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Birthing a Community

Fairfield County Midwives

The Fairfield County Museum will present an exhibition titled

“Birthing a Community- Fairfield County Midwives.”

The exhibition will open **July 10, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. with a wine and cheese reception.**

All are welcome.

The exhibition will run July 10, 2008 – December 31, 2008.

Birthing a Community is an exhibition on the history of midwifery in Fairfield County. It covers midwifery from slavery to modern trends in prenatal care and birthing in the county. The exhibition offers a brief tribute to more than thirty midwives including Mrs. Verola Maple. Mrs. Maple is the last of a generation of midwives still living in the county today.

Included in the exhibition are

- Tools of the trade dating back to the 1800s
- Photos of midwives in training at Benedict College and the Penn School
- Medical items belonging to Fairfield County’s own Drs Floyd, Buchanan, and McCants.
- photos from the collection of the Caroliniana Library at USC
- items from The Penn Center on St. Helena Island
- Captured Moment Oral Histories, a partnership of Brown Studios and the Fairfield County Museum will present a film on midwives featuring interviews with their descendants
- The private collection of Mr. Ed Gates

In celebration of families, women’s health, and healthy babies, the Fairfield County Museum will host a series of talks and family days as part of our *Museum Without Walls* programming. Please stay tuned for dates and details. If you or your community agency would like to partner with us to produce a *Museum Without Walls* activity please call Yvette Howard 803.635.9811.

Fairfield County Museum is open Tuesday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. -3:00p.m