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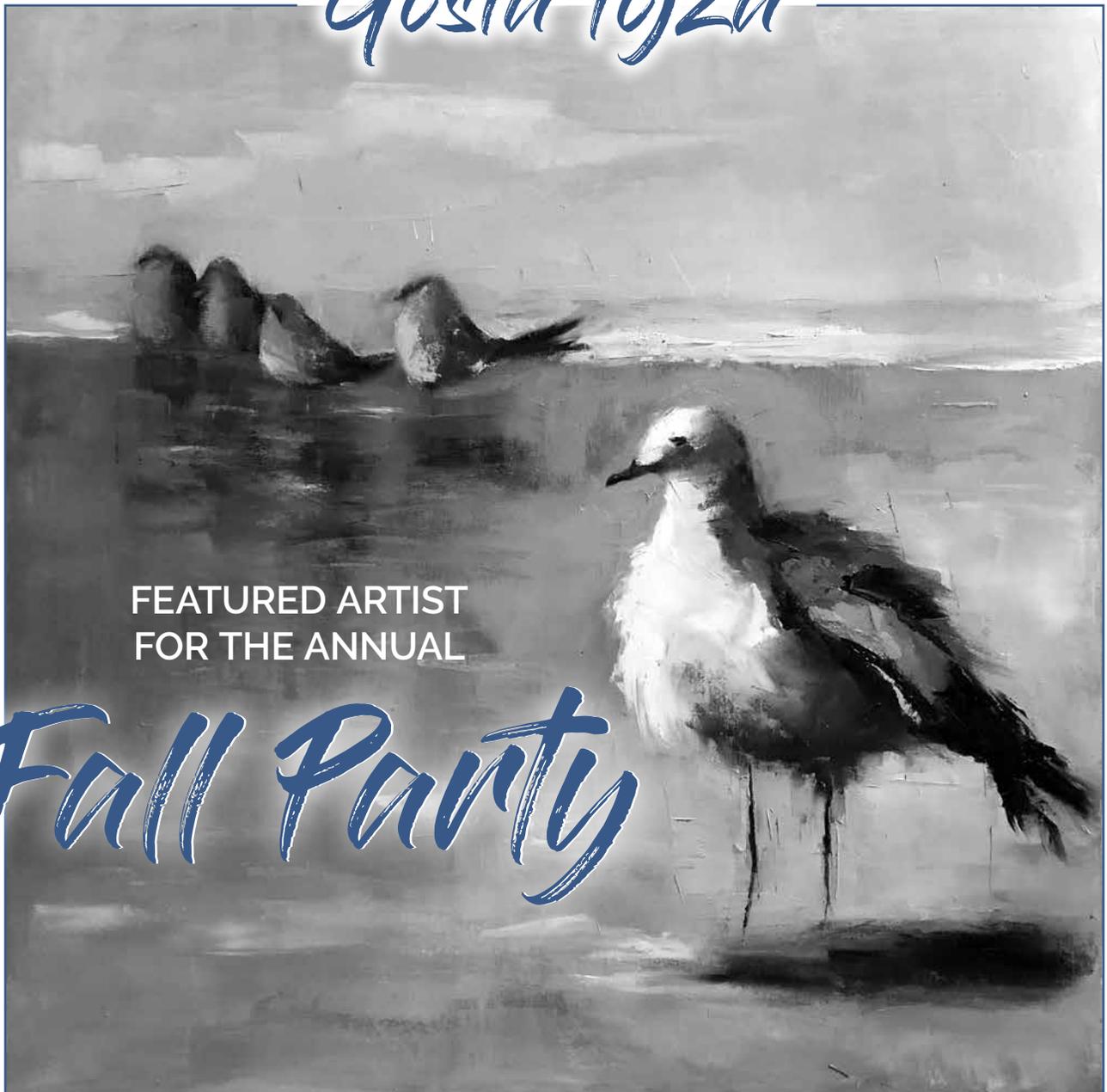


