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Historically Speaking... Quarterly Newsletter **Summer 2017**

At our Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet,
the 2017 Awards were presented to these outstanding members...



Education Award:
Linda Burke



Education Award:
Sandie Swigart



Newcomers Award:
Bill Long



Newcomers Award:
Cheryl Jukich



Executive
Director's Award:
Phyllis Hoffman



President's Award:
Carl Huddle



Extended Service
Award:
Jim Morrison



Extended Service
Award:
Kathy Morrison



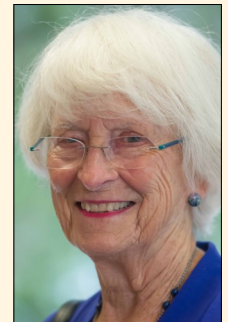
Battlefield Award:
Don Ingraham



Battlefield Award:
John Wright

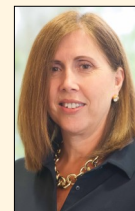


Ambassadorship
Award:
Wendy Card



Lifetime of Service
Award:
Nat Baggett

During the June 1 Annual Meeting, Nelson McDaniel announced his retirement from Presidency of the Board. He will remain as a Director on the Board. Membership voted approval on the following changes proposed by the Board: Joe Hunt, President; Kathy Morrison, First Vice-President; Nat Baggett, retiring. Lynne Harakal was approved to fill Nat Baggett's position on the Board.



New Member Board
of Directors:
Lynne Harakal



Reserve Now: \$10 Donation for New Bern Civil War Battlefield Park
ED BEARSS returns to New Bern, Thursday, July 13, 11 a.m.,
Cullman Performance Hall, NC History Center. *A Historian Reflects on the Civil War*
Make reservations through the Historical Society
Phone: 638-8558, Online www.newbernhistorical.org

Retired Historical Society President's Message from Nelson McDaniel

On July 1, the New Bern Historical Society gains the services of a new Board President. I have been greatly privileged to serve in that role for nearly a decade, and I have enjoyed and cherished every moment of that time. I am pleased that the Board has asked me to stay on as a member and look forward to serving the Society under our new President, Joe Hunt.

When Joe and Annette Hunt chose to move to New Bern several years ago, both the town and the Historical Society received a remarkable gift. Though neither are natives of New Bern, they have deep ties to our history. Joe's family history displays great service to our state. Annette's love of New Bern goes back to her childhood when she would pass a house on Broad Street in route to the beach and say to herself, "one day I will live in that house". Today she does.

Their service to the Historical Society, where both have served on the Board, is legend. They bring knowledge and skills that make them natural leaders. As a result, with Joe as President, the Society will continue to achieve its mission in ways that bring many benefits to our area. During my years as President, I have had the honor and pleasure of working with a dedicated and visionary Board. We have established a firm financial foundation, essential to the accomplishment of our mission. Over the coming years, that goal will continue to be fulfilled. We have maximized the use of the buildings and grounds of our campus and, through the Investment in History campaign, cared for them as they deserve. We have expanded the scope of our story to include the greater community, an initiative that has enriched all that we do. We have further developed the New Bern Battlefield so that the history and context of those events will reach a broader audience.

All of these accomplishments are the result of a dedicated Board, but also members, volunteers and donors who believe in the importance of this mission and offer support, encouragement and leadership at every turn. A participatory democracy can survive and thrive only if its citizens are informed by a knowledge of the past, both its successes and its failures. Our mission is rooted in patriotism, not the jingoistic kind, but the kind that is rooted in deep love of place and the people who have strived to make it better. We each play our role.

It has been my honor and privilege to participate in this mission, and I look forward to continuing to serve under the leadership of Joe Hunt.

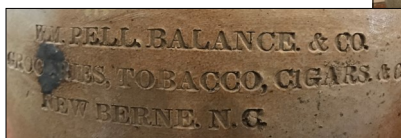
Nelson McDaniel
Retired President, Board of Directors
New Bern Historical Society



Curator's Corner...by Jim Hodges



A Special Gift...Many years ago my Grandfather, John R. Taylor, acquired this 2-gallon salt glazed jug engraved with the name **Wm. Pell Balance & Co. Groceries, Tobacco, Cigars, & C, New Berne, N.C.** This jug is remarkably in perfect shape—free of chips, dings, and cracks. The wholesale grocery store was located next to the Gaston House Hotel on South Front Street as depicted in the Wm. Garrison Reed 1884 photograph. After thirty years under my care, I have entrusted ownership of this unique relic of our past to the New Bern Historical Society in memory of my Granddaddy.



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



In our Spring 2017 Newsletter, I mentioned that both the Harry Goodman Battlefield Adventure Day and the National Park Day events would soon occur. They both went off successfully without a hitch thanks to the help of so many volunteers and participants. I would like to especially thank the many NBHS board members who volunteered at both events.

The Battlefield Guides have been quite busy lately. In the last two months they have constructed two new bridges across the wetlands and should complete a third by the end of June. These bridges will enable visitors to trek from Redan 3 to Redan 4 without having to walk back to the Visitor Center. In addition to our guides, we have two summer helpers providing sweat equity in the bridges: Nathaniel Glasgow and Jason Owens, and I really appreciate the help. It's nice to have a couple of strong backs helping us old folks out there!

