



Historical News

New Bern Historical Society

Winter, 2010

As of January 1, New Bern Historical Society is transitioning office email addresses. Please use our NEW email addresses:

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SAVE THE DATE!

**Spring Homes and Gardens
Tour**

Friday-Saturday, April 9-10

Details available soon!

Thank you to Hearne's Fine Jewelry and to those who shopped with us at Hearne's during our November and December fundraisers. We are very grateful to all!

Livingston Taylor in Concert January 31! Tickets on Sale Now!

The New Bern Historical Society is kicking off New Bern's 300th anniversary by presenting LIVINGSTON TAYLOR IN CONCERT at the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center, Sunday, January 31, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

Livingston Taylor, brother of James Taylor and great-great-great grandson of New Bern's own Isaac Taylor, is an extremely diverse musician. As a singer-songwriter he is sure to "WOW" New Bern with his top forty hits "I Will Be in Love with You" and "I'll Come Running". He also wrote Top Forty hits for James Taylor including "Boatman", "I Can Dream of You" and "Going Round One More Time". His relaxed on-stage presence belies the depth of his musical knowledge which allows him to be equally at

home performing pop, folk, bluegrass, gospel or jazz.



Livingston peppers his shows with personal stories and anecdotes and connects to audiences with his infectious warmth. He

is described as a must-see in concert, a man who knows how to entertain and one of the most consistently tasteful and intelligent of songsmiths. His musical career has spanned forty years during which he toured with legends such as Jimmy Buffet, Fleetwood Mac, Linda Ronstadt and Jethro Tull. Well-liked and respected, he

continues to inspire other great musicians to record and perform with him and visit his students at Berklee College of Music in Boston where he is a full professor. He recently released his latest CD, *Last Alaska Moon*.



Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased by calling the Historical Society office at 252-638-8558 or through PayPal online www.newbernhistorical.org. Tickets will also be sold at the following outlets: Harris Teeter; Mitchell Hardware; ITT Cherry Point; Dee Gee's Gifts in Morehead City; ASAP Camera in Greenville; and the Beaufort Historic Site in Beaufort.

Civil War Historian Ed Bearss Returns for the 4th Year



Ed Bearss, Civil War Historian

Renowned historian and battlefield guide, Ed Bearss is returning January 17, 2010 to present another fascinating program, *Lee and Grant: A Comparative Analysis*. The lecture, held at the Masonic Theater, 515 Hancock Street begins at 2:00 pm. There will be a reception immediately following in the Masonic Dining Room.

Ed Bearss was often quoted in the PBS documentary, *The Civil War*, and has received numerous honors and awards for his dedication to educating and

informing Americans about their military heritage. Since his retirement, Ed continues to write books, magazine and newspaper articles, give television and newspaper interviews and guide countless tours of our nation's battlefields. He routinely outpaces young tourists in charging over rough terrain, recreating the color of famous infantry and cavalry attacks. Ed is a strong advocate for the preservation of these battlefield sites, including the New Bern Civil War Battlefield Park.

In his eighties, he tours the country lecturing on Civil War history. Ed has a special place in his heart for New Bern and we are honored to have him visit again.

Lee and Grant: A Comparative Analysis is being sponsored by the New Bern Historical Society and the New Bern Civil War Round Table. Proceeds are given to the New Bern Civil War Battlefield Park for its capital campaign. This is another program you won't want to miss!

\$10 donation for Battlefield Park. Please call the Historical Society office at 252-638-8558 for tickets.



Bernie the Cub Reporter

Hey, kids, put **Saturday, March 27**, our **Civil War Adventure Day** on your calendar! It's for you young folks ages 6-12 at the New Bern Civil War Battlefield Park! We look forward to enjoying the fun and 'living history' with you during Civil War Adventure Day, complete with Civil War re-enactors. Contact the Historical Society office, 638-8558, for more details. Tell your parents and grandparents that Bernie the Bear gives



my highest four paws award to **Civil War Adventure Day!**



Linda Lore donates *Freedom Bearer* to Historical Society

Grant Received from Harold H. Bate Foundation

The New Bern Historical Society recently received a grant from The Harold H. Bate Foundation for the New Bern Civil War Battlefield Park. The grant will be used to pave the parking lot and circular drive around the Visitor Center. The Historical

Society greatly appreciates the generous support that the Bate Foundation provides to battlefield projects as well as our education programs.

