



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.

2018-2019 CALENDAR

- Thurs., Oct. 10, Lunch & Learn, RADM Jay DeLoach, USN, Retired, *Admiral Farragut: the North Carolina and Spanish Connections* **SOLD OUT**
- Fri.-Sat., Oct. 12-14, MumFest
- Fri., Oct. 19, Gingerbread House Class
- Thurs., Oct. 25, Morgan's Tavern & Grill Proceeds Fundraiser for Ghostwalk
- Thurs.-Sat., Oct. 25-27, *Ghostwalk* Graves' Anatomy...Medicine, Mystery and Mayhem
- Mon., Oct. 29, Office closed to public
- Mon., Nov. 5, Gingerbread House Contest Entry Forms Due
- Sun., Nov. 11, Richard K. Lore Annual Lecture, Scott Mason, *The Tar Heel Traveler Journeys Across NC*
- Mon., Nov. 12, Office Closed for Veterans Day
- Fri., Nov. 16, Gingerbread House Contest HOUSES due
- Thurs.-Fri., Nov. 22-23, Office closed for Thanksgiving holiday
- Mon.-Wed., Dec. 24-26, Office closed for Christmas holiday
- December, Annual Membership Renewal (for December renewals) and Annual Giving
- Tues., Jan. 1, Office closed for New Year's holiday
- Wed., Jan. 9, Lunch & Learn, John Leys, *Ghent Historic District*
- Wed., Feb. 13, Lunch & Learn, Speaker, Topic TBA
- Date TBD Mardi Gras Membership Friend-Raiser
- Sat., Mar. 9, ABC Sale

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We bring history to life!

Historically Speaking... Quarterly Newsletter **FALL 2018**

Ghostwalk 2018: **October 25 - 27**

For 28 years, Ghostwalk has endured whatever Mother Nature sent along. This year, it was Hurricane Florence. For many New Bernians and so many people throughout North Carolina, this has meant extreme flooding and devastation. Many prayers, good wishes and offers of help continue to come toward our wonderful town. As we all work toward normalcy, the New Bern Historical Society joins all of New Bern in moving forward. **Ghostwalk will go on October 25-27!** We're still expecting a whole crew of spirited characters from New Bern's past reflecting this year's theme: **Graves' Anatomy...medicine, mystery and mayhem!** There will be some minor modifications owing to changes brought by the havoc of Florence. But we'll still give you an historical good time for three wonderful evenings. Celebrate New Bern growing strong in the process!

Morgan's Tavern & Grill continues to give a portion of its **Thursday, October 25** lunch and dinner proceeds to the Historical Society. And several of our historic places of worship will provide ghostly fare on various nights of Ghostwalk. So leave dinner planning to them!! On the Attmore-Oliver House grounds, buy a yummy fall baked treat at the VeriGood Bakery and enjoy another episode of the hysterical Dowd family saga inside the Attmore-Oliver House. Also on the Attmore-Oliver House grounds, we'll have the TapSnap photo booth for a **free** souvenir photo for all ticketholders. Keep an eye out in candle light for spirits along the oyster shell-laden paths of Cedar Grove Cemetery, and prepare for a realistic Civil War hospital setting on the New Bern Academy grounds.

We salute all of the hard-working people who, in the face of Florence, are demonstrating **#NewBernStrong**. The New Bern Historical Society invites you to come celebrate New Bern and our incredible history during Ghostwalk 2018. Despite the attempts of Hurricane Florence and Mother Nature, **New Bern endures!**



Ghostwalk spirits emerge Thursday, October 25, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Cedar Grove Cemetery, the Masonic Theatre and the Attmore-Oliver House with the Veri-Good Bakery. Additional ghost sites along with the Cemetery, the theatre, the Attmore-Oliver House and the VeriGood Bakery will be seen and heard Friday, October 26 and Saturday, October 27 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

A special rate of \$13 per ticket is being offered to Historical Society members this year. For your convenience two tickets have been mailed to members! Ticket pricing for your friends and general public is as follows: \$17 in advance; \$22 days of event; \$13 active military and their dependents with ID; \$13 full time students with ID; \$5 children 3 to 12 years old; children under 3 years old are free.



