



NORTH CAROLINA
**MARITIME
MUSEUMS**
SOUTHPORT

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March 15th Third Tuesday Evening Adult Program

Join the NC Maritime Museum and the City of Southport at the Community Building as we welcome Vann Pearsall, Director of Development, for the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust.

The NC Coastal Land Trust works with private individual and corporate landowners in North Carolina to save the lands you love at the coast, like Poplar Grove Plantation, for the future enjoyment of all North Carolinians. Since 1992, the Trust has helped conserve almost 45,000 acres of land in 22 coastal counties of the state. The Coastal Land Trust is based in Wilmington, N.C.

Light refreshments will be served. *Program is free and open to the public. Please call the Museum at 457-0003 to reserve a seat.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

- Thurs. 10:
Book Club
- Tues. 15:
Third Tues
Evening Adult
Program

APRIL

- Fri. 1: First
Friday Fun
- Tues. 15 :
Third Tues
Evening Adult
Program
- Thurs. 14, 21 &
28: Spring Into
History



SIGN UP TODAY!

Friends of the North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport
Presents
2nd annual

NC Maritime Museum at Southport

Golf Classic

April 2, 2011

\$85 per Golfer

**Includes Golf, Cart, Cocktail Hour
(Beer & Wine) and Dinner**

**Shotgun Start at 11 a.m. at the
Members Club at St. James**

**Silent & Live Auctions
Raffles – Door Prizes**

**Proceeds support the
NC Maritime Museum at
Southport's new home at
Fort Johnston**

**Sponsorships Available – Call
Jim Carey at 910-253-6331
For registration or more
information, see website:
ncmaritimemuseums.com
or send check payable to
NCFOM, c/o NCFOM Treas-
urer, 3218 Wexford Way,
Southport, NC 28461**

NC Maritime Museum receives \$30,000 from Southport

The North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport received \$30,000 from the city of Southport on Tuesday, Feb. 15.

City aldermen agreed to pay for some of the Museum's immediate needs at its future facility, including: repair of the roof, construction of a porch, and replacement of a heating/air-conditioning system.

"We view the Museum as the crown jewel of our tourist destination and our maritime heritage," said Alderman Ken Karn.

"We really appreciate what they did for

us," said Museum Friends President Walt Madsen. "This was a cooperation of local government, state government and the Friends support group. We have to build bridges like this in order to succeed."

The gift gives N.C. Maritime Museums staff the ability to prepare to open in time for tourist season – early May.

The Friends of the Museum hope to raise the remaining \$45,000 needed to complete the Fort Johnston building with their upcoming golf tournament fundraiser. The 2nd annual

Museum Golf Classic takes place on Saturday, April 2, at the Member's Club at St. James. For information or to register call (910) 253-6331.

While it is closed for the move, the Museum continues to offer educational programs.

For information on all Museum programs and updates on when the Museum will reopen visit, www.ncmaritimemuseums.com or call (910) 457-0003.

ROOM IS STILL AVAILABLE!

SPRING INTO HISTORY

Cape Fear Art History

REGISTER NOW

Join us for several excursions and on-site demonstrations of local arts and artists. We will visit the Cameron Art Museum, the New Hanover County Arboretum, NCW's Art History Department, Burchetta Glass Blowing Studio, and be visited by a local coppersmith and a watercolor artist.

Thursdays: April 14, 21, 28,

May 5, 12 and 19

9 a.m.- noon

Pre-registration required.

Call the Museum (910)457-0003

\$35 members / \$45 non-members

FIRST FRIDAY FUN

Ages 5-12

STORMY WEATHER

April 1, 3:30-5 p.m.

Learn about storms at sea, how they have affected our region, and make a take-home storm in a jar.



SEASIDE CONTAINER GARDENING

May 6, 3:30-5 p.m.

Explore our cultural garden, discover plants uses at sea and on land, then plant some silver bells in your cockle shells, or any other container you like, such as an old shoe, a bucket, or a scuba mask.



SUMMER STARS

June 3, 3:30-5 p.m.

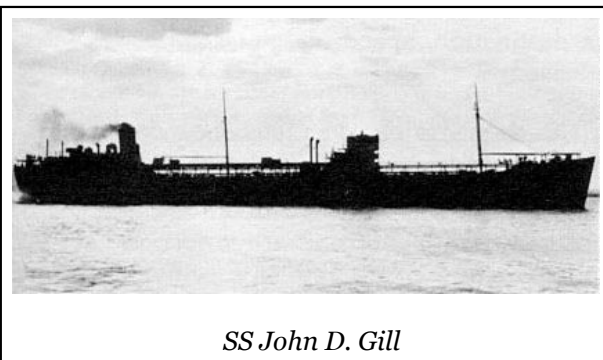
Learn about celestial navigation and constellations of the summer sky, navigational tools, make your own glowing constellation.

Programs are free and open to the public.

Pre-registration is required.

