

Hartsville Museum Commission Annual Report

September 2016 through September 2017

- The Hartsville Museum Commission is currently working on establishing short-term (5-year) and long-term (10-year) goals for the museum. Increasing yearly contributions and visitor numbers are ongoing goals. 2017 Annual Contributions totaled \$11,500.00. These funds are used to purchase artifact conservation supplies, pay traveling exhibit costs and buy merchandise for the Gallery Store.
- Commission members have met several times at the Etc. building to keep involved with the construction of the museum's new event venue in the old Hartsville Messenger building. Construction is nearing completion. A February grand opening is being organized by staff and volunteers.
- The Hartsville Museum Commission and the Hartsville Building Commission funded the removal and replacement of the HVAC system at the museum building, 222 North Fifth. The building commission in 1994 when the Post Office building was being converted from a library to a museum installed the system.
- Wayne Harrell has donated 2,240 Native American artifacts to the museum's permanent collection. These items are significant as they were found in Darlington County with many coming from the fields of Coker's Pedigreed Seed Company. Museum Manager Andrea Powell catalogued the entire collection. Funding from a museum contributor is in place to purchase special rolling cases for the collection.
- ***It's About Time...*** is the motto the Commission selected to advertise the construction and opening of its new event venue. As the project is finishing up it is now time to reveal that the restored clock, circa 1950, from Denny Brothers Jewelers that was donated to the museum years ago will be on display in the new facility.