Ghostwalk goes on rain or shine!!! See you then!



Enjoy a great meal at Morgan's and support the Historical Society!

Eat lunch or dinner at MORGAN'S TAVERN & GRILL on Thursday, October 25 and Morgan's will donate a portion of the proceeds from your meal to the Historical Society.



Curator’s Corner...by Jim Hodges

As the heat and humidity of summer slowly wane, the symphonic mating calls of Cicadae seem to announce the approach of fall. As if by accident, a single leafless stalk emerges culminating with a delicate red starburst bloom. At last, the Lycoris Radiata have arrived.



Most commonly known as the red spider lily, it is also referred to as the hurricane lily, magic lily, surprise lily, resurrection lily, and the New Bern lily. Originally from China, Korea, and Nepal, it was introduced into Japan and in 1854 made its journey to New Bern. Captain William Willis Roberts, a seaman with Commodore Matthew Perry’s flotilla who opened the port of Japan to western trade, is credited with bringing a few dried bulbs back to his family after his Japan voyage.

Notoriously shy, the spider lily may remain dormant a year or two before any growth activity is observed. Categorized as a bulbous perennial, the plant is in the Amaryllis Family and reproduces by bulb division. The parallel-sided leaves follow the flowers, remaining through the winter and withering in early summer. The bulbs are very poisonous and used mostly in Japan to surround rice paddies and houses to keep mice and other pests away. Obviously, the lesson learned is not to eat the bulb but enjoy the beauty of the bloom.

Several years ago as a tribute to Captain Roberts, approximately 250 red spider lily bulbs were planted at his family plot in Cedar Grove Cemetery. Most assuredly the Robert’s family would be so pleased and proud that this beautiful flower has not only survived but flourished in New Bern as well as several other southeastern states.

When you are walking about the streets of New Bern and enjoying a glorious fall day, don’t be surprised if you see magic when the red spider lily is resurrected. I just hope there are no more hurricanes around the corner.

Gingerbread House Contest 2018



Come back to downtown New Bern for Gingerbread Houses! Necco wafers, candy canes, starlight mints, gumdrops! For the second year the New Bern Historical Society will sponsor New Bern’s **Gingerbread House Contest and Display** as part of the *Beary Merry Christmas* festivities downtown. This year our goal is to have as many gingerbread houses as possible to help bring people back to our beautiful downtown. You are invited to make your own gingerbread house and enter it in any of the three categories. Completed houses will be displayed at selected downtown merchants.



New this year is the **Nancy Chiles Heritage Award** which will be presented to the creation that best reflects the theme “Historic New Bern Christmas”. We’ll also have an auction in which you can bid on and own a wonderful gingerbread creation donated by Mary Hamilton Chiles in memory of her mother, Nancy, our wonderful friend and long-time Board member. An extra prize this year will be the **People’s Choice award**. You can attend the **Building a Gingerbread House class** which will be presented on October 19. For information on all the Gingerbread activities and to register, or to sponsor, go to www.NewBernHistorical.org/gingerbread.

2018 JOURNAL OF THE NEW BERN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The 2018 issue of the *New Bern Historical Society Journal* has been published and is included in this mailing to every member of the Historical Society. This is the twenty-fourth year the *Journal* has been published. The Editorial and Production Committee members are Richard Wolcott McEnally, Editor; Bernard George, Jim Hodges, Claudia Houston, John Klecker, John Leys, Jon Miller, and Brenda Stott.

Included are articles on a wide variety of topics about New Bern’s fascinating history. Claudia Houston brings readers *Part II History of the New Bern Fire Department: Post Civil War*. Bernard George authored *To Freedom: The History of the 35th USCT*. Steve Dembickie and John Klecker explore *The Evans Mill Complex During the Civil War*. John Leys writes about *The Ghent Historic District*. Historical Journal editor Richard Wolcott McEnally shares more on *New Bern on Postcards*. Victor T. Jones, Jr. explains *What Do You Call This Place? Names of Some Craven County Communities*. Carol Vivian Bonner Becton tells about *Charlotte Rhone and the Rhone Sisters*. We are indebted to “Woolie” McEnally and his committee for bringing New Bern’s stories to life in our 2018 Journal.

