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HISTORIC TIMES

64th ANNUAL

OLD HOMES TOUR & *More*



William E. Wheatley House c. 1891
305 MOORE STREET
Home of Laura Holland



Ramsey House c. 1820
211 MOORE STREET
Home of Mandy & Kent Early



Nelson House c. 1790
201 FRONT STREET
Home of Annette Williamson



Cunningham Home
125 CRAVEN STREET
Home of Christina &
Richie Cunningham



Brady Home
805 FRONT STREET
Home of Carolyn &
Doug Brady



Congleton House C. 1886
903 ANN STREET
Home of Mark & Amy Heath



Allen Cooper Willis House c. 1880
1005 ANN STREET
Home of Jinny Rogers



Marina Willis House c. 1872
1007 ANN STREET
Home of Stephen Kicklighter &
Will Madison



Hammock House c. 1709
100 HAMMOCK LANE
Home of Betty & Gilles Cloutier



Rev. Jones House c. 1840
819 BROAD STREET
Home of Jamie &
Richard Holcomb



Dickson & Minton Home
109 GORDON STREET
Home of Polly Dickson &
Bill Minton

The historic seaside village of Beaufort will be full of activity for the 64th Annual Old Homes Tour & More starting on Wednesday, June 25 through Sunday, June 29. This annual tour features some of Beaufort's gorgeous private homes, glorious gardens, multiple local churches and artists' studios throughout the town, as well as the authentically-restored buildings and grounds of the Beaufort Historic Site.

Accompanying events will emphasize art and design — both of which are integral to Beaufort's cultural heritage. Events include an art opening for the Old Homes Tour Featured Artist, *JJ Jiang*, at the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery, a Literary Luncheon featuring authors, Kristy Woodson Harvey and Dawn Tripp, the return of the beloved Purvis Chapel Choir Concert, and a Sunday Brunch featuring renowned interior designer, Marshall Watson, to close out the weekend! ■

*Thank
You*

TO OUR GENEROUS
HOMEOWNERS!

Accompanying Events

Tour Kickoff Party

SATURDAY, MAY 31 - 4:00 to 6:00 PM

Food, drinks, and beautiful art by JJ Jiang will be featured, with the highlight of the event being the annual Bartenders' Challenge.

Competitors to date are: Tim Becker, with Tryon Distributing, Jane & Ted Morris, with Coastal Keyes Realty Group, Mickey Arduini from Backstreet Pub, Morgan Lutheran from Cru Wine Bar, Mike Thagard from Beaufort Bar

TICKETS: \$45



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Linda Rike Real Estate*



Literary Luncheon

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, Noon

A special luncheon at the Coral Bay Club featuring NY Times Bestselling Author Kristy Woodson Harvey, with her new book, "Beach House Rules", in conversation with novelist Dawn Tripp and her new book, "Jackie".

TICKETS: \$50



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Purvis Chapel Choir Concert

THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 7 PM

Enjoy an uplifting evening concert at Purvis Chapel, Beaufort's Oldest Church.

TICKETS: \$20

All proceeds go to Purvis Chapel for the ongoing needs of the church

Sponsored by Greg Moss, Realtor & Facebook, "Why Beaufort NC"



Sunday Brunch

SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 11 AM

Join us for a special Sunday brunch at the Coral Bay Club featuring a presentation by renowned interior designer, Marshall Watson. This brunch provides the PERFECT ending to the Old Homes Tour Weekend!

TICKETS: \$150



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Thank you to our Old Homes Tour Committee Members

Sharon Barfield • Katherine Bland • Judy Boone • Cindy Cash • Naomi Chappell • Ali Ciampa • Dot Crumley
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Mattie King Davis Art Gallery
130 Turner St.

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121 Craven St.

"The Atelier" Cope & Co.
125 Craven St.

Inlet Inn Lookout Lounge & Courtyard
601 Ann St.

Salty Girl Designs
214 Pollock St.

Town of Beaufort Murals c. 1940
701 Front St.

Private Gardens

Garden of
Gail and Steve Bishop
131 Craven St.

