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ARTWORK BY

## *Fall Party*

FEN RASCOE



OCTOBER 15, 2016 ♦ 6:30 PM ♦ HOME OF WES & TRENT BAGLAND



Wes and Trent Ragland will graciously open their home for the 2016 Fall Party.

The premier event of the season returns this October. Each fall, The Beaufort Historical Association brings together the elegance of a beautiful home, vivid artwork by a selected featured artist, delicious food and delicate music to create a sophisticated atmosphere for the Annual Fall Party.

This year, guests are in for a treat as the expressive artwork of Fen Rascoe is brilliantly paired against the breathtaking waterfront home of Wes and Trent Ragland. Saturday, October 15th beginning at 6:30 pm, the Ragland's home, at 821 Front Street will serve as the backdrop as guests are treated to gourmet food provided by Beaufort Grocery Company along with live music by Blue Moon Jazz.

Originally built by Nan and Hugh Cullman, the Ragland Home sits on the corner of Front and Live Oak Streets, with a large front yard overlooking the sound. The Ragland's are no stranger to the work of Fen Rascoe, having ties rooted in Eastern North Carolina; the homeowners and artist have been family friends for

years.

Mr. Rascoe's love for art began in his high school art class and followed him through college. After several years' hiatus, he picked the brush back up and has since begun putting his favorite subjects from Eastern North Carolina on canvas and panel. Over the past year Mr. Rascoe has joined the American Impressionists Society and studied under multiple nationally and regionally known artists. A former student of the late Ken Auster and other west coast contemporary impressionists such as Randal Sexton and Ned Mueller, Fen strives to transform normal everyday scenes into loose, colorful and harmonious reconstructions for the viewer. Mr. Rascoe uses a limited palette of only three to five colors and tries to balance studio work with on-site plein air work. His art has been featured in several shows and he has received many awards and honorable mentions.

Mr. Rascoe's work can be seen in Artsource Fine Art in Raleigh, Seaside Art Gallery in Nags Head and The Mattie King



Fall Party featured artist, Fen Rascoe

Davis Art Gallery through November.

A perfect complement to Mr. Rascoe's colorful, harmonious style is the light, melodious sound of the band Blue Moon Jazz. Local musicians from Jacksonville, Emerald Isle, and the New Bern area create the Blue Moon Jazz quartet. The group has been performing jazz standards and modern jazz for the past 14 years, although individually, the group's experience extends decades.

The combination of the music, artwork, views and delicious menu are sure to make the Fall Party a night to remember.

Tickets are \$100 and may be purchased in advance or the day of the event at the Beaufort Historic Site Welcome Center at 130 Turner Street, or online at [www.beauforthistoricsite.org](http://www.beauforthistoricsite.org). All proceeds from ticket sales benefit the preservation, restoration and education programs of the Beaufort Historic Site.

For more information on this and other Beaufort Historical Association events, stop by the Historic Site, call 252-728-5225, or visit [beauforthistoricsite.org](http://beauforthistoricsite.org). ■

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Cape Scape by Fen Rascoe

### FEN RASCOE OCT - NOV 2016

We are thrilled to welcome eastern North Carolina artist, Fen Rascoe, to our 2016 Fall Party. Jaquelin Perry, one of our favorite artists, called last year to let us know that a friend of hers was doing really well with his artwork and gathering quite a following. A few months later, Nancy McClure, co-owner of ArtSource in Raleigh, called to say the same thing. We're glad they did! A few of Fen's paintings are already being featured in our Beaufort Cooks, Volume III cookbook.

Fen grew up drawing all the time and took several art classes in high school and college. Never giving art much consideration professionally until recently, it was twenty years until he would pick up a brush again in the winter of 2010. Since then he has studied under several nationally renowned

artists and has spent most of his time outside painting in the plein air style of the French impressionist painters. His subject matter will surely appeal as it comes from the flatlands and coastal regions of Eastern North Carolina.

Fen currently lives in Windsor, North Carolina, right down the road from Bunn's Barbecue, which is featured in some of his paintings. His workshop at St. Paul's (and in the great outdoors) will be a treat for a very lucky few. ■

## Impressionism WORKSHOP

Artist Fen Rascoe will host a two day workshop, October 12th and 13th from 10 am to 4 pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Parish Hall. Students can look forward to learning from Fen's unique style through a small class environment. The workshop fee is \$250 per student and due to very limited class size, reservations are required and may be made by calling the Beaufort Historic Site at 252-728-5225.



