

# **The Belhaven Memorial Museum**

## **“Grannie’s Attic Revisited”**

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### **History and Description**

**Mary Eva Blount Way (1869-1962), or "Miss Eva" as she was known affectionately, was an avid collector. Her love of things unique began with a small but treasured collection of buttons given to her by her mother-in-law. Over the years, she accumulated approximately 30,000 buttons from throughout the United States and around the world.**

**At the same time, she began acquiring all manner of items of special significance to her, including Christmas memorabilia, period clothing, toys and dolls, china, farm tools and specimens from her natural environment.**

**As word of her preoccupation spread, friends and neighbors began to bring treasures from their own lives and travels. The result is a fascinating array of priceless artifacts from Beaufort County, NC and afar which represent nearly a century in the world of Mrs. Eva Blount Way.**

**In an effort to aid the Red Cross, Miss Eva began to showcase her collection from the Way home beginning about 1940. As the collection grew to more than 10,000 items, it eventually expanded into the family barn. Following her death in 1962, at the age of 93, concerned citizens of the town of Belhaven initiated efforts to purchase the collection.**

**On April 1, 1965, the Belhaven Memorial Museum was officially opened on the second floor of the historic Belhaven Town Hall. The museum today is a unique learning center which allows visitors to step back into the nineteenth century and glimpse one woman's silent testament to her life and times.**

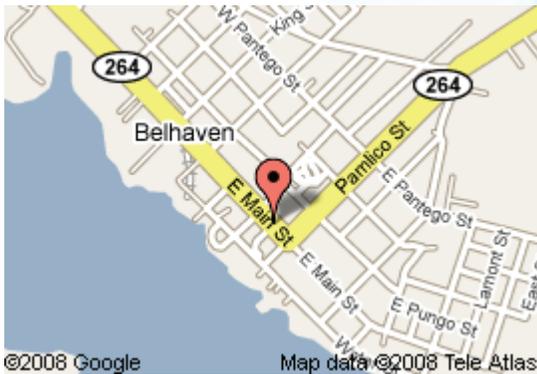
### **Hours of Operation**

**The Belhaven Memorial Museum is open from 1 to 5 p.m. daily except for Wednesdays. Admission is free but donations are welcome.**



## How to Find Us:

**The town of Belhaven, NC is located on US 264,  
30 miles east of Washington, NC.**



**The Belhaven Memorial Museum  
is located at 210 East Main Street  
(Business 264) on the second floor  
of the old Belhaven Town Hall.**

## **Restaurants**

**O'Neals Snack Bar  
Back Bay Cafe-Wine and Words  
Farm Boy's  
Fish Hooks Cafe  
River Forrest Manor  
Hardee's  
Panda Kitchen  
Andy's Cheesesteaks & Cheeseburgers  
Georgie's Sport & Oyster Bar  
Vinny's Subs  
Food Lion  
Pams Diner – Pantego, NC**

## **Accommodations**

**River Forrest Manor 252-943-2151  
Belhaven Water Street Bed & Breakfast 252-943-2825  
Belhaven Inn Bed & Breakfast 252-943-96400  
Thomasina's Bed & Breakfast 252-943-2097**



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