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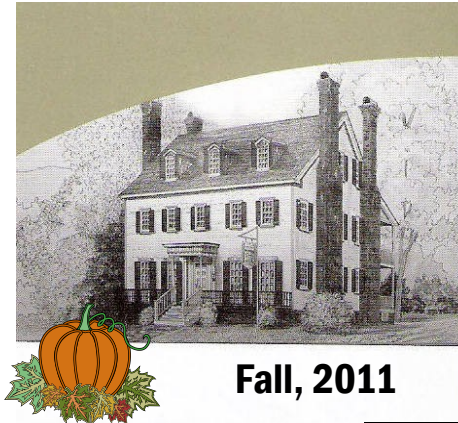
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The mission of the New Bern Historical Society is to celebrate and promote New Bern and its heritage through events and education. Please continue to join us in this worthy endeavor.

CALENDAR

- Saturdays through November 26, Earl of Craven Questers Tour of Cedar Grove Cemetery, 4 pm.
- Wed., Sept. 14, Lunch & Learn, John Leys, *New Bern and the American Revolution*
- Sun., Sept. 25, Open House, Attmore-Oliver House
- Tues., Sept. 27, Evening at the Library, Karen Dodd, *History to Mystery*
- Thurs., Oct. 6, Day Trip: *Visit Belhaven & Bath*
- Thurs.-Sat., Oct. 27-29, Ghostwalk 2011: *The Good, The Bad, The Ugly*
- Wed., Nov. 2, Day Trip: *Spice Bouquet in Kinston*
- Wed., Nov. 9, Lunch & Learn, William McNeill, *Outside the Frame: The Astonishing Life of Whistler's Mother*
- Sun., Nov. 13, Richard K. Lore Annual Lecture, Kevin Duffus, *War Zone: World War II Off NC's Outer Banks*
- Wed.-Fri., Nov. 23-25, Office Closed (Thanksgiving Holiday)
- Sun., Dec. 11, 4th Annual Holiday 'Friend-Raiser'
- Mon.-Tues., Dec. 26-27, Office Closed (Christmas Holiday)
- Wed.-Fri., Dec. 28-30, Reduced Office Hours (Holiday Schedule)
- Mon., Jan. 2, Office Closed (New Year's Holiday)
- Sun., Jan. 15, Ed Bearrs Presentation, *Abraham Lincoln's Assassination and John Wilkes Booth's Attempted Escape*
- Sat., Mar. 3, ABC Sale
- Sat., Mar. 10, Sesqui-Centennial Symposium



Fall, 2011

Historical News

New Bern Historical Society

Ghostwalk 2011, October 27-29

Visit us at our new offices and museum! There will be an **OPEN HOUSE** at our Attmore-Oliver House **Sunday, September 25 2-4 p.m.!**

Encounter ghostly specters in the downtown historic district during **Ghostwalk 2011: The Good, The Bad, The Ugly!** During Ghostwalk, New Bern's ghosts tell their spirited tales to patrons who can reflect whether the ghosts are *Good, Bad or Ugly!*

As always candlelit Cedar Grove Cemetery will provide plenty of eerie entertainment! If you dare pass under the weeping gates you will meet the cemetery's famous grave diggers who will try to convince you to stay... forever. Be on the lookout for the many ghostly characters whose lives shaped our city as they appear and disappear before your eyes.

An annual crowd pleaser for the young at heart is *Agony Alley* on the grounds of the Attmore-Oliver House. This year *Agony Alley* is a friendly haunted house, and it will be sure to surprise and entertain with children's games outside and, of course, 'hauntings' inside!

New Bern's two historic theatres are opening their doors again for Ghostwalk. Enjoy their shows: *Munchkins and Wizards and Witches...Oh My!* at the New Bern Civic Theatre and *Midnight in the (Different) Gardens of Good and Evil* at the Masonic Theatre!

Several historic churches and temples offer ticketholders tours and/or reasonably priced meals. Details can be found on your Ghostwalk ticket.