(photo courtesy of Steve Shaffer)



Harry Goodman Receives Governor's Volunteer Service Award

The Governor's Volunteer Service Awards honor the true spirit of volunteerism by recognizing individuals, groups and businesses that make a significant contribution to their community through volunteer service. This proud tradition of volunteerism and community service was first recognized by the Office of the Governor in 1979. Since then, each county in North Carolina annually recognizes outstanding volunteers in the categories of individual, youth, senior, group/team and business.

Harry Goodman was honored on two separate occasions, November 16 and 18, as the 2009 Craven County recipient of the Senior Governor's Volunteer Service Award. On November 16 the Craven County Commissioners introduced him as the recipient of this award at their monthly meeting and on November 18 there was a cere-

mony and reception for Craven County Governor's Award recipients at The Flame.

Harry has been a long-time, dedicated volunteer at the New Bern Historical Society. He has volunteered on a daily basis for more than twenty years. He has volunteered in almost every capacity within the Historical Society and currently dedicates the majority of his time to the battlefield. Harry is 87 years young.

(photo courtesy of Rodger Whitney, IMAGES BY RODGER)



There's a New Bear in Town

On December 16, the New Bern Historical Society was the recipient of *Freedom Bearer*. The hand-painted bear, depicting a Revolutionary War officer, was dedicated in a ceremony that morning by the Bear Town Bear Steering Committee. It was a special occasion with our Board Members, volunteers, members, and other friends of the

Historical Society attending.

Linda Lore both sponsored and painted *Freedom Bearer*, which she donated to the Historical Society in honor of her late husband Dick. Past Society Historian, Dick Lore brought New Bern's history to life for so many. Thank you, Linda, for your incredible donation and artistry.



Historical Society and the Bear Town Bears Steering Committee welcome *Freedom Bearer*

We need **volunteers** to help set up for the **ABC Sale** (Attic, Basement, Closet Sale). Set-up is on Wednesday, February 24 through Friday, February 26. We also need volunteers to assist the day of the sale, Saturday, February 27. If you or anyone you know is interested in helping, please call the Historical Society office at 638-8558.

Donations

When storing your Christmas items, please take the opportunity to clear out unwanted clutter in your attic, basement or closet. We will be delighted to take your "stuff" and recycle it through the ABC Sale!!! Remember your 'discard' may be someone else's 'discovery' (and also a tax write-off!) If you need assistance with pickup of items, contact the Historical Society office.



Message From our Historical Society President

The year 2009 has been exciting for the New Bern Historical Society. Though the economic climate has been challenging, the Society has weathered the storm and continued to offer well-received programs and events. This success has been the result of the efforts of so many.

Our December Friendraiser at the Blades House was memora-

ble. Members brought their friends, many of whom joined the Society. We celebrated the season, the many successes of 2009, and toasted our plans and projects for 2010 during New Bern's 300th.

There is much for which to be grateful, and it is a joy to be with friends who appreciate living in this special place, this city of New Bern.

As William Gaston would say, come let your heart "swell with gladness" to be in such a beautiful setting as this historic city.

Nelson McDaniel

President, Board of Directors
New Bern Historical Society



**Thank you to Chesnutt, Clemmons, Peacock & Long, P.A.
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to the New Bern Historical Society.**

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Our New Office Volunteer Coordinator

The Historical Society has an office volunteer coordinator! Long-time volunteer Dick Van Niel has been organizing volunteers to help office staff with a variety of tasks some of which are answering phones, welcoming office visitors, ticket sales, merchandise display and pho-

tocopying. Dick has created a volunteer notebook and has been training new volunteers. When a volunteer is out of town or ill, Dick makes sure that his/her shift is covered.

