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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

new bern historical society

Spring 2013



Vienna Boys Choir

SOLD OUT!

Concert

Sunday, March 3, 2013

3 p.m.

Doors open for seating at
2:15 p.m.

check our website for up-
dated parking information

a fundraiser presented by
new bern
historical society



ABC Sale on Saturday, March 2



The New Bern Historical Society's 23rd annual **ABC (Attic-Basement-Closet) Yard Sale** is **Saturday, March 2, 2013, 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.**, at the Knights of Columbus Building, 1125 Pinetree Drive, New Bern.

Dedicated volunteers make this favorite event possible, including Historical Society



Co-chairs Gerri Olvaney and Cheryl Lawrence

members, Marines from Cherry Point and New Bern High School Interact students. In particular, Cheryl Lawrence and Gerri Olvaney, co-chairs, spend countless hours organizing every detail

of the sale. Volunteers spend the week prior to the sale setting up merchandise. As the doors open at 7:30 a.m. value-spotting shoppers are greeted by one of the largest yard sales in Eastern NC.

Items available include antiques, collectables, pictures, furniture, kitchenware, hardware, toys, jewelry, books, linens, silver, seasonal decorations, sporting equipment, electronics, brass, dishes, and much more. Be there early for the best selection! Admission is free.

Collection for the sale is ongoing through the year. To donate items or to volunteer call 638-8558, or e-mail adminoffice@newbernhistorical.org Please bring your donated items to the Historical Society office. If

needing help with larger items, please call the office to make arrangements.

Proceeds from the ABC Sale benefit the educational programs of the New Bern Historical Society. The Historical Society is a non-profit organization with a 501 (c) 3 status, donations qualify as tax deductions to the extent allowed by law.

Volunteers Tom Schaible and Joe Corby help transport ABC Sale items



2013 Spring Historic Homes & Gardens Tour

On **April 12 and 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**, homeowners will open their doors so the public can visit some of the most beautiful and interesting homes in New Bern's historic district. The **2013 Spring Historic Homes & Gardens Tour** will provide a behind-the-scenes look at 13 homes and gardens that are important to our town's past and present. Patrons will tour the living quarters of 11 of these homes, learning about the original architecture, renovations, and furnishings. This year there will be a number of artists creating and displaying their work, and musicians performing in many of the gardens. In addition to homes and gardens, historic buildings that house a church or synagogue will be open for tours. Included in the ticket price is a reception at Carolina Creations, 317 Pollock Street, Friday, April 12 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Among the gardens in the Tour is the Tryon Palace garden, which should be in full bloom. The Palace garden will be open and free to the public days of Tour as well as Sunday, April 14. Their Annual Heritage Plant Sale will also be held on the Palace grounds during the Tour. That weekend, Spring Homes Tour ticket holders have the opportunity to purchase a discounted Tryon Palace One-Day Pass (\$15 for adults, \$6 for students) when a Spring Historic Homes & Gardens Tour ticket is presented at the NC History Center ticket desk. The One-Day Pass includes admission to the Governor's Palace, historic homes, and museum galleries.



Painting by Janet Francoeur

Purchase a special Bag Lunch to enjoy in a quaint porch setting at the **Blades' Veranda Café** on the corner of Middle and Johnson Streets. Bag Lunches are a \$7 donation and include a sandwich, beverage and cookie. Coffee, tea, and delicious homemade baked goods will be available throughout the day across the street from the cafe at the **Peterson's Porch**. (continued on page 2)

Harriett Marks Scholarship

The **Harriett Marks Scholarship** was established in 1968 under the terms of the will of Miss Harriett Marks as a memorial to the O. Marks family. The Scholarship is awarded based on both scholarship and need. The Trust which funds this Scholarship designates that it be awarded to a senior graduating from New Bern High School and that the scholarship contribute to the tuition, board or lodging for the purpose of obtaining higher education at an accredited college, university or other institution of higher learning. It is a one year scholarship (renewable for the next three years based on academic standing) and is presented at our Annual Membership Meeting in May.

