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Valentine Membership Party

Sunday, February 7, 2016 • 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Beaufort Historic Site

Be Our Valentine

YOU ARE INVITED TO HELP CELEBRATE THE 56TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE BEAUFORT HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

The Membership Drive for the Beaufort Historical Association has been a tradition for many years. It started in 1992 as a Valentine Party in a private home to attract new members into the Association. The last year in a private home was 2000, when the committee quickly realized we had more than outgrown any private home in Beaufort.

Now with the Historic Site, we have two acres and all of the authentically restored houses and buildings open for members and potential members to enjoy and learn more about this area's coastal heritage.

Even better, each house or building features different, special refreshments for visitors to enjoy. Everyone has their own unique way of enjoying the party, whether it's the beer and pizza in the jail, the hot cider by the fire in the Leffers Cottage, or the olive oil tasting in the Carteret County Courthouse of 1796. The most unique aspect of this party is that it's great for singles, couples, children and even pets!! This year, the party takes place on Sunday, February 7th from 2 to 4 pm and you are invited to help celebrate the 56th anniversary of the Beaufort Historical Association.

We always have a show and sale in the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery for our Valentine Party. This year we will

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Menu

Josiah Bell House
Afternoon Tea

Mattie King Davis Gallery
Wine & Cheese

Courthouse of 1796
Olive Oil Tasting

Old Jail
Beer & Pizza

Schoolmaster's Cottage
Oyster Roast

Historic Site Tent
Hors d' Oeuvres & Spirits

Leffer's Cottage
Hot Mulled Cider

Apothecary Shop
Homemade Fudge

Safrit Historical Center
Hot Chocolate & Coffee

be featuring Coleman Dance and Sally Barnes. Not only are these two women friends, but their shared love of art as well as their unique talents make them the perfect choice for our Valentine Party. We are excited to be featuring their works. (*More details can be found on page 3 of the newsletter*).

Your invitation to the party will be in the mail soon. Be sure to RSVP, and also invite your friends, co-workers and neighbors who have an interest in Beaufort and want to find out more about the Beaufort Historical Association and all of the many activities and events that are held throughout the year. There is a wide range of giving levels from \$25 for students and senior citizens to \$5,000 for the Somerset Circle with each level of membership receiving special benefits. Memberships can be purchased online at www.beauforthistoricsite.org. For more information about the Valentine Party, check online or stop by the Welcome Center at 130 Turner Street, or call 252-728-5225. We'll look forward to having you BE OUR VALENTINE! ■



Enjoy food and fellowship while exploring the grounds of the Beaufort Historic Site. Each building features a different time period from Beaufort's past as well as various refreshments. Joe Smith (shown left) enjoys the day with Charles and Pat Sharpe.

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Valentine Party Artists SALLY BARNES & COLEMAN DANCE



"Pink Bromeliad" by Coleman Dance.

For our Valentine Party, we decided to feature two of the nicest and most gracious artists that have work in our gallery. Coleman Dance and Sally Barnes both fit that description and more! Coleman, who lives in Kinston, has been painting most of her life. Her mother was an artist, and she encouraged Coleman at an early age to take lessons. She has continued with classes and workshops all her life studying with artists such as James Kerr, Bob Burrige, Caroline Jasper and Mel Adamson to name a few. Many of you may remember that Coleman was featured at the BHA's Annual Fall Party in 2000. She enjoys working in watercolor and oil. Her primary subject interests are flowers, landscapes, seascapes and still life. Coleman loves Carteret County and has spent most of her summers throughout the years at Atlantic Beach.

Like Coleman, Sally Barnes also spends her summers at Atlantic Beach. When in town, she volunteers at the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery. Sally lives in Wilson with her husband, Watson, where she is involved in the art community. Her family has always loved art, and with workshops and classes, Sally has reconnected with her own love of painting. Her subject matter is primarily scenes from coastal North Carolina.