Planning is underway for the 2019 issue. Articles dealing with people, places, and events in New Bern and Craven County are solicited.

Historical Society President’s Message

Days after Hurricane Florence left New Bern, I resumed my early morning walks in the downtown historical district. It was such an emotional experience knowing that throughout Eastern Carolina there was more of this horrific devastation. Flooring, rugs, wall board, furniture, appliances and personal possessions were piled head high along the side of streets. As I walked past downtown flooded homes, it was overwhelming to realize these homes belonged to people I *knew*. I remembered several of these now flooded historical homes when they were on Ghostwalk and Homes Tours in the past.

Over the next few days scores of volunteers and workers appeared everywhere. Some helped clean up our Historical Society Broad Street campus, removing mountains of wind and rain debris, cleaning out the flooded basement of the Attmore-Oliver house, doing whatever was needed to help us restore our property’s historical houses. Volunteers also were working hard at the battlefield where the pavilion roof took a direct hit from a tree, one shed was damaged and another shed was destroyed. Many of these volunteers had damage to their own property yet they were out helping others.

To renew hope and bring visitors back to the downtown historical district, the Historical Society is continuing with Ghostwalk plans for October 25-27. Swiss Bear is doing MumFest as scheduled October 12-14. The Farmers Market has opened for vendors and patrons. Restaurants and stores have re-opened downtown. Throughout North Carolina people are hoping to rebuild their personal and business lives under the harshest conditions. Hurricane Florence ripped through our town and our lives but people brought our town together in the aftermath.



Joe Hunt
President, Board of Directors
New Bern Historical Society

#NewBernStrong....



Remembering Nancy Hagy Chiles 1939 – 2018

The Historical Society and New Bern community lost a very valued friend when Board Member and Board Secretary Nancy Hagy Chiles passed away August 7. With a respect for tradition and honoring the past, her wit, intelligence and common sense were legendary.

She and her late husband Bob Chiles, sponsored many Historical Society events through the years. Nancy excelled at flower arranging, and anytime the society had a special event, she contributed beautiful and clever flower designs. A major recent endeavor was her tireless work in preserving the Judge William Gaston law office which was moved to the Historical Society campus. She did all these things with grace and humor. Truly an inspiration to many, Nancy’s was a life well lived. We will truly miss her.

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Epiphany Students volunteer in our historical garden as part of their community service project.

Leave *YOUR* legacy in New Bern through Planned Giving



What is the “Founders’ Circle” at New Bern Historical Society?

The **Founders’ Circle** was established to acknowledge the valuable contributions of those who include the New Bern Historical Society in their estate plans. The Founders Circle not only salutes the founder’s foresight, it celebrates those who continue their efforts.

If you want to build charitable giving into your estate plan, there are several methods you can use to help realize your goals, achieve tax advantages, and leave a growing legacy for generations to come. Some of these vehicles allow you to make charitable contributions while preserving economic security for yourself and your loved ones. Giving options vary, depending on whether you want to give now or in the future.

The majority of all **planned giving** is in the form of simple bequests in the donor’s will, but there are many potentially valuable ways to make a planned gift. Determining what type of planned gift is right for you is just as important as making the gift. Choices exist, as well, for you to designate the future use of those funds as they grow. We have developed four alternatives for planned giving, focusing on both general and specific needs: the Battlefield, the Attmore-Oliver House, funds for ongoing operations, and an undesignated category offering the Society spending flexibility in the future.

If you are interested in talking about planned giving or informing us that you have already included us in your estate plan, please call Mickey Miller, Executive Director, at 252-638-8558 or via email at director@newbernhistorical.org.

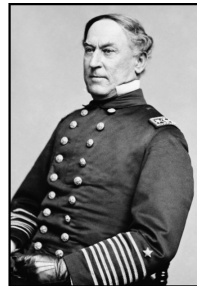
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Lunch & Learn... Wednesday, Oct. 10: Admiral Farragut: the North Carolina and Spanish Connections



Rear Admiral Jay DeLoach, Retired

On **Wednesday, October 10**, our **Lunch and Learn** speaker **RADM Jay DeLoach, USN, Retired**, examines how at the tender age of nine, **David Farragut** joined the Navy to start what would become his 60-year career in this demanding sea service. At the beginning of the Civil War, David Farragut remained loyal to the Union and later become the US Navy's first admiral after the capture of New Orleans in 1862. This presentation will explore Admiral Farragut's family background of a mother with local eastern NC roots and a father who came from Spain to fight the British



in the Revolutionary War. **SOLD OUT.**

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. \$17 for members; \$22 for non-members.