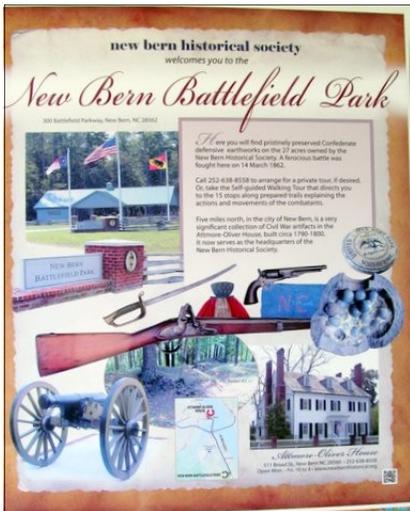
The Historical Society is proud of the academic records of our scholarship recipients, and we look forward to providing scholarships to other students who will maintain this tradition. Interested graduating New Bern High School seniors can access the application through the New Bern High School website or by contacting the Historical Society for an application. **Completed applications must be submitted to the New Bern Historical Society by Friday, March 15, 2013.**

If you know a New Bern High School graduating senior, please tell them about the Harriett Marks Scholarship and encourage them to apply!



Caitlyn Bodo
2012 Marks Scholarship winner

News from New Bern Civil War Battlefield Park



Our new poster at Battlefield Park was created by graphics designer Cathy Montague. We are grateful for her many volunteer hours with Battlefield Park projects.



The New Bern Historical Society would like to thank Linda Lore for her continuing support of our battlefield. Most recently she generously donated funding for a model redan that will be used to help educate the public. Her gift was made in honor of her late husband, Historical Society Historian Dr. Richard K. Lore.

Please pardon our printing error in a previous newsletter issue. Redan sod for the battlefield was contributed by Warren and Linda Williams and Williams Sod Farm on Old Cherry Point Road. We are very thankful for their generosity and support.

2013 Spring Historic Homes & Gardens Tour (continued from page 1)



\$13 tickets will be mailed in March to members of the New Bern Historical Society and New Bern Preservation Foundation. General public advance tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the New Bern Historical Society, New Bern Preservation Foundation, Carolina Creations, Harris Teeter of New Bern, Mitchell Hardware, and New Bern Riverfront Convention Center. For credit card orders, call 252-638-8558 or use PayPal at www.newbernhistorical.org. Tickets are \$20 days of tour. Active duty military and dependents with ID may purchase tickets for \$13 at all times. The Spring Historic Homes & Gardens Tour is a collaborative event presented by the New Bern Historical Society and the New Bern Preservation Foundation. All proceeds of the tour are used to fund revitalization and educational projects of the Preservation Foundation and Historical Society.



Spring Historic Homes & Gardens Tour

David Cecelski Draws Crowd of 400 at St. Peter's AME Zion Church!

On Sunday, February 3, historian David Cecelski was the keynote speaker at St. Peter's AME Zion Church for an event honoring the life of Abraham



David Cecelski

Galloway, former slave and freedom fighter. Also participating in the program: Catherine Bishir, author of an important book on African-American 19th century artisans in New Bern to be launched in 2013; Dr. Reginald Hildebrand, noted author and Associate Professor of African American Studies and History at UNC Chapel Hill; David Perry, Editor-in - Chief UNC Press; Rev. Robert Kelley, of St Peter's AME Zion Church; Nelson McDaniel, President New Bern Historical Society; Bernard George, Board Member New Bern Historical Society; United States Colored Troops re-enactors; and the AME Zion Conference Choir.

Cecelski spent 10 years of meticulous detective work to uncover this story lost to history. He detailed the extraordinary life of this American original in his book, *The Fire of Freedom: Abraham Galloway and the Slaves' Civil War*. This program was part of a University of North Carolina

Press nationwide book launch.

Galloway spent his brief life fighting slavery and injustice, as a leader, Union Army spy, and North Carolina state senator. He was born into slavery, in what is now Southport, in 1837 escaping in 1857 by hiding in the hold of a ship transporting turpentine north.

