

# Historically Speaking...

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER  
NEW BERN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Summer, 2013



**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:**  
**JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST,**  
**MON.-THURS., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.;**  
**FRI., 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**

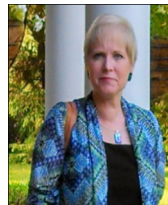
**The month of June is  
MEMBERSHIP  
RENEWAL MONTH!**

**Renewal information  
arrived in your mailbox  
the end of May.  
Renewing your member-  
ship is so important; we  
could not exist without  
your membership sup-  
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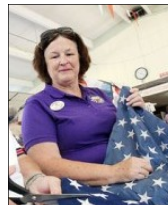
**Thank you if you have  
already renewed!**

## Spotlight on Amazing Volunteers

Spring is a very busy time of the year for the Historical Society. Without the help of our talented volunteers, it would be impossible to present our Spring calendar. Four of these volunteers are responsible for overseeing three Spring events. They are: **Kathy Morrison**, Legends in Concert; **Cheryl Lawrence** and **Gerri Olvaney**, the ABC Sale; and **Patti Urick**, Spring Historic Homes and Garden Tour. Although there are many other volunteers who contribute toward the success of these events, these four women dedicate much of the year to their particular vent. Once the talent has been contracted for 'Legends in Concert' Kathy and her team begin the promotion process. Then as the



Kathy Morrison



Cheryl Lawrence

concert approaches, all of the logistics are carefully thought through so that every-



Gerri Olvaney

thing runs seamlessly the day of the event. Cheryl and Gerri oversee all aspects of the ABC Sale. They are an effective team as Cheryl organizes the volunteers and department chairs,

and Gerri organizes the supplies and logistics of the sale. As Chair of the Homes Tour, Patti works with her steering committee to make sure that a wonderful selection of homes and gardens are secured for the public to tour. From promotion, to volunteers, café, and bake sale, Patti and the Homes Tour steering committee make sure that every aspect of the tour goes well. Each of these four women work tirelessly and with incredible professionalism. The Historical Society is grateful for their dedication!!!



Patti Urick

Coming in October!...

### Ghostwalk

October 24-26, 2013  
New Bern, North Carolina



The Real House-

Haunted Wives

Title Sponsor: Chesnut, Clemons & Pearce, Two Tall Attorneys

### How does our historical Garden grow?...

With the support of very generous volunteers who regularly plant, trim, weed, do yard maintenance and whatever is needed to make and keep our landscaped grounds beautiful. **Annette Hunt** thanks her loyal garden crew: Flo Beijer, Jane Ferree, Marge Foskit, Joe Hunt, Pat Johnston, Egon Lippert, Genevieve Moeckel, Donna Rhein and Dottie Webb who volunteer in our garden on a regular basis during all four seasons. We are so appreciative of their time and talents! **Dick Van Neil** organized a March 'workday' and rounded up many volunteers including: Nat Baggett, Flo Beijer, Jane Ferree, Marge Foskit, Annette Hunt, Joe Hunt, Jim Hodges, Pat Johnston, Egon Lippert, Nelson McDaniel, Pete Meyer, Donna Rhein, Dottie Webb, and Lisa Wimpheimer.



Summer arrives at the Historical Society Grounds and Gardens.

***The Power of Pride by Jim Hodges, Curator, New Bern Historical Society***

The mission of the New Bern Historical Society is to celebrate and promote New Bern and its heritage through events and education. The message is simply and skillfully crafted to define our organization's purpose and its benefits in the community. Since the Society's inception in 1923, there has been a tireless determination by countless devoted individuals to succeed with this mission through the most difficult times. The ingredients for this success are leadership, passion, and pride. Through exceptional leadership and hard work, the Historical Society enjoys a positive image in the community that generates interest and participation. There is yet another ingredient, undoubtedly the most important part of the Historical Society's success, and that is its membership and faithful volunteers. People from all parts of the globe and all walks of life, for whatever reason, relocate to

New Bern. They embrace the town with its charm and history and enjoy the spirit of community. They recognize the value of a town where it is not offensive to share a smile and a friendly hello to a stranger. The Tryon Palace and Gardens, North Carolina History Center, New Bern Preservation Foundation are all active organizations among many others, including the Historical Society, that invite anyone who calls New Bern home to join and become involved. The New Bern Historical Society hosts a variety of programs and events in support of our mission that encourage member and community participation. They include Legends in Concert, Ghostwalk, Spring Historic Homes and Garden Tour (co-hosted with NBPF), Civil War Adventure Day at the New Bern Battlefield, the annual Holiday 'Friendraiser', the annual Membership Meeting and Banquet, 'Lunch and Learn' programs

and many other educational lectures. Society members are recognized and their efforts in making these programs and events a reality are greatly appreciated. The message is to encourage others to be aware of, join, and participate in the Historical Society as well as the many other worthy organizations in our community. Take great pride in calling New Bern home.



