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Greetings From
Historic Beaufort



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Valentine
Membership
Party

Share some Love

Sunday, February 10, 2019, 2pm - 4pm

Beaufort Historic Site

How many of you have driven by the Beaufort Historic Site, and have never been in any of the buildings?? Even if you've been, things change as we learn more information about the history of the buildings and the residents who lived there. If you've never been in the buildings, now is the time to come enjoy our largest open house of the year! The membership drive is a long standing tradition that's been greatly revamped from the days of cookies, punch and pimento cheese sandwiches (on white bread with the crust cut off, of course!). This party is all about the community spirit that has been so evident after Hurricane Florence. We all want normal; and food, drink and fellowship on the Historic Site Grounds seems especially normal.

We call this our "membership" party, but we're glad to welcome potential members and especially volunteers to come enjoy and learn more about our historic site and this area's special coastal heritage. Everyone has their own unique way of enjoying the party. The beer and pizza in the jail, the high test and regular apple cider in the Leffer's Cottage, and the olive oil tasting in the Carteret County Courthouse of 1796 are all favorites. The complete menu is featured on page 2. The most unique aspect of this party is that it's great for singles, couples, children and even pets. This year's party takes place on Sunday, February 10th, from 2 to 4 pm.

In addition to all of the food and drinks offered, there will be two featured artists in the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery for our Valentine Party. Local residents and friends, Vicki Mann and Brook Penick, have been taking art lessons from Heather Sink for several years. They've learned a great deal from Heather, and now we're happy to welcome them for their first show in the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery.

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Menu

Josiah Bell House
Sparkle & Fizz

Mattie King Davis Art Gallery
Wine & Cheese

Courthouse of 1796
Olive Oil Tasting

Old Jail
Beer & Pizza

Schoolmaster's Cottage
Oyster Roast

Leffer's Cottage
Hot Mulled Cider

Apothecary Shop
Homemade Fudge

Historic Site Tent
Hors d'oeuvres & Spirits

Safrit Historical Center
Hot Chocolate & Coffee

Be sure to RSVP, and also invite friends, coworkers 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 we sponsor, throughout the year. With 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. ■



More sights and scenes from last year's Valentine's Party.



Trying to choose from all the delicious food.



Fun at the Leffer's Cottage.

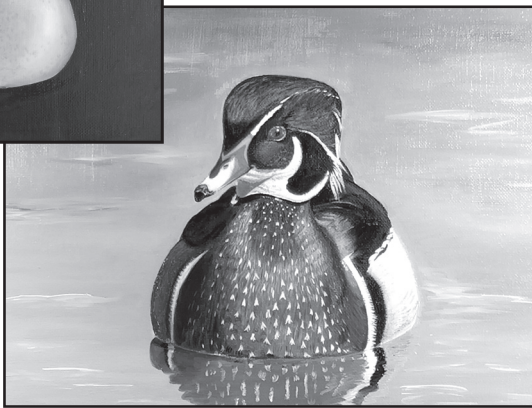
Two Featured Artists

BROOK PENICK

Brook and her husband, Wayne, moved to Beaufort in 2014 from Reedville, VA (another home of one of the last Menhaden fleets on the east coast). They quickly became part of the community.

In her own words, Brook writes, "Painting is a new creative outlet that I am so grateful for uncovering. Two years ago, I started painting classes with Heather Sink at Craving Art Studio. Under Heather's guidance and encouragement, I began to develop my style of realistic painting. I love concentrating on one object, and making it come alive on the canvas. Whether I'm painting birds, cocktails, fruits or flowers, the best part of the process for me is when all the little details come together at the end.