This October 10 program like all Lunch and Learn programs in the past year has SOLD OUT in advance. We encourage you to book early through our website!

Stay tuned through our website for our **2019 Lunch and Learn programs.** (Members receive early email reminders about Lunch and Learn programs) Future dates, with details coming soon, will be **Wednesday, January 9 (John Leys** will be our speaker presenting information on the *Ghent Historic District*) and **Wednesday, February 13, TBA.**

Message from Mickey Miller, Executive Director



Mickey Miller, Executive Director

Seeing the poignant photos of old New Bern in Jim Hodges' final presentation of "New Bern Then & Now" brought home to me how truly strong and resilient New Bern has been over the years. Business facades may change, houses may be replaced, and yes, hurricanes may tragically alter neighborhoods, but the beating heart of this town is not her structures but her people. From multi-generational natives to young families to transplanted retirees, New Bern's residents all have a common love for this town and its proud heritage, and a "roll up your sleeves" reaction to challenges. Clearly, that hasn't changed over the years. Sharing memories, images, and stories of her past—through good times and bad — helps put disasters like Hurricane Florence into a broader historical context and allows us to see that our future promises to be as proud and glorious as our past.

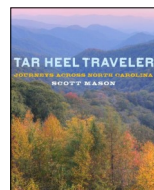
I'm overwhelmed by the kindness and commitment of so many Historical Society board members and volunteers who stepped up to bring things back to normal (if there ever is such a thing in this dynamic organization). I couldn't possibly name them all but the wonderful thing about our volunteers is that they don't need to see their name in lights to know how important they are to our success. With a very full programming schedule and the relentless demands of maintaining historic properties, our very small staff simply could not do it all without the dedication and hard work of over 400 volunteers every year. I'm so proud to be a part of this very special Historical Society family.

2018 Richard K. Lore Lecture: *Stories from the Road: The Tar Heel Traveler* (Scott Mason)



Scott Mason

On **Sunday, November 11, at 2 p.m.**, **Scott Mason**, presents *Stories from the Road: The Tar Heel Traveler* at the Cullman Performance Hall in the NC History Center. Known as **the Tar Heel Traveler** since his series on WRALTV in Raleigh takes viewers along the back roads of North Carolina where he meets memorable characters, Scott finds out-of-the-way places, and unearths fascinating historical footnotes. In this presentation, Scott celebrates some of those characters and out-of-the-way places. Hear how North Carolina is brimming with intriguing stories...wonderful nooks and crannies that form the bedrock of our state. Scott has published two books about his television adventures: *Tar Heel Traveler: Journeys across North Carolina* (2010) and *Tar Heel Traveler Eats: Food Journeys across North Carolina*.



Free admission, no reservations needed, with Reception immediately following.

This lecture is presented by the New Bern Historical Society in partnership with Tryon Palace. It is made possible by funding from the North Carolina Humanities Council, a statewide non-profit and affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.



Our 2019 Mardi Gras Membership FRIENDRAISER is coming!
More information available SOON!



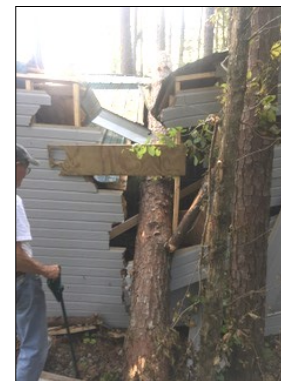
Battlefield Park News ...by Jon Miller, Battlefield Adjutant



Jon Miller

Florence was not kind to New Bern and left her mark on the NBHS properties and our Battlefield.