Passing the torch—former Curator Nancy Richards and current Curator Jim Hodges



*Thank you and farewell to our outgoing Board Members First Vice-President Dell Ipock, Betty Paramore, and Curator Nancy Richards. All three have been great assets to the Historical Society and will be greatly missed members of the Board of Directors. We wish them all the best in their new endeavors.*

***At our Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet, the 2013 Awards were presented to these outstanding volunteers...***



Executive Director's Award: **Susan Cook and Bernard George**



President's Award: **Nancy Richards**



Extended Service Award: **Ken McCotter**



Lifetime of Service Award: **Dell Ipock**



Education Award: **June Dunleavy**



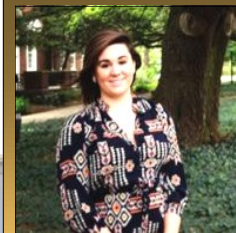
Battlefield Award: **Steve Shaffer**



Newcomer's Award: **Mickey Miller**

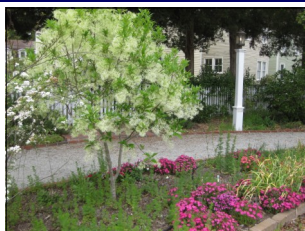


Ambassadorship Award: **Jan Beijer and Betty Evans**



Harriett Marks Scholarship winner: **Kayla Toler**

## Historical Society President's Message



Summer is approaching and the garden at the Attmore-Oliver House is a glorious reflection of the late spring. While programming activity slows somewhat in this season, the work goes on. There are many preparations for the intense fall activities. We are also implementing new soft-

ware to better serve the needs of the Society and the members. In addition, thanks to generous donations of time and labor, much work continues at the campus and the Battlefield. The last stages of the exterior painting of the Attmore-Oliver House are being completed. Volunteers are beginning a trail extension at the Battlefield, a new storage facility has been completed and a Gator vehicle purchased. I am always grateful for the support, both in time and funding, that makes all these

good things happen. Enjoy the summer in this land of enchanting waters, and know that we never take your generosity for granted.



*Nelson McDaniel*

President, Board of Directors  
New Bern Historical Society

Congratulations to our **Harriett Marks Scholar, Thomas Bodo, 2013 graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill!**

Our current **Marks Scholars** will be back on campus for the 2013-2014 academic year: UNC-Wilmington freshman **Kayla Toler**, UNC-Charlotte sophomore **Caitlyn Bodo**, Appalachian State University junior **Katherine Barlow** and Barton College senior **Holly Lafond**. The Historical Society is proud of its relationship with these outstanding students through the Harriett Marks Scholarship.

## Title Sponsor Ghostwalk 2012

**Chesnutt, Clemmons & Peacock-Your Trial Attorneys**

**Robert M. Chiles, P.E.,  
Engineers & Consultants**

**Morgan's Tavern & Grill**

**Ward and Smith, P.A.**

**BB&T**

**BridgePointe Hotel  
& Marina**

**Coastal Pediatric Dentistry**

**East Carolina Bank**

**Ghosts of New Bern  
Historic Downtown Residents Association  
William L. Hand, III, D.D.S.**

**J. M. Hodges, Jr. D.D.S.**

**Klnetlco Water Systems**

**Maola Milk and Ice Cream  
Co.**

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D.M.D.,P.L.L.C.**

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**New Bern Sun Journal  
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**Public Radio East  
RiverTowne Repertory  
Players  
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**The Chelsea Restaurant  
The Insurance Center  
Todd Rankin, D.D.S., P.A.  
Trader Construction Co.  
Wells Fargo Bank  
Weyerhaeuser**

The Historical Society gratefully acknowledges MORGAN'S TAVERN & GRILL for their generous fundraiser during Ghostwalk 2012!