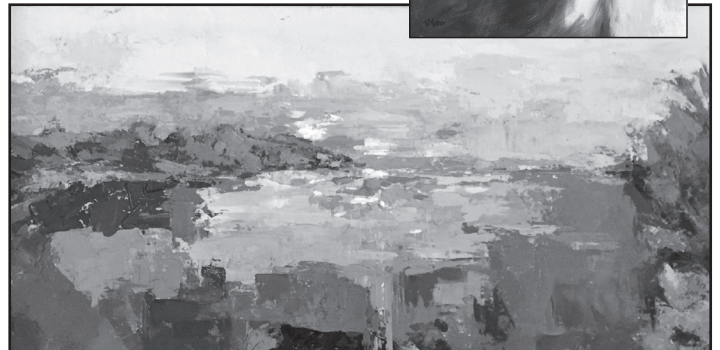
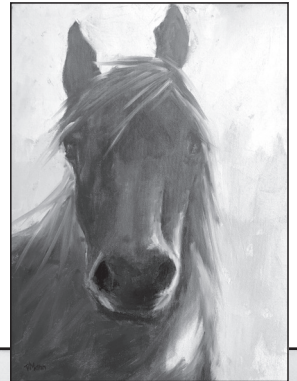
I've always enjoyed *creating*, whether it be through needlework, crafts or cooking, but having discovered the pleasure of painting at this stage of the game is a gift, indeed!" ■



VICKI MANN

Vicki and her husband, Randy, moved to Beaufort in 2011 from Sanford with thoughts of retiring, but now they are busier than ever. In her own words, Vicki writes, "I always considered myself creative and *crafty* but never imagined myself an artist. After moving to Beaufort several years ago I enrolled in a painting party class with Heather Sink as my instructor. I realized that painting brought me joy, and I was immediately hooked! I began painting in earnest about 2012 and continue paint classes at Craving Art Studio to explore and develop my style.

I enjoy painting what I see in my everyday life here in beautiful Beaufort. Whether it is a dramatic sky, oysters and wildlife or the abstract idea of a coastal setting, I look to capture my subject with bold brushwork. In my impressionist style of painting where oil is my preferred medium, I tend to use color and palette knife for texture to add excitement to my paintings." ■



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Membership Meeting & VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Members and prospective members are invited to join the Beaufort Historical Association for the Annual Membership Meeting and potluck dinner, Tuesday, January 22nd at 6 pm at St. Paul's Church, 215 Ann Street in Beaufort. The 2018 Volunteer Awards will be presented at the end of the evening.

The BHA presents the prestigious Edward and Frances Piver 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. The 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 30 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, preparing food for events, serving on committees, helping with events, fundraising, the double decker bus 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 and submissions can be made by mailing in the ballot to the right or contacting the BHA at 130 Turner Street, Beaufort. Nominations can also be made over the phone by calling Rita Bailey at 252-728-5225 or by emailing officemanager@beauforthistoricsite.org

Following a potluck dinner there will be a very special presentation and discussion on the making of a new film "Beaufort Remembers." Committee Members Judy Adams and Liz Burke, as well as filmmaker Mark Albertin will explain their vision for this program. Members of the community, who have already been interviewed, will be on hand to share their stories and remembrances that will be part of this important, historical documentary. Please see the article on the following page for more details.

For additional information on the upcoming Membership Meeting, stop by the Visitors Center at 130 Turner Street, call 252-728-5225, or visit www.beauforthistoricsite.org. ■

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

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

We greatly value the work of our 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 Tuesday, March 12th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Historic Site. Anyone interested in either volunteering occasionally or on a regular basis will have the chance to learn about more than 20 volunteer opportunities available at the training session. We will also provide a delicious lunch.

Attendees will have the opportunity to tour the buildings, ride the double-decker bus, tour the Old Burying Ground, and see how volunteer docents work with the many visitors who come to the site. During lunch, prospective volunteers will have an opportunity to meet the BHA staff, hear about the many ways to help and ask questions to better understand the vital role volunteers play in the daily functions of the BHA.

New volunteers are invited to learn about Beaufort's colorful history while discovering the perfect volunteer opportunity with the BHA. Please register in advance by calling the BHA at (252)728-5225, e-mail us at bhaeducation@outlook.com, or stop by the Welcome Center located at 130 Turner Street. ■



Robin Spruill shown volunteering at Kindergarten Thanksgiving.

