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## Spotlight on Native American Businesses

### Harris Frame Shop and Art Gallery



by Barbara Braveboy-Locklear  
 Idleness! Grady C. Harris knows not of. By his own admission his mind and hands must be busy. The former public school teacher currently fills numerous roles, including those of husband, father, grandfather, Sunday School teacher and pianist, federal government instructional analyst, artisan, art dealer and framer, and hobbyist.

"To my knowledge I'm the only art dealer in Robeson County which offers lithographs by nationally renowned artist John Paul Strain whose arresting attention to accuracy and detail has brought him national acclaim and Mori Kunstler, a noted Civil War theme artist who lives in Gettysburg," Harris smiles.

When not working 10-hour workdays at Fort Bragg's Special Warfare Center where he analyzes educational materials for the Special Operations Forces, he can be found in his art gallery and frame shop. It is there that he often works until late night preserving art. The pieces he frames vary from corn meal packages to high dollar lithographs.

"I also offer the fine work of artist Dock Stivers whose lithograph, 'Sergeant's Valor' is currently on second market and available from my gallery.

Harris says that people often misunderstand just what custom framing is. He explains that the work goes beyond merely assembling pieces into a frame.

"It took me some time to gain the privilege to market the work of these artists," he adds. "I feel very proud to have been selected by the publishers to do so."

"Custom framing means protecting that artwork. Preservation is a vital part of the process. And I use only acid-free materials in my framing jobs," he says. "I offer conservative framing for valuable pieces of art."

In meeting the needs of the entire Robeson community, 50-year-old Harris offers art which depicts the cultural and geographical diversity and richness of the area. "The art desires of Robeson County tri-racial population is very important to me. I give custom service to my customers whatever their preference of art theme may be."

Harris adds that a professional framer should never attempt to compete with the artwork itself.

Harris recently installed a hot mount press in his shop. He says the decision to buy one came after years of observing the poor quality in mounted artwork. He also offers in house lamination services and is able to offer reduced pricing in framing services because of a practice in bulk buying of framing materials.

Of the framing process, Harris says, "I'm absorbed by each piece of work I frame. It becomes a challenge because each piece tells a story. The challenge becomes one of identifying the story or message; then enhance it. A framer should never go into a piece of art and overwhelm it."

Of late Harris's muse has been of retiring from the job he's held for the past 26 years with the federal government.

So as to offer a fuller service to the community, last year Harris became an art dealer. Within his shop he has created a gallery which showcases limited edition prints and lithographs by nationally and internationally renowned artists. Since founding his business two years ago, he has established relationships with art publishers throughout the United States.

"This hobby of custom art framing and doaling consumes me," he comments. "I want to continue my study of the craft and perhaps venture into designing multi-angled frames."

Though a trained mathematician who holds a B.S. from Pembroke State University and a Master's degree from Appalachian State University, Harris admits to being a Civil War history buff. His interest in the Civil War is partially perpetuated through personal collection of limited edition prints which depict that war. For some "Civil War" prints Harris has become a second market. HE makes a selected few of them available for public retail.

And perhaps retirement is what the multi-talented grandfather needs in order to regularly get back to his golf game. He may even complete the masterpiece of cross stitching he began two years ago.

Harris Frame Shop and Art Gallery is located five miles north of Pembroke on Whittington Road (formerly John Oxendine Road). The business is located adjacent to the Harris residence between Highway 73 and Philadelphia Road. Business hours are Mon-Thu, evening 7-10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 8 a.m.-6 p.m. The frame shop and gallery may be reached at telephone number 910/321-9639.



The Swearing In of the First Native American Sheriff of Robeson County. By Judge Brooks on December 5, 1994, at the Robeson County Courthouse. Left to right: Judge Dexter Brooks, Mrs. Glenn Maynor, Glenn Maynor Sheriff Elect, and His Mother, Mrs. Jordan Maynor. Photo by Tech. Sgt. WM. P. Revels

## Glenn Maynor Sworn In As New Sheriff 'A New Day In Ol Robeson'

by John R. Brayboy

History was made in front of the Robeson County courthouse on Monday afternoon when Glenn Maynor was sworn in as sheriff of the "Great State of Robeson". The streets in front of the courthouse were closed off for this memorable occasion. An enthusiastic crowd of over 1000 filled the streets to this memorable ceremony. Someone said that was amazing to see that Lumberton had blocked off the streets for Indians and Blacks to see the New Sheriff sworn. It was the culmination of a lot of hard work for Glenn Maynor and his many supporters. News media from all over the state was there to cover the installment of Maynor as Sheriff.

Music was provided by Lorna McNeill, and the invocation was rendered by Rev. John Campbell. Our own Native American Superior Court Judge the Honorable Judge Dexter Brooks had the honor of administering the oath of office to now Sheriff Glenn Maynor. The Mayor of Lumberton Ray Pennington spoke briefly and congratulated Glenn and referred to him as my good friend. After that Judge Dexter Brooks made some remarks about the occasion. I guess one could say that everyone got a short history lesson about Robeson County. He said that he wanted everyone to know how that we had arrived at this day. The Judge went back over 100 years to the reign of Henry Berry Lovelery the Indian hero.

