that involves NCPMA. We are always looking for new and better ideas, so come on, let us hear from you.

I think this is going to be one of the best years yet. We have some very enthusiastic members, who are excited about getting it done. So here we go...

Call or email me anytime that I can be of any assistance.

*Michelle Babson*  
2011 NCPMA President



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## 2011 NCPMA MEMBERSHIP INVITATION

Do you want to be part of one of the best organizations in the world? The NC Property Mappers Association is where it's at! NCPMA offers many educational opportunities throughout the year in the form of **workshops**, **Fall Conference**, **NCPMA Mapping School**, and **IAAO courses** at discounted rates to our members. Among the many other advantages of membership is access to the NCPMA Listserv. **NCPMA Listserv** gives you instant access to hundreds of members via email whenever a question arises. Please fill out the registration form included in this issue to join or renew your membership! You'll be happy you did. Join the NCPMA today!

You can get a membership form on [ncpma.com](http://ncpma.com) or use the one included in this issue. Please contact **NCPMA Secretary, Julie Stamper** with membership questions.

### In Case You Didn't Know...



Congrats to NCPMA member, **Renee Honeycutt**, who works for the City of Greensboro. She was featured in the **"Where Do You Read F&E?"** article of IAAO's *FAIR & equitable* magazine, January issue. She was "intently" reading her F&E magazine while at the Cape Lookout Lighthouse during a visit to the Outer Banks of NC. What dedication Renee!.....yeah right.....we believe that! What were you "really" reading Renee?!

### It's A Boy!



Congratulations are in order to one of our past "Members in the Spotlight", **Reggie Saunders**, who works in Florence, SC. On December 6<sup>th</sup> he became the proud Pop of a baby boy, Brighton. It's reported that daddy has already spoiled him rotten! This is "EPIC" Reggie! Totally EPIC!!!

If you have **GOOD** news to share with the Membership, please contact someone on the Publications Committee. We like to spread the word!!!!



# 2011 NCPMA Membership Application

Make checks payable to "North Carolina Property Mappers Association" and mail with this form to:

**Julie Stamper, NCPMA Secretary**  
203 E. Main Street  
Elizabeth City, NC 27909

**Deadline: Friday, April 01, 2011**

**PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI Professional Designation earned  
through continuing education  
(CMS, GISP, PLS, etc.)

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**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_  Add me  
If you are not currently a member of the NCPMA listserv and would like to be added, select "Add me" above

**Position/Title:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dept.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code Number Ext. Area Code Number

Please indicate every certification/professional designation you have earned through continuing education & course exams.

- NCPMA Regular Mapper  NCPMA Senior Mapper  NC State Certified Mapper  
 CMS  GISP  PLS  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to receive the NCPMA quarterly newsletter "The North Arrow"**

- via the link provided on the listserv or  if not a member of the listserv then by e-mail

The information supplied above will be printed in the 2011 *Legend* exactly as provided.

Please review names in the 2010 *Legend* and advise us of employee changes.

Deadline for applications to **guarantee** listing in the *Legend* is **April 01, 2011**.

Late renewals and those received at school or conference are subject to a \$5.00 late charge.

**Please review type of membership definitions below before checking in the box applicable to your profession.**

**REGULAR MEMBERS:** NCPMA Bylaws Article II Section 1

Mappers, mapping supervisors, GIS personnel and department heads in charge of mapping, employed by County and City Government units shall be entitled to regular membership. (*According to G.S. 147-54-4, a person employed by a local government who is responsible for creating and maintaining large scale cadastral maps is a mapper.*)

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:** NCPMA Bylaws Article II Section 2

Persons not eligible for regular membership but whom are actively involved in Land Records Management. (Other interested government workers, i.e. E-911, Appraisers, Planning & Zoning, and Registers of Deeds.)

**SUBSCRIBING MEMBERS:** NCPMA Bylaws Article II Section 3

Manager Level individuals and marketing Representatives of **non-governmental firms** committed to the Advancement and Modernization of Land Records.

**Please check the type of membership below, noting the fee which applies:**

- Regular Membership (\$25.00/\$30.00 late)  Subscribing Membership (\$50.00/\$55.00)  
 Associate Membership (\$25.00/\$30.00 late)  Lifetime Member – Information update only  
 New Member /  Membership Renewal  Return Receipt Requested

**If New Member, who referred or recruited you?** \_\_\_\_\_

## 2011 NCPMA FALL CONFERENCE

September 27 – 30, 2011

This year's theme will be "Rhythm & Blue-ines"! We will back at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel & Convention Center in RTP. The Conference Registration Fee will remain the same as last year's rates (see below) and our group rate for rooms at the Sheraton will be \$123 per night. Stay tuned for more information!

### 2011 Conference Registration Fees

Pre-Conference Workshops – Members \$25 & Non-members \$55

Conference with Early Bird Registration - Members \$145 & Non-Members \$175

Conference Registration after Early Bird Deadline - Members \$160 & Non-Members \$190

Eric John  
2011 NCPMA Program Committee Chair



## 2011 NCPMA MAPPING SCHOOL



As hard as it is to believe, preparations for the 2011 NCPMA Mapping School are underway! This year's Mapping School will be held August 1st - 5th at the **City Hotel & Bistro in Greenville, NC**. For those of you not familiar with the location, the City Hotel is located at 203 SW Greenville Blvd. Due to the rising expenses associated with putting on the school tuition had to be increased this year. The cost to **NCPMA members will be \$250** and the cost to non-members will be \$280.