This year, in addition to our regular Ghostwalk ticket, we are supporting a special Tryon Palace add-on ticket for a presentation on the three wives of William Gaston at the Tryon Palace Waystation and several ghost sightings in the Stanly House. To buy this add-on ticket (\$6, adult; \$3, child) present your Ghostwalk ticket at any Tryon Palace ticket desk. October 28-29, the add-on ticket can only be purchased at the Waystation on George Street. **All add-on ticket proceeds go directly to Tryon Palace!! It's a great way to expand your Ghostwalk experience AND support Tryon Palace at the same time!**

Street, Harris Teeter, Bank of the Arts, and Mitchell Hardware. Other ticket sales outlets are the ITT Travel Office-Cherry Point, Harris Teeter-Morehead City, and ASAP Photo-Greenville.

A special \$13 ticket is being offered to Historical Society members again this year. For your convenience two tickets will be mailed to membership!

General ticket pricing is as follows: \$15, advance; \$20, days of event; \$10, active duty military, their dependents and full time students with current ID; \$5, children 3-12 years. Children under 3 years attend free; for Ghostwalk volunteers, a special volunteer rate ticket, \$8.

Remember, one ticket buys three nights of entertainment! It's one of the best deals in town! You won't want to miss it!

Ghostwalk Schedule: Thursday, October 27, Cedar Grove Cemetery and the Athens and Masonic Theatres are open from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday, October 28 and Saturday, October 29 all ghost sites including the Tryon Palace add-on ticket, Cedar Grove Cemetery and the Masonic and Athens Theatres are open from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.



Tickets are available beginning September 15. For information on Ghostwalk and to purchase tickets on-line through PayPal go to www.newbernhistorical.org or call the Historical Society office, 252-638-8558. Tickets can also be purchased in New Bern at the Historical Society office-511 Broad

Ghosts can't get wet so Ghostwalk goes on rain or shine!!!



Announcing the Historical Society Fall Day Trips

Thursday, Oct. 6 we will travel scenic roads and cross the Pamlico by ferry to visit **historic Belhaven and Bath**. In Belhaven we'll enjoy a special lunch at *Wine & Words'* Back Bay Café. Then we'll tour two historic homes in Bath: the Palmer-Marsh House and the Joseph Bonner House. Both towns offer interesting shops you will want to explore. Enjoy this autumn trip with friends for \$30. Driver's receive



a \$5 per passenger gas stipend. Meet at the Historical Society office parking lot at 8:15am. Please be prompt so we make the ferry! (Thanks to JoLynne Allen and Carolyn Latham, our resourceful 'previewers' for this Day Trip!)

Get inspired for the holidays!! Day Trip-ers is visiting **Spice Bouquet in Kinston, Wednesday, Nov. 2**. We will meet at their outlet (located on Hwy 70 W, Kinston) at 10:45 am to watch a cooking demonstration

while they prepare a gourmet lunch for our enjoyment. Each recipe showcases spices that can be purchased right there! The menu is citrus salad, two hors d'oeuvres, blackened salmon (not spicy), black beans and rice with a papaya mango relish, and flan.



This day trip is \$23, but does not include a gas stipend since we are staying close to New Bern!

Call the office to reserve today!!!

Thanks to our Creative Ghostwalk Steering Committee!

Ghostwalk cannot take place without the efforts of site owners, the steering committee, docents, ghosts and many other volunteers that make it come to life! Hundreds of volunteers will participate in this year's Ghostwalk! Planning begins 11 months prior to the event when the steering committee first meets. This committee is responsible for most aspects of Ghostwalk and without their dedication, this major fundraising (and "fun-raising") event could not happen. This year's volunteer steering committee: Matt Arthur, Scriptwriter; Sue Baldwin, Ghost Director; Linda Burke, Ghost Site Chair; Bill Hand, Cemetery Ghost Director; Karen Ipock, Tryon Palace Coordinator; Alma Gibbons, Scriptwriter; Kathy Morrison, Publicity Chair; Linda Richardson, Ticket Chair; Sandie Swigart, Volunteer Chair; Rip Taggart, Agony Alley Chair; Tom Schaible, Staging Chair; Sue Wyatt, Church/Temple Coordinator; Linda Cummings, Cathy O'Brien and Melinda Robinson.

Newsletter photographers: Annette Hunt, Joe Hunt, Kelvin Kestner, Melvin Kestner, Kathy Morrison, Steve Shaffer, Pat Traynor.