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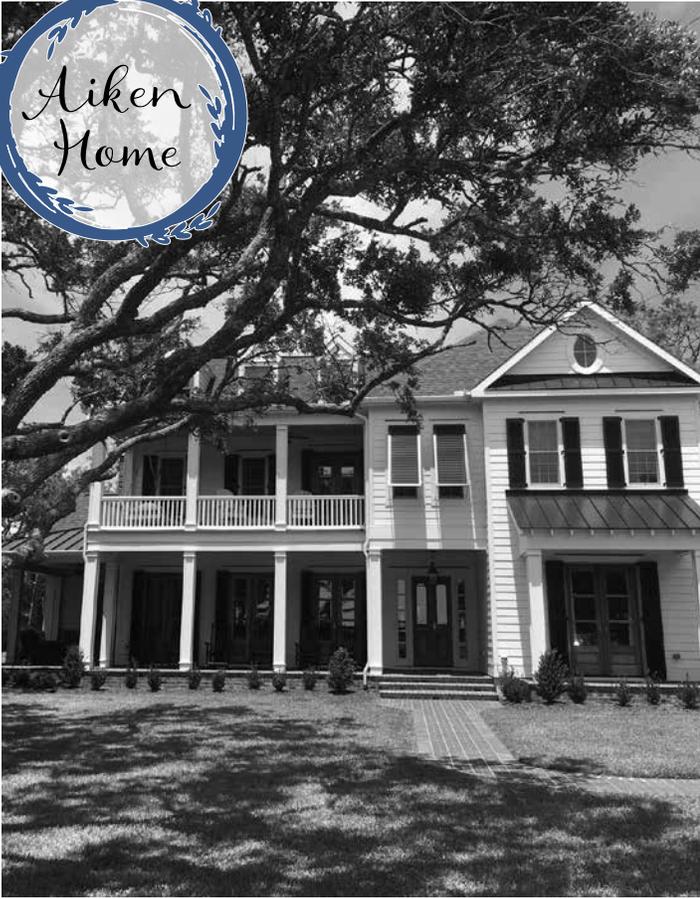
Gosia Tojza



FEATURED ARTIST
FOR THE ANNUAL

Fall Party

October 12, 2019 • 6:30 pm
at the Aiken home in Beaufort



Fall Party

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It is almost time for the Beaufort Historical Association's annual Fall Fundraising Party! This year's party will take place at the Aiken home at 2011 Front Street in Beaufort on October 12 at 6:30 p.m. The party will feature the artwork of Gosia Tojza, delicious food from the Beaufort Grocery Company, and classic jazz music performed by Blue Moon Jazz.

The Aiken home is owned by brothers, George and Hovey Aiken and their wives, Debbie and Josephine. Nestled right on Front Street, the home has stunning views of Taylor's Creek and Carrot Island. If you're lucky enough, you may catch a glimpse of wild horses on the island. It has a beautiful yard with a spacious porch and backyard, as well as gorgeous live oak trees that have been uniquely shaped from storms and winds over the years.

Not only will guests enjoy mingling at this lovely home, but they will also be surrounded by exquisite art. Gosia Tojza will be this year's Fall Party featured artist. Gosia has been one of the best-selling artists in the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery since she moved to Beaufort on her boat in 2016. Her artwork is just like her personality, fun and full of life.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit our website at www.beauforthistoricsite.org, stop in at the Beaufort Historic Site Welcome Center, or call 252-728-5225. Sponsorships for the party are also available. *(See details on the left.)*

Fall Party committee members will host a sponsor thank you party at the Historic Site on Thursday, October 10. All proceeds from sponsorships and ticket sales benefit the preservation, restoration, and educational programs of the Beaufort Historic Site. ■

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GOSIA TOJZA FALL PARTY FEATURED ARTIST

Showing October-November in the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery

Gosia comes from a family with a long history of artists; both her great-grandfather and grandfather were fine artists. Gosia's mother paints beautiful ikons, and her brother was a very charismatic and very gifted oil painter and film maker. She discovered painting as an art form, began painting on her own, and then started working with an art teacher, Susan Hecht, for three years.

Gosia has lived and traveled to many places around the world. She lived in Poland, where she was born, Germany, and Canada, where she met her husband, and then moved to North Carolina. Gosia and her husband traveled extensively so she could get a grasp on the concept of art and where it comes from. After exploring many countries, museums, local villages and castles, Gosia has found the answer to her question. She believes art comes from authenticity, a reflection of one's feelings toward the outer world such as simple things like kind gestures or a bird flying over your head.