Coleman and Sally are excited to be doing the show together as they have been friends for years and they have a mutual respect for each other's artwork. Be sure to stop in the gallery to see their new works ■



"Relaxing at Carrot Island" by Sally Barnes

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Volunteer Awards

Members and prospective members alike are invited to join the Beaufort Historical Association for the Annual Membership Meeting and potluck dinner, Tuesday, January 26th at 6 pm in the Saint Paul Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 215 Ann Street in Beaufort. After a brief meeting, the 2015 Volunteer Awards will be presented.

The BHA presents the prestigious Edward and Frances Trent Piver Award annually to the outstanding Volunteer of the Year. The Piver children established the award in 1986 to honor their parents on Mr. Piver's 80th birthday. Its tradition lives on as a way for the BHA to honor our volunteers and the invaluable service they offer to the organization.

The recipients of the Piver Award during the past 29 years are a group of individuals who have truly made the BHA the success it is today. The association is blessed with hundreds of generous people who give their time and talents in a variety of ways including guiding tours, answering phones, baking for events, serving on committees, helping with events such as Harvest Time and Kindergarten Thanksgiving, the Old Homes Tour and Antique Show, weekend fundraising and much more.

In addition to The Piver Award, the Newcomer Award, The Longevity Award, The Couples Award, and The Fundraiser Award will also be presented. Nominations are being accepted for all categories and submissions can be made by contacting the BHA at 130 Turner Street or by calling 252-728-5225.

Start the New Year out right by learning more about the Beaufort Historical Association, while enjoying great food and camaraderie. For more information on the upcoming Membership Meeting or to nominate volunteers, stop by the Visitors Center at 130 Turner Street, call 252-728-5225 or visit www.beauforthistoricsite.org. ■

Program

BRIDGING OUR PAST AND FUTURE

Join us at this year's meeting as we welcome Grayden Paul, Richard Stanley and a panel of local experts to discuss the history behind the bridges connecting Beaufort to the mainland, the bridges of Beaufort's past, as well as the bridge currently being built, the bridge of our future.

Edward And Frances Piver Volunteer Of The Year Award

NOMINEE:

For the person who has consistently given time on a regular basis to the BHA and who can be counted on to give 110% in accomplishing any task.

Fundraiser Award

NOMINEE:

For the person who does an outstanding job of raising funds for the BHA's many needs. This fundraising may be part of an event, for an individual project or for a continued generation of funds over the years.

Longevity Award

NOMINEE:

Presented to a long-time volunteer who has devoted time over many years and provided unselfish assistance to the BHA in a variety of ways.

Couples Award

NOMINEE:

An energetic pair who double their fun by donating their expertise and enthusiasm resulting in twice as much service to the BHA.

Newcomer Award

NOMINEE:

For the "rookie" who has made a meaningful contribution in a relatively short time as a member.

Volunteer Training LEARN A NEW SKILL

The Beaufort Historical Association greatly values the work of its volunteers, who play an integral part in the programs and functions that take place on site. Without these volunteers, many of our events would not be possible. We love welcoming new volunteers and are always looking for eager and positive additions to the volunteer list! This year, the one-day Volunteer Training Program will be on Thursday, March 10th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Historic Site. Anyone interested in either volunteering occasionally or on a more regular basis will have the chance to learn about more than 20 volunteer opportunities available at the training session. A delicious lunch will also be provided.



Janie Taylor with the Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners helps with our school children.

Attendees will have the opportunity to tour the buildings and see how volunteer docents work with the many visitors who come to the site. Educational programs and volunteer opportunities such as

Harvest Time, Kindergarten Thanksgiving, The Living History series and school group tours will also be discussed. Just before lunch, the group will participate in the Courthouse Drama, a program for eighth grade students

which allows them to experience a trial that took place in the 1800's and encourages them to compare and contrast today's legal system

with one from hundreds of years earlier.