Garden of
Eric Lindstrom & Kennan
Jackson
201 Ann St.

Garden of
Elizabeth Gould
806 Ann St.

Garden of Melissa & Bill Symonds
114 Marsh St.

Garden of
Heidi & Jim Radford
809 Ann St.

Garden of
Tom Forrester
204 Live Oak St.

Garden of
Deborah &
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For more information about the artist, visit
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the gallery located on the
Historic Site grounds.



JJ JIANG

JUNE & JULY Featured Artist JJ Jiang



We are excited to welcome back artist JJ Jiang as featured artist for June and July, as well as the Beaufort Historical Association's featured artist for the 64th Annual Old Homes Tour. JJ is one of our favorite artists, having been the Fall Party featured artist in 2022.

JJ lives in Cary, North Carolina, where he runs the Village Art Circle Fine Art Studio in downtown. He believes that "the medium and subject may vary, but artistry remains the same", a belief that shines through in everything he does. His work has been recognized nationally, earning spots in prestigious shows hosted by the Oil Painters of America (OPA), National Watercolor Society (NWS), American Watercolor Society (AWS), and American Impressionist Society (AIS).

Join us on May 31 at 4 PM for the Old Homes Tour Kickoff Party to experience JJ Jiang's stunning artwork and meet the artist in person!



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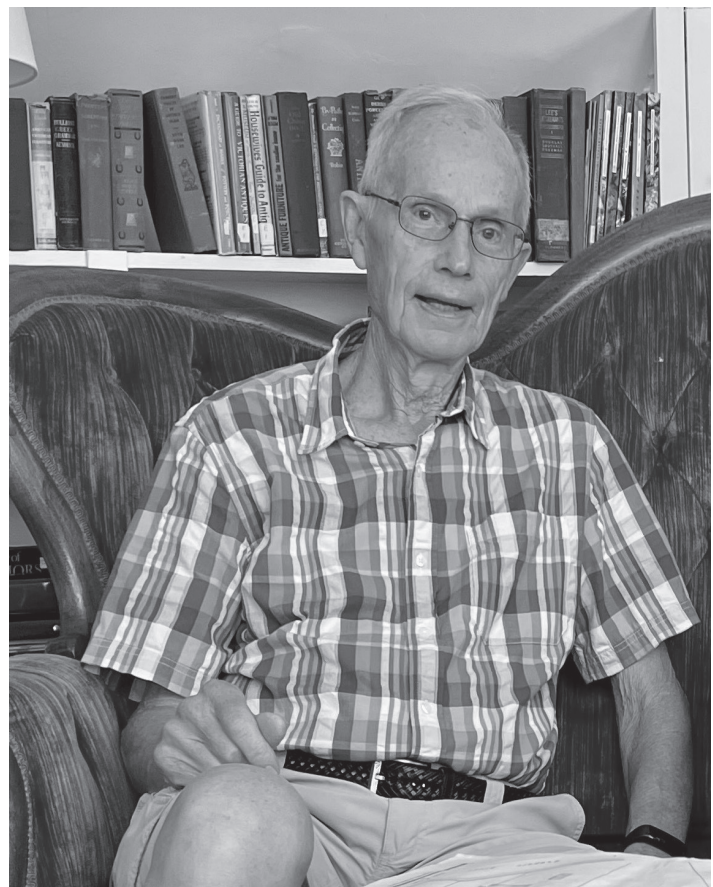
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During the Association's Annual January Membership Meeting, four awards were presented recognizing volunteers for their time and dedication throughout 2024. The Volunteer of the Year Award went to Steve Goodwin. Steve is an author, historian, and dedicated volunteer at the Fuller House. He spends his time sorting through, organizing and preserving important historical records of Beaufort. The Longevity Award was presented to Gene Huntsman for his long-time dedication to the Beaufort Historical Association, its Education Committee, and the Harvest Time Program. The Couple of the Year was Nicole and Paul DiGiacomo, who continue to inspire us all. As some of our most reliable volunteers, they are always ready to assist in any way needed. They regularly attend events and consistently ask in what ways they can help. The BHA is deeply grateful for their dedication! Jessamine Montero Michaels received the Newcomer Award. She came to our Volunteer Training event in March of 2024 and has been an invaluable weekly volunteer answering our phones and greeting visitors in our Welcome Center. She also brings us amazing treats! Congratulations to these special volunteers for 2024 who continue to inspire us in 2025!



