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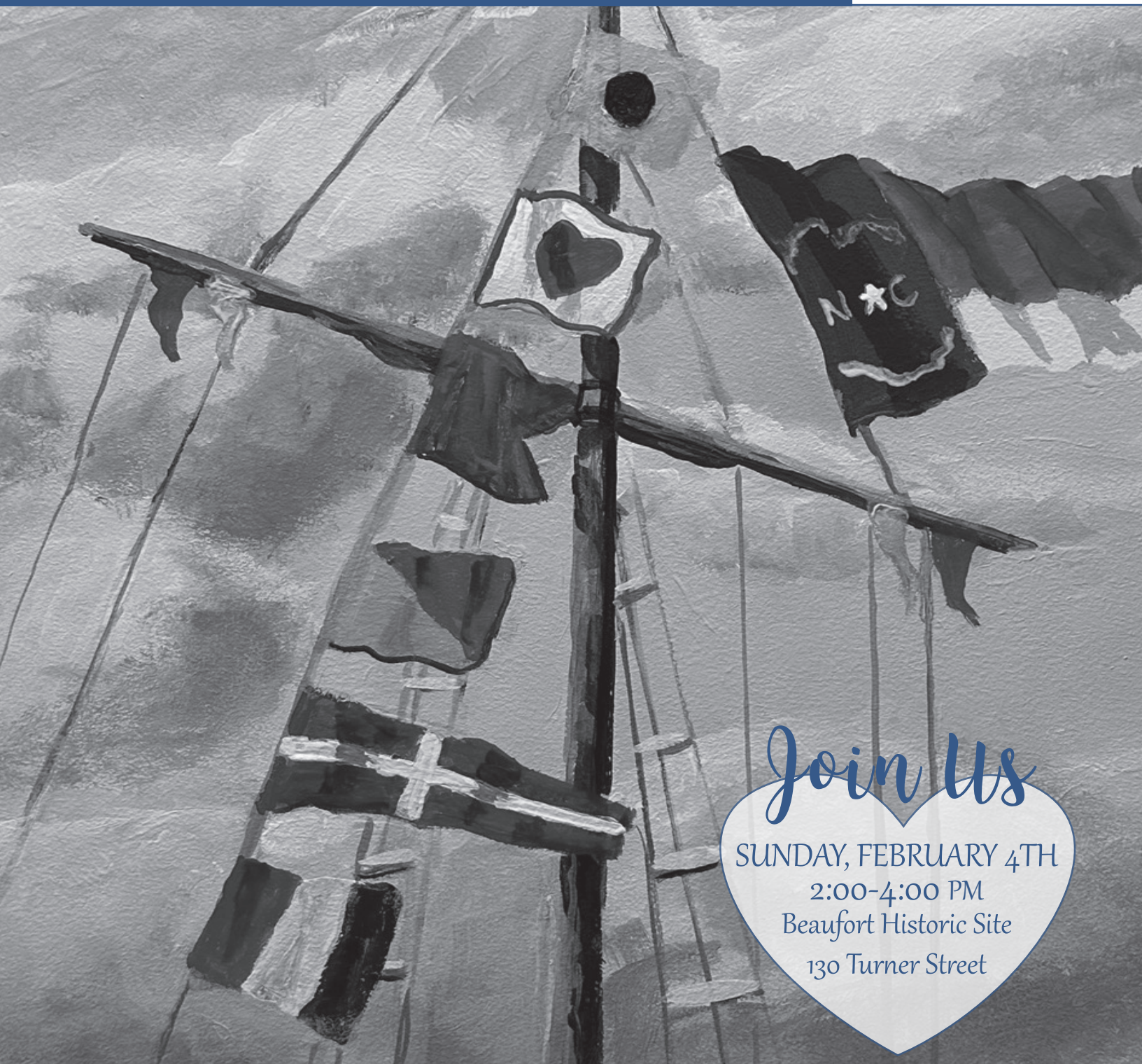


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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

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It's time...

for our annual **Valentine Party!** The painting on the cover of our newsletter is by artist Matt Hirsheimer. The signal flags spell I “heart” B O T - as in BOW fort not BEW fort, so with the NC flag, Matt is saying “I love Beaufort, NC”! Just one of Matt’s whimsical creations. For more information about the Valentine Party and returning artist Matt Hirsheimer take a look inside!

