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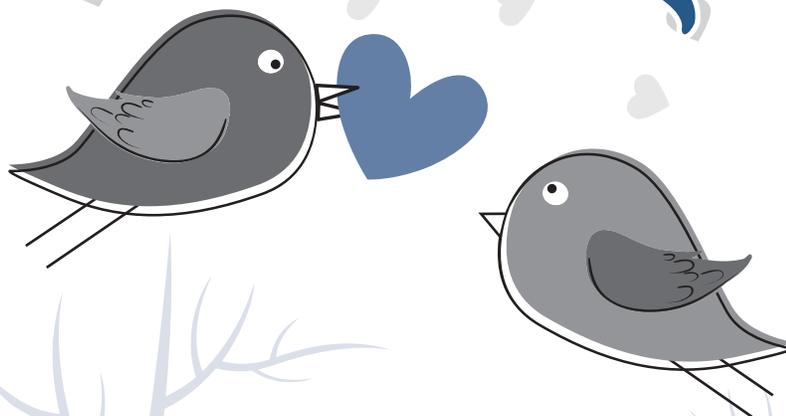
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HISTORIC TIMES

Share the Love



Each year, the Sunday before Valentine's Day, the Beaufort Historical Association welcomes the public to enjoy food, fun, and fellowship as it opens the authentically restored homes and buildings of the Beaufort Historic Site during its annual Valentine Membership Party. It's always been one of those amazing days of fun and fellowship, where our houses and buildings are wide open and people gather on the 2 ½ acres of the Historic Site. BUT of course this year, we won't be able to have an event of this size at the Historic Site.

It was our very last large event of 2020, and we were hopeful that it could be our first event for 2021. As we write this newsletter, we are doubtful for any large events until later in the spring or summer at the earliest. So all we can do is say "Share the Love" with your friends, your neighbors, and this special place in the heart of Beaufort's National Registered Historic District. Without all of you, 2020 could have been a devastating year for the Association, but you've helped us remain active, relevant, and financially solvent, as much as we possibly could this challenging year.

Every year, this one event is where 80% of our membership revenue is generated, which helps so much in the winter months as we do necessary renovations and repairs on our buildings. Going forward in 2021, we hope you'll renew your membership and encourage your friends and neighbors to join too.

Continue to share the love, and as soon as we can have a huge party on our grounds, you'll be the first to know!

Christmas Candlelight Tour

We would like to thank all who attended the Christmas Candlelight Tour! Even though the tour was quite different than past years, we enjoyed celebrating the holiday season with you and bringing a little cheer to 2020! A special thanks to our wonderful volunteers at the Old Burying Ground, Josiah Bell House, Manson House, Leffers Cottage, Mattie King Davis Art Gallery, and on the Double-Decker bus.

We would also like to thank Pecan Tree Inn, Inn on Turner, Inlet Inn, Downton Antiques, Ann Street Inn, Beaufort Inn, Craving Art Studio, Turner Street Market, First Baptist Church, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Beaufort in Bloom, Backstreet Pub, Fishtowne Brew House, and Cru Wine Bar for taking part in the tour.

Last, but not least, we would like to thank everyone who purchased the Luminary Kits as well as Catherine Morsell and Tom Forrester who came up with the idea. We loved seeing the homes and streets of Beaufort lit up for the tour! ■



The Double Decker Bus Tour always makes the holidays merrier!



Beaufort in Bloom styled for the holidays



Pecan Tree Inn holiday garden

GRANTS AWARDED TO THE BHA FROM TWO GENEROUS ORGANIZATIONS



Aside from stimulating the local economy every June with their amazing fishing tournament, the **Big Rock Tournament** also functions as one of the largest charitable organizations in Carteret County. Since 1986, money generated from the event has been poured back into the community.

The Beaufort Historical Association was awarded \$25,000 to assist with the Jail Restoration Project. We are thrilled that this important piece of Carteret County's history can be carefully reconstructed, so it will be safely enjoyed for centuries to come.