BEAUFORT *Remembers*

We're Underway!

Have you heard the buzz? If not, you're hearing it here, now. A new historical documentary is officially underway. The film, *Beaufort Remembers*, will preserve the personal memories of life in early Beaufort in the words, voices and photos of many of our town's long-time residents.

Inspired by the aging and, sadly, the passing of several of Beaufort's oldest citizens, four local women pooled their skill sets to undertake the production of *Beaufort Remembers*, under the auspices of the BHA. The goal is to preserve the legacy of the day-to-day history of growing up in early 20th century Beaufort with personal remembrances and anecdotes not available in factual history or text books.

The film, which will be available on DVD after its premiere, will provide a unique gift for the town we all love. The specific goals are:

- to educate the public on the rhythms of daily life in the early 20th century in an historic coastal village of North Carolina
- to become a resource in the regional history curriculum for teachers and schools
- to involve, honor, recognize and thank our elder citizens for



Filmmaker Mark Albertin chats with long-time Beaufort resident Mamre Wilson about her role as Beaufort's historian.

their sustaining contributions and memories

- to promote community spirit and pride
- to create a living, archival legacy for the town of Beaufort
- to enhance Beaufort tourism and create indirect economic impact

The film will make liberal use of personal photo records and local history experts, in addition to the senior interviews.

The filmmaker, Mark Albertin, of Scrapbook Video Productions in Augusta, GA, has extensive experience in creating award-winning documentaries. Several oral histories in the Remembers series, originated by Mr. Albertin, have aired on public television in their respective cities and towns. We're hoping the same for *Beaufort Remembers*!

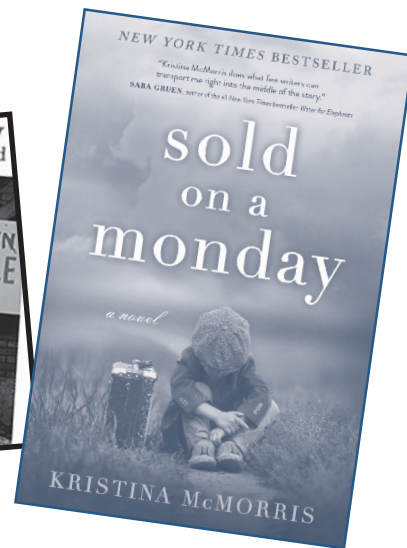
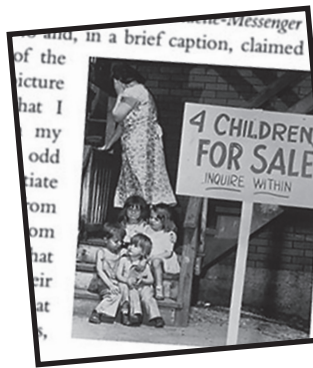
The Planning Committee – Judy Adams, Liz Burke, Jo Ann Hoffman and Jeanette Holland – invite your interest, your questions, your suggestions, AND your contributions! They are halfway to their goal of \$25,000 to make the film a reality. Contributions are tax deductible. To find out more, or to participate, please contact Liz Burke at lizburke@gmail.com. ■

LUNCH & LEARN

For the past several years, the Beaufort Historical Association has been hosting guest speakers for our popular *Lunch and Learn* series in February. This year we are very excited to host Kristina McMorris on February 12th for a 3 course family-style luncheon at noon at Clawson's in their 3rd floor dining area.

Kristina McMorris is a New York Times and USA Today bestselling author whose works are inspired by true personal and historical accounts. Kristina's works have been published by Sourcebooks Landmark, Penguin Random House, HarperCollins, and Kensington Books. Her novels have garnered more than two dozen prestigious awards and nominations, including the IMPAC Dublin Literary Award, RWA's RITA® Award, and a Goodreads Choice Award for Best Historical Fiction.

