

# Historical News

New Bern Historical Society

Winter 2012

SAVE THE DATE!  
Saturday, February 4  
8 p.m.



## Our 2012 *Legends in Concert*: **ORLEANS!**

The American Pop/Rock band **Orleans** will have New Bernians 'Dancin' in the Moonlight' Saturday, February 4, 2012 at 8:00 p.m. at the Grover C. Fields Performing Arts Center. The third in the Historical Society's 'Legends in Concert' annual series, **Orleans** is truly 'Still Havin' Fun'!! Remembered for *Still the One*, *Dance With Me*, *Love Takes Time*, *Dancin' in the Moonlight*, *Let There Be Music*, **Orleans** has been having fun entertaining audiences for three and a half decades!

Original lead members, Larry and Lance Hoppen, are now joined by drummer Charlie Morgan (best known as Elton John's drummer), guitarist Dennis "Fly" Amero, and the youngest Hoppen brother, Lane, on keyboards.

**Orleans** has broad and deep connections woven through the fabric of American music going back to the early 1970s. Songs

composed by members have been covered by James Brown, James Taylor, Chet Atkins, Bonnie Raitt, The Fifth Dimension, Bela Fleck, Linda Ronstadt, Oak Ridge Boys, Barbara Mandrell, Bobby McFerrin, Ricky Skaggs, Janis Joplin, Steve Wariner and numerous other notable artists.



Members have sung and/or recorded with Michael Franks, Graham Parker, Little Feat, Jackson Browne, Ricky Skaggs, Bonnie Raitt, Planet 9, Robbie Dupree, and Blues Traveler to name a few. **Orleans** has, in turn, had Michael Brecker, Blue Mitchell, Chet Atkins, Linda

Ronstadt, Warren Bernhardt, Bela Fleck, Tony Levin and others record with them.

**Orleans** may be the only American band to have sung on a number one Country record (Steve Wariner's *You Can Dream of Me*) and a number one Jazz record (Michael Franks' *Dragonfly Summer*).

You will not want to miss this concert! Purchase your tickets today; they can be picked up or mailed in time for Christmas! Order tickets through the Historical Society office 252-638-8558 or online [www.newbernhistorical.org](http://www.newbernhistorical.org) Check our web-site for other ticket outlets.

**General admission**, \$35; as of January 25, \$40

**Preferred seating**, \$45; as of January 25, \$50

**Sponsorships** available (includes seating in Center Orchestra, rows 1-5, and pre-concert party.)

SAVE THE DATE!

ABC Sale

Saturday, March 3

7:30 a.m.—1 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE!

*Thunder in the East*,  
a Civil War Sesquicentennial  
Symposium

Saturday, March 10

9 a.m.—5 p.m.

In partnership with  
Tryon Palace  
at the  
Cullman Performance Hall  
North Carolina History Center

## Annual Holiday Membership 'Friend-raiser' Sunday, December 11



Cheers!  
3-5 p.m.  
William B. Blades  
House

The New Bern Historical Society's annual Holiday Membership 'Friend-raiser' is a holiday party open to our membership and to those who want to support the Historical Society by becoming a member the day of the party.

The 'Friend-raiser' is a great opportunity to socialize with other people who are interested in the history of this town

while enjoying wonderful food in an historical home festively decorated for the holidays.

Admission to the 'Friend-raiser' is \$10 and free to any member bringing someone who joins the Historical Society at the 'Friend-raiser' (admission is included for people joining the Historical Society at the 'Friend-raiser.') Please call 638-8558 to reserve your place by December 5. This year's

party is Sunday, December 11 from 3-5 p.m. at the William B. Blades House.

It is a great way to start the holidays and show support for the programs and events that the Historical Society offers to our community.



## Civil War Sesquicentennial Commemoration

For nearly 6 hours on March 14, 1862, 11,000 Union forces and 4,500 inexperienced and ill-equipped Confederate troops battled for control of New Bern, NC. Eventually the Confederate line broke, and Union troops pushed through forcing a retreat of the Confederate troops.