Tastes Great Less Filling by Fen Rascoe

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# Harvest Time



Sandy Treadway leads a group of students in dipping their wicks in wax to create candles.

## ALL ABOUT CARTERET COUNTY HISTORY

Every October, the Beaufort Historic Site welcomes fourth grade students to take part in an interactive learning experience known as Harvest Time. During the weeks of October 4th-7th and 11th-14th from 9 am to noon every day students will rotate through hands-on learning stations where volunteers and docents dressed in colonial attire discuss, demonstrate and participate with students in a wide variety of educational activities.

This annual event demonstrates the life of Beaufort families in the 1700s and 1800s through activities such as food preservation, where children will learn about herbs and techniques such as drying and smoking meat, candle dipping where children will get to take home the candle they create, woodworking which involves shingle making and corn harvesting techniques demonstrated on site.

The Beaufort Historical Association values the process of educating children on the rich history of Beaufort and Carteret

County through events such as Harvest Time and Kindergarten Thanksgiving, run heavily through the efforts of dedicated volunteers. Volunteers can participate in a day of training to prepare for the Harvest Time events and time with children on October 3rd. Harvest Time is designed to




Showing off a candle in the beginning stages.

be an extension of what is being taught in the fourth grade classroom because of the inclusion of North Carolina history in that grade's standard course of study.

Harvest Time is offered to public, private and home school classes in Carteret and the surrounding counties. For more information on this event or to reserve a space, stop by the Beaufort Historic Site Welcome Center at 130 Turner Street, call 252-728-5225 or visit [www.beauforthistoricsite.org](http://www.beauforthistoricsite.org).

**BECOME A HARVEST TIME**  
*Volunteer!*



Volunteers are always needed to help with this fun and educational two-week program. Past participants have thoroughly enjoyed working with the enthusiastic students while they learn about Beaufort's past. No experience in any of the activities is necessary as scripts and material are provided. For more information or to find out how to volunteer, please call the BHA at 252-728-5225.

Volunteer Training will take place October 3rd at the Beaufort Historic Site's Welcome Center, 130 Turner Street. We appreciate your help!

# Volunteer Picnic

## THE HEARTBEAT OF THE BHA

*Everyone's invited! We want to thank everyone who volunteered with the BHA this year. Please RSVP 728-5225*

The Beaufort Historical Association will hold its Semi-Annual Membership Meeting & Picnic Tuesday, September 20th, at 5:30 pm on the grounds of the Beaufort Historic Site at 130 Turner Street. The picnic and brief meeting will acknowledge and thank the members and volunteers who dedicate countless hours to the BHA.



Without the support of the community and volunteers, the BHA and the Beaufort Historic Site could not present the area's treasured heritage in such entertaining and informative detail.

Both the membership meeting and picnic will recognize current BHA members and volunteers, as well as welcome those who may be interested in participating in the future.

The picnic kicks off with a brief meeting (and we mean brief). Attendees will enjoy BBQ and sides catered by Roland's BBQ of Beaufort. The picnic is open to current volunteers, potential volunteers, members and anyone who wants to come out and show their support. RSVPs are requested to provide an accurate count for the picnic. ■

## WE WANT TO SAY THANK YOU!

Be sure to stop by the gift shop before or after the volunteer picnic to take advantage of a special sale exclusively for our volunteers!

While you're shopping check out the **NEW ARRIVALS**



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## from the director...

I'm writing this as the Pirate Invasion Encampment is going on outside my window. There is a heat index of 105 degrees, but all the children are loving mingling with these entertaining pirates. In other words, it's been a VERY HOT summer, but it's been a very rewarding summer for the BHA. It's been a summer of welcoming visitors from all over the world and having them enjoy all we have to offer at the Historic Site.

Our three big events this summer - the Old Homes Tour, the Antique Show and the Summer Party - all were successful with hundreds of volunteers putting the events together with the assistance of our awesome staff.

As you can see in this newsletter, we are constantly trying new and different ways to make our events more entertaining, more interesting, and more of a success. This year for the first time we tried an online program for the auction at our Summer Party. It was not only fun to be able to bid this way, but it also resulted in the most money we have ever raised through an auction at any of our parties.