SAVE THE DATE! 4th Annual Holiday Friend-raiser



Cheers!
**Sunday, December 11
3-5 p.m.**
William B. Blades House
MORE DETAILS TBA!

Two *Ghostwalk 2011* tickets, at a special \$13 each price, will be mailed to our membership.

We appreciate our members supporting this major fundraising event.



President's and Director's Message: The Move of the Century!

Early last spring, knowing that good nonprofits periodically evaluate the ways in which their resources are used to further their missions, the Board of Directors of the New Bern Historical Society made considered but bold decisions which, we believe, will strengthen our programs, increase our efficiency and bring us closer to our purposes. Over a period of months we had affirmed our educative mission, audited our uses of time and funds, and assessed our stewardship of collections and property. There were clearly things that we could do better, and we moved in that direction.

One major decision with regard to our downtown campus was the move of our offices to the Attmore-Oliver House. Careful planning suggested that we could use this landmark property to continue telling a story, increase visits to the collection and create a more useful and efficient office and history center. The renewed Broad Street with convenient parking in front of the house meant that the entrance could be returned to that side as it had been for most of the life of the house, retaining gracious access through the splendid garden for those people who choose to approach from Pollock Street. Freeing the Roberts House could allow us to maintain that property if an appropriate, compatible lessee were found.

Today, we are well on the way to accomplishing those objectives. Under the guidance and with the tremendous work of curator Nancy Richards, our collection has retained the most important pieces for our story and is conserving and displaying them appropriately. Offices and re-

search resources have been moved to the house and are more attractive and accessible. The Roberts House has been leased to the Aerie Bed and Breakfast, just across Pollock Street, and they are making important improvements that will serve their purposes and enhance our property. Initial reactions to these changes have been very positive. Even Miss Mary Oliver seems pleased with the renewed life and activity in her home.

The success of this move has required bold decisions by a board that wishes to be the most conscientious stewards. It has also required remarkable dedication on the parts of staff and, most especially, volunteers. These people have spent hundreds of hours cleaning, repairing, painting, moving, assessing and engaged in virtually every other activity that verbs can describe. There is simply no adequate way to express our gratitude.

There have been important gifts in kind, most especially, the installation of an extensive French drain in the driveway and parking area by Trader Construction. These good people seem to have solved our long standing (no pun intended) water and erosion problems. While we are actively planning the accomplishment and funding of additional needed improvements to the campus and battlefield, we are grateful for all that has been done.

Good things don't just happen. Good people make them happen, and we are fortunate to have some very good people who care deeply about the history of this lovely town and the mission of the New Bern Histori-

cal Society. We would, however, like to take this opportunity to give special thanks to the following volunteers who gave tirelessly of their time and energy: Nat Baggett, Jan Beijer, Linda Cummings, Pat Dunleavy, Betty Dunton, Katherine Dzimittrowicz, Betty Evans, Carole Graham, Pat Hughes, Annette Hunt, Joe Hunt, John Leys, Egon Lippert, Barbara Matthews, Larry Matthews, Kathy Morrison, Jim Morrison, Karen Norman, Cathy O'Brien, Steve O'Brien, Geri Olvaney, Nancy Richards, Melinda Robinson, Anne Marie Skogsbakken, Joe Sullivan, Pitt Tyre and Patti Urick.

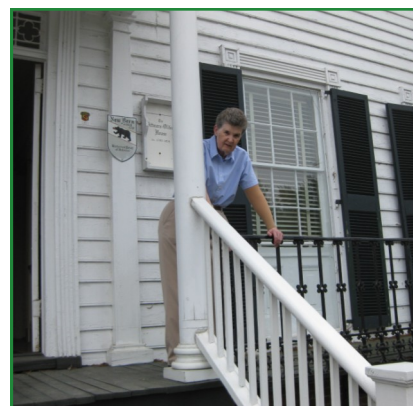
Sincerely,

Nelson McDaniel, President
Board of Directors

Lynne Harakal, Director



Nelson McDaniel congratulates a member of the professional moving crew on a job well done.



Curator Nancy Richards looks forward to welcoming visitors to our museum presentations in the Attmore-Oliver House.



Joe Hunt and Tony Williams place our official signs at the Attmore-Oliver House, home of our new administrative offices and museum.