Valentine Party

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 2:00-4:00 PM

The Valentine Party has been a tradition since the mid 1990's. The purpose was to recruit new members to the Beaufort Historical Association. In the beginning, your "paid" membership was your entrance to the party, and many plates of cookies and sandwiches were served. It was always in a private home at the beginning, but in 2001 we decided that the whole point in a membership party was to show members the wonderful grounds and buildings that we have at the Historic Site (plus we had outgrown most homes). This party definitely HAS grown through the years, and 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, hot cider in the Leffers Cottage, an olive oil tasting by Beaufort Olive Oil in the Carteret County Courthouse of 1796 - just to name a few of the offerings. In addition to all of the food prepared with love by local businesses and volunteers, Matt Hirsheimer will join us again as the featured artist. We thoroughly enjoyed having Matt here last year with his happy colorful, paintings that we asked him back this year. Matt is from Cary, North Carolina, but since last year, he comes to Beaufort as much as he can and his paintings are best sellers



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

in the gallery. Invitations will be in the mail soon, so 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. For more details about the Valentine Party and memberships, visit the website, stop by the Welcome Center at 130 Turner or give us a call at 252-728-5225.



Josiah Bell House

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Art Gallery

Wine & Cheese

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Tastings with Beaufort Olive Oil

Old Jail

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Featured Artist MATT HIRSHEIMER

We are excited to welcome back artist Matt Hirsheimer this coming February. His show will be held at the gallery in conjunction with the Valentine Membership Party on Sunday, February 4th 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 the 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. "Growing up I always did some form of doodling, cartooning, and creating," 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."

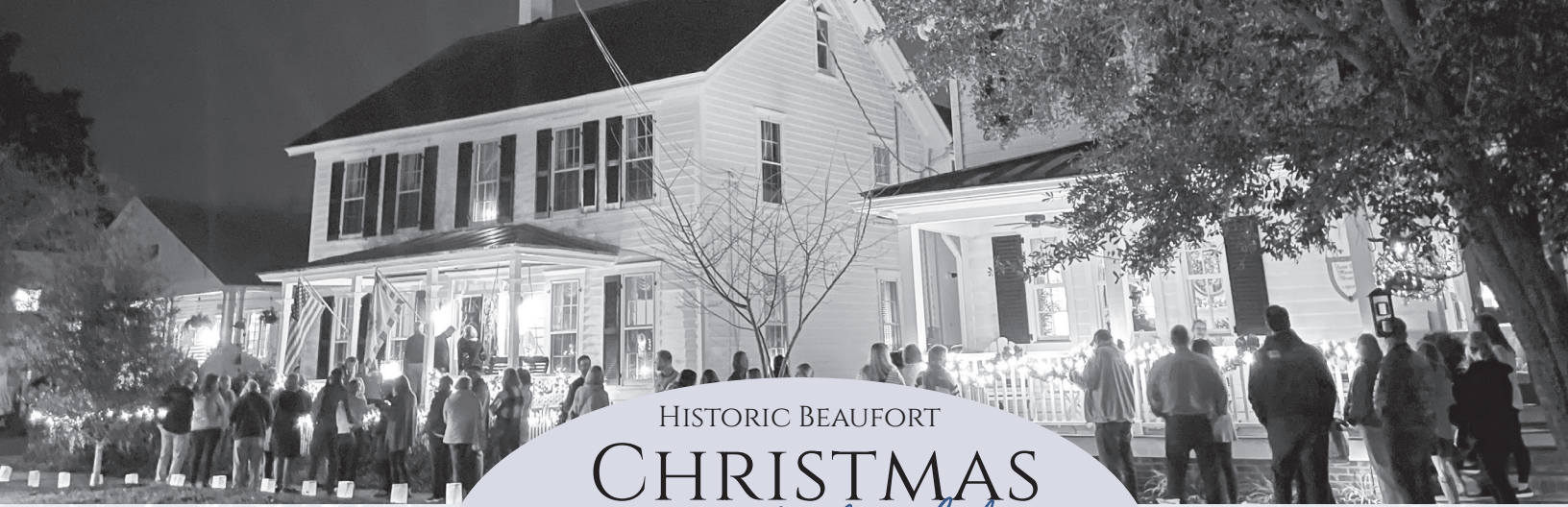
Hirsheimer says his favorite piece to date is one that he has created for the upcoming show of the nautical flags. "My favorite piece, because of the Valentine theme and the fact that I love the acronym BO4T, is the nautical flag piece called simply, I heart BO4T. This ship mast piece with alphabet nautical flags is quite fitting for this historic village nestled behind the Rachel Carson Reserve on the North Carolina coast. Every now and again, all elements of a painting gel into something quite wonderful."