I will keep the membership informed of curriculum, the schedule, etc. as the planning evolves. We are going to have an educational and fun Mapping School, so mark your calendar to come and join us!

Please contact me if you have other questions.

*Kevin Jamison*  
Jackson County



## Member In The Spotlight

### Jenny Harrop

Who am I?

I was born and raised in Lillington, the County Seat of Harnett County, North Carolina. I actually lived about 2 blocks from the old Courthouse (which no longer stands). Who would have ever thought that I would end up spending the majority of my life inside the walls of the Courthouse or similar government building?

Those that knew me in my rebellious teen years might have thought that I would be here- but behind the bars..... LOL. No need to open that closet. :-)

Just kidding..... Back to my story-

I was the youngest of three; with an older brother and sister; born to two wonderful Christian parents that are still married after 62 years! Lillington was like Mayberry - a safe haven for kids to walk to school, ride bikes and play in the streets until dark. Times were simple and the most excitement we saw was at the local pool hall (now you know why I enjoy an occasional game of eight ball) or hanging out behind Hardees (the only fast food chain we had for years). My parents retired almost 28 years ago to my second favorite place to be - Brunswick County. Windy Point was equally as simple as Lillington- just a quiet fishing village back in those days. I spent many weekends on my dad's boat (The JoJac) fishing for Spanish & King Mackerel, clamming in the Inland Waterway or sunning on the sands of Holden Beach. Those were days with good memories.

After high school and a couple of years off to have my first child, I graduated from Central Carolina Community College with a paralegal degree in 1979. My legal training led me to the Harnett County Tax Department in 1988 when I received a call from my friend and co-worker, Karen Moore. She and the Tax Administrator,



Bobby Wicker, were forming a mapping department and they needed another paralegal to research property listings. The base ortho photography had been flown in 1983 (rural) and 1987 (towns). Now, Harnett County did not have any tax maps at this time and Karen and I were to undertake the task of locating the deeds for all tax listings so the grueling task of mapping them could begin. Needless to say, after several weeks (maybe months) buried in the deed vault, we all came to realize that this was a bigger job than two Harnett County gals could handle (no matter how smart we were.) Bonnie Neighbors was hired about that time as well - another smart chick with a paralegal degree (and country girl too). After some ups and downs with contractors, the cadastral mapping project was finally complete in 1995. A new world for all, for the first time in the history of our County, now we could locate properties, show ownerships, provide deed and survey information, boundaries, adjoining parcels, as well as the aerial pictures. We quickly gained the respect of attorneys, surveyors and engineers and have maintained a good rapport with them throughout the years. The birth of GIS in Harnett County provided a career that I didn't

## Member In The Spotlight Continued



actually plan toward, but have thoroughly enjoyed experiencing the project from the ground up (so to say) as well as the advancements in technology. Karen, Bonnie and I have worked together since the beginning, but our staff now includes several other fine ladies- Christine, Michele, Sheila & Kelli. We've always been an all-girl shop here and amazingly get along together quite well. Being happy with your co-workers is as important as being happy with your family.... speaking of family, let me get back to mine.

Now back when I spent all that time in the deed vault, I met a handsome young attorney, we fell in love and got married in 1992. I guess I owe it all to mapping that I am living happily ever after with my husband, Donald E. Harrop Jr. (and it's always nice to have a good lawyer around too). We have three children: Stephanie (36), Ashley (27) and Clint (13). The girls are grown and gone, but Don, Clint & I live in Angier (just a few miles down the road from Lillington) with two dogs, two cats, two horses, a

tank full of fish and a parakeet. Add to that, a few turkeys that Clint raises each year to show at the NC State Fair, and I guess we would qualify as a small farm or at least today's version of "Green Acres"! We are active members of Angier Baptist Church where I teach Sunday school in the children's department. I like to volunteer at church and in the community when possible. In addition to spending time with my family and pets; I enjoy cooking, reading, traveling, and scrapbooking the tons of pictures I've taken over the years. Guess that's how I ended up as Gail Forehand's successor as Historian and Photographer for NCPMA. I've been a member of NCPMA since 1989 and cherish the many friendships made with all of you.

Next time you see me, remember to SMILE – you may be on camera!

*Jenny Harrop  
Harnett County GIS/Land Records*



*Don, Clint & Ashley*

# Calendar of Events

## 2011

03/24/2011 Spring Workshop  
Weldon, NC

04/01/2011 Spring Workshop  
Hamlet, NC

04/15/2011 Spring Workshop  
Bolivia, NC

04/19/2011 Spring Workshop  
Wilkesboro, NC

04/20/2011 Spring Workshop  
Flat Rock, NC

04/21/2011 Spring Workshop  
Bryson City, NC

05/19/2011 Spring Workshop  
Raleigh, NC

08/1/2011-  
08/5/2011 2011 NCPMA Mapping  
School  
Greenville, NC

09/27/2011-  
09/30/2011 2011 NCPMA Fall  
Conference  
Sheraton, RTP, NC

Go to the website below for complete workshop information:

<http://www.ncpropertymappers.org/workshops/index.html>

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**THANK YOU** to everyone for helping out so far! You guys are the best!

### Website info

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