Local Theatre Groups Support Our Ghostwalk ; Let's Support Them!

New Bern Civic Theatre proudly presents the musical *Guys and Dolls* September 9-25. Admission \$17, in advance; \$19, at door.

The Wizard of Oz will be produced November 4-20, concluding the 2010-2011 season.

More information available at www.newberncivictheatre.org. Students and active duty military \$10 with photo ID. Contact NBCT main office, 634-9057, or box office, 633-0567, for details and tickets.

RiverTowne Players begin their 2011-2012 season with their production of *Disney's Aladdin, Jr.*, October 14-23. Admission, \$10, in advance; \$12, at door. *The Christmas Schooner* will be presented November 18-27. Admission, \$15, in advance; \$18, at door.

More information available at www.rivertownerepertoryplayers.net. Telephone 634-7877 for details and tickets.

Athens of the South Productions presents *Murder in Boxcar Number 9*, an original mystery

dinner theatre presentation September 2 and 9, October 7 and 14.

The Miscreants' Christmas, an original dinner theatre presentation, will be produced December 2 and 9.

Tickets are \$30, general admission; \$25, students under age 16 and groups of 10 or more. More information and tickets available at www.athensmysterydinner.com. You can also contact Athens of the South Productions, 229-4977.

Please support our **BUSINESS MEMBERS** who generously support New Bern Historical Society.

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Congratulations to our **Marks Scholar Goran Vukicevic**, 2011 graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill! Our other four Marks Scholars have begun their 2011-2012 college academic year: Appalachian State University freshman **Katherine Barlow**, Barton College sophomore **Holly Lafond**, UNC-Chapel Hill students junior **Thomas Bodo** and senior **Jordan Best**. Through the Harriet Marks Scholarship, the Historical Society is proud to help support these truly outstanding students.

The New Bern Historical is collecting for our annual **A(Attic) B(Basement) C(Closet) Yard Sale**. We collect all year and accept anything other than clothing and perishables. So please clear out your clutter and bring it to our office at 511 Broad St. If you need help with larger items, call 638-8558 and we'll arrange for a pick-up.

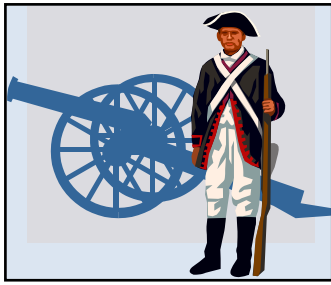
Your donations are important to the success of this sale and are tax deductible as allowed by law. **It's the ultimate recycling. Your discards will be someone else's discovery!**

If you are interested in volunteering to help with the ABC Sale, please email us at adminoffice@newbernhistorical.org or call 252-638-8558 and leave your contact information. Volunteer positions include, pick-up of donated items, set-up prior to the sale, sales and check-out on the day of sale, and cleanup!

Collecting for the ABC Sale!



Our Historical Society Education Programs



Lunch & Learn 2011-2012 kicks off on **Wednesday, September 14** with our own Historical Society historian **John Leys** presenting *New Bern and the American Revolution*.



Local writer **Karen Dodd** will present *History to Mystery* for our free **Evening at the Library** series, **Tuesday, September 27**,

7 p.m. at the New Bern library. Karen has written a number of delightful books about Eastern Carolina and recently published her mystery trilogy about murder and mayhem right here in New Bern.



The **Wednesday, November 9 Lunch & Learn** is a fascinating program about Whistler's mother, including her experiences during the Civil War! **William McNeill** comes to us by a grant from the North Carolina Humanities Council. His program is entitled *Outside the Frame: The Astonishing Life of Whistler's Mother*. Mr. McNeill was recently featured in *Our State* magazine with this very popular program.

Kevin Duffus is returning to us,



through the North Carolina Humanities Council, to present *War Zone: World War II off NC's Outer Banks*, **Sunday, November 13, 2 p.m. at the Masonic Theatre**. He is returning for the third time to speak at the free **Richard K. Lore annual lecture**, and will provide eyewitness accounts of how close the Germans came to our shores.

Lunch and Learn programs are held at The Chelsea Restaurant. Prepaid reservations only. \$15 for members; 638-8558 for reservations; \$17 non-members. Call the Historical Society office; Lunch and Learn seating is limited.