### New Bern Historical Society Board of Directors

#### 2012-2013 Officers

Nelson McDaniel, President  
Dell Ipock, First Vice-President  
Mary Bullock, Second Vice-President  
Nancy Chiles, Secretary  
John Robert Mattocks, Treasurer  
Jon Miller, Battlefield Adjutant  
John Leys, Historian  
Nancy Richards, Curator

#### 2012-2013 Directors

Natalie Baggett  
Carol Becton  
Susan Cook  
Bernard George  
Linda Simmons Henry  
Jim Hodges  
Joe Hunt  
Egon Lippert  
Ken McCotter  
Mark Mangum  
Susan Moffat-Thomas  
Kathy Morrison  
Karen Norman  
Bettye Paramore  
Patti Urick

#### Administrative Staff

Lynne Harakal—Executive Director  
Pat Traynor—Assistant to the Director  
June Dunleavy—Admin. Assistant

(newsletter photo credits: Thank you to Jan Beijer, Annette Hunt, Joe Hunt, Jon Miller, Jim Morrison, Gerri Olvaney, Steve Shaffer and Bedelia Von Paulhus)

We appreciate the support Community Theatre gives to the Historical Society

**New Bern Civic Theatre :** For program information, 252-634-9057.

[www.newberncivictheatre.org](http://www.newberncivictheatre.org),

**RiverTowne Repertory Players :** For program information, 252-634-7877,

[www.rivertowneplayers.com](http://www.rivertowneplayers.com).

**Athens of the South Productions:** For program information, 252-229-4977,

[www.athensmysterydinners.yolasite.com](http://www.athensmysterydinners.yolasite.com)

**Ratio Theatre Company:** For program information, 252-626-0358.

[www.ratiotheatre.org](http://www.ratiotheatre.org).



A new season of **LUNCH AND LEARN** programs will unfold starting in September! Volunteer Mary McLeod will coordinate **LUNCH AND LEARN** educational programs beginning this Fall! Details of speakers and dates are still in the planning process. We will let our members know those details as soon as they are available!



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**CALENDAR**

- Thurs., July 4-Fri., July 5, Fourth of July holidays (*office closed*)
- Thurs., Aug. 8, Ghostwalk 'ghost' auditions
- Mon., Sept. 2, Labor Day holiday (*office closed*)
- **COMING SOON in SEPTEMBER: our next LUNCH AND LEARN. Details TBA!**
- Thurs., Fri., Sat.,/Oct. 24, 25, 26 Ghostwalk 2013

**Coming October 24, 25, 26!**

*Ghostwalk 2013*

**The Real *Haunted* Housewives of New Bern**

(Auditions for 'actors/ghosts' will be held Thursday, August 8, 7 p.m. at the Attmore Oliver House. Please contact the Historical Society if you are interested in auditioning.)

**News from our Civil War Battlefield Park**



Historical Society President Nelson McDaniel and Battlefield Adjutant Jon Miller thank Noon Rotary President Debbie Taggart for Rotary's generous donation to our Battlefield .



Nelson McDaniel roasts hot dogs for our guests from Carolina East Medical Center, following their tour of the Battlefield.



Battlefield Clean-up Day volunteers pause for a well-deserved break!! Thank you to EVERYONE who helped!!!



*Summer Reading available from our Book Store*



Gertrude Carroway, *Crown of Life*

David Cecelski, *The Fire of Freedom: Abraham Galloway and the Slaves Civil War* (autographed copies still available)

W. R. Chagnon, *A Templar's Journey*

Karen Dodd, *Spirit of Union Point; Bear with Me, Dear; Dead Beat at the Palace*

Kevin Duffus, *Shipwrecks of the Outer Banks; The Lost Light*

Edward Barnes Ellis, Jr., *In This Small Place*

Bill Hand, *A Walking Guide to North Carolina's Historic New Bern; Remembering Craven County, Tales of Tarheel History*

Walter Henderson, *Crazy Dream Horse; Death by Suicidal Means*

Tom Lewis, *Sunday's Child*

New Bern Historical Society, *Ghost Stories of New Bern*

Ellen Von Zan Muehlen, *In God's Hands*

Richard Sauers, William Gorges, *The Battle of New Bern and Related Sites in Craven County, 1861-1865*

Flora Ann Searce, *Cotton Mill Girl*