Steve Goodwin | Volunteer of the Year



Nicole & Paul DiGiacomo
Couple of the Year



Jessamine Montero Michaels
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In Loving Memory

We are deeply saddened by the recent loss of wonderful friends and volunteers who were an inspiration to us all.

Elaine Barber, Ray Brown, John Dornan, Dick Futrell, Genia Lanier, Ross Morphew (better known as Sinbad),

Verne Rentjies, Jeffrey Salter, Susan Sanders,

Bonne Tharrington, George Walls

Summer Party

JULY 12 • 7:30-11:00 PM

The Beaufort Historic Site will be the setting for the annual Summer Party, which is all about hospitality, and savoring time with friends. So, gather your favorite people, and get ready for ice cold drinks and delicious food from Scarborough Fare Catering as we enjoy the warm embrace of a Beaufort summer evening. Night Year's Band has long been our favorite. Their energy and enthusiasm keep us dancing all night long!

The online silent auction is open now (bidpal.net/bhasummerparty2025) with a few donations to start. More items are being added daily thanks to our generous donors who enjoy helping the Beaufort Historical Association with our largest fundraiser of the year! Of course, we are also gladly accepting special auction items right now! Party tickets are \$150, and sponsorship levels and details can be found at www.beauforthistoricsite.org or by calling 252-728-5225.



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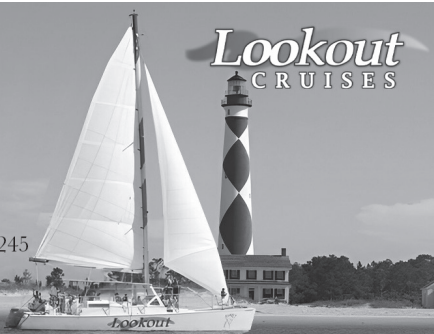
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Cell Phone Pocket Basket Workshop

June 3 | 9am – 4pm

The charming cell phone pocket basket will be handwoven from cane using a sturdy mold, ensuring durability. To keep your device safe from scratches, the interior is lined with soft foam and plush ultra-suede. Choose from a variety of accent colors to weave into the design, along with stylish tie-on decorations and shoulder straps! Taught by Jenny Elzy.
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Flag Retirement Ceremony

June 14 | 5:30pm

This solemn ceremony is the perfect addition to Flag Day.
FREE | Beaufort Historic Site Grounds

Bonehenge Trip - Keith Rittmaster

July 12 | 11am

Take the double-decker bus to the Bonehenge Whale Center! Must be age 13 or older to participate.
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July 18 & 19 | 10-5pm

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Many of you have already met Michael, as he has been working a couple of days a week since mid-March and now is gradually working full-time. His work experience spans over four decades with a professional focus in the arts, higher education, entertainment and hospitality. He most recently served as executive director for

New Bern Civic Theatre (NBCT) in New Bern, NC. Prior to his leadership with NBCT, Tahaney relocated from his hometown and home base of Orlando, FL to Greenville, NC where he served a 20-year tenure as associate professor and Head of the Musical Theatre BFA Program at East Carolina University. Before his teaching pursuits Tahaney enjoyed a lengthy professional career as a performer internationally with European touring companies, on cruise ships, at Walt Disney World and regional theatres. He is excited to now participate in the natural, historic and cultural resources on offer in Beaufort full-time where he and wife, Catherine Hubbard Tahaney, have chosen to settle as their "forever home." They could not be happier for this opportunity.