The **Arts Council of Carteret County** received an \$80,000 from the state to support local arts-based organizations. They then awarded this money to different local organizations that enrich the lives of Carteret County citizens through the arts. The Mattie King Davis Art Gallery and the BHA were awarded a grant in the amount of \$10,600. We love our gallery, and we're glad to be recognized for the work we do with the arts and our artists. ■



Featured Artist ANNIE KINNEY

The Mattie King Davis Art Gallery is excited to welcome artist Annie Kinney for her first ever solo show opening on February 12, 4:30 until 6 p.m. Kinney paints primarily with acrylics. Her work showcases life on the Crystal Coast as well as of her homeland, Ireland. Kinney joined the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery this past March and also regularly volunteers for the Gallery. She will be the featured artist for February and March.

For Kinney, creating art has been a lifetime experience. "I spent my childhood painting garden gnomes and selling them to tourists at the Cliffs of Moher, on the west coast of Ireland," she said. "After entering my first juried exhibition in January 2018, and winning an honorable mention, that accolade became the catalyst for making a greater commitment to my art career."

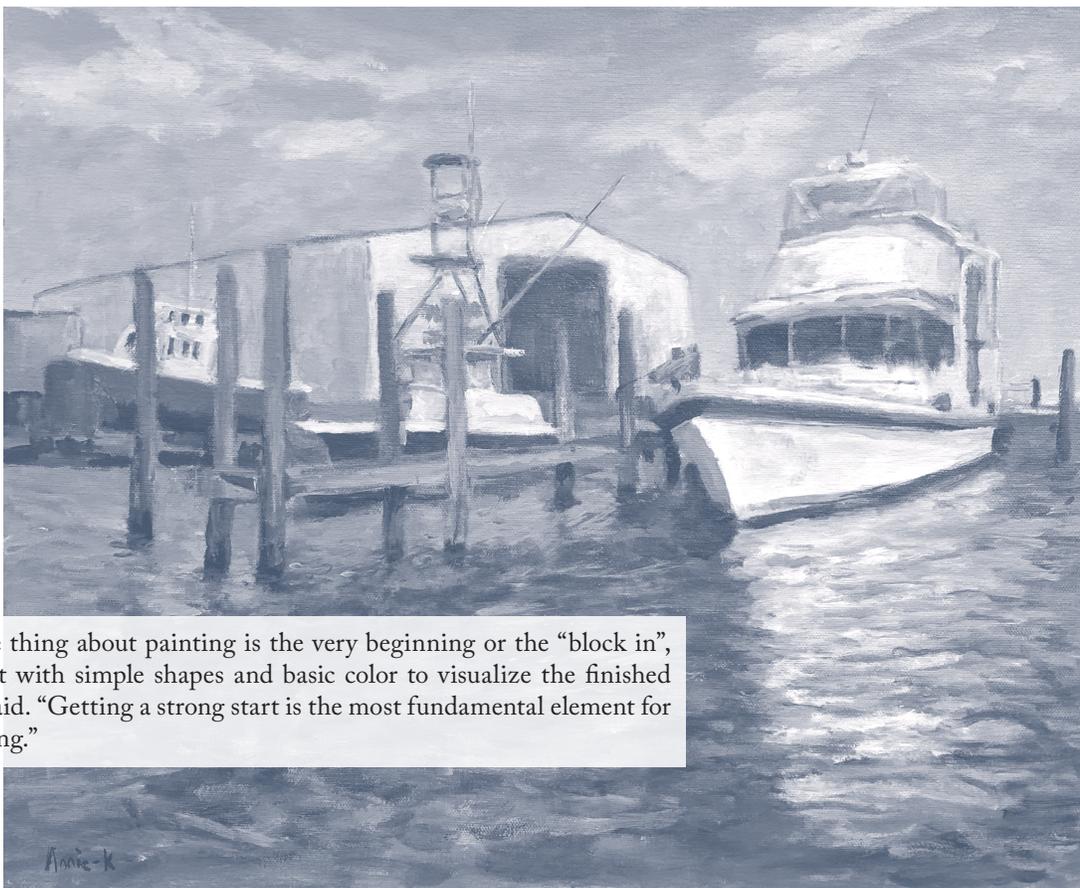
When asked how she would describe her style, Kinney said: "At first, I was very occupied with the notion that I must have a style. After taking many workshops, I've realized that value relationships in a painting are more important than trying to develop a style. One's style is like handwriting; it's unique and becomes more apparent as you create."