Goodnight, Irene....

As with the rest of New Bern and eastern North Carolina, the landscape on our campus was filled with remnants of Hurricane Irene. We hope all of our membership and the community at large recovers quickly.



Our Historical Society President **Nelson McDaniel** hard at work!



Debris waiting for pick-up!

Enhancements and Additions to the New Bern Historical Society...



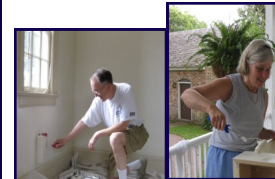
Shown is the cannon pad and future location of a cannon donated by Linda Lore in honor of Dr. Richard K. Lore.



Joe Hunt and Egon Lippert constructed **SIX** new bookcases for the Attmore-Oliver House. Designed by Joe and Egon, they perfectly fit the space and historical décor of our new offices and museum!



Trader Construction donated installation of an extensive French drain in our driveway and parking area.



Generous volunteers like **Jim Morrison, Melinda Robinson and Steve O'Brien** helped with so many moving projects.

SAVE THE DATE Sesqui-centennial Symposium Saturday, March 10, 2012

To Commemorate the 150th Anniversary Of the Battle of New Bern

Speakers and Topics:
Ed Bearrs, Noted Civil War historian
Key Note Speaker
The Civil War in North Carolina

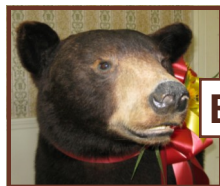
Richard Sauers, Noted author
The Burnside Expedition with an Emphasis on New Bern

Mark Bradley, Noted author
Reconstruction in North Carolina

Hari Jones, Curator
African American Civil War Memorial and Museum, Washington, DC
US Colored Troops

John Howard, Research Historian-Office of Archives and History, Raleigh
North Carolina Soldiers Killed During the Civil War

REGISTRATION DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED



Bernie, Our 'Cub' Reporter

Hi there, kids! It's your old pal Bernie the Bear here!

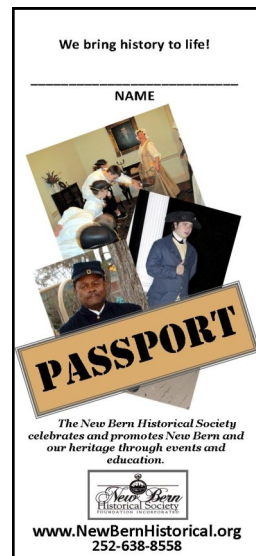
Be sure to enjoy all the fun and games of **Ghostwalk's Agony Alley**. There'll be lots of surprises inside and outside the Attmore-Oliver House where **Agony Alley** takes place. You'll have a grrrr-eat time! Bring your parents; **Agony Alley's** for the young-at-heart of all ages!

I'm hoping to be a 'spirited' part of **Agony Alley**, too; come to the Attmore-Oliver House and see if you recognize me!

Kids, I definitely give **Agony Alley** my coveted **FOUR PAWs** rating!



Travel Through our Year with the Historical Society PASSPORT!



Included in this newsletter is your Historical Society Passport. Just attend 8 of our events or programs listed on the Passport as they occur throughout the course of our programming year and you will receive a copy of the fascinating book *The Battle of New Bern* FREE along with one of two lovely prints, *Historic Pollock Street* or *Magnolias*.

Since 2012 is the 150th anniversary of the Battle of New Bern, it's an appropriate way to thank our members for their loyalty. Place your Passport on your refrigerator and it will also be a handy way to keep track of our busy schedule!!

(Be sure to present your Passport each time you attend! If you have a family membership and would like more than one Passport, please contact the office.)

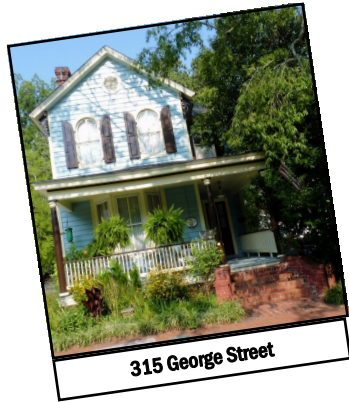
Battlefield Guides Are The Greatest! Meet Rolf Maris!

