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# HISTORIC TIMES

BEAUFORT HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL

# Valentine Party

FEATURING ARTWORK BY MATT HIRSHEIMER

Join Us

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

2:00-4:00pm

Beaufort Historic Site  
130 Turner Street

How many of you have driven by the Beaufort Historic Site, but have never visited? If you've never been in the buildings, now is the time to come enjoy our largest open house of the year! The Valentine Membership Party is a long-standing tradition where the community gathers to celebrate Valentine's Day a little bit early. This year the party will be held on Sunday, February 5 from 2 – 4p.m. We are excited to see all of our old friends and welcome new ones!

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# Valentine Party

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH, 2:00-4:00pm

We call this our “membership” party, but we are thrilled to welcome potential members and volunteers to come enjoy and learn more about our historic site and this area’s special history. All of the historic buildings on the grounds will be open for you to explore. You’ll find beer and pizza in the jail, apple cider in the Leffers Cottage, and an olive oil tasting in the Carteret County Courthouse of 1796. The most unique aspect of this party is that it’s great for adults, children, and even pets!

In addition to all of the food prepared with love by local businesses and volunteers, Matt Hirsheimer will be the featured artist in the Art Gallery. His pieces are primarily acrylics and are happy, colorful, and full of life - much like his great personality!

Matt is from Cary, North Carolina, but you will find that many of his pieces capture familiar coastal scenes, as he and his wife are frequent visitors of the area.

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 the many activities and events that we hold throughout the year. With a wide range of giving options, starting at \$25 for students and senior citizens and ranging to the \$5,000 Somerset Circle level, each tier of membership receives special benefits. Memberships can be purchased at the party or online at [beauforthistoricsite.org](http://beauforthistoricsite.org). For more details about the Valentine Party and memberships, visit the website, stop by the Welcome Center at 130 Turner Street, or call 252-728-5225. ■



Don't miss the artwork of Matt Hirsheimer at the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery!

## Menu

*Josiah Bell House*  
Divine Treats

*Mattie King Davis*  
*Art Gallery*  
Wine & Cheese

*Courthouse of 1796*  
Tastings with Beaufort Olive Oil

*Old Jail*  
Beer & Pizza

*Schoolmaster's Cottage*  
Oyster Roast with Salty Catch Seafood

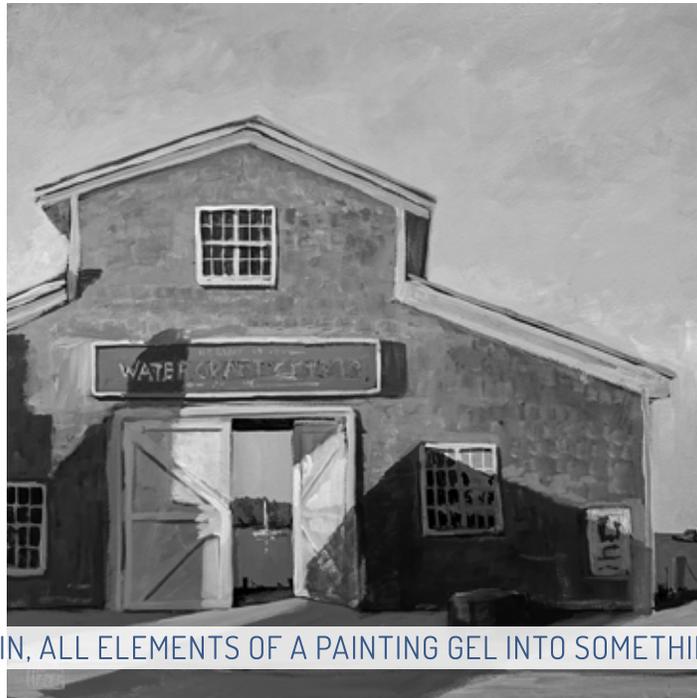
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Hors d'oeuvres & Spirits

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Hot Chocolate & Coffee

FEBRUARY & MARCH  
*Featured Artist*  
MATT HIRSHEIMER



"EVERY NOW AND AGAIN, ALL ELEMENTS OF A PAINTING GEL INTO SOMETHING QUITE WONDERFUL."

The Mattie King Davis Art Gallery is excited to welcome artist Matt Hirsheimer from Cary, NC this coming February. A free show will be held at the gallery in conjunction with the Valentine Membership Party on Sunday, February 5 from 2 – 4 p.m. Hirsheimer will be the featured artist for the months of February and March.