This fierce battle in the swamps along the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad, five miles south of New Bern, proved to be a major victory for the Union and led to the ensuing occupation of New Bern for the remainder of the Civil War. The Union's presence in New Bern required the Confederacy to divert troops to the defense of the railroad that might have otherwise been used in the critical battles of Virginia, making New Bern's occupation of critical importance to the North.

March 14, 2012 is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this important battle. The New Bern Historical Society will be commemorating the battle, and those who fought, through a series of events in March, 2012.

The first event is *Thunder in the East: The Civil War in Eastern North Carolina. A Sesquicentennial Symposium Presented by The New Bern Historical Society in Partnership with Tryon Palace*. The Symposium begins with a 'Meet and Greet' the speakers, Friday, March 9, 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. The 'Meet and Greet' is ticketed as part of the Symposium and will be held at the Attmore-Oliver House. *Thunder in the East: The Civil War in Eastern North Carolina. A Sesquicentennial Symposium*, a ticketed educational program, begins at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 10 and concludes at 5:00 p.m. It will be held at Cullman Performance Hall at the North Carolina History Center. Renowned Civil War experts will be speaking on the Civil War in Eastern North Carolina and its aftermath :

- Ed Berris, Key Note Speaker, Noted Civil War Historian, *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 of the African American Civil War Memorial and Museum, Washington, DC, US Colored Troops, topic TBA
- Josh Howard, Research Historian with the Office of Archives and History, Raleigh, *North Carolina Soldiers Killed During the Civil War*
- Chris Fonvielle, Associate Professor, History, UNC Wilmington, *Wilmington and the Blockade Runners*

The following day, Sunday, March 11, there will be a memorial service at the New Bern Battlefield Park at 9:30 a.m. Following the service a number of New Bern's Civil War venues will be open to the public, including a living history encampment at the battlefield with troops from the 7<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> NC regiments.

On the battle anniversary, Wednesday, March 14, the battlefield will be open for tours and there will be a Lunch & Learn at The Chelsea, presented by Skip Riddle, *The Battle of New Bern: Who Would Have Thought That? ... A Journey Through Time*.

Our Sesquicentennial calendar will conclude with our annual children's event, 'Civil War Adventure Day', on Saturday, March 17, 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Civil War Adventure Day is an event for 70 children, ages 6-12, and their adult family members. The day is filled with learning activities and living history. Civil War re-enactors add an authentic dimension, interacting with participants.





## Historical Society President's Message

In this holiday season, we have much to celebrate.

Please join us for the Historical Society Friend-raiser on Sunday, December 11 at the beautifully decorated Blades House. Remember that, if you bring a friend who joins the Society, both you and the friend attend the party gratis. While it is nice to attend without payment, it is even nicer to think that you can introduce a friend to all of the programs of the Society. Remember, as well, that memberships make great gifts.

City TV 3, our public access channel, asked me to do a monthly program titled *The New Bernian* in which historical topics are featured. It plays regularly on that channel; you can see the schedule online:

[www.newbern-nc.org/C\\_Hall/City3TVProgramGuide.php](http://www.newbern-nc.org/C_Hall/City3TVProgramGuide.php)

and the November edition includes Harry Goodman and Steve Shaffer as we discuss the history of the railroad. The December edition will feature the Union Station Depot with commentary by Dallas Blackiston,

past president of New Bern Preservation. We are grateful for this opportunity to spotlight New Bern's history.

Enjoy our city at this festive time of year, and, on behalf of the Historical Society Board and staff, I thank you for your support of this mission.



**Nelson McDaniel**  
President, Board of Directors  
New Bern Historical Society

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New Bern Historical Society is collecting for our annual **A**(attic) **B**(basement) **C**(closet) Sale. This is an opportunity to sort through your things! Bring what you don't want anymore to our office at 511 Broad St. We accept everything other than perishables, clothes and CRT's. If you need help with larger items, call 638-8558 and we'll arrange for a pick up. It's the ultimate recycling. Your discards become someone else's discovery! (And your donation is tax deductible as allowed by law.)



