For the past 28 years, the Fall Party has taken place as a way to raise funds for the Beaufort Historical Association. While it is about raising these crucial funds, it is also about joining together as friends for a fantastic party.

While there will be no Fall Party this year, we will be celebrating the history of the party with an online art auction. The Association is excited to welcome back past artists for this special event. This virtual show will allow all to learn about the history of the Fall Party and provide an opportunity to purchase beautiful artwork from past Fall Party artists. The art is gradually being added for bidding now through October 10th at bidpal.net/2020fallartsale and as of now will feature work from the following Fall Party artists: Dee Knott (1992), Kyle Highsmith (1994), Charles Sharpe (1995), Judy Crane (2004), Dan Nelson (2010), Bob Rankin (2011), Trisha Adams (2013), Jim Carson (2014), Fen Rascoe (2016), Chip Hemingway (2017), Jaquelin Perry (2018) and Gosia Tojza (2019).
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To learn more about the artists and to start bidding on the art, visit bidpal.net/2020fallpartyartsale. The auction will close Saturday, October 10th at 9 p.m.

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The Beaufort Historical Association has received a $20,000 NC CARES: Humanities Relief Grant from the North Carolina Humanities Council. This emergency grant funding was provided to North Carolina cultural organizations experiencing hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We are grateful to be one of 59 organizations the North Carolina Humanities Council selected for this funding,” said Patricia Suggs, Executive Director of the Beaufort Historical Association. “It is so important for the Historic Site to have additional funds for staff and the maintenance of our many buildings.”

NC CARES: Humanities Relief Grant funding was provided to the North Carolina Humanities Council by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The North Carolina Humanities Council is a statewide nonprofit and affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.
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Mr. and Mrs. Ben Watford
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Saying Goodbye
To Our Friends

It’s almost impossible right now to say how much we are missing our friends. Sandy Fleming worked here for over 15 years, and she was here one day and three days later she was gone forever. Her kind gentle spirit is being missed at the BHA every day. Marlene Green answered the phones every Monday morning for years, and was an important member of our Education Committee. Bill Johnston was a faithful member of our Bus Team serving every week as a conductor for the tours. Ward King gave the best tours of the Old Burying Ground with his knowledge and love of Beaufort. Sandi Malone was our pine needle basket expert teaching many workshops over the years. And Tom Midyette was a past board member and the true voice of spiritual guidance, along with a good dose of common sense, for so many of us that walked by his house on Queen Street.

The losses are even greater this year, as the pandemic has not allowed us to gather with the families for some degree of closure. But as Tom Midyette said in so many funeral services:

"Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more."

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Sandy Fleming
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Thank you to those who have given special gifts this year. To make a donation to the BHA in the name of a loved one or our foundation please visit our website at www.beauforthistoricsite.org under the “Get Involved - Donate” tab.
This has been a different year for all of us to say the least. Our tours and programs have been altered or cancelled, but the many ways you are still volunteering at the BHA is so appreciated. We wish we could gather for our normal volunteer picnic with great food from Roland’s and sit side by side and enjoy our special camaraderie, but that just can’t happen this year.

As a very small way of saying thank you for your many years of volunteering, for the month of September, you will receive $10 off on your purchase of $35 or more and also one complimentary bus tour for you and a friend.

**We are missing you all so much!**
THE OLD JAIL PROJECT

The Old Jail c. 1829 is the second oldest jail in North Carolina, second to the Edenton jail built in 1825. For 125 years it remained the active jail for Carteret County. After talk of its demolition came into play, local commissioners and the rather newly formed Beaufort Historical Association knew it was worth saving. In 1977 the Old Jail made the journey from Courthouse Square to the grounds of the Beaufort Historic Site. Since then it welcomes over 60,000 visitors, school groups, and daily tourists every year. It is definitely the most popular building (thanks to beer and pizza every year for the Valentine’s Party). However, over the years the jail’s structural integrity has diminished. In order to preserve this crucial piece of our coastal history, restoration must be done.

This past month the Jail Committee, consisting of Doug Brady (Chair) and members, Bob Safrit, Tipper Davis, Don Fader, Vick Moore and Mark Carter, met to discuss the work plans to restore aspects of the jail such as the roof, the rusting windows and front door, as well as all the exterior and interior brick and plaster. Mark Carter, who worked on the Carteret County Courthouse of 1896 and the John C. Manson House c.1825, will rejoin us to complete this project. It will take over a year to complete, as care will have to be taken to keep all the construction historically accurate. This will require funding well in excess of $150,000. This is a small amount compared to losing this valuable building that is so important to the history of Beaufort.

The project is planned to start immediately to, unfortunately, take advantage of very little to no group tours. We are dedicating our funds raised from our Virtual Fall Party Art Sale, to this important project.

For more information or if you would like to donate towards this project, you may do so by visiting beauforthistoricsite.org, calling 252-728-5225, or by visiting or mailing your donation to the Beaufort Historical Association at 150 Turner Street, Beaufort, NC 28516. ■

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Heartfelt thanks to all of you who have made us feel relevant and vital to the community during this unprecedented time in our history. You have enjoyed our grounds with family picnics. You shopped in our gift shop and our art gallery. You showed so much support for our Summer “non” Party that we were able to give back to our Foundation, which continues to be a crucial partner to the Association. Please take a minute to view the list of sponsors and donors who made the event so successful by visiting www.bidpal.net/bhasummerparty2020.

We’re really excited about honoring the homeowners and artists from the last 28 years of Fall Parties. Of course, we’d rather have a real party, but this way at least you can bid on beautiful artwork from all our favorite artists.

As far as what’s next, we can’t begin to know except that we will keep doing essential projects like the Old Jail that has been “on the list” for years.

Your support of the Beaufort Historical Association means more to us now than you can even begin to know.

PATRICIA SUGGS
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