Lynne, Pat and June truly thank Dick for his invaluable help!

If you would like to be one of our office volunteers to work with us regularly or occasionally, please contact Dick Van Niel at our office, 638-8558, for information.



Dick Van Niel and his wife Marilyn

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The New Bern Historical Society Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of New Bern's heritage. With 501(C)3 status, donations to the Society qualify for maximum tax deductions.

CALENDAR

- Sun., Jan. 17, **Ed Bearss: Lee and Grant: a Comparative Analysis**, Masonic Theater, 2:00 p.m., reception to follow in Masonic Theater dining room, \$10 donation for Battlefield Park, contact Historical Society office for tickets.
- Sun., Jan. 31, **Livingston Taylor in Concert**, New Bern Riverfront Convention Center, 7:30 p.m., contact Historical Society for more information, \$35 ticket.
- Thurs., Feb. 11, **Lunch & Learn, Skip Riddle, Bearing Arms for the King**, Chelsea Restaurant, 11:30 a.m., prepaid reservations through Historical Society office required (must be made by Feb. 9), \$15, members; \$17, non-members.
- Tues., Feb. 23, **Evenings at the Library, Lynn Salsi, The Crystal Coast**, New Bern-Craven County Library, 7:00 p.m., refreshments served, sponsored by NC Humanities Council, Free.
- Sat., Feb. 27, **ABC Sale**, Knights of Columbus Hall, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Tues., March 2, **Day Trippers: Poplar Grove Plantation**, reservations through Historical Society office, \$40.
- Wed., Mar. 10, **Lunch & Learn, Jim White III, The Oldest Living Confederate Soldier**, Chelsea Restaurant, 11:30 a.m., prepaid reservations through Historical Society office required (must be made by Mar. 8), \$15, members; \$17, non-members.
- Sat., March 27, (for ages 6 through 12) **Civil War Adventure Day** with Civil War reenactors, New Bern Civil War Battlefield Park, 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (9:30 a.m. check-in begins), prepaid reservations through Historical Society office required, \$40 first child in family and one adult; second child in family, \$10; second adult, \$10.
- Fri-Sat., Apr. 9-10, **Spring Homes and Gardens Tour**, presented by New Bern Historical Society and New Bern Preservation Foundation, one ticket good for both days.



News on Day Trips!



Day Trippers begins its 2010 season by visiting Poplar Grove Plantation in Wilmington, NC on Tuesday, March 2, 2010!

One of the oldest existing peanut plantations in North Carolina, Poplar Grove Plantation preserves the homestead of a successful farming family, the out-



buildings and crafts typical of an 1800's era working community. Visit their website: www.poplargo.com

Meet in the parking lot of the Roberts House at 8:00 a.m. Individual carpools will decide on their return time as Wilmington has antique shops and other places of interest. \$40 per person which includes plantation tour, lunch and gas stipend for drivers. **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 the day of the trip.**

Contact the Historical Society Office to make your reservation! Plan on a wonderful day in the Wilmington area!

We Had a Great Day Trip November 19!

In November we were off to Bailey, NC to visit The Country Doctor Museum and Finch Pottery, with a stop on our way home for holiday shopping at Carolina Premium Outlets. Both the Country Doctor Museum and Finch Pottery were really intriguing!

We had a very enjoyable tour of the fascinating Country Doctor Museum. At Finch Pottery, Dan Finch guided us through pottery rooms, demonstrated techniques for 'throwing pots' and even invited us to lunch with his workshop students.



Jo Lynne Allen, Carolyn Latham and Lynne Harakal visit Finch Pottery.



Dan Finch demonstrates his artistry at the potter's wheel.

In the next issue of our newsletter: **Spring Homes and Gardens Tour, New Bern Bear's Birthday Party, First Annual Volunteer Appreciation Party, Remembering the War Years Weekend, Lunch & Learn programs, Historical Society Annual Membership Meeting Banquet and lots more!**