Looking forward to his show, Hirsheimer has quite a few paintings on deck which he says "feature iconic scenes of this beautiful and special town" that also capture his range of styles. The pieces for this show bring to life the picturesque scenes of Beaufort, including the Beaufort picket line fences, Taylor Creek, the restaurants and the unique architecture. "Beaufort is quite the quintessential coastal town with a painting waiting to happen 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!"



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HISTORIC BEAUFORT
CHRISTMAS
Candlelight
TOUR



Beaufort has never looked more magical than for this year's Candlelight Tour! We started out the day with a "Christmas in Peachtree Bluff" bus tour with author Kristy Harvey! Her fans loved it! We continued the day with the Art Walk with Mandy Johnson, Lisa Tuckek and Jimmy Craig Womble (whose works remain in the gallery through January). But the main attraction is always the private homes. Enormous thanks go to all of the homeowners (Geoffrey Adair, Katherine and Chuck Bland, Susan and Joe Johnson, Bobbie and Phillip Lane, Joyce and Fred McCune, Laura and Bill Mosier, Lynn and David Mosier, Becky and Tom Oxholm, and Melissa and Bill Symonds), as well as our churches, our inns, and other businesses that were wide open!



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*There are plenty of opportunities for everyone!
Ilse Englehart (pictured right with Kay Carter, left),
loved being a volunteer so much at the BHA that now she
has become an employee!*

Our volunteers are the energy behind all 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 **Wednesday, March 13 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 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. ■



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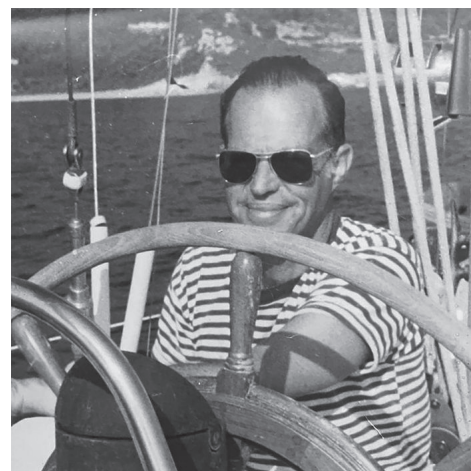
A Tribute to Hugh Cullman – A Life Well Lived

by Patricia Suggs

Hugh Cullman, a former naval officer and Vice Chairman and Director of Philip Morris Companies, now the Altria Group, died at his home in Pittsboro, North Carolina on November 4. He was 100 years old. This is how his obituary starts, but to those of us who knew him in Beaufort, there was so much more. We knew him after all of his enormous achievements in the high stakes world of the tobacco industry. We knew him as a lover of all things Beaufort, always accompanied by his lovely wife Nan. And it's thanks to Nan, a North Carolinian, that they made their way from New York to Beaufort.

We are so fortunate that they found their way to our small town. He was actually part of the search committee for a new director as a BHA board member when I was hired. He and Nan loved boats and loved travel, so I always enjoyed talking to them about those subjects! They were part of many firsts at the BHA; one of the first weddings on our grounds was for their daughter Alexia, and one of the first "official" Fall Parties was in their home on Front Street.

You can celebrate his life at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on January 10th at 11:30am.



Hugh Cullman, pictured in North Carolina in an undated photo, retired as vice chairman of Philip Morris in 1988. Photo: from the Cullman Family

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"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 \$40 if you are a BHA member and \$60 for non-members. Space is first-come, first serve, 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, email pr@beauforthistoricsite.org, or visit the Old Beaufort Shop at 130 Turner Street. ■

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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, March 30 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!

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APRIL - MAY FEATURED ARTIST KEVIN FETZER

We are excited to welcome artist Kevin Fetzer to the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery for a show on **April 6 from 4:30 – 6 p.m.** Fetzer, no stranger to the gallery, has been an active member, but this will be his first show with us!