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Civil War Adventure Day**  
(for children ages 6-12)  
**Saturday, March 17**  
**10:30 a.m.—2 p.m.**  
(check-in begins at 10 a.m.)  
**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!**

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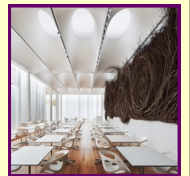
The mission of the New Bern Historical Society is to celebrate and promote New Bern and its heritage through events and education. Please continue to join us in this worthy endeavor.

## CALENDAR

- Sat., Dec. 3, Clean-up Day at the Battlefield
- 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**
- Thurs., Jan. 19, **Day Trip: Rembrandt in America** exhibit
- Sat., Feb. 4, **Legends in Concert, Orleans**
- Wed., Feb. 8, **Lunch & Learn , Marjorie Hudson, George Moses Horton: Uncovering and Celebrating Lost Black History**
- Sat., Mar. 3, **ABC Sale**
- Fri., Mar. 9, **Meet and Greet the Symposium Speakers**
- Sat., Mar. 10, **Civil War Sesquicentennial Symposium** in partnership with Tryon Palace
- Sun., Mar. 11, **Battle of New Bern** Memorial Service
- Sun., Mar. 11, **Civil War** venues open for public to tour
- Wed., Mar. 14, **Lunch & Learn , Skip Riddle, The Battle of New Bern: Who Would Have Thought That?...A Journey Through Time**
- Wed., Mar. 14, **150th Anniversary of Battle of New Bern**, Battlefield Park tours
- Sat., Mar. 17, **Civil War Adventure Day**
- Fri., Apr. 6, Office Closed (Easter Holiday)
- Fri.-Sat., Apr. 13-14, **Spring Historic Homes and Gardens Tour**



**Our Day Trip!** Reserve your space now to join **Nelson McDaniel** on our **Thursday, January 19 Day Trip** to the **Rembrandt in America** exhibit at the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh! This Day Trip will be \$45 per person which includes admission to the **Rembrandt in America** exhibit and a culinary 'work of art' lunch in the Museum's new restaurant **Iris**. **To keep the price of our day trips as reasonable as possible, we carpool. Drivers are offered a gas stipend of \$5 per passenger, which is given at check-in on the day of the trip.** Individual carpools will decide on their return time as Raleigh has many other places of interest you might want to include on your way home. (Details about the time we leave New Bern and our luncheon menu will be available soon to those going with us on our Day Trip.)



We are limited to 20 reservations for this one-of-a-kind Day Trip; please RSVP our office for your reservation by Friday, January 6.

## Education Programs



Ed Bearrs

For the 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, renowned Civil War historian **Ed Bearrs** returns to New Bern on Sunday, January 15, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. in the Masonic Theater. This year's topic will be **Abraham Lincoln's Assassination and John Wilkes Booth's Attempted Escape**. Donations are \$10 per person. To date, Ed has

helped raise nearly \$10,000 for the New Bern Battlefield.

**2012 Lunch & Learn** series opens February 8 with **Marjorie Hudson**, author, essayist and poet. Coming to us through a grant from the North Carolina Humanities Council, Marjorie will offer the story of the first black man to be published while still a slave, **George Moses**



Marjorie Hudson



**Horton; Uncovering and Celebrating Lost Black History .**

A special **Lunch & Learn** will be held on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of New Bern, March 14, 2012 , with our speaker **Skip Riddle** presenting an unusual story about the participants in the battle. **The Battle of New Bern:**



Skip Riddle

**Who Would Have Thought That?...a Journey Through Time** will show you what a poet, song writer, governor, professor, mercenary, 3 flags and a cannon have in common. **Lunch and Learn** programs are held at The Chelsea Restaurant; the price includes lunch. \$15, members; \$17, non-members. Prepaid reservations only. Contact the Historical Society office for reservations, 252-638-8558.