Her newest historical novel, *Sold on a Monday*, was just released in September of 2018. The latest acclaimed bestseller was inspired by an actual photograph, shown here, that stunned the nation. A review from the New York Times praises the novel saying, "In *Sold on a Monday*, Kristina McMorris has written a vivid and original story, set against the harsh landscape of the Great Depression. McMorris brilliantly chronicles the way in which a moment's fateful choice can result in a lifetime of harrowing consequences. A masterpiece that poignantly echoes universal themes of loss and redemption, *Sold on a Monday* is both heartfelt and heartbreaking."



A frequent guest speaker and workshop presenter, McMorris holds a B.S. in International Marketing from Pepperdine University. For her diverse achievements, she has been named one of Portland's "Forty Under 40" by The Business Journal. She lives with her husband and two sons in Oregon.

Kristina is on a promotional book tour all over the country, and we are honored to welcome her to Beaufort all the way from Oregon. Tickets for this event include the price of lunch and are \$30. Tickets are limited and do sell out quickly, so reserve your spot by calling 252-728-5225 or by stopping by the Beaufort Historic Site Welcome Center at 130 Turner Street. ■

EASTER EGG HUNT



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, April 20th 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. This event is free; all you need to bring is your Easter basket, and arrive early to position yourself for the start of the hunt! ■



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DINNER AT THE INN ON TURNER

Take a Seat and Make a Difference as you dine with purpose at the Inn on Turner!

Back by popular demand, the BHA has partnered with Kim Bell and Jonathan Haas to benefit the Beaufort Historical Association. Enjoy a private dinner party perfectly paired with delicious wine while supporting the BHA at the Inn on Turner!

The dinners will take place on February 14th and 15th at 7:00 pm. Dinners will be limited to 10 people. The cost is \$80, a special vegetarian option for \$65. The fabulous menu designed by The Inn On Turner is listed below. To find out more about the dinner or to make reservations, contact the BHA office at 252-728-5225! Hurry these spots are sure to fill up fast!



First Course

Spinach, Roasted Beets, Walnuts
Tarragon Vinaigrette



Second Course

(choose from one of four options)

Hand Cut Angus Beef Filet Mignon, Demi-Glace,
Crème Fraiche & Chive Potatoes, Asparagus

Free Range Chicken Breast stuffed with NC Bass Farm Sage
Sausage & Mushroom,
Beurre Blanc, Crème Fraiche & Chive Potatoes,
Asparagus

Inn on Turner Crab-cakes, Remoulade,
Fragrant Vegetable Rice Pilaf, Asparagus

Vegetarian Selection: Provencal White Bean-cake
(in place of the crab-cakes)

Third Course

Dark Chocolate Torte, Godiva Mint Ganache,
Chantilly Crème



Publick Day

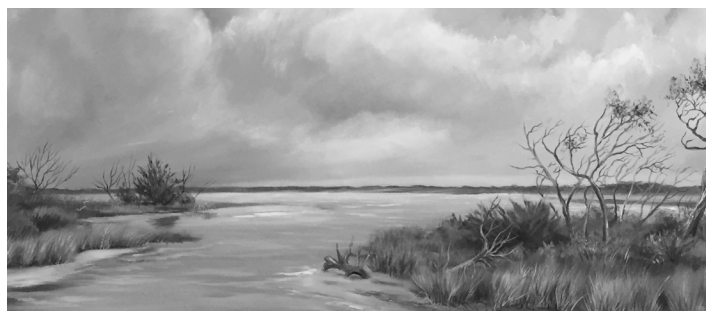
On Saturday, April 13 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, The Beaufort Historic Site will kick off the spring season with the annual Publick Day event on the grounds at 130 Turner Street. The Site will transform into an open-air marketplace, welcoming visitors to explore the vast array of goods and items for sale from various vendors.

“Publick Times” dates back to the Colonial period and is fashioned after Williamsburg of the 1700s 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, crafts and more.

Vendor space is available. 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, contact Alison Sargent at (252)728-5225, pr@beauforthistoricsite. ■

SAVE THE DATE



Blue Sky at the Banks by Jamison Ipock.

