



NORTH CAROLINA
**MARITIME
MUSEUMS**
SOUTHPORT

**CALENDAR
OF EVENTS**

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 14:
Happy Valentine's Day ♥
- Feb. 21:
Third Tuesday Evening Adult Program

MARCH

- March 4:
Ufuk Kocabas,
Treasure Below
- March 20:
Third Tuesday Evening Adult Program
- March 21:
Golf Classic

The NC Maritime Museum at Southport will host a Merchant Appreciation Reception on February 24. The museum looks forward to working with all of the Southport merchants for a successful 2012 Visitor's Season. (By invitation only.)

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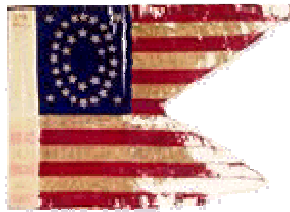
Third Tuesday Evening Adult Program

February 21st
7:00-9:00 p.m.

Black History Month: African-American Soldiers of the Lower Cape Fear



*Retired Master Sergeant
Clyde Wilson, U.S. Army*



Join the NC Maritime Museum at Southport and The Friends of the Museum as

we present Retired Master Sergeant Clyde Wilson, U.S. Army, Civil War Re-enactor and researcher. Sgt. Wilson will speak on the role of African-American soldiers in campaigns of the Lower Cape Fear. Learn about the

27th U.S. Colored Troops, who played a key role in accepting the surrender of Fort Fisher, and was the first U.S. unit to garrison Fort Johnston after Confederate abandonment. The unit was also deployed at the garrison of Fort Johnston during Reconstruction in the 1870s.

Program will be held at the Southport Community Building, located at 223 E Bay St, Southport. Light refreshments will be served. Program is free, please call the Museum (910)457-0003 to register. www.ncmaritimemuseums.com



The Treasure Below: Excavating at the Ancient Port of Constantinople

The North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport is privileged to present Dr. Ufuk Kocabas, Director of Istanbul University's Department of Marine Archeology and the Yenikapi Shipwrecks Project, from 2-4 pm

Sunday, March 4, at the Southport Community Building. Cost for Presentation and following Reception is \$7 Members, \$10 Non-members.

Dr. Kocabas will describe the 2004 discovery and subsequent excavation of the ancient *portus Theodosiacus* the principle port of Byzantine Constantinople. The discovery was made during construction of the world's deepest tunnel for a rail and metro network designed to run under the Bosphorus River, and link Europe and Asia. The vast archeological site covers the equivalent of ten city blocks in Turkey's largest city, Istanbul.

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The Treasure Below: Excavating at the Ancient Port of Constantinople, *continued from page 1*

The remains of 36 ships were excavated in the ancient harbor, a world trade center established in 4th century Byzantium. The discovery of brick transport vessels, cargo boats, small lighters, and navel galleys, which once filled the active harbor, has revolutionized our understanding of ship construction and maritime trade.

Some 35,000 artifacts fashioned of ivory, bronze, marble, porcelain and finely wrought wood have been recovered, as well as gold coins, jewels, and clay amphorae for wine and oil, animal bones, 8500-year-old skeletons, and human skulls. Stone tools, iron anchors, and a basket of 1200-year-old cherries have been uncovered and are undergoing study, conservation, preservation, and interpretation. One site worker stated "It's what nautical archeologists live for".

Dr. Kocabas will complete his lecture tour on March 15, at the Smithsonian in Washington, DC.

Greenpeace Comes to Southport



Don't miss your chance to see the NEW *Rainbow Warrior*. She's the very first custom-built "green" campaigning vessel and you are welcome to be part of the celebration. Come out and visit the new ship, meet the crew and learn about the many environmental issues Greenpeace is working on. Free public tours offered on:

- Saturday, February 11, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
- Sunday, February 12, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Scuba South II will be docked at Fishy Fishy in the Old Yacht Basin to provide shuttle service to and from the *Rainbow Warrior*.

Please note: The ship is not wheelchair accessible. All visitors must wear closed toe shoes. All events are subject to change based on weather.

Friends of the North Carolina Maritime Museum Southport

Sponsorships are available - Call Jim Carey at (910) 253-6331
For more information or to register, visit friendsncmm.org
or send check payable to "NCFOW" or NCFQM, c/o NCFDM Treasurer,
3218 Welford Way, Southport, NC 28461

Golf Sponsorships and Foursomes still available

African-Americans were directly involved in the American Civil War at the mouth of the Cape Fear River. Thousands of slaves and free men of color provided the bulk of labor for the construction of the Confederate defenses that ringed the entrance to the river. This area was known as the Lifeline of the Confederacy. The men who helped build the massive earthen walls of Fort Fisher were laborers, carpenters, blacksmiths, and brick masons.

More than a dozen African-Americans wore grey uniforms and helped defend the Confederate forts in the Lower Cape Fear against the overwhelming might of the United States Army and Navy. Adversely, a runaway slave, belonging to Colonel Lamb, provided intelligence information to Federal forces. This information was used to plan the attack on Fort Fisher. Additionally, runaway slaves and free men assisted US forces in seizing Fort Fisher, one of the most fortified places in the Confederacy. An African-American sergeant, who helped capture Fort Fisher, one of the key forts in the Cape Fear region, won the US Medal of Honor.