He traveled wherever needed including New Bern to advance freedom and justice. While in New Bern Galloway was instrumental in organizing numerous regiments and recruiting more than 5,000 local soldiers for the United States Colored Troops. In 1864 he organized and led a delegation of African Americans from New Bern and Beaufort to meet with President Lincoln to demand civil rights. He also helped organize and deliver a keynote address at the first national civil rights meeting of African Americans in Syracuse, NY. During and after the war he held many meetings in New Bern at historic Andrew Chapel (St Peters A.M.E. Zion) and elected delegates to national and state conventions.

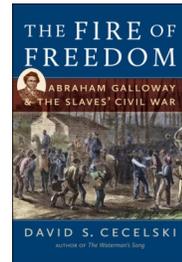


United States Colored Troops re-enactors

Following the war, Galloway was overwhelmingly elected to represent New Hanover and Brunswick counties in the North Carolina sen-

ate by both black and white voters. He died unexpectedly at the age of 33 in Wilmington and his funeral was one of the largest in North Carolina up to that time with more than 6,000 people attending.

For more information on the life of this extraordinary man, purchase Cecelski's book at the Historical Society office. A limited number of signed books are available. Call today to reserve your copy, 638-8558.



The program was hosted by the University of North Carolina Press, New Bern Historical Society, Tryon Palace African-American Programs Advisory Committee, St. Peter's A.M.E. Zion Church, Emancipation Proclamation Celebration Committee and James City Historical Society.



St. Peter's AME Zion Conference Choir



The Bear-y Latest News On Civil War Adventure Day by our 'Cub Reporter'

Well, kids, I'm back from winter hibernation and ready for a grrr-reat and fun-filled spring! I hope to see you **Saturday, March 9** for our **Civil War Adventure Day for kids ages 6-12!**

Cannons and Commissary Chow and yes, endorsed by a bear—oh, my! **Civil War Adventure Day** takes place at the New Bern Civil War Battlefield Park, 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (check-in begins at 10 a.m.).

I'm looking forward to your enjoying the fun and 'living history' during our **Civil War Adventure Day**, complete with Civil War re-enactors from the 5th NC Regiment.

Prepaid reservations through our Historical Society office are required:

- \$40, first child in the family and one adult;
- \$12, second child in family;
- \$12, second adult.

Each child must be accompanied by an adult during the event. Contact the Historical Society office, 638-8558, for more details and to register.

I'm giving my coveted Four Paws Award to **Civil War Adventure Day!**



Your pal,
Bernie the Bear
(‘Cub ‘Reporter)

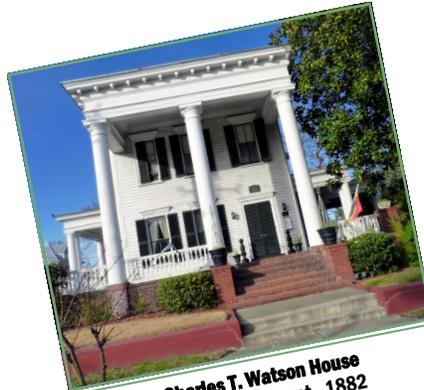


Civil War Adventure Day!
Saturday, March 9

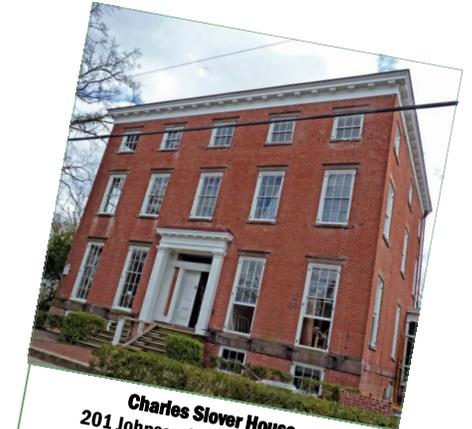


Painting of Jerkins-Richardson House by Janet Francoeur

Spring Historic Homes



Charles T. Watson House
516 Pollock Street, 1882
owner: Dr. Ruth P. Cox



Charles Slover House
201 Johnson Street, 1848-1849
owners: Jim and Anne Schout



Coplon Building
217-B Middle Street, ca. 1912
owners: John and
Michaelé Rose Watson



