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Solving the mystery



FRED WILLARD, with the Lost Colony Center for Science and Research, instructed Angel Roller on how to offer a DNA sample. Willard's center has launched a DNA Analysis Project to confirm or disprove the hypothesis that the famed Lost Colony merged with the Croatan Indians. Roller was the first of a dozen people at an Avon History Potluck dinner to offer a sample. (MHG-M photo)

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By MARY HELEN
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ated with local Native American heritage through historical documents.

Angel Roller's mother's surname, Farrow, is on the "most wanted" list. At the history night, she was the first to take up the offer of a free DNA test by joining the Lost Colony Center for Science and Research. More folks at the meeting took up Willard's offer.

Willard's appearance was arranged by the new Hatteras Genealogy Society. Leading the society is Dawn Taylor. On the society's active Facebook page, lively discussions about Hatteras Island family names are ongoing. To contact the society, e-mail [hatterasgenealogysociety@](mailto:hatterasgenealogysociety@yahoo.com)

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To inquire about the DNA analysis project, contact Fred Willard by mail at Lost Colony Center for Science and Research,

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9192 Highway 171, Williamston 27892, by telephone at (252) 995-5924 or by e-mail FLW0513@ecu.edu. The center's website, where family names are listed, is www.lost-colony.com.

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