During lunch, prospective volunteers will have an opportunity to meet the BHA staff, hear about the many volunteer opportunities in the office, Safrit Historical Center, and the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery and ask questions to better understand the vital role volunteers play in the daily functions of the BHA.

The afternoon session features a tour on the 1967 English Double-Decker bus and gives those attending a chance to see the volunteer driver, narrator and conductor positions at work while enjoying a lively tour of beautiful Beaufort. Before returning to the BHA, the group will arrive at the Old Burying Ground and take a guided stroll through this amazing landmark and observe their tour guide in action.

New and returning volunteers are invited to learn about Beaufort's colorful history while discovering the perfect volunteer opportunity with the BHA.

For planning purposes please register in advance by calling the BHA at (252)728-5225, email us at pr@beauforthistoricsite.org or stop by the Welcome Center located at 130 Turner Street. ■



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Christmas Candlelight Tour

A BEAUTIFUL EVENING IN BEAUFORT!



The Double decker bus is always a great way to enjoy the tour!



Left; Docent, Pat Baker welcomes guests with a grin! Above; Guests visiting their former home!

Beautiful weather, stunning homes, inns, and churches, along with plenty of Christmas cheer all contributed to a great Candlelight Tour. The tour's eighth year brought with it unseasonably warm weather and record ticket sales.

We want to extend our gratitude to the homeowners who were so generous in opening their homes for this annual event: Tom & Pam Vogler, Ben & Elizabeth Hawkes, Elwin & Molly Wood, Peggy Reilly, Winburne & Joanie King, Tom Forrester, and the inns, B&B's and churches that participated: Ann Street Inn, Beaufort Inn, Pecan Tree Inn, Inlet Inn, Inn on Turner, Cousins B&B, Ann Street United Methodist Church, and One Harbor Church. We couldn't do this without you.

We would like to express our appreciation to our staff and volunteers as well as the National Charity League members for their energy and enthusiasm in making this Christmas Candlelight Tour a great success.

The Beaufort ArtWalk celebrated its fifth year at many downtown locations featuring over 35 artists. The BHA's own Mattie King Davis Art Gallery featured local artists Craig Gurganus and Carol Roop. Their work will be on display through January so make sure to stop in the gallery to see their bright and colorful new works. ■



The largest decoration on tour this year! A vintage car looks so festive with the Christmas tree tied on top at the home of Tom Forrester.



One of many stunning trees, dazzling with lights, feathers and even a toy train track at the home of Tom & Pam Vogler.

New & Renewing Members

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In Memory of our Friends

The Beaufort Historical Association is deeply saddened by the passing of these wonderful members who generously supported the BHA and its activities. Each one of these friends made a difference in our community, and they will be greatly missed.

Bob Malone

Bennett Moss

Robert Warnke

Claud Wheatly, Jr.

ALL NEW *Interactive Kiosk*

BEAUFORT WINE AND FOOD FUNDS WELCOME CENTER PROJECT

Thanks to a generous grant of \$25,000 from Beaufort Wine and Food, the Welcome Center has a new exhibit with the centerpiece being an interactive touchscreen that provides a unique educational experience for both adults and school children. It has a map of the streets surrounding the Historic Site and the Old Burying Ground, and you can navigate through the site finding out more information about each of the houses and buildings through narratives, photos and video footage. This valuable tool combined with a larger screen with constantly changing slide shows of Beaufort's past and present will give visitors a better orientation to all that there is to see and do, not only at the Historic Site, but all around town.

The entire exhibit focuses on Beaufort after the Civil War, and how Beaufort gradually came out of relative isolation to become a tourism destination today. While researching old newspaper articles, looking through hundreds of old pictures, and

talking to locals who have lived in Beaufort for many generations, it is obvious that Beaufort is, and has always been, a special place. This information is so valuable to the community and the history of the town. From memories of the old movie theatre that stood on Front Street to the first car to ever drive the dirt roads of Beaufort, the display reminds us of our past and of the struggles, successes and individuals that worked together for the good of Beaufort.