Art has played a huge influence in Gosia's life. She believes art has opened up a wide world that has introduced her to some wonderful people. She also explains that art has allowed her to self-reflect and become more aware of things in the world and to be present, which is reflected in her art. Gosia states that the subject matter has no influence on her choice of medium. "I use oil paints because it gives me textures and pigments. This allows me to feel my strokes more and be more intuitive about how I paint." ■



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Harvest Time



Each October, the Beaufort Historic Site welcomes fourth grade students to take part in an immersive and interactive learning experience called Harvest Time. During the weeks of October 1-4 and October 8-11 from 9am to noon, students will rotate through hands-on learning stations where volunteers and docents dressed in colonial attire will discuss and participate with students in a variety of educational activities demonstrating the life of Beaufort families in the 1700s and 1800s. Through on-site activities such as food preservation, candle dipping, woodworking, and corn harvesting techniques, students can see how life would have been for them hundreds of years ago.

The Beaufort Historical Association greatly values the process of educating the youth on the rich history of Beaufort and Carteret County through events such as Harvest Time. Many of the events depend heavily on the dedication of our amazing volunteers. Thanks to them, each year children are able to learn about history and what it means for us all today.

We are always seeking more volunteers who are willing to share their trades, stories, and time with individuals of all ages, especially the youth! For more information on how to volunteer, volunteering for this event or about Harvest Time in general, please call the Beaufort Historic Site at 252-728-5225. ■

The Volunteer Picnic

and Membership Meeting

will be held on the grounds of
The Beaufort Historic Site

TUESDAY
THE 17th of
SEPT. 2019

5:30
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EVENING

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It's a PICNIC, just for you! Whether you volunteer one day a year or every single week of the year, we want to thank you! You are the ones that keep the BHA operating all year long, whether it's with our tours, our welcome center, our art gallery, our school groups or our many special events. Even if you don't volunteer, but would like to in the future, please come.

The picnic will kick off with very brief opening remarks, and afterwards, attendees will enjoy BBQ, delicious fried chicken & sides provided by Roland's BBQ of Beaufort. All you need to bring is your appetite, and, of course, your love of the Beaufort Historic Site!



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A perfect ending to the Town Takeover!

Thank You "FRIENDS OF KRISTY"
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On June 1st, the town was officially taken over by well-known author, Kristy Harvey. A series of events including bus tours narrated by Kristy Harvey, Historic Site tours, a literary luncheon at Clawson's, a cocktail party, and an elegant dinner on the grounds of the Beaufort Historic Site, were held to celebrate the release of Harvey's newest novel, *The Southern Side of Paradise*.

The novel marked the end of Kristy Harvey's Peachtree Bluff series where Beaufort served as the inspiration for the idyllic setting of the novels. She felt this Town Takeover would be the perfect way to shine a light on the beauty and resilience of Beaufort following Hurricane Florence.

While planning the event, Kristy said, *"This summer will mark a rising from the ashes of sorts for not only my own historic home, but for so many of the businesses, restaurants, and houses that make this town unique. But in Beaufort, as in Peachtree Bluff, while the places and things are wonderful, it is the people that lend us that certain undefinable something that is hard to describe, but impossible not to feel. And, while being brought to your lowest point is always hard, it is also true that, quite often, ruin is the road to transformation. And so it is with Beaufort."*

Even though Kristy Harvey was misplaced herself, she still found a way to help plan and execute this wonderful event. We also had the fabulous Jerri Sutton plan and host the cocktail party at her home with delicious food from Beaufort Grocery! The elegant dinner was a perfect ending with music from Blue Moon Jazz and an amazing family style meal from Scarborough Fare Catering.

The Town Takeover was a success in every way. We had visitors from all over come into town, including two mother and daughter pairs who traveled from Texas and Georgia for Kristy Harvey! A special thanks to everyone involved as well as all the sponsors who helped with this special event! ■

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OUR 59TH ANNUAL OLD HOMES TOUR

was a success once again thanks to all of our amazing home owners, volunteers, and wonderful guests. This was our second year trying something new with events such as the Literary Luncheon and Sunday Brunch, both of which sold out in record time.

We started our Old Homes Tour with the Kick-Off Party on June 8. Guests voted for their favorite beverage in the Bartender Challenge, and Ash Harrell of Cru Wine Bar came out on top with her refreshing Secret Garden Ginger Martini. That night we also enjoyed the beautiful art of Jim Carson, our Old Homes Tour Featured Artist, at the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery.