The Annual Membership Banquet saw the recognition of three of our volunteers receiving NBHS awards: Bill Long, John Wright, and Don Ingraham. I am very grateful for all they have done to support the battlefield and the NBHS.

As always, if there are any men or women out there in the membership who don't mind getting their hands dirty and can afford a couple of hours on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 0800 to 1030, please contact me, Jon Miller, at 252-626-1362.



Annette Hunt, our wonderful Historical Garden coordinator, is setting up a **summer volunteer schedule** to water our historical gardens. Only a short amount of time is needed from each volunteer. **Please contact Annette at 637-7555 to help us keep our gardens green during these summer months.**

New Historical Society President's Message

In the spring 2017 newsletter, Historical Society President Nelson McDaniel wrote about the New Bern Historical Society's reliance on donors and volunteers for support in all things. Nelson was speaking of all you volunteers that make the New Bern Historical Society work. Unknowingly he was also pointing to his nine years as president of the Historical Society during which he donated his time and resources to bless the organization. My first involvement with the Society was when the offices were in the Roberts House on Pollock Street and the organization had a very tight budget. Nelson oversaw many transitions since then including the renovation of the Atmore-Oliver House (AO House), the move of the office from the Roberts House to the AO House, the rental of the Roberts House to The Aerie Bed & Breakfast, the beginning of an annual concert, the acquisition of the Birdsong House, a new fence around the front of the property, the move of the Judge Gaston House to the campus, the successful Investment in History Campaign, needed repairs to our buildings, and the construction of a Visitor Center, History Walk, paths, bridges, model redan and lookouts of the Battlefield. During his tenure, the Society went from a difficult financial situation to a time when we enjoy a small reserve. Nelson will be the first to tell you that much of this was due to our wonderful volunteers and exceptional directors but even so it all happened during his tenure and guidance as President of the New Bern Historical Society. The New Bern Historical Society owes a debt of gratitude to Nelson for his many years of service as president, and we are grateful that he will continue to serve the Society in the years to come.

Joe Hunt

President, Board of Directors
New Bern Historical Society



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.

New Bern Historical Society Board of Directors (effective July 1)

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Joe Hunt, President
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Nancy Chiles, Secretary
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Jon Miller, Battlefield Adjutant
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Jim Hodges, Curator

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Nelson McDaniel
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Jim Morrison
Gerri Olvaney
Patti Urick

Administrative Staff

Mickey Miller—Executive Director
Pat Traynor—Assistant to Director
Sue Dunn—Admin. Assistant

Many **MEMBERSHIPS** renew June 30. Membership renewal information was sent in May. **Renewing your membership is so important to the Historical Society.** We could not exist without your membership support. Thank you for your generosity!



Gretchen
Deters

Congratulations to our **2017 Harriett Marks Scholarship Winner Gretchen Deters** who will attend Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio beginning in the fall. Our other current **Marks Scholars** will be back on campus for the 2017-2018 academic year: UNC-Ashville sophomore **Caroline Vieregge**, NC State University junior **Stacy Partin**, and East Carolina University senior **Amber Herman**. Marks Scholar **Kayla Toler** graduated from East Carolina University this month. The Historical Society is proud of its association with these outstanding students through the Harriett Marks Scholarship. Miss Harriett Marks established the trust fund for this scholarship as part of her estate. As set forth in her will, the Historical Society reviews applications, interviews finalists and awards the renewable scholarship each year based on academic merit and financial need to a graduating New Bern High School senior for the purpose of higher education.

Lunch & Learn and Lore Lecture Series... 2017 schedule

Save these dates and stay tuned for reservation details on the following wonderful Historical Society presentations:

- **Wednesday, September 13**, **Horace Mewborn** and **Wade Sokolowsky** will be our featured speakers at The Chelsea Restaurant for **Lunch and Learn**. Their presentation *The Civil War in Coastal NC* will offer perspective on this region as the setting of Civil War encounters.
- For **Lunch and Learn** on **Wednesday, October 11**, **Walt Wolfram**, sociolinguist and co-author with Jeffrey Reaser of *Talking Tarheel* introduces us to unique regional, social and ethnic dialects of North Carolina.
- Our **Sunday, November 12**, **Lore Lecture Series** presenter **Jim Bunch**, author, oceanographer, and historian, will tell us about recovering an enigma machine from a German U-boat off the NC outer Banks coast.



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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST,
MON.-THURS., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.;
FRI., 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

CALENDAR

- Thurs., July 13, Ed Bearss, *A Historian Reflects on the Civil War*
- Thurs., Aug. 3, Ghostwalk 'ghost' auditions
- Mon., Sept. 4, Labor Day holiday (office closed)
- Wed., Sept. 13, Lunch and Learn, *The Civil War in Coastal NC*
- Wed., Oct. 11, Lunch and Learn, *Talking Tarheel*
- Thurs.-Sat., Oct. 26-28, *Ghostwalk 2017 Heroes & Hooligans: They Walk Among Us*
- Sun., Nov. 12, Richard Lore Series, *Recovering An Enigma Machine*

Ghostwalk 2017 October 26, 27, 28! *Heroes & Hooligans: They Walk Among Us!*

Auditions for 'actors/ghosts' will be held Thursday, August 3, 7 p.m. at the Attmore-Oliver House. Please contact the Historical Society if you are interested in auditioning.

We ask you to support our **BUSINESS MEMBERS** who generously support the New Bern Historical Society.

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