

# Historically Speaking...

Quarterly Newsletter

**new bern historical society**



Fall, 2012



## SAVE THE DATE!

Annual  
Holiday  
Friend-raiser



Cheers!

**Sunday, December 16**

**3-5 p.m.**

**William B. Blades House**

**MORE DETAILS TBA!**

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**The Vienna Boys  
Choir**

**Concert**

**Sunday, March 3,  
2013**

**A Fundraiser  
presented by  
New Bern Historical  
Society**



## Ghostwalk 2012, October 25-27



Encounter ghostly specters as **Ghostwalk 2012, Spirited through Time**, takes place in New Bern's historic downtown district! Each year during Ghostwalk, New Bern's ghosts have an opportunity to return to their old haunts and tell their tales to the living. Sites expecting hauntings include:

- the phantom-filled hangout for kids of all ages Agony Alley;
- Cedar Grove Cemetery;
- Athens and Masonic Theatres, and
- other historic district homes and places!!!

A complete listing of venues can be found in the centerfold of this issue and on our website.



An annual crowd pleaser, especially for the young at heart, is Agony Alley. This year Agony Alley is a friendly haunted house, and it will be sure to surprise and entertain with great games outside and, of course, 'hauntings' inside!

Don't miss Agony Alley located at the Attmore-Oliver House.



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. If you get past them, be on the lookout for the many ghostly characters whose lives shaped our city as they appear and disappear before your eyes.

New Bern's two historic theatres will open their doors again as well. The Athens will present

*Dream Girls of the 60's* and *The Time Machine* will make an appearance at the Masonic Theatre! There will also be a Confederate encampment with a narrated drama presented by re-enactors from the 7<sup>th</sup> NC State Troops! And, we partner with Tryon Palace where you will interact with spirits at the Jones House!



**Tickets are available starting September 15.** Purchase online through PayPal at [www.newbernhistorical.org](http://www.newbernhistorical.org), or by calling the Historical Society at 252-638-8558. Tickets can also be purchased in New Bern at the Historical Society office (511 Broad Street), Harris Teeter, Bank of the Arts, Mitchell Hardware, and the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center. Outside of New Bern, tickets can be purchased at ITT Travel Office, Cherry Point, Harris Teeter-Morehead City, and ASAP Photo-Greenville.

**A special rate of \$13 per ticket is being offered to Society members again this year.** For your convenience two tickets will be mailed to you! Ticket pricing for your friends is as follows: \$15 in advance; \$20 days of event; \$10 active military and their dependents, and full time students with current ID; \$5 children.

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



**Two Ghostwalk 2012 tickets, at a special \$13 each price, will be mailed to our membership.**

**We appreciate our members supporting this major fundraising event.**

# NEW BERN CIVIL WAR BATTLEFIELD PARK



Our volunteer Battlefield Guides donate not only their time, knowledge, spirit and commitment but mental and physical energy. Each photo tells a thousand words of story...Yet words can not adequately thank our Battlefield Guides and other generous contributors for all they have done and continue to do to maintain the integrity of our Civil War Battlefield.

Welcome to New Bern Civil War Battlefield



Dedication of the Battlefield Cannon in memory of Dr. Richard K. Lore



Flagpoles are installed!





## Vienna Boys Choir Performing in New Bern, March, 2013

The Vienna Boys Choir is probably the most famous boys' choir in the world, and the New Bern Historical Society is delighted to bring them to the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center to perform on Sunday, March 3 as a fundraiser.

The Vienna Boys Choir emerged from the Boys Choir attached to the Habsburg royal court founded in 1498. The original choir of six boys sang to musical accompaniment during Court Mass. Musicians such as Gluck, Mozart, Salieri, Schubert, and Bruckner played with the choir. Until 1918 they sang only at court or at the court's instruction, in church services, private concerts and state occasions.

