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Quarterly Newsletter

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Let the countdown begin...

11 months, 25 days

Update from the Executive Director

by Mickey Miller

Meet Marissa!

Help us welcome the newest member of the Historical Society family. Our new Programs Director, Marissa Moore, brings a strong nonprofit background, great people skills, and social media experience to the team. And how appropriate that this Charlotte native has a passion for our mission, with a degree from the US Naval Academy in history and a master's degree in history and education. When not managing our events and educational programs, Marissa spends her time with her Marine Corps husband Zach, her dog Max, running, learning about New Bern history, and getting ready to move into their soon-to-be-completed house.



The ABC's of Success

Thanks to the generous donations from you, our loyal members, the spring **ABC Yard Sale** was a great fundraiser! Despite having to move the sale to Sunday due to rain, we had a great crowd waiting in the cold at Battlefield Park eager to grab the upscale bargains. Kudos to **Walt Teasdale** and **Bob Dofner** for their superb leadership,

Cheryl Lawrence and **Gerri Olvaney** for their continuing guidance, and the hard-working committee who made this important fundraiser so successful. We're ready to start collecting donations again for the fall sale, so please keep us in mind as you do your spring cleaning.

Battlefield Park Adventure Day

After deferring the **Harry Goodman Battlefield Adventure Day** for two years due to Covid, we brought it back with a big bang... of a cannon, that is! We welcomed many returning reenactors who were eager to engage nearly 200 children and adults with living history demonstrations and hands-on displays. Special thanks to Battlefield Guide **Mark Trail**, who also commands the 7th NC reenactors, for his strong leadership of this popular event. An authentic wood-fired kettle lunch was served with help from **Moore's BBQ** and **Country Biscuit**. At the conclusion of the event, with help from **Gibbs Dentistry**, we hosted **Park Day**, a nation-wide event sponsored by the American Battlefield Trust to encourage public participation in the care of battlefield sites across the country. We couldn't hold this fun-filled day of learning without the continuing generous support of Harry Goodman's family - **Ted Goodman**, **Helen Goodman Reight**, and **Bill Reight**.

The Countdown has Begun!

Did you notice our new logo? We're eagerly counting down the days until the Historical Society's 100th Anniversary on April 19, 2023. Plan to celebrate with us the whole year long, with special programs highlighting not just our past century but all of New Bern's remarkable history. The celebration will culminate with a very special exhibit at the NC History Center and a gala dinner to mark the milestone birthday.





Friday, April 8
Saturday, April 9
10am - 4pm
historic downtown
new bern

unique
homes
&
gardens

along with artists food trucks music

2022 new bern's
Heritage Homes Tour
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Heritage Homes Tour Returns!

Don't miss this exciting two-day celebration of New Bern's beauty and charm, this Friday and Saturday. The self-guided tour features nine unique homes, from historic to brand spanking new, from tiny to grand. Local Master Gardeners will greet you at the Attmore-Oliver House heritage garden where you can get a free raffle ticket for a special prize.

Add stunning floral arrangements by local florists, artisans at work, live music on porches, historic churches open to tour, and lovely gardens in bloom - your day will be full! When you need a break, stop by **Savi's Wine Shop** where you can sip a special cocktail and enjoy a book reading. Or head down the street for a tasty lunch at one of several food trucks in the area.

To round out your weekend, enjoy **ArtWalk** on Friday evening, followed by outdoor dining at downtown restaurants. And be sure to visit the **Tryon Palace** Spring Garden Lovers Weekend and Heritage Plant Sale, with free entrance to the gardens.

It's not too late to get your homes tour tickets, which are good for both days. And as always, Historical Society members receive a special rate.

Thank you to these home owners for so graciously opening their homes!



316-A Liberty Street
City Laundry Warehouse
ca 1950 - Creative &
contemporary adaptation
of a historic business
Kathy & Peter Adolph



804 Pollock Street
Ann Green Lane House
1805 - Lovingly restored
early 18th century beauty
Suzanne & Chris Richey



613 Broad Street
William Hollister House
1840-1841 - Glorious piece
of local history restored
to former splendor
Rachel Hall & Bill Cobb



407 Hancock Street
Mary Louise Turner House
1893 - Every room tells a
story in this Victorian
2022 Poster House
Melinda Robinson



222 Change Street
Caleb Bradham rental
1905 - Tiny & adorable
empty-nesters retreat
Karen & Bob Whitmore

Partnership Events *This Weekend!* Tryon Palace Spring Garden Lovers Weekend & Plant Sale



free entrance to gardens only

Heritage Homes Tour ticket holders
receive 10% off Palace admission

ArtWalk - Friday evening only

Street Cafés - Friday evening only

for more information visit
visitnewbern.com



Attmore-Oliver Heritage Garden

516 East Front Street
Jacob L. Hartsfield House
1912 - Magnificent hurricane
survivor; back & better
than before
Leigh & Billy Bell



600 Edgerton Drive
Charles F. & Margaret L.
Hix House
2021 - Brand spanking new
riverfront beauty
Margaret & Charles Hix



208 New Street
James W. Biddle House
1904-1906
Graceful Queen Anne
bursting with tales
Laurie & Rusty Ingram



315-A Pollock Street
ca 1875 - Rountree Bldg.
Classy art-filled condo
atop a downtown business
Dr. Jim Congleton



Thank You!