The battlefield guides are a knowledgeable and enthusiastic group of Civil War buffs who make the New Bern Battlefield Park an interesting, exciting, entertaining, and educational place by providing guided tours at the location of the pivotal battle on 14 March 1862. But... they are more than that. These individuals, on an almost daily basis contribute "sweat equity" to the growth and development of the Battlefield Park by building and maintaining new trails, mowing, weed-whacking, clearing underbrush, and finding and clearing newly found entrenchments and redans.

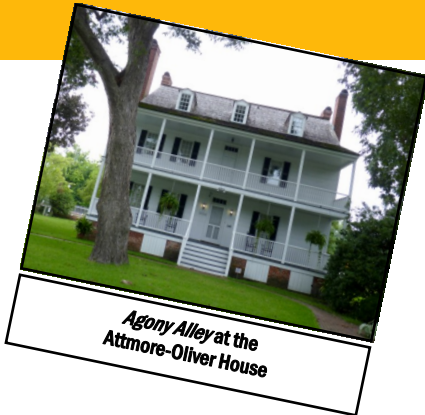


One of these battlefield staffers is **Rolf Maris** who retired here after serving as Fire Marshal for the state of New Jersey and Vice Inspector for the New York Fire

Department. Rolf has exhibited a willingness to contribute his time and energy to any task at the Battlefield Park. His contributions cross a wide spectrum from researching battle casualties and individual unit actions, to clearing trees and brush, maintaining trails and steps, and building and replacing two Wood Duck nesting boxes. In the photograph he is standing near one of the two nesting boxes he constructed and installed on trees in Bullen's Branch near the base of Redan #3. (Bullen's Branch meanders through the spot where Union forces pushed through the Confederate line, and crossed through the abatis of felled trees extending across this swampy area dammed by the Confederate defenders.) Rolf successfully installed both boxes himself. Each installation brought challenges made difficult by the necessity for lugging a large, heavy duck box, and ladder and tools while wearing hip-waders. A detailed description of those challenges will have to come from Rolf himself, something to explore with him when visiting the New Bern Battlefield Park! (article by Steve Shaffer)



315 George Street



Agony Alley at the Attmore-Oliver House



518 Broad Street



305 Pollock Street



307 Middle Street



516 Middle Street



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We Applaud Our Ghostwalk Sponsors

A special THANK YOU TO all sponsors for generously supporting Ghostwalk! Our sponsors are vital to Ghostwalk's success! This past year continued to be challenging for many local businesses. Despite these challenges many chose to sponsor again this year! The New Bern Historical Society is extremely grateful to every sponsor for their commitment to Ghostwalk which is enjoyed by so many people in our community! Because of your support and volunteer efforts we are able to offer this ticketed event at a price that continues to be affordable!

In particular the Historical Society would like to thank our Title Sponsor, **Chesnutt, Clemmons and Peacock, P.A.** and our Platinum Sponsors Maola Milk and Ice Cream Company and Ward and Smith, P.A., Attorneys at Law. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!!

Ghostwalk 2011



will be at these locations !
New Bern's historic ghosts come to life!
October 27-29
Title Sponsor: Chesnutt, Clemmons & Peacock, P.A.



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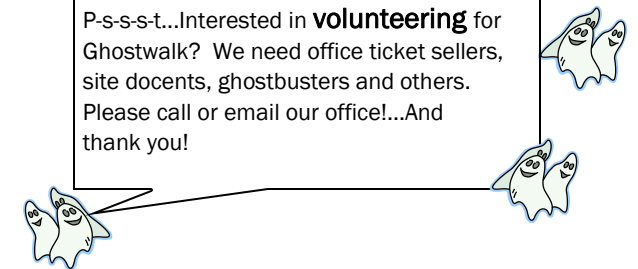


512 Pollock Street



611 Hancock Street

P-s-s-t...Interested in **volunteering** for Ghostwalk? We need office ticket sellers, site docents, ghostbusters and others. Please call or email our office!...And thank you!



Ghostwalk
October 27-29, 2011
New Bern, North Carolina



New Bern's historic ghosts come to life !

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TICKETS ON SALE SEPTEMBER 15



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