Unlike the Court Opera, the Austrian government did not

sponsor the Boys Choir after the collapse of the Habsburg Monarchy. It was only due to an initiative of the rector of the royal Hofburg Chapel, and his friends that it was possible to continue the tradition. In 1924 the choir evolved into a professional music group, and the "Boys Choir of the Former Hofburg Chapel" started to perform outside of the Court Chapel. In 1926 they began performing abroad, and in 1932 gave their first performance in the United States.

The young choristers begin training at age six and performing at age ten. To receive the best possible musical training they attend a boarding school in the Augarten Palace in Vienna, and when on tour are accompanied by two tutors. Today there are approximately 100



boys who are divided into four choirs of equal standing named after the Austrian composers Bruckner, Haydn, Mozart and Schubert. Besides the traditional services at the Hofburg Chapel in Vienna, where the Choir sings at the Sunday mass accompanied by members of the

opera orchestra, the Vienna Boys Choir gives concerts all over the world wearing sailor suits, their official uniform since 1924.

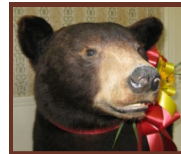
**Tickets for our March 3 Vienna Boys Choir Concert will be on sale in November and make excellent holiday gifts.**



The Historical Society is collecting for our annual ABC (Attic, Basement, Closet) Sale. We collect all year and accept many categories of items. Contact our office

if you have any questions about what we can accept. Please bring your items to our office at 511 Broad Street. 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 in recycling. Your discards will be someone else's discovery!** If you are interested in volunteering to help with the ABC Sale, email us at [adminoffice@newbernhistorical.org](mailto:adminoffice@newbernhistorical.org) or call 252-638-8558 and leave your contact information.



### 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.

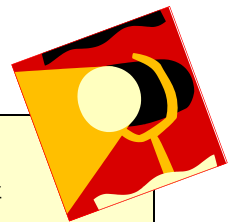
You'll have a grrrr-eat time! Bring your parents; **Agony Alley's** for the young-at-heart of all ages! I'm hoping to be a 'spirited' part of **Agony Alley**, too; come to the Attmore-Oliver House and see if you recognize me!

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



## Thank You 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; Ann Bowman, Ticket Chair; Linda Cummings, Volunteer Chair; Bernard George, Community Chair; Alma Gibbons, Scriptwriter; Bill Hand, Cemetery Ghost Director; Linda Holland, Agony Alley Chair; Karen Ipock, Tryon Palace Coordinator; Kathy Morrison, Publicity Chair; Cathy O'Brien, Ghost Site chair; Tom Schaible, Staging Chair; Sue Wyatt, Church/Temple Coordinator.





*New Bern's historic ghosts come to life!  
Discover our ghosts at these 19 sites!  
October 25-27  
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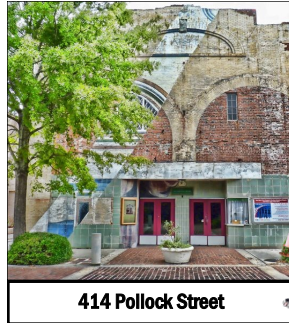
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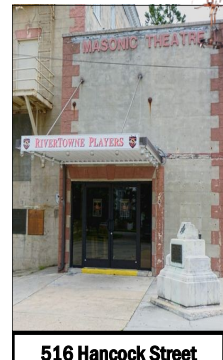
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## Fascinating and Fun—Historical Society Education Programs

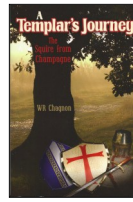


They've been going quickly so make your reservation soon for **Nelson McDaniel's September 13 Lunch and Learn program.** Titled *Champion of Freedom and Human Rights*, it's about William Gaston, one of New Bern's greatest, most accomplished citizens.

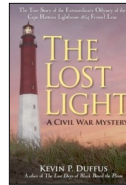


Our **Native American program** will be a part of the Craven Arts Festival **September 29–30** at the Convention Center. Visit our booth to discover more about the lives and customs of the Tuscarora tribe.

