

Historically Speaking...

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

new bern historical society

Winter 2013



Our 2013 *Legends in Concert* : Vienna Boys Choir

SAVE THE DATE!

Vienna Boys Choir

Concert

Sunday, March 3, 2013

3 p.m.

a fundraiser presented by

new bern historical society



The world famous Vienna Boys Choir will perform at 3:00 p.m. on March 3, 2013, at the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center as the fourth in the 'Legends in Concert' series from the New Bern Historical Society. The Historical Society is honored to present this once in a lifetime opportunity for many New Bernians.

The Vienna Boys Choir has a long, distinguished history that began in 1498 when Emperor Maximilian I moved his court and court musicians to Vienna. At that time he gave instructions to include six singing boys among the musicians. This became the foundation for the Vienna Hofmusikkapelle, or imperial musicians, and in consequence the Vienna Boys Choir. Today, the Vienna Boys Choir, Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, and Vienna State Opera Chorus maintain the



tradition of the Hofmusikkapelle by providing music for Sunday Mass in Vienna's Imperial Chapel.

Currently there are approximately 100 choristers in the Boys Choir between the ages of ten and fourteen. They are divided into four touring choirs. The four choirs present 300 concerts and performances each year in front of almost half a million people performing for both royalty and commoners alike. Each group spends nine to eleven weeks of their school year on tour. They visit virtually every European country, and are frequent guests in Asia,

Australia and the Americas.

You will not want to miss this concert and neither will your friends! Tickets are available now. The first 100 people to purchase tickets were fortunate to receive a unique hand-crafted gift envelope fashioned of antique German sheet music as a special promotion, but the gift promotion is no longer available as tickets are selling fast. General admission tickets are \$35 through February 15, 2013, then \$40; preferred seating is \$55 through February 15, 2013, then \$60; sponsor seating is \$125; active duty military and their spouses with ID are \$30; and, students with ID and children are \$25. The concert is not recommended for children under the age of 8 years. Tickets are available at the New Bern Historical Society, 252-638-8558 or www.NewBernHistorical.org.

Annual Holiday Membership 'Friend-raiser' Sunday, December 16



**Cheers!
December 16
3-5 p.m.
William B. Blades
House**

New Bern Historical Society's annual 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.

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. Enjoy wonderful food in an historical home festively



A warm welcome awaits...

bringing someone who joins the Historical Society at the 'Friend-raiser' (admission is included for

decorated for the holidays.

Admission to the 'Friend-raiser' is \$10 and free to any member

people joining the Historical Society at the 'Friend-raiser.')

Call 638-8558 to reserve and prepay by December 7. This year's party is **Sunday, December 16 from 3-5 p.m.** at the William B. Blades House.



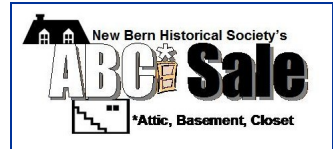
The William B. Blades

ABC Sale to be held on Saturday, March 2

New Bern Historical Society collects all year 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 Historical Society office at 511 Broad St. We accept almost 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.)

This year's ABC Sale will be held **Saturday, March 2, 7:30 a.m.—1 p.m.**, at the **Knights of Columbus Building, 1125 Pine Tree Drive.**



We collect throughout the year for our ABC Sale!

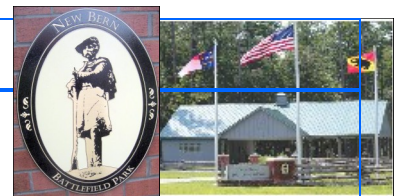
...Rain didn't dampen our 'spirits' during Ghostwalk 2012 ...



Thanks to Kelvin Kestner and Melvin Kestner, our official Ghostwalk photographers!

New Bern Civil War Battlefield Park adds 'model redan'

A model redan for educational purposes was recently constructed at the battlefield. Located at the end of the parade ground, it will be used to demonstrate how these hasty fortifications were built and used in battle.



(Battlefield photos: Steve Shaffer)

We would like to thank Mrs. Linda Lore for her generosity in donating the model redan in memory of her late husband Dr. Richard Lore, former historian for the New Bern Historical Society. We would also like to recognize Williams Farm and Garden Center for their donation of the sod which covers the redan and the labor attached to putting in the sod.



Historical Society President's Message

It is hard to believe that another year has passed and the holidays have arrived in our lovely town. We can all celebrate together at the Historical Society Friend-raiser. Remember that, if you bring a friend who joins the Society, you and the friend are welcome guests without payment. One good idea is to invite a guest and give them a membership that day. You both come to the party, and you have given them a gift that lasts all year. A few weeks ago, I was in

one of my favorite cities, Vienna. Thanks to the efforts of Lynne Harakal, two of my favorite places will be joined together when the Vienna Boys' Choir comes to our town on March 3. What a thrill (and another good gift opportunity). If you have heard them, you need no convincing. If not, rush to get your tickets.

