

Historically Speaking...

Quarterly Newsletter

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UNDER THE STREETLAMP performs Monday, February 16, 2015! Historical Society *Legends in Concert Series*



PBS Favorites to appear at New Bern Riverfront Convention Center!

The New Bern Historical Society is bringing **Under the Streetlamp** on their nationwide tour to New Bern February 16, 2015. This Presidents'

Day Monday, the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center will rock with the sounds of the Four Seasons, Beach Boys, Temptations, Beatles, and more.

Under the Streetlamp is a dynamic foursome of recent lead cast members from the Tony Award-winning *Jersey Boys*. PBS favorites, **Under the Streetlamp** will deliver an electrifying performance, bringing their unique blend of tight harmonies and slick dance moves to classic Rock 'n' Roll, Doo-Wop, and Motown hits.

General admission open seating tickets are \$38 (sales tax included)

and \$35 (sales tax included) for active duty military and their dependents. Sponsor tickets are also available. Tickets are selling fast. Purchase your tickets today at the New Bern Historical Society office, 511 Broad Street, online at www.NewBernHistorical.org, or by calling 252-638-8558.



Concert tickets make a great Valentine's Day gift!

All proceeds from the concert go to support the Historical Society's ongoing educational programs, the New Bern Battlefield Park, and the Attmore-Oliver House and Garden.



Leading Civil War Historian
Ed Bearss

Presentation:

President Lincoln and His Cabinet

Sunday, January 11, 2015 at 2 p.m.
NC History Center, Cullman Performance Hall
Donation \$10 for Battlefield
Reservations made by contacting
New Bern Historical Society 638-8558

Presented by
New Bern Civil War Roundtable
and **new bern historical society**

Spring Historic Homes and Garden Tour

April 10-11, 2015 10 a.m.—4 p.m.

Presented by

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www.newbernhistorical.org 252-638-8558

and

New Bern Preservation Foundation

www.newbernpf.org 252-633-6448

Member advance tickets, \$14

Non-member advance tickets, \$16

Volunteer tickets, \$10

Day of Tour tickets, \$20

Curator's Corner...by Jim Hodges



Observations and Reflections

I always look forward to Tuesday mornings at ten o'clock at the Attmore-Oliver House. Three retired bright faces assemble in the upstairs office to invest two hours of their busy lives in the pursuit of historical discovery. This is the Curator Team! No special capes, hats, t-shirts, nor tattoos to set them apart from 'ordinary folks;' but make no mistake — Betty Evans, Jane Dagnon and Jan (Yahn, not Yawn) Beijer are not 'ordinary folks.' They bring to the table many years of professional and business expertise including, teaching, organizational skills, computer sophistication and know-how, and good old-fashioned common sense and curiosity — all with the spirit and intention of helping the curatorial department and making the New Bern Historical Society better. From time to time when the team is together, they will hear me loudly exclaim: 'Holy Shmoly!.' Immediately their attention peaks because they know that we have rediscovered another historically significant New Bern treasure. Their dedication and enthusiastic service are recognized and greatly appreciated. The spirit of team is alive and well in the Curator's office.

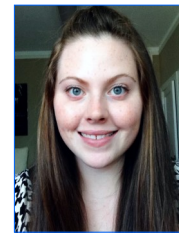


(left to right) Jim Hodges, Jan Beijer, Betty Evans and Jane Dagnon

Our Summer Intern

The highlight of this past summer has been the special assistance provided by our intern. Charlene Harvell, a New Bern resident and senior at Meredith College in Raleigh, joined us for two months, working fifteen hours per week. Charlene is planning a career in museum management. My assessment of her work performance is that she was exceptional — always punctual, computer savvy, very diligent, enthusiastic and goal-oriented. The following is what this young woman accomplished during her summer internship:

- Board Minutes from 1923 onwards have been identified and scanned
- All 40 issues of the Historical Society Journal have been scanned
- All 8"x10" photographs have been accessioned, organized and scanned
- All bound documents including essays, letters, articles, etc., have been accessioned, organized and scanned
- The photographs and maps for the Battlefield's interpretive panels have been sourced.



Charlene Harvell

I am extremely appreciative of all her efforts. Well done, Charlene!

Volunteers

The New Bern Historical Society has enjoyed credibility and community wide recognition and respect since its inception in 1923. Our mission is to celebrate and promote New Bern and its heritage through events and education. This is accomplished by energetic visionary leadership, an actively involved Board of Directors, professional administrative support and a faithful volunteer membership base. Even individuals who are not Historical Society members step to the plate and volunteer for a variety of events both large and small. That is so impressive and makes me very proud to be a member of the New Bern Historical Society.

Battlefield Park News ...by Jon Miller, Battlefield Adju-



The New Bern Battlefield Park has been a busy place the last couple of months. Visitor numbers continue to rise and early in December we gave a tour to over 120 Marines during the same visit, using four volunteer Battlefield guides. In order to help us gather raw data on visits to the Battlefield Park, the New Bern Police Department has installed a vehicle counter.



We have completed the first of two bridges over wetlands leading to Redans 5 and 6. This is due primarily to the steadfast work done by volunteer Battlefield guide Pete Meyer and an outstanding team of Boy Scouts. Pete and other volunteer Battlefield guides have worked countless hours in the cold and muck, to ensure the bridges meet permit requirements. The support structure for the second bridge has been put in place and we hope to have that second bridge completed by the end of January.