Our **November 7 Lunch and Learn's** exploration of the Knights Templar in Medieval England is titled *A Templar's Journey*. Historical Society member and author **Chip Chagnon** will be the presenter of this unique insight into the spread of early Christianity and medieval life.

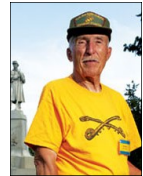


**Kevin Duffus** will return with his program *The Lost Light*, the extraordinary odyssey of the Hatteras lens. Hear **NEW** facts about this story!



This **November 18 Dr. Richard K. Lore Series** program will be in Cullman Hall at the North Carolina History Center

which is partnering with us and the North Carolina Humanities Council for this event. There will be a reception afterwards where you can meet the author and purchase his autographed books.



**Ed Bearss** will present *Turning of the Tide: Gettysburg and Vicksburg Sunday, January 13* at the Christ Church Ministry Center. We are honored that Ed returns to us each year and grateful to the New Bern Civil War Round Table for sponsoring Ed's presentations here for 7 years. His programs have raised \$11,000 for our Battlefield. We value beyond measure his commitment to the New Bern Civil War Battlefield.

**Lunch and Learn** programs are held at The Chelsea Restaurant. PREPAID reservations only. \$15 for members; \$17, non-members. Contact the Historical Society office 638-8558 for reservations as space is limited.

## We Applaud Our Ghostwalk Sponsors

Our sponsors are vital to Ghostwalk's success! 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.-Your Trial Attorneys** and our Platinum Sponsors: Robert M. Chiles, P.E., Engineers & Consultants; Morgan's Tavern & Grill; and, Ward and Smith, P.A., Attorneys at Law. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

## Local Theatre Groups Work on *Ghostwalk* and their Season Productions



**New Bern Civic Theatre** will present *The Rainmaker* September 14-23. More information is available at [www.newberncivictheatre.org](http://www.newberncivictheatre.org). Contact NBCT office, 634-9057 or box office 633-0567 for details and tickets.



**RiverTowne Repertory Players** will present *Bugsy Malone, Jr.* October 11-21. More information is available at [www.rivertownerepertoryplayers.net](http://www.rivertownerepertoryplayers.net). Telephone 634-7877 for details and tickets.



**Athens of the South Productions** has a new season of dinner shows planned. More information and tickets available at [www.athensmysterydinner.yolasite.com](http://www.athensmysterydinner.yolasite.com). You can also contact Athens of the South Productions, 252-229-4977.



## Historical Society President's Message

Over the last two years, in addition to continuing the remarkable educational programs that are at the heart of the Historical Society mission, the Board, with the support of members and dedicated volunteers, has undertaken an analytical evaluation of our operations and use of physical resources in order to assure that our focus is always the efficient accomplishment of that mission. That analysis has led to decisions to maintain the current historic campus by making more effective use of the signature Attmore-Oliver House while preserving other parts of the site through leases to compatible businesses. In addition, building on the achievements at the New Bern Battlefield Park, made possible through generous gifts and dedicated volunteer efforts, we have identified the next steps required to bring

that site to the level which will enable us to best preserve and tell its history.

A sound plan for the future is in place and, thanks to the efforts of the Board and wonderful members and volunteers, the implementation of that plan is moving forward. We are happy to report that much progress has been made and no debt has been incurred. Yet, as we move further forward, we know that additional preservation, improvement and sustainability will require additional funds, so we have embarked on a process that will lead us to the best plan for that additional funding. Over the next several months, we will study the opportunities for assuring our future.

The Board is fully committed to this plan, both by their votes and by the commitment of their

personal funds. Our operations are efficient and mission driven, focusing resources on priorities. I am confident that, as we seek to achieve additional necessary funding, we will receive support of many people who believe in this mission. Participatory democracy requires historical perspective, and the New Bern Historical Society is proud of the role that it has played and will play as this patriotic educational mission continues to be accomplished.