The heart of our mission is education and there are already great programs planned for January and throughout next year. Thank goodness for

our loyal volunteers and supporters that make it all possible. On behalf of the Board and the staff of the Historical Society I wish you the very best during these days and our hopes for peace in the New Year.

Nelson McDaniel

President
Board of Directors
New Bern Historical Society



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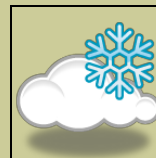
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Community Theatre



New Bern Civic Theatre presents *The 39 Steps* Jan. 11-19. For details, 252-634-9057.

www.newberncivictheatre.org,
RiverTowne Repertory Players presents *Death of a Salesman* Feb. 15-24. For details, 252-634-7877,
www.rivertowneplayers.com.

Athens of the South Productions
For details, 252-229-4977,
www.athensmysterydinners.yolasite.com.

Ratio Theatre Company presents *Crumbs from the Table of Joy* Jan. 11-20. For details, 252-626-0358.
www.ratiotheatre.org.



We had beautiful weather and great Day-Trippers for our Behind-the-Scenes Tour and Holiday Tea on our Day Trip this past November 28! Thanks to all who joined us at the historic Carolina Inn in Chapel Hill!





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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.

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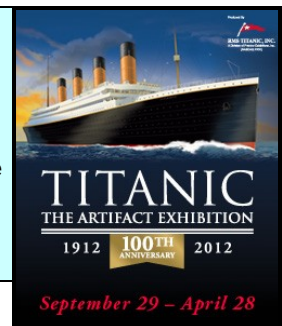
- Sun., Dec. 16, Annual Holiday 'Friend-raiser'
- Mon.-Wed., Dec. 24-26, Office Closed (Christmas Holiday)
- Thurs.-Fri., Dec. 27-28, Reduced Office Hours
- Mon.-Tues., Dec. 31-Jan. 1, Office Closed (New Year's Holiday)
- Sun., Jan. 13, Ed Bearss Presentation, *Turning of the Tide: Gettysburg and Vicksburg*
- Mon., January 21, Office Closed (Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday)
- Wed., Feb. 6, Lunch & Learn, Randall Jones, *Scoundrels, Rogues and Heroes of the Old North State*
- Sat., Mar. 2, ABC Sale
- Sun., Mar. 3, 2013 Legends in Concert, *Vienna Boys Choir*
- Date TBD, Civil War Adventure Day
- Fri., Mar. 29, Office Closed (Good Friday)
- Fri.-Sat., Apr. 12-13, Spring Historic Homes and Gardens Tour
- Sun., Apr. 28, Volunteer Appreciation Social



When planning your year-end donations, please consider giving to the New Bern Historical Society. The New Bern Historical Society Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit organization with 501(C)(3) status.



Our Winter Day Trip! Join Nelson McDaniel on our next Day Trip to the *Titanic 100th Year Artifact Exhibition* at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences in Raleigh! On its maiden voyage 100 years ago, the RMS Titanic sank in the North Atlantic on April 15, 1912, after colliding with an iceberg. This exhibit tells the story of that event through objects recovered from the ship's remains on the ocean floor. Our Day Trip price will include admission to this phenomenal exhibit, lunch and carpool transportation. Details will be sent in an email to membership as soon as final plans are confirmed.



Education Programs

Thanks to the New Bern Civil War Round Table Ed Bearss will return for the seventh year on **Sunday, January 13** at 2 p.m.

His topic is *Turning of the Tide: Gettysburg and Vicksburg*. The presenta-



Ed Bearss

tion will be held at Christ Church Ministry Center on Middle Street in the historic downtown district. Ed's programs in New Bern have raised nearly \$11,000 for the battlefield and we truly appreciate his dedication to history. A requested donation of \$10 per person will go directly to the care and upkeep of the New Bern Civil War Battlefield.

Our **Wednesday February 6 Lunch & Learn** features **Randall Jones** of Winston-Salem with his delightful program entitled *Scoundrels, Rogues and Heroes of the Old North State*. Randall comes to us



Randall Jones

through a grant from the NC Humanities Council.

Lunch and Learn programs are held at The Chelsea Restaurant; our price includes presentation and lunch. Prepaid reservations only. Contact the Historical Society office for reservations, 252-638-8558.



Stop by our office to do some of your holiday shopping! Books make great holiday gifts!

We have *A Templar's Journey* by Chip Chagnon and books by Kevin Duffus for sale. Both authors were recently featured in Historical Society programs.