Jamison Ipock is returning to the Mattie King Davis Gallery for a show on April 6th. She's taken a break from painting since 2015, and we've been begging her since to bring some paintings to the gallery. An amazing artist, she is also a native of Beaufort which gives her an eye for the incredible scenery that she captures so beautifully in her art.

Jamison's gorgeous acrylic paintings will be a welcome addition to the gallery, and we are looking forward to her show in April, so be sure to save the date! ■



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Rob and Frieda MacArthur's tree.



The Mosiers front yard at the J.B. Jones House.



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The Owins-Bedford House, with the Harmatuk's amazing collection of lanterns.

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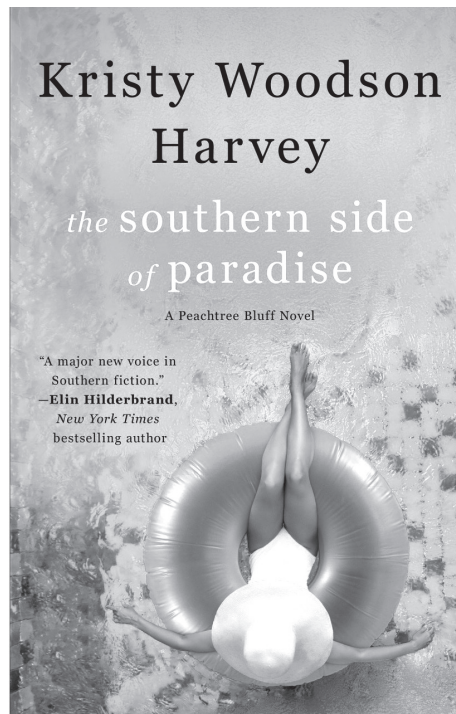
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PROPERTIES**

IT'S A TOWN TAKEOVER

ON MAY 31ST AND JUNE 1ST!!

Save the date for the weekend of May 31, 2019 when Peachtree Bluff, the fictional town in Kristy Woodson Harvey's internationally bestselling Peachtree Bluff series, will be taking over Beaufort! Our favorite local author has finished her third book in the Peachtree Bluff Series. The first two books in the series, "Slightly South of Simple" and "The Secret to Southern Charm", became immediate best sellers. Kristy's third book, "The Southern Side of Paradise", follows the three Murphy sisters, Caroline, Sloane and Emerson, and their mother, Ansley, as they deal with whatever life throws at them from the sleepy town of Peachtree Bluff. If you've read Kristy's first two books, you'll quickly realize that Peachtree Bluff is a very thinly disguised Beaufort. With help from Kristy and her publicist, Kathie Bennett, we plan to let Kristy showcase the town of Beaufort to all her readers that have fallen in love with Peachtree Bluff. As one reviewer writes, "I want to pack my stuff and move to Peachtree Bluff! Ok, at least I want to take a vacation there!"

This is all very much in the planning stages (and as always, we can use your help). The stories will come to life through



bus tours, luncheons, a beautiful farm-to-table dinner at the Historic Site and an exclusive VIP cocktail party at Jerri Sutton's home. Kristy is not only taking over the town, but she's taking over the

English Double Decker Bus to point out the people and the locations in her book. We'll also be having a dinner on our grounds the evening of June 1st. The dinner catered by Aqua and Clawson's will be served family-style with delicious heaping platters of food served and shared around the table, showcasing Beaufort's community spirit. The V.I.P. cocktail party will welcome Kristy's publicist, and her editors from Simon & Schuster.

Kristy Harvey's storytelling is witty and warm. If you know Kristy, you can definitely hear her voice in the writing. We don't know how the series ends yet, but you can preorder your copy of the final book in the series, "The Southern Side of Paradise", which releases May 7, from the Beaufort Historical Association's Gift Shop. The first two books in the series are in stock, so you can be all caught up and ready when the third book is released.