It was a time when Blacks or Indians could not vote. Indians were considered free people of color but like Blacks were denied most of the privileges afforded to the white populous of Robeson County. Malcom Sanderson and a Black, Ben Bethea, were killed by a white man. Dexter said that that was a crime, but nothing

was done to the white man for the cold blooded murder. Henry Berry responded to the murder of his father and brother by the Home Guard. The Judge stated that that was not a crime, but that it was a violent struggle of an oppressed people to free themselves. There were cheers from the crowd, because many related well to what he was saying from that reign of the "Henry Berry Gang" as referred to by the whites was a struggle for equal rights for Indians and Blacks in Robeson over the next 100 years.

He reflected on the recent changes that come about that would have been unthinkable 30 to 40 years ago, even as recent as 10 years. "For the first time in the history of Robeson County there is not a European American as Clerk of Court or Sheriff" he said. He referred to the Board of Education and County Commission being proportionally balanced to a tri-racial make up of the county. He spoke of how that Robeson was different from any other county in the state in that the sheriff of Robeson was called the High Sheriff. The reason being that when people went to social services etc. for help and were turned away, they could go to the Sheriff who would make a call to resolve the problem. "The Sheriff is the most powerful man in the county" he said.

After the Judge's remarks State Representative Ronnie Sutton was called upon to present Sheriff Elect Glenn Maynor to be sworn in as Sheriff. Rep. Sutton reflected on Maynor's Campaign and how he had to win three elections before he got to this moment. He compared the Campaign to the one four years ago, and the difference being that Glenn said this one would stay on the high road. "If you look back at ads and campaign material you will see that, that

is exactly what Glenn done," said Sutton. Certainly we agree that Glenn ran a clean campaign, and stayed with the issues. He spoke of how that Glenn had said that he wished that his brother that died could have been there to witness what was about to take place. He talked about how some people said Indians and Blacks were taking over but Sutton said "it's called sharing." Close to the end of his remarks he said "some of you out there look like you would rather be somewhere getting a root canal than see Glenn Maynor sworn in as sheriff." After the remarks by Sutton, Maynor was presented to the audience to be sworn in by Judge Dexter Brooks. Maynor's wife and mother joined him at the podium to be sworn in. It was quite a moving moment as the Judge gave the new Sheriff the oath of office. Finally a dream was now a reality, not just for the High Sheriff Glenn Maynor but many good people across Robeson County. In the excitement of the swearing in the Judge forgot to give Maynor his badge; of course Maynor asked if he could get his badge at which time the Judge graciously gave it to him.

Sheriff Glenn Maynor made some comments. He thanked the many supporters, recognized his sons, father and mother, and long time friend Mr. Hester. Also he recognized his tri-racial campaign committee, Mr. Archie Oxendine, Chris Howard, and R.W. Wilkins. He recognized Mr. Ned Sampson his basketball coach at Magnolia High School. He referred to a game that they were playing with Pembroke and they were losing. Maynor said he was disgusted but Mr. Ned said something that had stuck with him that quitters never win and winners never quit. Maynor referred to his deputies as an umbrella of him and that what they do would

reflect on him. He read some scripture from the book of Luke. Then he gave a charge to his deputies that they would be courteous, treat everyone with respect, and be content with their pay. In other words they would not be taking any bribes.

"If they come to arrest you I expect them to be courteous and treat you with respect while arresting you," the New Sheriff said. He promised that if they did not do those things they would be dismissed. Maynor promised to work closely with the Highway Patrol, SBI, FBI, and County Municipal authorities in curbing crime in our county. At one point he got emotional and shed tears. He told the crowd that contrary to rumor that he had solicited help from drug dealers to get elected he said, "I don't like drugs and I am a Christian". Afterwards the Sheriff asked the Judge to swear in his deputies. Then there was a closing prayer by Maynor's former Pastor Kent Chavis who said that "we started this campaign praying and we are going to end this occasion with prayer."

After that there was a reception in the courthouse. Many people felt relief that finally we have a non-European American as Sheriff of the Great State of Robeson, as someone said of Hubert Stone's retiring, the reign of terror is over. For those who thought the world would end if Glenn Maynor was elected Sheriff I am afraid you are wrong. It would go on with or without you until God says now is the time. For Indians, Blacks, and whites a new day has dawned. As one Indian said it is a good day to be Native American. I for one look for better days in Robeson County, and I thank God for the WINDS OF CHANGE THAT ARE BLOWING IN THE GREAT STATE OF ROBESON.

## Dr. Porter-Locklear Appointed to Education Commission

Gov. Jim Hunt today appointed ten educators to the North Carolina Commission on Testing. The 17-member commission provides oversight for the state's testing programs and advises the State Board of Education on setting standards for tests and other state testing policy issues.

The commission consists mainly of classroom teachers from all grades, but also includes one principal, one superintendent, and two professional educators from N.C.'s universities or colleges. Members serve a four-year term.

"Education is everything, and I'm

convinced that one of the most important things we can do for education is to raise standards and expectations - for schools, students and teachers," Hunt said. "These fine educators can help us in developing tests which challenge our kids and teachers to achieve those high standards."

Freda Porter-Locklear of Pembroke, an assistant professor of math and computer science at Pembroke State University was appointed to the North Carolina Commission on Testing.