Kevin Fetzer is an acrylic artist who had been painting and creating art as a hobby for the past 12 years and has recently started painting full-time after spending 35 years in the pharmaceutical industry. A principal theme throughout his art is the use of nautical and nature inspired subjects, particularly the small harbors, boats and birds found in the small coastal towns of North Carolina.



He uses bold colors and shadows with an eye to detail and water reflections to capture the splendid sights of back creeks and small harbors common to the south.

Kevin splits his time between his homes in New Jersey and Oriental, North Carolina.

Don't miss this show and the opportunity to take home one of his lovely pieces! For more information about Fetzer or the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery, please visit www.beauforthistoricsite.org, call 252-728-5225, or stop by 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

As I begin a second year as President of the BHA Board, I can only say thank you to the many members, volunteers, Board members, and staff that keep the BHA operating effectively each day. This newsletter, as it should, focuses largely on upcoming events and opportunities for our members in 2024. I'd like to say just a few words about our successes in 2023. In the past year, we experienced membership growth both in number and in the levels of membership; we enjoyed large participation in our events; and we were successful in meeting the needs of our historic properties. The maintenance needs of historic properties and a historic bus are never-ending. Only through your membership and participation in programs and events, are we able to meet those needs.

2024 will be another successful year for the BHA as we continue our efforts to preserve and interpret the cultural, architectural, and historic heritage of Beaufort. The BHA brings many visitors to our community each year, some who become members and active participants in the Association. The economic impact of the BHA on the town is felt by the restaurants and retailers who benefit from the visitors. Our Association is an important piece of the overall business health of Beaufort.

Thank you to all who have renewed your memberships thus far and to all who will do the same over the course of the year. I look forward to seeing many of you at the annual membership meeting and the Valentine's Day Membership Party .

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looking through all the options, Tom Gurganus and Rick Bennett of the Community College offered special training for our current drivers as well as two new drivers.

Their help was invaluable to say the least. The three drivers, Fritzie Green, Allan Marshall and Walt Wood, were especially grateful to have our other long time drivers, Bill Kaiser, Peter Watts, and Keith Rittmaster, as well as new

drivers, Ralph Caricofe and Tom Forrester, added to the bus driver "team".

Tom and Rick literally gave all these drivers personal training so that they could pass the rigorous testing. The written test as well as the bus inspection test prior to driving as well as the driving test all required a great deal of study. Almost all of our VERY SMART drivers had difficulty with at least one of the tests. It's a real testament to their dedication and love of the double decker bus tours that they continued the training.

The Carteret Community College is an incredible asset for our County offering more than 90 associates degrees and other amazing non-degree programs including customized training (like the CDL). We are so thankful for this support, and Tom and Rick said they'd be glad to individually train more volunteers to drive our double-decker bus!



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

NOMINEE:



Our favorite storyteller, Geoffrey Adair.

Members and prospective members are invited to join the Beaufort Historical Association for the Annual Membership Meeting and potluck dinner, **Tuesday, January 23, 6 pm** at St. Paul's Church, 215 Ann Street in Beaufort.

The highlight of the annual Membership Meeting is the awards presented to our Volunteer of the Year and our Newcomer of the Year, as well as delicious food provided by all of you.

Before the awards are presented, Geoffrey Adair returns with a performance of his new program "Palmer Davis – Beaufort's Most Beloved Waterman" that we are highly anticipating. We're glad to have Geoffrey return with his vivid storytelling and historical accounts of Palmer Davis, a former slave, captain of a U.S. Mail boat, and the "hero of the hour" during the 1879 hurricane that hit and damaged Beaufort and the old Atlantic Hotel.

Geoffrey, born and raised in Beaufort, is the sixth generation of his family to live on Orange Street and has worked to preserve the history of our seaport village. Learn a bit of Beaufort's history and hear Geoffrey's accounts of the life and journeys of Beaufort's Most Beloved Waterman.

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

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. ■

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MAR 13
9AM-4PM

Volunteer Training

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!

MAR 30
11AM

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

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!

APR 13
9AM-4PM

Publick Day

An old-fashioned flea market on the Beaufort Historic Site with vendors selling antiques and collectibles, art, crafts, handmade jewelry, books, food and more. Vendor information: visit beauforthistoricsite.org or email pr@beauforthistoricsite.org. This event is FREE to the general public.



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