

Jones House Centennial Celebration Begins

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While technically next year marks the Centennial of the Jones House on King Street in Boone, the celebration starts today.

The Jones House Community Center, a community landmark, was built sometime in 1908. Watauga Arts Council's Cherry Johnson says the exact month is unknown, so they've decided to celebrate all year.

J. Walter Jones, the area's first resident physician, lived there with his wife, Mattie Blackburn.

The couple's daughter later sold the house to the town for a small amount of money, Johnson says- with the condition that it should be used for a community and cultural center.

The Arts Council has been busy decorating the House for the holiday season. It reopens today, decked in its holiday fineness.

Local artist Richard Tumbleston's painting of the House is the commemorative image for the celebration, and- starting today, limited edition prints will be available. The proceeds go to the Arts Council.