Hirsheimer typically paints with acrylics, and often captures scenes of the Crystal Coast in his work. Before delving full-time into his art, Matt worked as head of safety for Pepsi Beverages Company, where he spent a majority of his professional career. However, he was very drawn to painting and spent his free time creating lively pieces. It even became tradition that every longtime Pepsi Beverages Company employee that retired was (and still is) gifted a reproduction of one of Matt's paintings!

For Hirsheimer, he knew he was always destined to create. "I always did some form of doodling, cartooning, and creating growing up," he said. "It was in the early 90's that I had an opportunity to study under National Watercolor Society artist, Carol Hubbard. That changed my game as far as my technique. It was like learning a new language!"

"Although watercolor was my style for many years, gravitating to nostalgia and old architecture with a strong attraction to the images Edward Hopper created, I moved into more traditional painting using acrylic as my medium."

Hirsheimer says his favorite piece to date is one that he created for the upcoming show of the Beaufort Watercraft Center on Front Street (pictured above). "I am a huge fan of Edward Hopper, as I've mentioned. The early morning feel and long shadows (of this painting) are easily reminiscent of some of his pieces. Every now and again, all elements of a painting gel into something quite wonderful."

Looking forward to his show, Hirsheimer has 30+ paintings on deck which he says "feature iconic scenes of this wonderful seaside town" that also capture his range of styles. "Beaufort is quite the quintessential coastal town with beautiful things to paint on every corner!" he said.

"My greatest achievements have been to be a part of several great galleries, in particular being part of the artist group at Mattie King Davis Art Gallery. These achievements are anchored by the fact that people enjoy my work enough to bring pieces home to be a part of their personal collections. That is the ultimate achievement!" ■

# Membership Meeting & Volunteer Awards

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NOMINEE:

## NEWCOMER

For the "rookie" who has made a meaningful contribution in a relatively short time as a member.

NOMINEE:

Members and prospective members are invited to join the Beaufort Historical Association for the Annual Membership Meeting and potluck dinner, **Tuesday, January 24, 6 pm** at St. Paul's Church, 215 Ann Street in Beaufort. We're glad to gather again after a two-year break!

The highlight of the annual Membership Meeting is the awards presented to our Volunteer of the Year, our Newcomer of the Year, our Couple of the Year and a special recognition for the 40th Anniversary of our "Warped Weavers" who have kept the colonial crafts of loom weaving and spinning alive every week for our visitors.

Before the awards are presented, Geoffrey Adair returns with a repeat performance of his "Growing Up in Beaufort" program that was filled to capacity this past August. We're glad to have Geoffrey return with his photographs of Old Beaufort paired with photos of the same scenes as they appear today.

Geoffrey, born and raised in Beaufort, is the sixth generation of his family to live on Orange Street. He vividly remembers the smell of Menhaden steamers moored at Beaufort's docks, the cool air of the season's first mullet "blow" and the simple pleasure of swimming across "the cut" on a hot summer's day. Learn a bit of Beaufort's history and hear his recollections of what it was like growing up in this historic seaport village before it became *Southern Living's* "Top Small Town to Visit!"

Since 1986, Volunteer Awards have been presented to 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 leading tours, welcoming visitors, serving on committees, helping with events, driving, conducting and narrating for the double decker bus tours and so much more.

Nominations are being accepted and submissions can be made by mailing in the ballot to the left or contacting the BHA at 130 Turner Street, Beaufort. Nominations can also be made over the phone by calling 252-728-5225 or by emailing [officemanager@beauforthistoricsite.org](mailto:officemanager@beauforthistoricsite.org)

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](http://www.beauforthistoricsite.org). ■

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# 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 8 at 11 a.m.** 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 do is bring your Easter basket and arrive early to position yourself for the start of the hunt! ■

## VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Our volunteers play an integral part in the programs and functions that take place at the Beaufort Historic Site. Without these volunteers, many of our events would not be possible. We love welcoming eager and positive additions to the volunteer family. This year, the one-day Volunteer Training Program will be on **Thursday, March 9 from 9-4 p.m.** 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](mailto:bhaeducation@outlook.com), or stop by the Welcome Center located at 130 Turner Street. ■



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# PUBLIC DAY

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On Saturday, April 15 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., The Beaufort Historic Site will kick off the spring season with the annual Publick Day sale 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 Times” gave visitors an opportunity to come to town to see and be seen, conduct court business, shop, gossip, dine and dance. Guests who attend our modern-day version of Publick Day can expect to find a variety of vendors selling antiques, vintage finds, collectibles, crafts and more.