The Dunn House
211 New Street, 1939
owners: Mel and Joyce Basye
studio and garden only



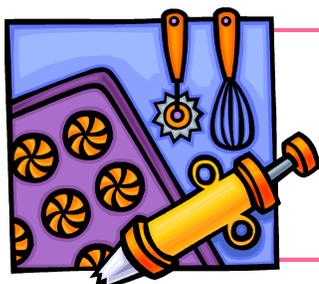
Attmore-Oliver House
511 Broad St., ca. 1790-1800
owner: New Bern Historical Society
Junior Docents



Foy-Munger House
516 Middle St., ca. 1881-1882
owners: Charles and Carolyn Peterson
garden only



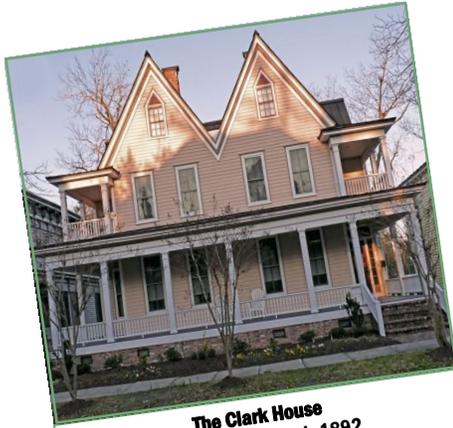
**Attmore-Oliver House
Historical Gardens**
(rear of 511 Broad St.)



Bakers needed!!! If you like to bake, this is a wonderful way to support the New Bern Historical Society and New Bern Preservation Foundation. During the Spring Historic Homes & Gardens Tour we will sell homemade **Baked Goods** at the **Peterson Porch**.

If you can help with baking, please call Karen Monroe, (252) 288-5899. You can also e-mail the Historical Society office: adminoffice@newbernhistorical.org

Gardens Tour



The Clark House
612 E. Front Street, 1892
owners: Jon Jacobs and Betsy Clagett
residents: Steve and Julie Fortunato



Abbott-Rowe House
617 E. Front Street, ca. 1885
owner: Marcia A. Grier



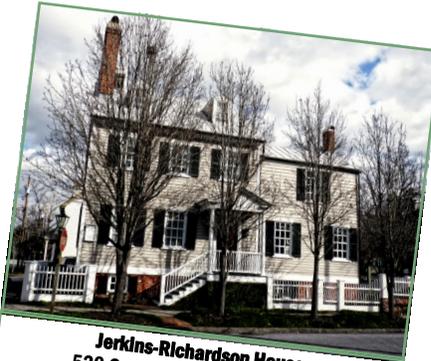
Osgood Cottage
807 Pollock Street, ca. 1820-1830
owner: Pitt Tyrer



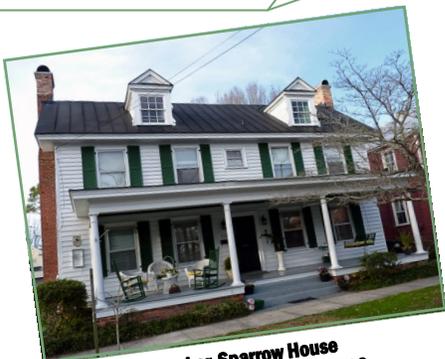
Shipp-Shields House
229 Change Street, 1968
owners: Ryan and Wendy Jones



Joseph L. Rhem House
701 Broad Street, ca. 1855-1860
owners: Don and Liane Crawford
residents: Jerre and Catherine Bennett



Jerkins-Richardson House
520 Craven Street, 1848-1849
owners: Gordon and Alice Ruckart



Harker-Sparrow House
208 Johnson Street, ca. 1780
owners: Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Whedbee Willey, Jr.