A special thanks goes to the many people involved in this project. John Creech with American Media Productions captured the sights and sounds of the Beaufort Historical Association's educational programming with our school groups as well as the stories about our many buildings. Nancy and Ed



Grayden Paul and PR Director, Sidney Hunter admire the finished display. The help of Grayden Paul was invaluable to the finished project.

Gray, from Tryon Palace, assisted with the layout. G.V. Iyer from Prism Technologies gathered all our assets together to make the interactive display. Grayden Paul, Nancy Vaughan, Bob Safrit, Don Hoss, and Mamre Wilson all assisted with gathering information that they thought would be of the most interest to our visitors. Finally, Tipper Davis put it all together with a beautiful new display! ■



Tipper Davis finalizes the display by hanging the informative boards like the one seen to the right.

PRESERVING BEAUFORT'S CHARM



In 1970, Beaufort was in the middle of a major urban renewal project. Tony Wren was hired by the NC Department of Archives and History to survey Beaufort's historical and architectural assets. His findings on tourism and visitation are as important today as when he wrote his report in 1970.

"While there are other coastal towns, there is no other Beaufort. Beaufort's lure is the existing town with its collection of historic structures and quiet, tree-lined streets. Its most salable quality is its aura of solidity, of not having been built yesterday. The difference between Beaufort and its neighbors is viewable and viable, and that difference can make Beaufort a major North Carolina attraction.

The difficult part of developing this potential is the necessity of insuring that the lure of existing Beaufort does not disappear while tourism trade is being developed. It is here that all those interested in historic Beaufort must be particularly vigilant. The historian, the restorationist, the planner and the interested citizen must act as one."



One of many boards on display in the new kiosk. Each board was carefully researched and relays important milestones that created the Beaufort we know and love today.

Thanks again to Beaufort Wine and Food, which has been celebrated for over 11 years and has become one of Eastern NC's premier tourism events. 2016 will mark the 12th annual Beaufort Wine and Food signature 5-day long festival. Since BWF popped its first cork in 2004, the organization has donated over \$525,000 to local non-profits along the Crystal Coast. NEW in 2016 – exciting changes are coming to the events line-up for April 2016. Sponsorship and participation opportunities are now available. Call Beaufort Wine and Food at 252-515-0708 or go online to beaufortwineandfood.com to learn more.

Publick Day

COME ONE, COME ALL



Kick off the Spring season by shopping for unique and handmade gifts from local vendors!

On Saturday, April 16 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, The Beaufort Historic Site will kick off the spring season with the annual Publick Day event on the grounds at 130 Turner Street. The Site will transform into an open-air marketplace, welcoming visitors to explore the vast array of goods and items for sale from various vendors.

“Publick Times” dates back to the colonial period and is fashioned after Williamsburg of the 1700’s when the General Court was in session. Publick Day gave visitors an opportunity to come to town to see and be seen, conduct court business, shop, gossip, dine and dance. Guests who attend Publick Day can expect to find a variety of vendors selling antiques, vintage finds, collectibles, arts and crafts, wood crafts, furniture, hand-made jewelry,



Pottery is always a favorite, and makes a great gift!

baskets, pottery and more.

“It’s a truly unique event,” said PR Director, Sidney Hunter. “Publick Day provides the chance to shop local, and find the perfect treasure that you couldn’t necessarily find on the shelf of any store.” Vendor space is available for Publick Day. Applications are being accepted to rent a 10’ x 10’ space for \$35 if you are a BHA member and \$50 for non-members. Space is first-come, first served, and the event is held rain or shine. Spaces are non-refundable. Vendors must supply their own tables and tent if needed.