We are always trying to look at new ways to keep things fresh and innovative. We definitely don't want to be perceived as uncreative and stale in our programs. With all the new technology, we are finally working on a couple of apps for phones. Our first project is with the Old Burying Ground and a self guided tour that can be downloaded for your phone. We figured with all the popularity of Pokemon Go, and the Old Burying Ground being a "poke stop", we might as well keep up!

Stop by with your ideas! And definitely save the date for our Volunteer Picnic, so we can thank you for all your help this summer!!

*Patricia Suggs*

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# Kick Off Party INAUGURAL BARTENDERS' CHALLENGE



Homeowner Kristy Harvey tested the Summer Party Raffle Bike from Alternative Transportation.



Thanks to the bartenders featured in the bartender's challenge for giving their recipes to volume three of the Beaufort Cooks cookbook series and creating them for the Kick Off Party. They were a hit! Bartenders pictured: Doug Brady, Tim Becker, Ami Doss, George Pavin and Robin Team.

The Kick Off Party was a hit this year with the introduction of a new cookbook and the first ever Bartenders' Challenge. In addition to great food, local professional and amateur bartenders created drinks featured in the cookbook for the first ever Bartenders' Challenge. Featured drinks included a Rosemary Greyhound Cocktail by Ruth Puckett, Jalapeno Martini by Ami Doss formerly of Aqua, Dark and Stormy by Robin Team, Tropical Blast by George Pavin of Beaufort Grocery, Hurricane Hazel by Doug Brady, White Wine Sangria by Margaret Brock, and the winner, Painkiller by Tim Becker of Front Street Grill at Stillwater. The fun, competitive atmosphere and delicious food were the backdrop for the art opening by the Old Homes Tour featured artist Bunny Matthews.

The Old Homes and Gardens Tour is only possible through the generous donation of time and resources made by the home and garden owners and artists on tour each year. The 2016 tour had a wide variety of homes from modern to very well preserved. Beaufort's history comes alive through the opening of these homes. The Beaufort Historical Association greatly appreciates all these individuals who allow their homes to be seen by the public! It was a great tour, and we kicked it off with one of our favorite parties to date! ■

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# A Walk Through Time WITH SUMMER DAY CAMP AND LIVING HISTORY

Thanks to Wells Fargo, summer camp continued for a third year this past July, teaching children about the coastal heritage of Carteret County. During the 3-day camp, children participated in hands-on activities and watched demonstrations by the BHA's volunteers and docents in order to learn all about history and this area's heritage. Campers made crafts and learned valuable historic skills, such as open-hearth cooking, broom making and butter churning.

More historical activities and lessons took place all summer for children and adults alike through our Living History Series. Between the months of June and August the BHA hosted a series of historical demonstrations and workshops. This year, the series kicked off with a Spinning Workshop by Pat Tester and was followed by a Knotless Knitting Workshop by Mary Clement, Pine Needle Basket Workshop with Sandi Malone, a demonstration on the uses of herbs by Susan Hogan, decoy carving demonstrations with members of the Core Sound Decoy Carvers Guild, a presentation of Musical Instruments of the Past with Marsha Harris, a Sea Salt demonstration with Caryn Wooldrige, Quilting with Nancy Smith, depression beads with Gigi Koehler, and a Felting



The Tommasulo siblings learn the art of broom making during week one of Summer Camp.



Kristy Harvey gives insight to her novels, her inspiration and her life in *The South* during an event at Clawson's restaurant.

Workshop with Ashley Sullivan.

A special Living History event was held at the beginning of August with southern author Kristy Harvey. Kristy joined a group of women at Clawson's to share stories from her own life that inspired her two novels, *Dear Carolina* and *Lies and Other Acts of Love*. Mrs. Harvey is currently working on a third novel that will hit the shelves in April of 2017.

We want to thank the many volunteers who helped with the Summer Camp and the Living History Programs this summer! Their talents and tireless energy are what make the Beaufort Historic Site a special place to visit! ■



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# Ahoy There Everybody! SUMMER PARTY SUCCESS



The dance floor was packed all night thanks to the band Punch! The tables remained vacant as guests crowded together to dance the night away! Photo provided by Punch.

The Summer Party was a great event! Beautiful weather brought a night of dancing, drinking and donations! Music from the band "Punch" was a huge hit, keeping the dance floor crowded throughout the night. The high energy continued with a new online bidding system. This year launched the beginning of paperless bidding at the Summer Party. Through the online service, auction items were live weeks prior to the event and were accessible leading up to and during the event worldwide.