Here's an update on the New Bern Battlefield Park. Over 30 trees were downed across the park. The Visitor Center sustained a major blow by a tree going through the roof and the back wall. The tree has been removed and the roof covered with a tarp. The largest and newest of our two storage sheds was completely destroyed by a tree. The gator and all tools were removed and the building marked to deter visitors from approaching it. The smaller of the sheds was damaged slightly but can be repaired by our volunteers. The "long bridge", which goes across the swamp between Redans 4 and 5, sustained quite a bit of damage at the far end on dry ground, making future repairs a little easier. Numerous large trees fell throughout the park, but none of the interpretive panels were damaged, nor was the History Walk Plaza. The only sign damaged was the end-of-trail sign at Redan 2.



Now I'd like to say something about our **Battlefield Guides**, as they are collectively known. They are unsung **heroes in the Historical Society**. The day after the storm, **Ray Cahoon** and **John Wright** were out there assessing damage and sending me photos and updates. Ray was there despite having a complete loss of his home. They and the others, like **Frank Bartholomew**, **Don Ingraham**, **Rod Rhodes**, **Gene Lock** and **Bill Long** were out there with rakes, shovels and chain saws. They cleared the parking lot, which was impassable due to debris, evacuated all artifacts from the Visitor Center to the AO House, cleaned up the bathrooms and office, and made the park accessible to the public again. Almost immediately we saw visitors again wanting to stroll the grounds to take a respite from their own problems. Our volunteers did a remarkable job in such a short period of time, and if you run across any of these individuals, please give them a warm **Thank You!**

The Visitor Center, History Walk Plaza and Redans 3 and 4 are now accessible to the public. These are the key areas frequented by most visitors. It will take considerable effort to regain access to Redans 1 and 2 but this should be done in a few weeks. We hope to figure out a solution to the bridge to allow access to Redans 5 and 6.

Our plans to expand the History Walk by constructing the bridge to Redan 1 and adding interpretive panels in the newly acquired property will be on hold until the Society has reviewed all damages and the resulting financial impact. We will continue to keep the membership informed. Our hearts go out to all the members who suffered losses in this epic storm. We will rally around one another and push forward.



If you are interested in volunteering at our New Bern Battlefield Park, please contact Battlefield Adjutant Jon Miller, email: jon.miller.newbern@gmail.com, telephone: 626-1362. Or contact our Historical Society office. Volunteers are always welcome!



The Historical Society annual **ABC Sale** (Attic, Basement, Closet) will be held on **March 9, 2019**. We collect all year and accept many categories of items. By mid-November we will again be able to accept items dropped off to our the Attmore-Oliver House for temporary storage. Please do not drop off items without letting staff inside the House know.

Many people will want to donate ABC items post-Hurricane Florence. Owing to health concerns, we cannot accept any items that were in any amount of flood water even if those items are now dry. Thank you for understanding.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with the ABC Sale, we would greatly appreciate emailing us: adminoffice@newbernhistorical.org or calling our office: 252-638-8558 with your contact information.

New Bern Historical Society **Get Your Pink On!** Photo shoot will again take place at the Attmore-Oliver House, on our back porch. Bring your dogs, **wear your pink**, we'd love you to show up in support of Breast Cancer awareness!!!!

Date: Friday, November 9, 1 p.m.



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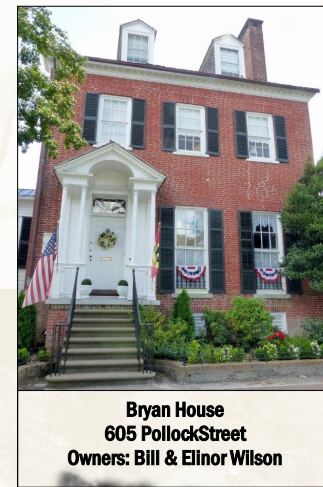
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October 25-27

thursday 6:30 - 9:30
4 sites open

friday 5:30 - 9:30
saturday 5:30 - 9:30
all 13 sites open

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(Our poster 'photo shoot' took place at 6 a.m. one *very* early morning in Cedar Grove CemeteryActors on poster: *Grim Reaper*, Jim Morrison; *Nurse*, Cinda Hill; *Mad Scientist*, Ted Fridholm, *Morgue Occupant*, Jim Hodges; *Doctor*, Robert Glover.)
The Ghostwalk 2018 poster is the combined artistic production of Journalist/ Photographer Bill Hand and Graphic Designer Cheryl Jukich.