For more information, call (252) 728-5225, (800) 575-7483 or download an application online at www.beauforthistoricsite.org. ■

From the Director

Looking back on 2015 and ahead to 2016, I want to acknowledge the strong support of our Board of Governors and especially thank our outgoing President, John Hagle, and our incoming President, Greg Patterson. The dedication of all these people to the success of the BHA is amazing. In a thank you letter I wrote recently to one of our donors, I said “Old buildings REALLY are expensive”. We have 14 buildings to maintain here at the Historic Site with the smallest being our potting shed for the gardeners and the largest being the big yellow Josiah Bell House with its two massive chimneys. Without the strong leadership and dedication of our Board, I don’t know what shape these buildings would be in. This year we put new roofs on three of our buildings, painted many of our porches and buildings, did major restoration work on the Josiah Bell House, and even replaced 2 HVAC units.

As you read through this newsletter, you’ll see that we have a new exhibit in the Welcome Center thanks to a grant from the Beaufort Wine and Food Event. It’s a great addition, and even more important was the knowledge we gained from looking back at old reports and oral histories about the Association and its importance as a cornerstone of the revitalization of the Town of Beaufort from the 1960’s forward. It is often said that history repeats itself, and in looking back it was interesting to see how people were (thankfully) concerned with saving the historic district. The citizens also were worried about placement for the 2nd bridge into town. The original bridge connected on Ann Street, and when the Grayden Paul Bridge was built coming into Cedar Street there was much concern in the town about the re-routing of the bridge. Can you imagine if the highway had come through Ann Street instead of Cedar? At our membership meeting on January 26th, we’ll get to hear more about old and new bridges!

We’re looking forward to a great year in 2016, and I hope you’ll join in on all that we have to offer at the Historic Site and invite your friends and neighbors to see what we’re all about!

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Easter Egg Hunt

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MARCH 26



It is always a joy to have little hands and feet running around the grounds. The children's excitement is contagious!

Hop over to the Beaufort Historic Site at 130 Turner Street and join the fun at the Beaufort Historical Association's Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 26 at 11 am. Children ages seven and younger are invited to search for hidden eggs filled with candy and enjoy light refreshments.

This annual event, coordinated with volunteers from The National Charity League, a mother-daughter service organization, is fun for the whole family. Children will be divided into age appropriate groups and sent to different areas of the Historic Site to search for eggs. This is a free event; all you need to bring is your

Easter basket and arrive early to position yourself for the start of the hunt! The gates to the grounds will open at 11 o' clock sharp for all age groups.

For more information, please call the Beaufort Historical Association at 252-728-5225, go online to www.beauforthistoricsite.org or stop by the Welcome Center at 130 Turner Street in Beaufort. ■



The race is on! The Easter egg hunt is our only event that is over within 15 minutes after the gate is opened.

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HISTORIC HAPPENINGS

Semi Annual Membership Meeting Jan. 26 | 6 pm
 Held twice a year, this meeting honors all BHA volunteers and will be at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. A potluck dinner will be followed by a short business meeting and the presentation of the Volunteer Awards.

Valentine Membership Party.....Feb. 7 | 2-4 pm
 The Beaufort Historic Site's buildings will be opened for current & prospective members. See how the BHA uses membership dollars to preserve the rich heritage of Beaufort.

Volunteer Orientation.....March 10 | 9 am - 4 pm
 This one day training session shows prospective volunteers the many opportunities available at the BHA.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt..... March 26 | 11 am
 Children ages seven & younger. Prizes, refreshments & lots of eggs - it's all free - just bring a basket!

Publick DayApril 16 | 9 am - 4 pm
 An old-fashioned flea market on the Beaufort Historic Site with vendors selling antiques, collectibles, art, crafts, jewelry, books, food and more! Free.

Carteret County Arts & Crafts Coalition Spring Show..... | May 27-28
 Juried sale of arts and crafts of coastal artisans held at the Beaufort Historic Site on Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day, and at another venue for a three-week show.

Help preserve Beaufort's heritage & become a member of the Beaufort Historical Association

~ Membership Categories ~

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