The bidding process took a little bit of adjustment as it was the first time using it, but allowed people from far and wide to participate in the action. We couldn't have had such a great party without the help of our volunteers who showed up early to set up and worked throughout the night! Thank you for making it a great party. Thanks to the band "Punch", Beaufort Grocery Co., and a great committee, the Summer Party was a night of success! ■



Sherri and Grayden Paul enjoy delicious food prepared by Beaufort Grocery Company.



Co-Chair Katherine Team, along with Carolyn Brady, welcome guests to the summer party with the signature drink, Carteret Cucumber Cooler created by our other awesome Co-Chair, Doug Brady.

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# Old Homes & Gardens Tour

# Antique Show & Sale

The 56th Annual Old Homes & Gardens Tour and Antique Show & Sale were both an enormous success. We would like to thank the visitors, volunteers, committee members, antique dealers and docents for all your hard work. You deserve all the credit! We certainly are looking forward to next year, and sincerest thanks from the BHA for this year! ■




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## THE BUZZ AROUND THE *Pollinator Garden*

### *Other Grants* THANK YOU GARDEN CLUB

The Beaufort Garden Club has been a generous partner for many years, making all the flower arrangements for our Old Homes Tour and Antique Show Weekend. Not only do they share their time and talents, but this year they also made a generous donation for our grounds and gardens!

### THANK YOU WOMEN'S CLUB

Thanks to the generosity of the Women's Club of Beaufort the historic site has received new chairs for our Living History programs, meetings, summer camp activities, and special events, such as our Thanksgiving Feast. With over 60,000 visitors per year, this update will make a large impact.

The Manson House Pollinator Garden continues to make progress, thanks to the grant from Duke Energy received earlier this year. Styron's Tree Service volunteered its services to trim and remove several non-native tree species around the maze, while other volunteers helped prune the maze and cleaned up to make way for the next phase of the project.

As soon as the weather gets a little cooler, we can install the irrigation systems as well as the pathways. We will also be able to continue planting new trees and flowering plants to attract our pollinators (birds, bees and butterflies).

Brochures and large signage will be designed explaining the plants, pollinators and their effect on our environment and food production. These materials will promote the garden and the grounds while teaching the importance of maintaining a healthy environment. This garden can provide school groups with a learning experience that can begin in the garden and hopefully stay with them the rest of their lives. Gradually, we are hoping to make the grounds behind the Manson House reflect the excellence of the award winning restoration inside the house. ■



*Thank you to Styron's Tree Service for clearing the garden!*

### BHA WISHLIST

The BHA is continually busy with projects on the site grounds as well as the Old Burying Ground. We are in need of a lawn mower, weed eater and garden tools. Any donations would be appreciated!

## *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. Their contributions enhanced our educational programs and greatly assisted in helping us maintain and preserve the historic buildings and artifacts that enable us to share this areas important coastal heritage. Each one of these friends made a difference in our community, and they will be greatly missed.

*Georgie Hughes ~ Terry Ricks ~ Frank Rock ~ Hazel Simpson*



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## HISTORIC HAPPENINGS

### Membership Meeting & Volunteer Picnic ....Sept. 20 | 5:30 pm

All are invited to enjoy a picnic with all the trimmings to honor all BHA members and volunteers!

### Harvest Time ..... October 4-7, 11-14 | 9 am-noon

Fourth grade classes are invited to the Site to experience colonial life in a historic setting. Reservations required.

### Fall Party..... October 15 | 6:30 pm

Held at the beautiful home of Wes and Trent Ragland. This year's party features artist Fen Rascoe with live music by Blue Moon Jazz and delicious food by Beaufort Grocery Company.

### Jumble Sale..... November 19 | 9 am - 4 pm

Come and see as the Beaufort Historic Site transforms into an old-fashioned flea market with vendors selling art, handmade crafts, holiday gifts, antiques, books, & more! Vendor information is available.

### Community Thanksgiving Feast ..... November 20 | 11:30 am - 1 pm

Mark your calendars to attend this traditional turkey dinner at the Beaufort Historic Site with food prepared by some of the finest restaurants in Beaufort! \$20 in advance, \$23 at the door.

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

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