FROM THE BHA PRESIDENT

Greetings, and welcome to our VERY BUSY season at the BHA. Old Homes Tour Kickoff Party and Bartender's Challenge, JJ Jiang Art Opening, Kristy Harvey Book Launch, Kristy Harvey and Dawn Tripp Literary Luncheon, Purvis Chapel Choir Concert, 64th Old Homes Tour, Sunday Brunch with Marshall Watson, Summer Party. Whew!! Get your tickets if you haven't already. Don't miss out!

This season also ushers in change at the BHA. On May 15, Michael Tahaney will assume the role of our new Executive Director. Patricia will become Executive Director Emeritus on this date and will retire on August 15. While Michael will oversee the day to day operations, Patricia's knowledge and experience, and the work she has done in preparation for this summer's events, will provide him with a great transition resource during this very busy time of year.

In closing, stay tuned for an announcement regarding Patricia's retirement party that we are planning to hold in August. At that time we will celebrate her 25 plus years at the helm of our great organization and thank her for the work she has done so masterfully to lead and grow the BHA over the years.

I look forward to seeing everyone this summer !!

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FOUNDATION HISTORY LESSON

by Patricia Suggs

Many of you may not know we have a separate Foundation with the sole purpose to support the Beaufort Historical Association. The Foundation was issued a charter in 1985 to accept a gift from Evelyn Chadwick Smith of \$100,000 and it was formed as a Trust under First Citizen's Bank. Evelyn was Hunter Chadwick's Aunt, so Hunter became the first president of the Foundation. His early guidance along with Richard Stanley's legal advice was invaluable.

In the early days of the BHA and the Foundation, there were many struggles and disagreements. As there was very little money, the Foundation was worried that the BHA might not survive and the Town of Beaufort was made the recipient of any funds in the Foundation if the BHA did not survive. The Association did indeed survive and is going stronger than ever with the generous support of all of you.

Fast forward to the early 2000's, the Association was doing better, but not great, and the Foundation had received a generous gift from Robert Safrit for the building of the Robert and Elva Historical Center, which is the Welcome Center for the Beaufort Historic Site. These funds also assisted with the restoration of the Carteret County Courthouse of 1796, the most important building at the Historic Site.

Still the Foundation was showing little to no growth. Then along came Dick Futrell in 2005. We all wondered why a "Moreheader" would want to be President of a Beaufort organization. Dick, along with one of his best friends, Marvin Barnes, channeled their energies for many years into growing the Foundation. During the next 10-15 years, the Foundation funds grew thanks to direct appeals and specific fundraising campaigns for the Foundation.

The Foundation also went through a reorganization with the IRS to abolish the previous Trust under the direction of First Citizen's Bank to truly become a proper public 501-C3 non-profit. It was hard at first to understand how we could raise money for the Foundation when the BHA didn't have any in the early years. I can assure you that Dick Futrell, Marvin Barnes, Hunter Chadwick, Marvin Barnes, Ed Robbins, Ham Sloan, Vick Moore, Vic Flow, and Richard Stanley and even Jean Bloodgood (Hunter's Aunt who took me under her wing when I first arrived) helped me see the incredible benefits the Foundation offered to the Association. I can retire now knowing we have great leadership and financial stability.

Love to you all, Patricia.

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BHA Events



All Beaufort Historic Site events are subject to change.

MAY 31
4-6 PM

Kickoff Party & Bartenders' Challenge
Celebrate the launch of the Old Homes Tour with featured artist, JJ Jiang, and a Bartenders' Challenge.

JUNE 25
NOON

Literary Luncheon
A special luncheon at the Coral Bay Club featuring author, Kristy Harvey, with her new book "Beach House Rules", in conversation with novelist, Dawn Tripp and her new book, "Jackie".

JUNE 26
7 PM

Purvis Chapel Choir Concert
Enjoy an evening concert at historic Purvis Chapel.

JUNE 28-29
10AM - 4PM

64th Annual Beaufort Old Homes Tour
Tour private homes, gardens, churches, and historic places that make up Beaufort.

JUNE 29
11 AM

Sunday Brunch
Join us for a Sunday Brunch at the Coral Bay Club featuring a presentation by interior designer, Marshall Watson.



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