Kinney will be showcasing a number of new pieces for the show. "Lifeguard Station at Fanore Beach" is her favorite piece of the entire show collection as she feels not only did she give it justice, but it also gives her a great sense of nostalgia.

"I grew up going to Fanore Beach, with its dark golden sand, crystal clear water and the backdrop of bare limestone hills that make this a very distinctive Geosite known as the "Burren" — it is a unique landscape — with County Clare having the most extensive landscapes of this type in all of Europe," she said. "A day at Fanore Beach was always great fun as a youngster! With the first hint of a summer-like day, surfers and beach bathers would disrobe and head for the Baltic waters of the Atlantic for a dip. The one-manned lifeguard station was our reassurance that we wouldn't drown while the caution flag was flying!"

Kinney hopes all will come to her show and see for themselves the passion she puts into each piece. "My approach to painting is to capture the essence of my subjects, using light as my compass. My art is crafted using the best acrylic pigments, and every painting is sealed in an archival varnish that will protect it for decades. I have an emotional connection to all my paintings and I hope you will too when you visit my show at the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery!"

For more information about Annie Kinney and or the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery, visit beauforthistoricsite.org, follow the gallery on Facebook @mattiekingdavisgallery, call 252-728-5225, or stop in at the gallery open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on the grounds of the Beaufort Historic Site at 130 Turner St, Beaufort N.C. 28516. ■



"My favorite thing about painting is the very beginning or the "block in", where I start with simple shapes and basic color to visualize the finished piece," she said. "Getting a strong start is the most fundamental element for me in painting."

A Special Thank You



Vick Moore, shown here, not only helped put lights on the double decker bus, but he also repaired two of our broken pole lanterns on the site and fixed the front porch light at the Fuller House that hadn't worked for several years. We are just realizing all the hidden talents of our BHA President.

The BHA would not be able to do ANYTHING without our wonderful volunteers! 2020 has been such a difficult time. We appreciate those who have come to help, and also how those who weren't comfortable with being face to face with people have been "behind the scenes" helping in different ways.

Normally we would be thanking our volunteers at our annual Membership Meeting by giving out the Volunteer of the Year awards. We can't do that this year, but we do want to recognize a few of our brand new volunteers. Peter Watts is our newest bus driver. He's been doing lots of practice runs, and even drove during the Candlelight Tour! Carole Baker, Mary McQueen and Deborah Campanelli all came to our Volunteer Training in the spring. One week later, we were closed. When we reopened, they were here to help safely welcome our visitors and be a friendly voice when people called with their many questions.

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To All of Our Wonderful Volunteers!

We are so disappointed that we will not be able to have our Volunteer Training this year. If you've been thinking of volunteering, please don't hesitate to call! It's fun to have a one on one class to go over all the different ways you can assist at the Historic Site, and we can "train" year round.

There are still plenty of ways to be involved and make a difference. Behind the scenes help includes research, gardening, writing, and even proof reading our newsletter. (Thank you, Katherine Bland, for your corrections.) We always need help in the Welcome Center and the Art Gallery, as well as with our tours. ■



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We would like to thank all of our amazing Board Members for their dedication to the Association, especially this year. We are excited to welcome all of them back for 2021 with one exception. After serving a 6-year term **Laura Mosier** must rotate off the board as spelled out in the BHA By-laws. Not only has she been involved with the Board, but she also helped on many committees such as the Old Homes Tour and the Education Committees. When asked about volunteering at the BHA, Laura said, "I feel as if I am part of a family. Almost another type of fellowship in my life. I can't imagine living in this village, and NOT being a member of this happy organization. There is a special spot of work or talent to share, for everyone who chooses to get involved."

If you see Laura around be sure to thank her for all of her hard work on our Board! We will miss her!

We look forward to taking on the new year with all of these talented board members.

In Memory of Our Friends

The Beaufort Historical Association is deeply saddened by the very recent 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.

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