Blades' Veranda Café



Peterson's Porch

Relax and enjoy Bag Lunches (\$7) at **The Blades' Veranda Café**, and Baked Goods at the **Peterson's Porch**, both at the corner of Johnson and Middle Streets!
Open 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

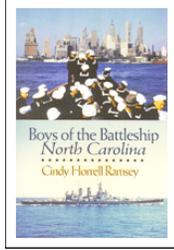
Lunch and Learn: Great Programs

Our last **Lunch and Learn** for this season will be on **Thursday, May 9 at 11:30 a.m.** at the **Chelsea Restaurant**. Entitled **A North Carolina Icon Brought to Life**, these fascinating and varied stories of the Battleship North Carolina will make you laugh, make you cry and make you proud! The speaker, **Cindy Ramsey**, comes to us through the NC Humanities Council.



Cindy Ramsey

It is with gratitude that we are saying goodbye to June Dunleavy as our Education Chairperson. June has held this position for 6 1/2 years and has organized such wonderful programs as Lunch & Learn, the Richard K. Lore Annual Lecture, the Ed Bearss Annual Lecture and children's programs. We can not thank June enough for her contributions. Fortunately, she is not leaving New Bern and will remain on staff as the Historical Society's part-time Administrative Assistant. (As a side note, our education programs will continue in 2013-2014).



Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln

New Bern Historical Society and Tryon Palace present **The Lincoln's: An Intimate Portrait** on **Sunday, March 17, 2:00 p.m.** at **Tryon Palace's Way Station Theatre**, located at the corner of Pollock and George Streets. Join us for a rare opportunity to eavesdrop on the Lincolns as they prepare for their upcoming newspaper interview on the last day of President Lincoln's life, April 14, 1865. Discussing details of their lives, they give insight into themselves as a memorable couple, portrayed by Paul Switzer and Alma Gibbons. Young Tad Lincoln will make an appearance, too.



Paul Switzer and Alma Gibbons

The Lincolns will be escorted by United States Colored Troops re-enactors and introduced by Bernard George. After the program please join the Lincolns for a reception to enjoy refreshments and sample President Lincoln's favorite dessert!

Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$5, for students with ID. Call the Historical Society, 638-8558 for advance tickets as seating is limited. If not sold out, tickets will be available at the door.

Campus 'Crew' of Attmore-Oliver House Maintenance, Garden and Landscape Volunteers



Steve O'Brien, Egon Lippert and Joe Hunt work tirelessly making our Attmore-Oliver House exterior beautiful. Joe Hunt attends courses in historical home restoration through Edgecombe Community College, Tarboro, NC, and shares techniques with our volunteers.



Margie Foskit, Annette Hunt and Dottie Webb recently took a break from gardening projects on our grounds to work on some 'seedy' projects. Here they are putting packages of seeds and seedlings together. Packets will be available for sale in the Historical Society office.



On a regular basis, gardeners extraordinary tender to our Historical Society gardens. Volunteers Annette Hunt, seated with Dottie Webb, and Margie Foskit, Egon Lippert, Melinda Robinson and Pitt Tyer. Not in photo: Jane Feree, Joe Hunt, Pat Johnston and Vieve Moeckel.



Volunteers enjoyed ice cream floats at last year's Social!

We Celebrate Our Volunteers! Appreciation Social, Sunday, April 28!

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the New Bern Historical Society. Without volunteers we would be unable to offer our programs and events to the community.

In thanks, the New Bern Historical Society Board of Directors invites those of you who have donated your time to the Historical Society during our fiscal

year of July 2012 - June 2013 to attend a **Volunteer Appreciation Social**.

The social will be from **2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 28** at the Attmore-Oliver House. If you have donated your time and talents to the Historical Society this year, please RSVP to attend the social by calling the office at

638-8558 or emailing us admin@newbernhistorical.org by Friday, April 19.

Thank you to ALL of our great volunteers!



Historical Society President's Message

The winter months have proven to be a time of great and successful activity for the Society, with programs that have drawn full and overflowing audiences. There is a thirst for history that gives meaning to this place, and we see it every day. While we revere our past, we also believe that our future depends on a thorough and truthful understanding of it.