Vendor space is available to reserve now. 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, download an application at [beauforthistoricsite.org](http://beauforthistoricsite.org), email [pr@beauforthistoricsite.org](mailto:pr@beauforthistoricsite.org), or visit the Old Beaufort Shop at 130 Turner Street. ■



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APRIL - MAY FEATURED ARTIST

## Lynda Harris

The Mattie King Davis Art Gallery at the Beaufort Historic Site welcomes artist Lynda Harris for a show on **April 7 from 4:30 – 6 p.m.** Harris, no stranger to the gallery, has been an active member, featured as an Old Homes Tour artist, and held her own show in 2020. She creates stunning coastal scenes that fly out of the gallery as soon as they enter!

A Raleigh, North Carolina-based artist, Harris paints primarily with oils and acrylics and is exceptionally skilled at capturing the beautiful landscapes of Coastal North Carolina. She will be the gallery's featured artist for the months of April and May.

After winning a local drawing contest in third grade, Harris was hooked on creating. She ultimately decided to make a living as a landscape architect, but after a 30-year career, she retired and found her new obsession with painting.

With a constantly evolving style, Harris strives to paint light with beautiful brushstrokes in each of her paintings. She loves using a "wet in wet" technique, layering, and creating unusual textures. As a child, Harris spent many summers with family in the countryside of western North Carolina, and much of her art now reflects fond memories of those bygone days and disappearing landscapes.

Don't miss this free show and take home one of her lovely pieces! For more information about Harris or the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery, please visit [www.beauforthistoricsite.org](http://www.beauforthistoricsite.org), call 252-728-5225, or stop in at the gallery on the grounds of the Beaufort Historic Site at 130 Turner Street, open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. ■



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

It will be my honor and privilege to serve the Beaufort Historical Association as President in 2023. Outgoing President, Vick Moore, has served in that capacity for three years, an unusual term, both in length and in the challenges faced by the organization.

The pandemic caused most of the BHA's regular programming and events to be curtailed for an extended period. However, through the hard work and dedication of the organization's employees and volunteers, the BHA continued to grow during the years of Vick's leadership. Our sincere thanks and appreciation to him for his efforts during most unusual times.

In 2022, we saw a return to many of our popular events: Valentine's Day Membership Party, Old Homes Tour, the Summer and Fall parties, Volunteer Picnic, bus tours, numerous art openings and educational programs, and most recently the Candlelight Tour. All of these activities, as well as others, advance the mission of the BHA which is in part "to research, preserve and interpret the cultural, architectural and historical heritage of Beaufort..." Our BHA members, volunteers, and employees are our most valuable resource in the ongoing success of the association and will be critical to achieving continued success in 2023.