To find out how you can help with this fun weekend, please call Patricia Suggs at the BHA office 252-728-5225 or stop by the Welcome Center at 130 Turner Street. Tickets go on sale early 2019, so be on the lookout. ■

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A SURPRISING DECISION

by Ashley Sullivan

Josiah Bell House Furnishings Chair Person

Over more than 200 years, the Josiah Bell House has been frequently remodeled leaving a jumble of possible decorative styles. Believed to be built about 1795, the house is now interpreted as an evolving family home of over 200 years. And evolved it has.

In the early 1990s the two parlors were decorated to the 1850-1870 Victorian period. Then, going into the dining room things get complicated. In about 1830 the first half of the room was added. Almost 100 years later, the second half of the room was added and is defined by the center arch. So, should it be decorated in the earlier period or in the early 20th century style?

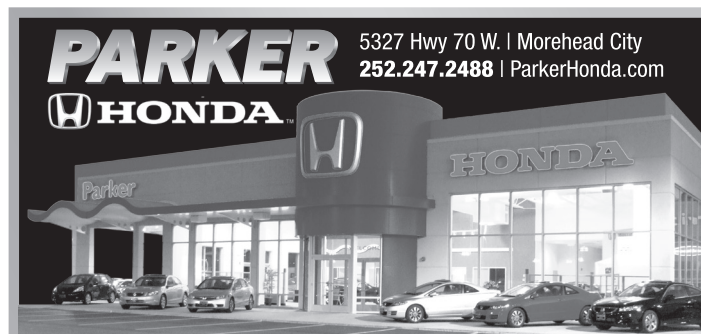
After studying the deeds and the families living there, it was discovered that the house had been a 1921 gift from a mother to her daughter, Lela Thomas, who lived out in the country on Highway 70. Her husband Charles traveled for his highway job causing Lela to be lonely so far out of town. This was an opportunity to be in Beaufort, so they moved and “modernized” windows, baseboards and moldings.

Judy Thomas Brake and her brother Ralph are grand children of the Thomas’s. Growing up Judy spent a lot of time with her grandfather in this house. A family member still enjoys the 1920’s dining furniture, used for 37 years in what is now the Josiah Bell House until Charles’s death in 1958. He and Lela, who died in 1941, had enlarged the dining room and added a modern kitchen to accommodate their family of seven.

The furnishings committee has purchased a dining table and chairs which are Tudor Revival, popular in the 1920s. So the search began for more items, including china, silver

and accessories to compliment the Tudor style and their life style. To be authentic, the room called for every element to be considered, including the chandelier, bulbs and globes, paint colors, window treatments, even the prints and other items that may have been in the home.

Currently the room is in the process of being painted and minor repairs to the wainscot and mouldings are taking place. It will be a surprising and unexpected look for the old house. The (new to us) Tudor dining table and chairs are in place, so that leaves us with the Victorian table (with 4 leaves) and 8 beautifully needle-pointed chairs to be sold or donated. The chairs are so special, because the cushions were done by hand by 8 separate women who loved the Josiah Bell House. We have their initials, but we aren’t sure of all the names. The initials are ACC (maybe Ann Costlow), EDS (maybe Evelyn Chadwick), ETC (maybe Elizabeth Cheek), ALW (maybe Alice Wheatly), and then AAV and ALW that we aren’t sure of at all. We’d love for the gorgeous walnut table and 6 chairs to go to a loving home. And with things being changed, we are in need of items from the 1920s for the china cabinet and sideboard in the dining room if anyone has items they’d be willing to donate. ■



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6PM

Semi-Annual Membership Meeting

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FEB 10
2-4PM

Valentine Party and Membership Drive

A perfect time to tour the BHA historic buildings and houses while enjoying food and beverages and seeing just how your membership dollars are used to preserve and promote the rich cultural heritage of Beaufort and Carteret County. Come and bring prospective members!

MAR 12
9AM-4PM

Volunteer Training

This is a great opportunity to learn about volunteering at the Beaufort Historic Site. Whether you have just a few hours occasionally or want to volunteer on a regular basis, we have the perfect place for you. Call 252-728-5225 to reserve your spot at this informative and fun day. Lunch included!

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