Thank you for all that you do.

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

**We ask that you support our BUSINESS MEMBERS who generously support New Bern Historical Society.**

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To expedite getting various event information resources to our public, the Historical Society has partnered several times with the New Bern agency of **Monarch of North Carolina** ([www.monarchnc.org](http://www.monarchnc.org)).

With the leadership and support of Historical Society member and Monarch administrator Eileen Bress, the Monarch staff and clientele have helped our office in a variety of ways. We thank all those involved and appreciate the opportunity to work with Monarch.



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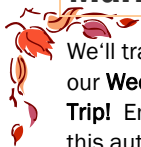
The mission of the New Bern Historical Society is to celebrate and promote New Bern and its heritage through events and education. Please continue to join us in this worthy endeavor.

**CALENDAR**

- Saturdays through November 26, **Earl of Craven Questers Tour of Cedar Grove Cemetery**, 4 pm.
- Thurs., Sept. 13, **Lunch & Learn, Nelson McDaniel, William Gaston**
- Sat., Sept. 15, **Ghostwalk 2012** tickets on sale
- Tues., Sept. 18 **Board of Directors** meeting
- Wed., Sept. 26, **Day Trip: Thalian Hall Center for Performing Arts**, Wilmington
- Tues., Oct. 16, **Board of Directors** meeting
- Thurs.- Sat, Oct. 25-27, **Ghostwalk 2012: Spirited through Time**
- Wed., Nov. 7, **Lunch & Learn, Chip Chagnon, A Templar's Journey**
- Sun., Nov. 18, **Richard K. Lore Annual Lecture, Kevin Duffus, The Lost Light**
- Wed.- Fri., Nov. 21-23, **Thanksgiving holidays-office closed**
- Thurs., Nov. 28, **Day Trip: Carolina Inn Christmas Tea**, Chapel Hill
- Sun., Dec.16, **Annual Holiday 'Friend-Raiser'**
- Mon.- Wed., Dec. 24-26, **Christmas Holidays-office Closed**
- Thurs.- Fri., Dec. 27-28, reduced office hours (Holiday Schedule)
- Mon.- Tues., Dec. 31-Jan. 1, **New Year's Holidays-Office Closed**
- Sun., Jan. 13, **Ed Bearss, Turning of the Tide**
- Sun., Mar. 3, **Vienna Boys Choir Concert**



**Mark our Fall *Day Trips* on your Calendar!**



We'll travel to **Wilmington, NC** for our **Wednesday, September 26 Day Trip!** Enjoy this autumn outing with friends! Your \$32 reservation includes parking and our Private Tour of historic **Thalian Hall Center for the Performing Arts**, lunch at a wonderful location



(coincidentally close to plentiful shops) and gasoline stipend for carpool drivers. Thalian Hall Center for the Performing Arts has a long and illustrious history spanning 150 years...and just might house a ghost or two!

Find inspiration for the holidays on **Wednesday, November 28** when our **Day Trip** takes us to Chapel Hill for an entertaining and enlightening tour of the **Carolina Inn**, an historic icon and the original Chapel Hill Hotel, located on the UNC campus at Chapel Hill. Dr. Kenneth Zogry, Carolina Inn's renowned Historian,



**Classic Holiday Tea**

will take us 'behind the scenes' to explore the Inn's rich history and classic beauty embellished for the holidays. Following our Tour, we have reserva-

tions for the Inn's **Classic Holiday Tea**, a time honored tradition. **We are limited to 25 people** (\$40 per reservation) for this incredible holiday journey to the Carolina Inn so make your plans now and contact our office.



**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 from Day Trips as Wilmington and Chapel Hill have other places of interest you might want to include on your way home.

**Contact the Historical Society office, 252-638-8558 to make your reservations for these Day Trips.**