Thank you for your support of this
beloved New Bern tradition & important
fundraiser!



The Historical Society is proud of the relationships we have developed over the years with the local business community and thank them for their continued sponsorship. Please recognize and support our business partners and individuals who generously contribute to the New Bern Historical Society.

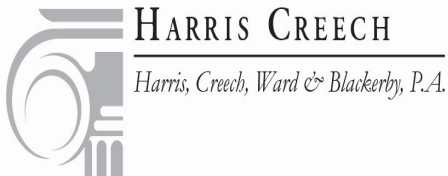
We look forward to partnering with new community leaders in the future!

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Upcoming Programs & Events



April 8 & 9
10am - 4pm

Not your mother's homes tour!

After nearly three years, the beloved Heritage Homes Tour returns on April 8-9! We have a wonderful lineup of very special homes in the downtown historic district, ranging from 19th century traditional dwellings to adaptive reuse structures and new infill homes.

If you have questions, please call the office at 252.638.8558. For tickets visit our website at www.newbernhistorical.org.



Voices in the Cause of Freedom

presented by Nelson McDaniel
Carolina Colours Pavilion
April 20 - 11:30am to 1pm

People of New Bern have contributed greatly to the creation and growth of the United States and the vital cause of freedom for 300 years. This fascinating presentation by the ever-popular Nelson McDaniel will highlight some of these major contributors including Abraham Galloway, John Wright Stanly, William Gaston, George Henry White, and Bayard Wootten.

Volunteer Appreciation & New Member Social

Attmore-Oliver House
April 24 - 2 to 4pm

Join the Fun! If you have volunteered for or sponsored any program or event since last spring or have recently joined the Society, this party is JUST for you! Join us on the beautiful, shady south lawn of the Attmore-Oliver House where you can sip our signature sangria and sample a savory snack. Enjoy live music, door prizes, games and fun!



Thank you to our local business sponsors for their continued support!



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Programs & Events (cont.)

2nd Annual New Bern History Quest

New Bern Battlefield Park
May 21 - 10am to 4pm

Test your sleuthing skills in this family-friendly outdoor scavenger hunt! Get your family, team, or group together and join the fun. You'll receive clues to a series of quests. Hop in your car and follow the clues to find historical places in and around New Bern that are hidden in plain sight.

Annual Awards Banquet & Membership Meeting

Flame Catering & Banquet Center
2301 Neuse Boulevard
June 2 - 6pm to ...

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other members while enjoying musical entertainment and a delicious dinner. Celebrate your volunteer colleagues as they receive awards for special service, congratulate the annual Marks Scholarship recipient, and welcome new board members.



3rd Annual Golf Tournament

Carolina Colours Golf Club
Sunday, June 12

Enjoy a great day of golf and a fabulous dinner with fellow golfers, or invite that special someone to join you!

For complete information or to play and/or become a sponsor of this fun fundraiser, please visit our website (www.newbernhistorical.org) to download the application.

Registration opens at 11am and Tee-off is at 1:30pm. Lunch will be available at the Club before tee-off. Great prizes and raffle baskets!

The French Lost Colony of North Carolina

presented by Dr. Dudley Marchi
North Carolina History Center
June 22 - 6:30pm

Book signing to follow presentation

Dr. Dudley Marchi is a Professor of Humanities at NC State University. In French, the word "histoire" means both history and story, and Dr. Marchi's presentation will be a bit of both. He will bring to life the French heritage of ENC through images of places, people, maps and historical documents. He welcomes questions and comments from the audience.

Watch for more exciting programs coming this fall!



The Mystery of Sarah Slater

presented by Betty Vaughn
Carolina Colours Pavilion
September 14 - 11:30am to 1pm

Come hear the thrilling history behind a mysterious Confederate spy who may or may not have been apart of the assassination of President Lincoln.

Upscale ABC Outdoor Sale

New Bern Battlefield Park
Date TBD

Save the Date!