When combat ceased at Fort Fisher, it was the 27th US Colored Troops that captured the last Confederate defenders. Interestingly, it was the 27th US Colored Troops that provided the first US garrison of Fort Johnston after it was abandoned by Confederate forces and was taken over by Federals.

SPRING INTO HISTORY

March 4, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Sunday - The Treasure Below: Excavating at the Ancient Port of Constantinople with Dr. Kocabas. Dr. Kocabas will be discussing Yenikapi, a major port dating back to Constantinople during the 4th century. Yenikapi was discovered during excavations for a rail and metro network in Istanbul, Turkey. Thirty two watercraft, gold coins, pottery, porcelain, skeletons, as well as many other artifacts, have been uncovered. Reception will follow. \$7.00 members/\$10.00 non-members. Registration is required. For further details call the Museum (910)457-0003 or www.ncmaritimemuseums.com.

April 23, 9:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m., Monday - The NC History Museum, Raleigh.

Coach bus trip, with bathroom facilities, to and from The NC History Museum, Raleigh. Tour the 200,000 sq. ft. exhibit, *The Story of North Carolina*, a permanent exhibit using artifacts, multimedia presentations, dioramas, interactives, and other components to chronicle life in North Carolina from the earliest inhabitants through the 20th century. *Bring a brown bag lunch.* Trip includes bus fare, museum tour, bottled water and snacks for the trip home. \$35members/\$40 non-members. Must register no later than April 7. For further details call the Museum (910)457-0003 or www.ncmaritimemuseums.com.

May 21, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday - Brookgreen Gardens

Coach bus trip to and from Brookgreen Gardens, South Carolina. Brookgreen Gardens is a non-profit garden museum, preserving the native flora and fauna and displaying objects of art within a natural setting. Enjoy the *Lowcountry: Change and Continuity Exhibit* that chronicles the area's history from the time of the early Native American occupants of this land to the culture of today. Stroll along the *Lowcountry Trail*, a self-guided tour of four archaeological sites with interpretive panels that describe the life on a rice plantation in the 18th and 19th centuries. Trip includes bus fare, and entrance to the gardens. There are three restaurants onsite for you to enjoy on your own. *Price to be announced.* Must register no later than May 4. For further details call the Museum (910)457-0003 or www.ncmaritimemuseums.com.

News From the Friends of the Museum (FOM)

Thank you Wayne Strickland for a fascinating and thoroughly enjoyable evening January 17th at our 3rd Tues. Evening program.

Program Sponsor: Sponsors are needed for the 3rd Tuesday Evening Adult Programs. Please call the Museum for details. (910)457-0003

Set-up thank you: Thank you to Al Biasotti, Woody Wilson and Linda Bowen for helping with setup for our January program. Your help is so appreciated.

A Volunteer is needed for coordinating 3rd Tuesday Evening Adult Program set-ups.

Membership: Thank you to the new members who have recently joined our Friends group. We welcome and appreciate your membership. Please remember that you can join or renew your membership by mail, the website or at the Museum. Please consider bringing a friend to our next program & encourage them to join. If you have any membership questions, you can email me: Shirley Wilson at wayfarer1@ec.rr.com or call me at 910-454-4327 or call the Museum at 457-0003.

For anyone who would like to renew or become a new member, information is provided.

_____ new member _____ renewing member

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Benefactor - \$500 _____ Patron - \$250 _____
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(Your information will only be used by The Friends of the NC Maritime Museum at Southport)

- () Please contact me about volunteer opportunities.
- () Please contact me about becoming a program sponsor.
- () Matching Gift, Employer Amount _____

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Payment Information: Check payable to: *Friends of the NC Maritime Museum at Southport* enclosed _____. Or join using PayPal on our website: www.ncmaritimemuseums.com
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Museum Hours

Tuesday - Saturday

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Free Admission

Daily Tours at 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.

HISTORY MATTERS

The Museum at Southport is one of three North Carolina Maritime Museums. The other Museums are the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum in Hatteras and the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort.

The Mullet Wrapper newsletter is a publication of the NC Maritime Museum at Southport. The publication is fully funded by the Friends of the Museum at Southport whose members receive monthly mailings and discounts on some programs and Museum store purchases.

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March 20, 7:00-9:00 p.m. - *John D. Gill* - On March 12, 1942, about 25 miles east of Cape Fear, at 21:10 EWT, the tanker SS John D Gill was torpedoed by the German submarine U158.

All Tuesday programs are free and held at the Southport Community Building unless otherwise noted. Advanced registration is requested

2ND SATURDAY'S

Families are always on the lookout for things to do that don't break their budget. **2nd Saturdays 2012** combine arts and heritage with food and fun on the 2nd Saturday of June, July and August at all 37 museums and Historic Sites. The

NC Maritime Museum at Southport's events will be:

June 9, 10:00a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - *Juneteenth: Celebrating Freedom*

July 14, 10:00a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - *Fort Johnston: A Civil War Story*

August 11, 10:00a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - *Original Inhabitants: Cape of Fear*

Please contact the Museum if you are interested in volunteering at an event or hosting a vendor booth.

There are no fees to participate. Space availability is limited.

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