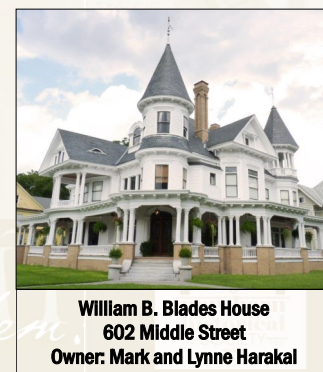
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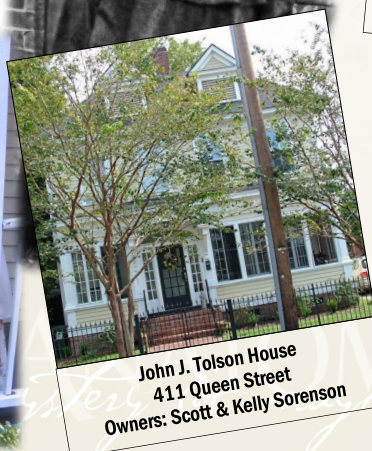
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508 New Street
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Ghostwalk can not take place without the efforts of site owners, the steering committee, ghostly greeters, actors and hundred of other volunteers that make it come to life! Planning begins 11 months prior to the event when the steering committee first meets. This committee is responsible for most aspects of Ghostwalk and without their dedication, this major fundraising (and "fun-raising"!) event could not happen. This year's steering committee: Linda Belliard, Volunteer Co-Chair; Linda Burke, Ghost Site co-chair; Gail Dembickie, Veri-Good Bakery Co-Chair; Bill Hand, Cemetery Director/ Scriptwriter; Linda Hitchcock, Veri-Good Bakery Co-Chair; Nancy Hitchcock, site Ghost Director; Cheryl Jukich, Graphics Chair; Chris Kelso, Cemetery Operations Manager; Jane Maulucci, Attmore-Oliver House Chair/ Director/ Scriptwriter; Jim Morrison, Ticket Chair; Kathy Morrison, Publicity Chair; Gerri Olvaney, Ghost Site Co-Chair; Gary Riggs, Civil War Hospital Co-Chair; Gary Staley, Logistics Co-Chair; Marilyn Staley, Logistics Co-Chair; Joe Sullivan, Logistics Co-Chair; Sandie Swigart, Volunteer Co-Chair; Paul Switzer, Civil War Hospital Co-Chair; Karen Whitmore, Veri-Good Bakery Chair; Sue Wyatt, Places of Worship Tour & Food Chair, Sgt. Maria Bowen and Sgt. "Mac" McInnis, New Bern Police Department.

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Pepsi Rental House—1880
613 Hancock Street
Owners: Ron O'Connor & Melissa Stephens

Mitchell House
511 New Street
Owners: Brian and Lisa Graber

Veri-Good Bakery
Our Veri-Good Bakery is a special fundraiser that emerges on our Attmore-Oliver House grounds *only* at *Ghostwalk*. Volunteers bake scrumptious goodies for the Historical Society to sell to Ghostwalk patrons. The Veri-Good Bakery has been a popular attraction since it began four years ago. Be sure to stop in and treat yourself to something yummy during *Ghostwalk*!

Ghostwalk site photos courtesy of Kelvin Kestner and Melvin Kestner

Thank You to our Ghostwalk 2018 Title, Media and Platinum Sponsors

Our sponsors are vital to Ghostwalk's success! The New Bern Historical Society is extremely grateful to *every* sponsor for their commitment to Ghostwalk which is enjoyed by so many people in our community! Because of your support and volunteer efforts we are able to offer this ticketed event at a price that continues to be affordable. In particular the Historical Society thanks our **Title Co-Sponsors: CarolinaEast Health System and Chesnutt, Clemmons and Peacock, P.A.**; our **Media Sponsor: WITN**; and our **Platinum Sponsors: Jim Hodges and Morgan's Tavern & Grill**. Your continuing and generous support is so appreciated.