32nd Annual Ghostwalk
October 20-22

Partner Organization Event

Honour, The Musical

Produced by NC History Theater
Craven Community College
Orringer Auditorium
April 21-May 1

Tickets available on-line at
NCHistoryTheater.org

Historical Society President's Message

by Joe Hunt, President

Spring is a time of renewal, forward thinking, and new growth, which exemplifies our focus at the Historical Society. With Colonel Mickey at the helm, our approach of adapting under changing circumstances has led us to look to what we need to do to continually improve the Historical Society operations. Each year our events are revised to give our guests a completely new slice of New Bern history. The addition of Marissa Moore to our small staff will add a youthful new dimension and vibrancy to our programming. Stay tuned for a great season of events!

Thanks to the campus work team and the **Earth Angels** gardening team, with extra help from the local **Master Gardener** volunteers, the Attmore-Oliver campus is looking good for the Heritage Homes Tour. The improved weather has allowed us to move forward with much-needed work on the front portico. We are so thankful for the volunteers who give generously of their time and labor every Monday to help maintain this special old property. If you'd like to join the team, please call the office. We would love to have you.



L to R: Volunteers Doug Burrer, John Carroll, George Evans, Annette Hunt, Joe Hunt, Ted Fridholm, and Rodman Williams of Heritage Restoration.

Did you know?....

by Claudia Houston, Historian

One of the things I most enjoy in this position is identifying topics and speakers for our educational programs. Our last two events were very well received. The February Lunch & Learn entitled "I Too, Served America" which drew over 130 participants, focused on a project initiated by **American Legion Post #539** at Greenwood Cemetery, an all-Black cemetery owned by the City of New Bern.



The program began with **Mark Sandvigen** who spoke about cleaning the headstones of all veterans buried at Greenwood. Eventually 65 veterans were identified, their headstones were cleaned, and I, as Historian, am researching and writing biographies about the men buried there. Trust me when I say the research involved is no easy feat! **Carol Becton**, NBHS Board member and longtime community advocate volunteered to assist. She closed with a stirring reading of Langston Hughes' poem, "I Too, Sing America." We were then invited by **Rev. Dr. Gregory Holmes**, Pastor of First Missionary Baptist Church to speak at his Church. We had another enthusiastic crowd, many of whom proceeded across the street to Greenwood Cemetery to visit the graves. We would like to give special recognition to **Mary Peterkin**, a long-time advocate for improvement and recognition of Greenwood Cemetery.

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Battlefield Park News

by Jon Miller, Battlefield Adjutant

In our last newsletter I mentioned an observation platform we hoped to build in partnership with an Eagle Scout candidate but sadly the Scout declined the project. This platform is essential to providing a better visitor experience for those venturing along the railroad down to the Thompson Line, so we will be tackling this project ourselves later this year. Honestly, our volunteers were hoping to build this themselves all along. They love a challenge!

In early February, we were delighted to give a battlefield park tour to **Bill Vodra** and his wife, **Dru**, shown in the photo. Bill is on the Board of Trustees for the **American Battlefield Trust**, the organization that deeded us the property of the New Bern Battlefield Park. They had never been here before and although they had visited many battlefield sites across the country, they were greatly impressed with what we've done to tell the story of the Battle of New Bern.



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Harriet Marks & John R. & Alice Land Taylor Scholarships Update

The deadline for application submission for the above joint scholarships is Friday, April 22.

For information and to download a copy of the application, please visit our website (www.newbernhistorical.org).

New Bern Historical Society Board of Directors

2021-2022 Officers & Appointed Positions

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Battlefield Park, cont.

As part of our prep for this year's Battlefield Adventure Day event, we tackled some projects to spruce things up. Shown in the photo is **Gene Lock**, who along with **Don Ingraham** and **Mark Trail** power washed and scrubbed the concrete map that shows the entire battlefield. The colors on the map really pop now, so if you haven't



been to the park recently, get on out there and get some of this great spring weather!

Historian, cont.

Wade Sokolosky's March program "To Prepare for Sherman's Coming" was well attended by over 100 people. All proceeds have gone to Battlefield Park for the upkeep and preservation. Those who attended got a sneak peek of Wade's new book about Confederate Hospitals in the Civil War, which will be published in a few months. Guess what building is on the front cover? None other than New Bern's "brick block building" or old city hall, which we recently discovered had served as a Confederate hospital during the war. Wade has been a good friend to the NBHS, and we were honored to have him speak.

Another "don't miss" event - the 2nd **History Quest** outdoor scavenger hunt is Saturday, May 21st. Our first Quest last year was an astounding success and our clue writers have been working since January to create clever puzzles and hints to lead you to some interesting sites in and around New Bern. It is a super fun event; last year 50 teams and over 200 people participated. We are aiming for 75 teams this year, so ask your friends and family to join you and start by thinking of a clever team name (there may even be a prize in it for you!) Check out our website or Facebook page for details. If you cannot attend but wish to participate in another way, we would love your help as a sponsor or by contributing a prize. We hope to see you there!

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