On June 27th, the Coral Bay Club in Atlantic Beach was the site of our Literary Luncheon. Thanks to Kristy Harvey, we were fortunate to have New York Times Best-Selling Author, Patti Callahan Henry, as our featured speaker. Henry discussed her two new books, *The Favorite Daughter* and *Becoming Mrs. Lewis – The Improbable Love Story of Joy Davidman and C.S. Lewis*. Henry was a marvelous speaker and the guests were eager to ask her questions pertaining to her travels to England to prepare for *Becoming Mrs. Lewis* and more.

The night before Old Homes Tour, the Purvis Chapel Choir filled the chapel with glorious music, and we celebrated this year's Old Homes Tour Honorary Chairs, Joyce and Fred McCune, during the event.

On June 28 and 29th, Old Homes Tour was officially underway. Thirteen unique private homes were featured this year. Guests raved about the distinctive kitchens, unique designs, and beautifully restored historic features of the homes.

Old Homes Tour closed with the Sunday Brunch on June 30. It was held at the home of Deborah and Charles Llewelyn in one of the most beautiful backyards in Beaufort. We enjoyed drinks, relaxing music from Blue Moon Jazz, and scrumptious food from Scarborough Fare Catering.

We are so fortunate to have wonderful people involved with the Beaufort Historical Association. With your help we are able to preserve our rich history and share our beautiful town with guests every year and cannot wait for next year's Old Homes Tour! ■

"The homes and gardens were lovely. The event was very well managed and coordinated. The water stations and rides were very much appreciated. Many thanks to all the homeowners and volunteers who made this such a wonderful and memorable experience." - Sarah (as posted on Facebook)

Who wouldn't love the tour if they were greeted by Joe Smith (below left) and Alan Blankenship!





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NOW IN ITS 11TH YEAR, THE SUMMER PARTY has become one of the biggest BHA events. The energy of the party was out of this world. We had over 300 guests who were bidding, dancing, and singing all night long. Thanks to all of the people that donated to the silent auction, we had over 100 unique items up for grabs including skydiving, artwork, and antiques.

Scarborough Fare Catering was serving up delicious food all night from soft shell crabs to chocolate truffles. They had something worth devouring every second of the party! We were so excited to be able to have the band Night Years playing for us once again. The whole night they had people on the dance floor, and they were incredible at interacting with the crowd.

The online auction was a great tool for bidding. It allowed everyone to enjoy the party, and individuals who were unable to attend the party also had an opportunity to bid. *Through the generosity of all of our donors and bidders, we were able to raise a record-breaking \$42,000.*

With that money we are able to help fund the upkeep and restoration projects of the Beaufort Historic Site, which has been so important after the damage and many expenses that occurred due to Hurricane Florence. You all truly are the key to keeping this amazing historic site alive! Thanks, again, to all of our donors, volunteers, sponsors, and guests. This year's Summer Party was one for the books! Who is ready for next year?! ■



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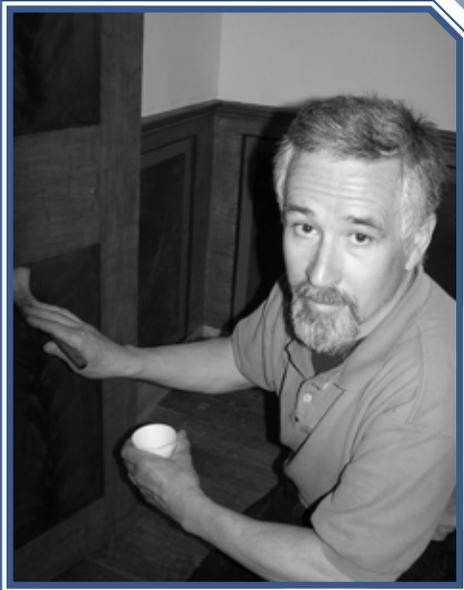
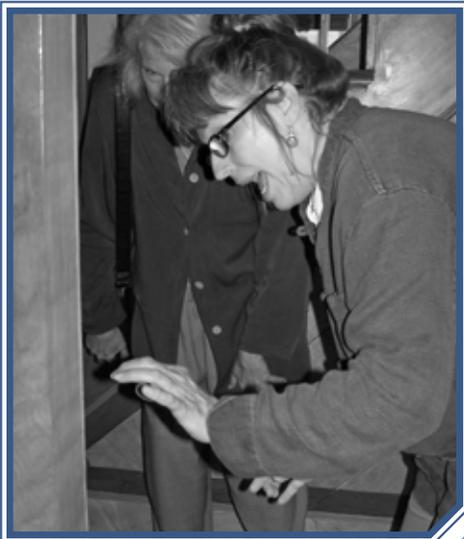


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Manson House

FAUX FINISH PROJECT

It's been almost 10 years since Linda Crossson and Philip Ward worked on the intricate historic decorative paint finishes in the Manson House. They completed the first floor of the home in 2010, after four different visits from 2001 to 2010. The initial project began in March of 2000 as repairs from damage sustained by hurricanes Dennis and Floyd. As portions of the home were uncovered for the first time it quickly became evident that this project was an important restoration, not a maintenance project.

