

## “That Historic group”..... Which “Historic Group”?

There are many groups in New Bern that have “history” or “historical” in their names, and they are frequently confused with one another:

**New Bern Historical Society**, is a non-profit organization founded in 1923. Through all of the programs and events described in this brochure, we strive to achieve our mission: *To celebrate and promote New Bern and its heritage through events and education.* We maintain the New Bern Civil War Battlefield within Taberna and the Attmore Oliver House campus at 511 Broad Street. All of our funding is private. **[www.NewBernHistorical.org](http://www.NewBernHistorical.org)**

**New Bern Preservation Foundation** is a non-profit organization. *The Mission of the New Bern Preservation Foundation is to preserve historically significant structures and sites in and around New Bern.* **[www.NewBernPF.org](http://www.NewBernPF.org)**

**Tryon Palace and the North Carolina History Center** is a State Historic site. Its mission is *to engage present and future generations in the history of North Carolina from early settlement and development of statehood through the mid-twentieth century by collecting, interpreting and preserving objects, buildings, landscapes and events that enrich understanding of the making of our state and nation.* **[www.TryonPalace.org](http://www.TryonPalace.org)**

**City of New Bern Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)** is an arm of the city government. This appointed Commission reviews building plans to insure that renovations in historic areas are carried out in accordance with city ordinances and their Historic District Guidelines. **[www.newbern-nc.org](http://www.newbern-nc.org)**

## History

In 1923, Judge R. A. Nunn and other Craven County citizens founded the New Bern Historical Society Foundation, Inc. Membership has grown to approximately 800 with over 400 volunteers contributing to projects, programs and events throughout the year.

**The Historical Society is a non-profit membership organization with an IRS 501 (c) 3 tax-exempt classification.**

**Enjoy any or ALL of our activities. Volunteer!  
Become an Historical Society Member!**

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- ☐ \$10 Student (25 years & under, full time)
- ☐ \$35 Individual
- ☐ \$60 Family
- ☐ \$100+ Friend
- ☐ \$150+ Patron or Business Member
- ☐ \$250+ Benefactor
- ☐ \$500+ Society Leader
- ☐ \$1000 Cornerstone

### Payment Method

- ☐ Personal Check

To pay by credit card, call our office or visit our website

### Volunteer opportunities for all talents and interests:

- \_\_\_ Annual fundraising special events
- \_\_\_ Acting
- \_\_\_ Children's Programs
- \_\_\_ New Bern Battlefield Park activities
- \_\_\_ Educational Programs committee
- \_\_\_ Gardens and Grounds landscape and maintenance
- \_\_\_ Grant writing
- \_\_\_ Membership committee
- \_\_\_ Office assistance
- \_\_\_ Publicity
- \_\_\_ Property maintenance
- \_\_\_ Volunteer coordinator

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*“We bring history to life....”*



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## Ghostwalk

- Encounter spirits from New Bern's past in Historic District sites.
- Explore Cedar Grove Cemetery and its ghosts at night.
- Entertaining shows in downtown historic theatres.
- Annual self-guided ticketed event in late October.



## Spring Historic Homes & Gardens Tour

- Annual self-guided ticketed tour of New Bern's finest homes and gardens held in April.
- Master gardeners are available to answer garden questions.
- Be sure to try our delicious homemade bagged lunches and baked goods!
- Co-sponsored by the New Bern Historical Society and New Bern Preservation Foundation.



## Civil War Battlefield

March 14, 1862, 11,000 Union troops led by General Ambrose Burnside and 13 gunboats led by Commodore Stephen Rowan, battled 4500 inexperienced, ill-equipped Confederate troops commanded by General Lawrence O'Bryan Branch to control the strategic town of New Bern, NC.

- The battlefield has been unmarked by development/agriculture, and remains remain as they were 150 years ago.
- Few Civil War battle sites are so untouched since their battle day.
- Walk in the footsteps of the young soldiers who fought that fateful day.
- The battlefield is south of the city along US 70 East, at the entrance to the Taberna sub-division.
- The park is open 7:30am – 5:00pm, 7 days a week.
- Take your picnic lunch to the Visitor Center covered pavilion.
- The self-guided tour is free.
- Private guided tours can be arranged by calling the Historical Society Office in advance.



## Civil War Adventure Day

- Annual ticketed children's event held in March.
- Registration available for 80 children, ages 6-12, and an adult family member.
- Commissary lunch provided.
- 'Young recruits' are assigned to a company, issued gear, and participate in drills, camp activities and a battle reenactment or can make crafts and cook.
- Civil War re-enactors interact with recruits in a living history encampment.



## Programs

- Ed Bearss Civil War Lecture, in January, a ticketed program.
- Dr. Richard K. Lore Annual Lecture held each Fall, free to the public.
- Lunch and Learn, a ticketed program held 5 times a year. Join members and friends at The Chelsea Restaurant for lunch and an educational, entertaining presentation.



## ABC\* Sale \*Attic, Basement, Closet

Value minded shoppers await the ABC sale—a huge indoor yard sale held each Spring. Treasures include collectables, pictures, furniture, kitchen-ware, hardware, toys, jewelry, books, linens, silver, seasonal decorations, sports equipment, electronics, brass, dishes, antiques and more. We accept donations year 'round.

## Legends in Concert! Annual Fundraiser

2013 brought the world famous Vienna Boys Choir, 2011 brought Grammy and Country Music Award winner Kathy Mattea to New Bern! And in 2015 PBS favorites Under the Streetlamp came to New Bern.

Our inaugural concert, in 2010, was Livingston Taylor, great, great, great grandson of New Bernian Isaac Taylor (AND brother of James).

Check our website for information about upcoming concerts! This major fundraiser, in support of our educational programs, is an annual ticketed event!