Call the Museum at (910)457-0003

Combat during World War II was a lot closer than many people realize. On March 13, 1942, the *SS John D. Gill* sank approximately 25 miles off the shore of Masonboro Inlet. Twenty-three American sailors were killed. Eleven survivors spent the night at sea clinging to life rafts before being picked up by a US Coast Guard vessel from Oak Island. Many of these men were badly burned. Sixteen bodies were also retrieved. Doshier Hospital treated the survivors and housed the remains of the dead. A 15 year old Filipino man named Tingzon, who was killed in the incident, is buried at Northwood Cemetery. The "Gill" was 20,000 tons and 525 feet long. She was loaded with crude oil when caught by the German seawolf *U-158*. Several months later the *U-158* was sunk by Allied Forces just west of Bermuda. There were no survivors. The North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport houses a few artifacts from this incident including a watch and pocket bible that belonged to Seaman Second Class Garfield C. Potts, a survivor. (L.Smith)



SS John D. Gill

SPRING VACATION SERIES

Ages 6-10 April 27-29, 10 a.m.- noon

Spring into sea-history as we explore and discover interesting features and people of the Lower Cape Fear region.

Wednesday - A WHALE OF A TALE - Learn about Robert Wyland's Whaling Walls and paint a seascape mural using his large-scale techniques.

Thursday - MARINER'S MACHINES - See equipment used in navigation and measurement. Build your own simple machines based on the mathematic functions used by our early sailors.

Friday - DANGER AT SEA! - Storms and safety from historic times to today. Learn about shipwrecks and how the shoals of the Cape Fear came to be known as some of the most treacherous waters of the Atlantic.

PROGRAMS COST \$3 PER CLASS AND ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. CALL THE MUSEUM AT (910)457-0003



The Museum welcomes Leland Smith as the newest addition to the staff. He is a graduate of UNCW with more than 27 years experience with the NC Department of Cultural Resources. He has worked at: Bentonville Battlefield, CSS *Neuse*, Fort Fisher and Brunswick Town. Leland lives in Monkey Junction with his three teenage children: Hawke, Olivia and Magi. His favorite past time is visiting and volunteering at historic sites, museums and battlefields with long time friend Ms. Patricia Hughey, Curator of Collections at the Onslow County Museum. Leland looks forward to working as the Collections and Exhibits person at the NC Maritime Museum at Southport. He loves history and loves to share it with people!

News From the Friends of the Museum (FOM)

We would like to thank and recognize our new members that have joined since we last published names in the Mullet wrapper. We thank you so much for becoming members of the Friends of the NC Maritime Museum at Southport. We hope you will enjoy the programs provided by the Museum & I know you look forward with anticipation (as all of us do) the Museum's move into the new facility at Moore & Davis Streets.

Dr. Sue Albertson
Sandy Bristol
Laura Casto
James Forstner
Sarah & Richard Gudis
Fred Hoon
Lawrence Horan

Vernon & Ann Hun
Kim Hutchens
Larry & Linda Hylton
Professional Services
Mary & Dennis Marks
Malcolm Morrison
Stella Neuner

Mary Ellen Poole
Norm & Pat Praet
Dr. Bill Rabon
Charles Roedmal
Melanie & Joe Schwarzer
Charles Seamon
Roberta Simmonds

Bobby Springle
Patti VanWagner
Sharon & Phillip Venis
Julie Wheeler

If I have left out any names, I apologize. Please call it to my attention & I will publish it in the next newsletter.
Shirley Wilson, Membership Chair

Program Sponsor: Sponsors are needed for the **Third Tuesday Evening Adult Programs**. Please call the Museum for details. (910)457-0003 Thank you.

Set-up thank you: Thank you to Woody Wilson for helping with setup for our Feb. 15 next program. Your help is so appreciated.

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

Thank you to the Maritime Museum staff for the wonderful food served at our Feb 15 program. It was delicious!

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 below.

_____ new member _____ renewing member
Lifetime - \$2,500 _____ Legacy - \$1,000 _____

Benefactor - \$500 _____ Patron - \$250 _____
Sustaining - \$100 _____ Family - \$50 _____
Individual- \$25 _____ Additional - Building Fund \$ _____

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
E-mail _____

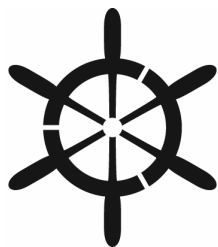
(Your information will only be used by The Friends of the NC Maritime Museum at Southport)

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

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

Memberships are valid for one year from the date of issue & are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by Law for a 501©3 organization.

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Museum Hours

The Museum is temporarily closed for relocation. We will reopen later this spring.

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.

Museum Book Club March 10 at 1 p.m.

Our book of the month is, *Looking for Longleaf: The Fall and Rise of an American Forest*, by Lawrence Early
Copies are available at the Gift Shop.

We will be meeting at the **Moore Street Market** on the corner of Davis & Moore Streets to discuss the book.

3RD TUESDAY EVENING ADULT PROGRAMS

Tuesday, March 15, 2011, 7-9 p.m. - Vann Pearsall, Director of Development, NC Coastal Land Trust

Tuesday, April 19, 2011, 7-9 p.m. - Bobby Williamson, Local Historian

Tuesday, May 17, 2011, 7-9 p.m. - Mary Ellen Rogers, Sea Biscuit Wildlife

Tuesday, June 21, 2011, 7-9 p.m. - Matthew Bookout, Local Snakes and Reptiles of the Lower Cape Fear

Tuesday, July 19, 2011, 7-9 p.m. - Conservation Workshop with the *Queen Anne's Revenge* Lab Staff

Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2011, 7-9 p.m. - Harry Warren, Director NC Museum of Forestry

Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2011, 7-9 p.m. - Annual Member's Potluck

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011, 7-9 p.m. - Brooks Preik, Southport Author

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2011, 7-9 p.m. - Celia Rivenbark, Southern Humorist

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



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