The John C. Manson House c.1825 was the very first house purchased by the Beaufort Historical Association to begin their Historic Site in 1964. The house has been the subject of much controversy and debate for the last 55 years. It is the most studied house in Beaufort, and also the most intact original Federal-style home remaining in Beaufort complete with its decorative paint history. The second floor of the home has not been restored yet with the final decorative painting. So with the help of grants

and an initial generous donation from Judy Adams and Ed Norment, we are finally bringing the award winning restoration paint specialists, Crossson and Ward, back to Beaufort to complete the project.

These two talented individuals spend years on major projects. For example, one of their largest projects was the restoration of the post-Civil War residence, "Beauvior", of Confederate President Jefferson Davis in Biloxi, MS after Hurricane Katrina where they recreated in exact detail the murals on the walls and ceilings of the landmark estate. The one floor left to do in the Manson House, while not the scale of "Beauvior", is still just as fascinating with intricate graining and marbled patterns throughout.

For more information on how you can help with this important project, please contact Patricia Suggs at the Beaufort Historic Site. ■

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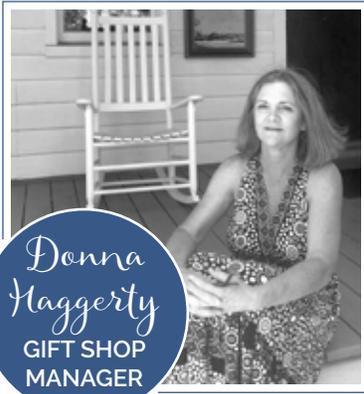


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DONNA is originally from Snow Hill, N.C. She attended Meredith College in Raleigh, N.C. where she obtained a degree in Education. After graduating, she taught first and fourth grade for about 14 years in Franklin and Greene Counties.

In 2007, she opened Sticks and More Gift Shop in her father's old convenience store in Snow Hill. She managed this gift shop for 12 years before moving to the Crystal Coast seven years ago.

Donna started working as the Beaufort Historic Site Gift Shop Manager this past May. She says her favorite thing about Beaufort and getting to work for the historic site is all the wonderful people she has met. When she is not working, she loves spending time with her husband, two children, and four grandchildren.



Donna Haggerty
GIFT SHOP
MANAGER



Christina Monti
OFFICE
MANAGER

CHRISTINA has been the Office Manager of the Beaufort Historical Association since this past April. She is originally from Maryland and cut ties to spend time in California. However, she couldn't shake her east coast roots and now resides here where she has fallen in love with Beaufort.

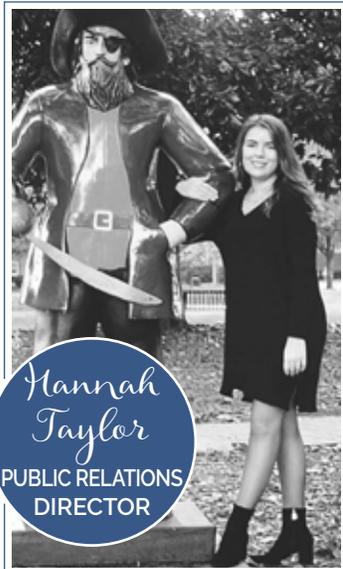
She is an entrepreneur at heart and holds a Business Degree from Towson University. With years of experience working as an office manager and assistant, she is in love with being the Office Manager of the Beaufort Historical Association. Christina's favorite things about working here are playing a part in preserving the rich Beaufort history and meeting and

working with all the great locals and businesses. When she is not working, she spends fun time at the beach and with her sweet pup, Harley.

*Welcome
New Staff!*

HANNAH graduated from East Carolina University with a degree in Communications in 2018. She has worked as a blog writer, newspaper intern, town communications intern and marketing intern. After graduating a semester early she decided to fulfill a dream of working at Walt Disney World for six months. She learned a multitude of professional skills from Disney leaders, but she missed home and working in Communications.