The Battlefield guides welcomed a new volunteer, Hugh Montgomery. Hugh has already gotten his boots muddy in building bridges and helping with tours. We appreciate his help! We can always use more volunteers. If you'd like to help at the Battlefield, please contact me at 252-626-1362.

Civil War Adventure Day for Children



The popular Civil War Adventure Day for children is Saturday, March 14, 2015 at the New Bern Battlefield Park. It is held annually in March to commemorate the Battle of New Bern which occurred March 14, 1862. The event is for children 6 -12 years old. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. with activities from 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Young recruits and their parents will be greeted by re-enactors. An encampment with expanded living history presentations will also be set up at the battlefield. Historical Society battlefield guides will provide an informative and entertaining walking tour of the battlefield. A commissary lunch is included. After lunch, the day's activities will conclude with a battle re-enactment that includes the children. In order to make this activity accessible to as many families as possible, our Board set the reservation fee to \$20 for one child and one adult. Each additional child in a family is \$5 and each additional adult in the family is \$10. Registration is limited to 80 children. For more information or tickets: New Bern Historical Society - 252.638.8558 - www.newbernhistorical.org

Historical Society President's Message

The year 2013 has been remarkable for the New Bern Historical Society. In



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Lunch & Learn... Wednesday, February 11, 2015



Our **Wednesday, February 11, Lunch and Learn presenter will be Ethel Staten, speaking on *Dryborough: Past, Present and Future***. Featured in the presentation will be an historical exhibit. Mrs. Staten is a retired educator and native New Bernian who grew up in Dryborough. She is founder and president of the Historic Dryborough Neighborhood Association, Inc.



Ethel Staten

Lunch and Learn programs are held at 11:30 a.m. at The Chelsea Restaurant in the downtown historical district. All reservations must be prepaid. \$16 for members; \$18 for non-members. Space is limited; telephone the Historical Society office 638-8558 soon to make your reservation!

When you make your prepaid reservation with the New Bern Historical Society office, please choose from these two entrée choices :

Beef Tenderloin

Beef tenderloin shoulder with marsala sauce, rosemary roasted potatoes with seasonal vegetables

Baked Haddock

Baked haddock with lemon-dill sauce, rice pilaf and seasonal vegetables

(Dates to Save for future Lunch and Learn programs: Thursday, March 12 and Wednesday, May 13)

SAVE THE DATES!

ABC Sale to be held on Saturday, March 7



This year's A (attic) B (basement) C (closet) Sale will be held Saturday, March 7, 7:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m., rain or shine. The Sale is located at the Knights of Columbus Building, 1125 Pine Tree Drive. For our newer members, the ABC Sale is a large indoor yard sale where practical, unique, and quality items can be purchased. These items have been donated to the Historical Society for resale by members and non-members alike. This year the donations have been pouring in so we expect a larger than usual sale.

While the Historical Society prepares all year for our annual ABC Sale, the three days preceding the Sale are particularly activity filled. Co-chairs, Cheryl Lawrence and Gerri Olvaney, are looking for volunteers to help with set-up. Set-up is a great time to meet others, so please consider donating a few hours and join the fun! In addition to our set-up volunteers we are fortunate to have Marines from Cherry Point volunteer their time to help with the heavy lifting.

During the next few months, please take the opportunity to sort through your things, and bring what you are no longer using to our Historical Society office at 511 Broad St. We accept almost everything other than perishables, clothes, mattresses, car seats, and obsolete electronics. If you need help with larger items, call 638-8558 to arrange for a pick up. The ABC Sale is the ultimate in recycling. Your discards become someone else's discovery! (And your donation is tax deductible as allowed by law.)

Volunteers needed ... March 4-6 to prepare ABC items for display !
Please phone 252-638-8558 or email the Historical Society office: adminoffice@newbernhistorical.org if you can help on one of the above dates.



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CALENDAR



- Wed., Dec. 31-Fri., Jan. 2, Office Closed (New Year's Holiday)
- Wed., December 31, December Membership Renewal due
- Sun., Jan. 11, **Ed Bearss Presentation, *President Lincoln and his Cabinet***
- Mon., January 20, Office Closed (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday)
- Wed., Feb 11, **Lunch & Learn, Presenter: Ethel Staten, *Dryborough***
- Mon., Feb. 16, Legends in Concert Series fundraiser: **Under the Streetlamp**
- Sat., Mar. 7, **ABC Sale**
- Thurs., March 12, **Lunch & Learn, Jon Miller, *Battle of New Bern and the Development of Battlefield Park***
- Sat., Mar. 14, **Civil War Adventure Day**
- Fri., Mar. 20, **Harriett Marks Scholarship application deadline**
- Fri-Sat., Apr. 10-11, **Spring Historic Homes and Gardens Tour**
- Sun., April 19, **Volunteer Appreciation Social**
- Thurs., May 7, **Historical Society Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet**
- Wed., May 13, **Lunch & Learn, Lt. Col. (Ret.) Sarah Parker Smith, *Women at West Point***
- June 30, June Membership Renewal due

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