We are excited that the March 3 performance by the Vienna Boys Choir has sold out, and we know that will be a great day. I

first heard them in Vienna when I was a student, a half century ago. I have heard them many times since, but it will be very special to hear them in New Bern, really a dream.

The Spring Homes Tour, activities at the Battlefield, Lunch and Learn programs, Day Trips and so many other programs are moving forward because of strong interest and support from membership and the community at large. Thanks to you, we are fulfilling our mission.



Nelson McDaniel
President, Board of Directors
New Bern Historical Society

Many **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS** are due June 30. We will be mailing membership renewal information in May. Please look for your renewal in the mail. **Renewing your membership is very important.** We could not exist without your membership support. Thank you!

We appreciate the support Community Theatre gives to the Historical Society

New Bern Civic Theatre presents Stagehands musical production *Honk, Jr.* March 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23. For details, 252-634-9057. www.newberncivictheatre.org,

RiverTowne Repertory Players presents *Death of a Salesman* Feb. 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 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 *Songs for a New World* March 15-24. For details, 252-626-0358. www.ratiotheatre.org.



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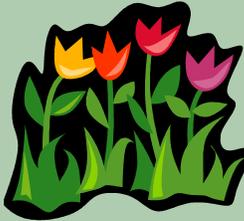
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The mission of the New Bern Historical Society is to celebrate and promote New Bern and its heritage through events and education. Please continue to join us in this worthy endeavor.

CALENDAR

- Wed., Feb. 20, Day Trip, *Titanic Exhibit*
- Sat., Feb. 23, Landscape Maintenance Projects, Attmore-Oliver House grounds and New Bern Civil War Battlefield Park
- Sat., Mar. 2, ABC Sale
- Sat., Mar. 3, Vienna Boys Concert fundraiser
- Sat., Mar. 9, Civil War Adventure Day
- Fri., March 29, Office Closed (Good Friday)
- Fri.-Sat., Apr. 12-13, Spring Historic Homes & Gardens Tour
- Sunday., April 28, Annual Volunteer Appreciation Social
- Thurs., May 9, Lunch & Learn, Cindy Ramsey, *A North Carolina Icon Brought to Life*
- Thurs., May 9, Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet

Coordinator Opportunity! The Historical Society seeks a volunteer (or two) who will coordinate Education Programs for us with support from our staff. Please contact Lynne Hara-kal at our Historical Society office if you are interested. Ideas abound and there are wonderful people in our membership who will be perfect working on these projects!



Day Trip to Calvary Episcopal Church and Courtyard Gardens in Tarboro, Edgecombe County



We'll be traveling to Tarboro, NC in Edgecombe County for our next Day Trip to visit the distinctive Calvary Episcopal Church and Courtyard Gardens!



Calvary churchyard's design and original plantings are the work of Joseph Blount Cheshire, rector of Calvary from 1842 until 1889. He wrote missionaries all over the world to send him seeds, cuttings and plants, and he also dug native plants from the road-

side. The result is an abundance of rare and costly plants representing almost every corner of the globe. Dr. Cheshire paid for all of it personally. The present Churchyard Memorial Fund was set up with the goal of maintaining that legacy.

For lunch we plan to visit On The Square restaurant in Tarboro hailed as the 'quintessential urban bistro minus the urban.'

As this issue goes to print, we are in the process of finalizing plans. We'll email our members with those details as soon as possible.



Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet, Thursday, May 9



Board President Nelson McDaniel with Luke Martin, 2012 Honoree at Annual Membership Meeting

The Historical Society's Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet will be held **Thursday, May 9**, at the New Bern Golf and Country Club. Invitations will be sent to members in late March. Please RSVP no later than Monday, April 29.

The evening will begin with a social hour that includes **hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and a silent auction.** After the social hour, dinner will be served, followed by a business meeting and presentation of the **2013 Mark's Scholarship awardee and Historical Society awards.**

The Annual Meeting is a wonderful way to conclude the year's activities with your friends at the Historical Society.

Be sure to **SAVE THE DATE Thursday, May 9!**