After returning from Florida, Hannah started working for the Beaufort Historical Association in May. Since then, she has been involved with several key events such as the Kristy Harvey Town Takeover, Old Homes Tour and More, and the Summer Party. She says she loves working around so much history and all the wonderful people. Every day she learns something new about the sweet historic town and the people in it. When she is not working, she enjoys spending time with loved ones and going on adventures whether it is in another state or her backyard.



Hannah Taylor
PUBLIC RELATIONS
DIRECTOR

Growing up in WV and then moving to Raleigh, NC as a teen-ager has given **KIM** a love of both the mountains and the coast. She received a degree in Graphic Design from Appalachian State University and has enjoyed a career of 20+ years as a commercial artist as well as a bit of painting on the side. After raising their two children in the Raleigh area, Kim and her husband fulfilled a long-time dream and moved the family to their waterfront home on the Bogue Sound in 2018.

The Crystal Coast has been a favorite vacation spot for many years, so living and working here full time is a joy for Kim.



Kim Bolick
GRAPHIC
DESIGNER

She especially loves meeting and talking with locals and hearing the history and colorful stories, so working as the graphic designer for the Historic Site is a perfect place to be!

A special thanks to our wonderful Summer Intern, Emerson Woodhall, a Carteret County native who has grown up around the historic grounds.



Emerson was instrumental in helping us prepare and coordinate a few of our key events this summer. She currently attends Northeastern University in Boston, MA and will return this fall to finish her studies.

Thanks for all your help Emerson!



Hats off to all of our amazing volunteers & docents who work at the Beaufort Historic Site and help with all of the BHA events!

We are so thankful to have so many people who help preserve our rich history and share it with visitors every day. We are continually in awe at the amazing stories you are able to tell, as well as the unique skills you possess. We love you, we thank you, and we are happy to have you! We cannot wait to celebrate you at the Volunteer Picnic on September 17.

Our volunteer opportunities are perfect for every interest, age, and schedule at the Beaufort Historic Site. This is your chance to give back and help support our mission to preserve and educate future generations. From guiding tours to retail sales to driving our double-decker bus, there is a fun and enriching experience just for you. If you're interested in becoming a volunteer call 252-728-5225, stop by the Beaufort Historic Site, or come to the Volunteer Picnic on September 17!



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Stop by the Beaufort Historic Site

Come to the Volunteer Picnic on September 17!

We love our volunteers! Come join the fun!

Remembering Those We've Lost

~ A Tribute by Patricia Suggs ~

It's been a particularly tough time at The Beaufort Historical Association with the loss of several of our wonderful members who generously supported the BHA and its activities throughout the years. **Warren Vaughan** volunteered here for the past 8 years. His love of history came from working at Williamsburg prior to moving to North Carolina. He knew how to do every tour from the double decker bus to the Old Burying Ground and everything else in between. **Polly Brown** was a permanent fixture on our Old Homes Tour Committee.

She added a touch of class to everything she did, and at the same time she always made it look effortless. **Hunter Chadwick** was Mayor of Beaufort when I came to the Beaufort Historical Association, so he was a huge help as his family had always been so involved with the Association. He was instrumental in the growth of the Beaufort Historical Foundation, which is our endowment account. And last but not least, there is the loss of **Craig Gurganus**. Craig was a kind, gentle, creative person whose artwork always made us smile. He opened his home and his studio every year for the Old Homes Tour, and he was always the featured artist for our Christmas Art Walk. We're fortunate to have had these four special people in our lives, and we are eternally grateful for their kindness. ■

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BHA Events

SEPT 17
5:30PM

Membership Meeting / Volunteer Picnic
Semi-Annual Membership Meeting held on the grounds of The Beaufort Historic Site with a picnic to honor all those who volunteer for the BHA and its many events and activities. There will be a very brief business meeting.

OCT 1-4, 8-11
9AM-1PM

Harvest Time
A hands-on program designed specifically for 4th grade classes demonstrating Beaufort family life in the 1700s and 1800s. Children learn about food preservation, candle dipping, woodworking, and corn harvesting techniques demonstrated by volunteers in period dress.

OCT 12
6:30PM

Fall Fundraising Party
Annual Gala Fundraising Party held this year in the beautiful Beaufort home of George & Debbie Aiken and Hovey & Josephine Aiken. Amazing food, open bar and music, featuring the works of artist, Gosia Tojza.

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