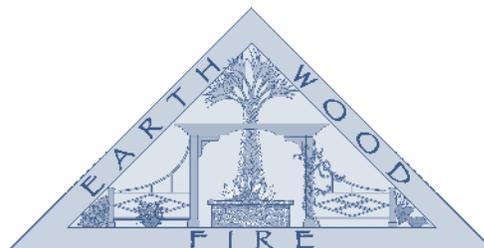
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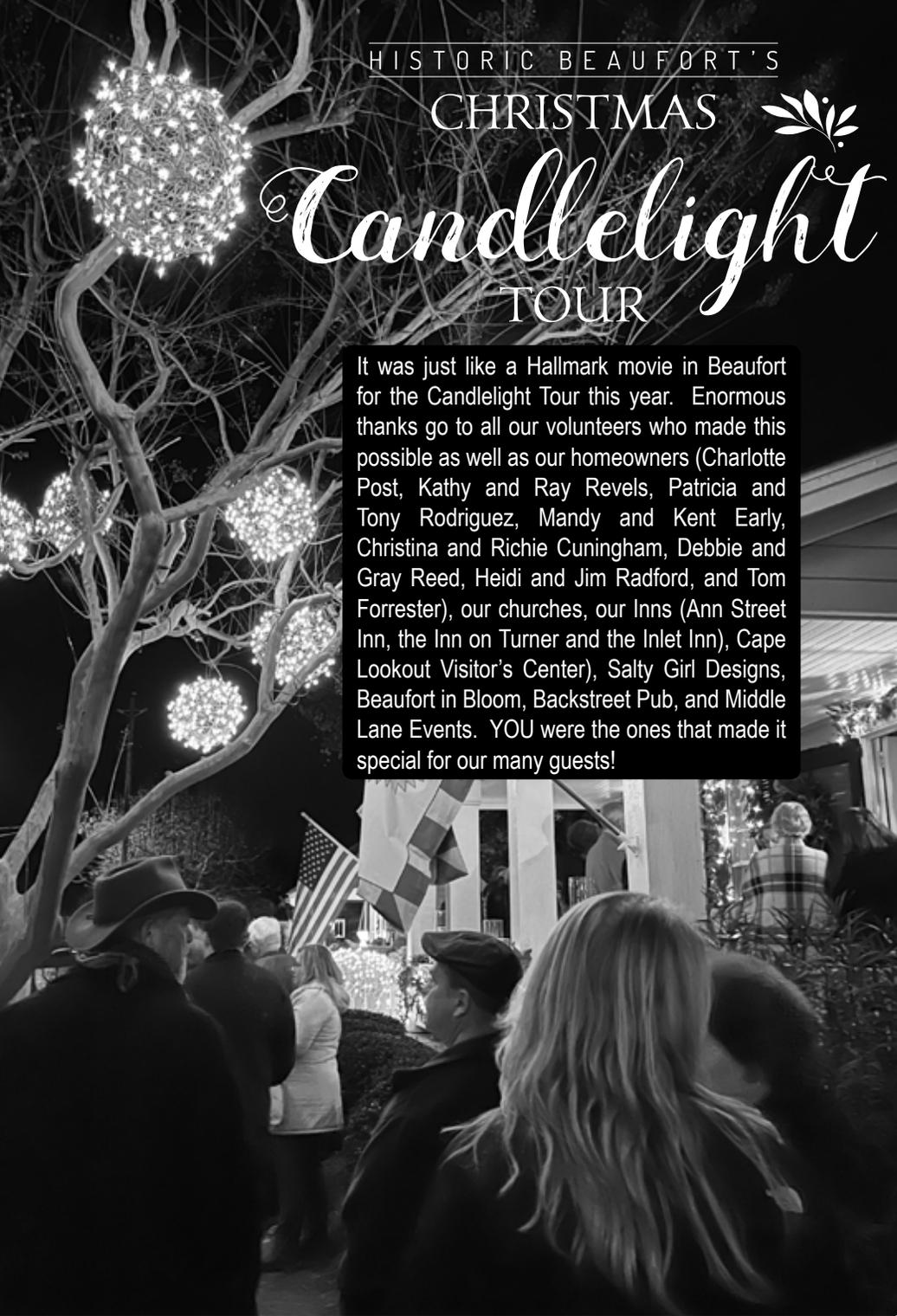
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*Spirits were high as guests were thrilled to visit all of the private homes, the inns, churches, and businesses that were part of the tour.*



*Alan Marshall drove the bus around town spreading cheer down every road as folks riding atop sang Christmas Carols.*



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At the same time, we'd like to thank outgoing board members, Linda Blackley and Kevin McHugh, for doing a great job the last six years. We are truly thankful for their leadership and guidance. ■



# Looking Ahead in 2023

Looking further ahead for 2023, we have a very special guest coming the last full week of June for our Old Homes Tour. Deborah Goodrich Royce is an actress, an author, and a preservationist. Having restored the Avon Theater in Stamford, CT and "The Lido", a 1919 home in Palm Beach, FL, as well as the Ocean House in Newport, RI, she's a perfect guest for the BHA to welcome to Beaufort. Deborah's latest book, *Reef Road*, will be available soon in the BHA Gift Shop.

For those of you that love the Summer Party, we've already booked Night Years Band and Scarborough Fare catering for July 8th!

We need plenty of help for both of these events (as well as a few more houses for the Old Homes Tour June 23 and 24), so if you're interested give us a call at the BHA office. ■

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**MAR 9** *Volunteer Training*  
9AM-4PM 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!

**APR 8** *Annual Easter Egg Hunt*  
11AM Children ages seven and younger are welcome to join the fun. This annual event features prizes, refreshments and over 2,000 eggs. It's all free - just bring a basket!

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