



NORTH CAROLINA
MARITIME
MUSEUMS
SOUTHPORT

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

- Fri. 14 :
Pirate Masquerade
- Sat. 15:
Pirate Fest Down-
town Southport
- Tues. 18:
3rd Tues Evening
Adult Program
- Sat. 22:
Rice Creek Kayaking
with the Kayak Ad-
venture Co.
- Thurs. 27: Tour of
Smithville Burying
Ground
- Sat. 29:
Lockwood Folly
Kayaking with the
Kayak Adventure Co.



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The Friends of the
North Carolina Maritime Museum
at Southport present

The Pirate Masquerade

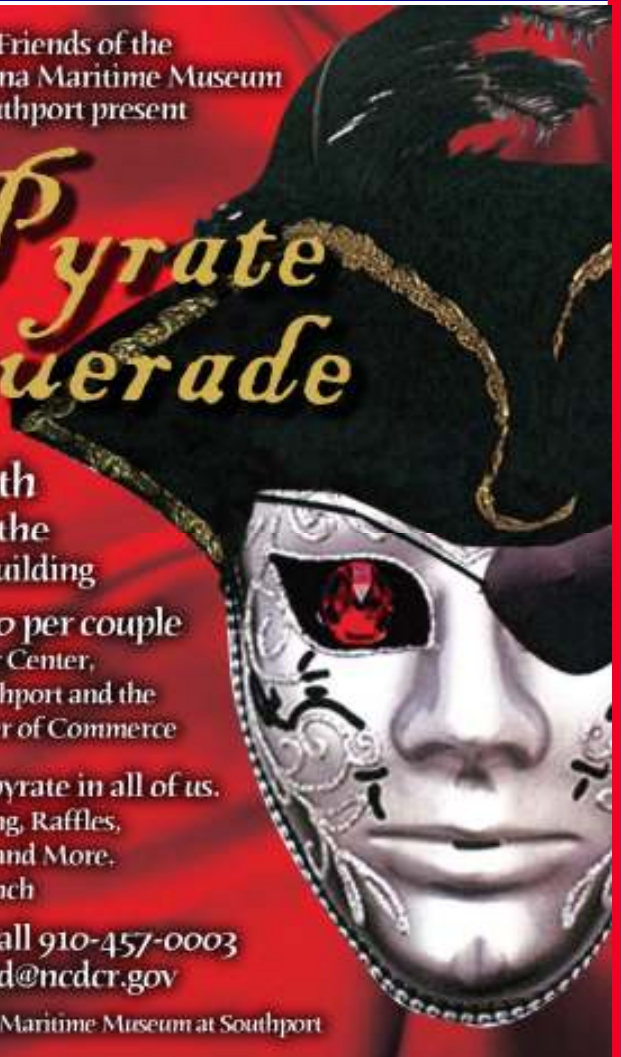
Friday, October 14th
from 6pm - 10 pm at the
Southport Community Building

Tickets: \$40 each or \$70 per couple
Available at: Southport Visitor Center,
NC Maritime Museum at Southport and the
Southport Oak Island Chamber of Commerce

An evening of fun for the pirate in all of us.
Featuring: Live Pirates, Dancing, Raffles,
Costume Contests with Prizes and More.
Buffet, Beer & Wine, Rum Punch

For more information: Call 910-457-0003
or e-mail: mary.strickland@ncdcr.gov

A "fundraiser" in support of the NC Maritime Museum at Southport



Southport from the Heart: Reminiscences with

Brookie Newton Preik

THIRD TUESDAY EVENING ADULT PROGRAM

OCTOBER 18, 2011, 7-9 P.M.

Spend Tuesday evening October 18th, with the NC Maritime Museum and the City of Southport at the Southport Community Building as we present Brooks Preik for an evening of fun and humor mixed with no small amount of nostalgia. Born and raised in Southport, Brooks will be telling stories that include Southport personalities such as Robert Ruark, Kate Stuart, Waters Thompson, Margaret Harper, Willie McKenzie and other unique individuals whose like will never come again, along with memories of places and events that could only have happened in Southport. Light refreshments will be served. Program is free, call the museum at (910)457-0003 to register.



Southport Wooden Boat Show, Sept 24th

Downtown Southport, Inc.



The 2nd Annual Southport Wooden Boat Show was attended by many hundreds of people interested in the beautiful wooden boats lining the docks and streets of the Yacht Basin. Museum staff and volunteers had fun working with the children to build wooden boats from kits donated by *Lowe's Home Improvements*. A man-made pond was provided for the children to race their boats. At the NC Maritime Museum at Southport, a week long exhibit of wooden boat models was on display. Plans are already being made to hold the 3rd Annual Southport Wooden Boat Show next year.

Adult History Programs

Oct 27, 10-11:30 a.m.
Tour of Smithville Burying Ground with Pat Kirkman

Nov 3, 10-11:30 a.m.
Fort Johnston with Leland Smith

Nov 10, 10-11:30 a.m.
Brunswick Town with Jim McKee

Participants will meet on location. Program is free. Please call the mu-

Good Luck, Amie

Amie Williams began working for North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport November 16, 2009. She will be leaving us September 30, 2011 in order to have quality time with her active and precious family. Amie accomplished a great deal here as Historic Interpreter, and deserves much of the credit for our smooth running operation. We know this decision was a difficult one to make. However, she must have the satisfaction of knowing that everything she undertook was ably and conscientiously performed. We join her many friends in renewed assurances of our own high regard, and wish her well in the years ahead..



Halloween Fact or Fiction?

A beautiful dark haired woman with big brown eyes, in a long black antique dress, has been witnessed on the beaches of Confederate Point near the location of the North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher. Is she frantically looking for a missing purse...that has in it about \$2,000.00 worth of gold?

The Ghost of Rebel Rose

Rose O'Neal Greenhow was a Confederate spy. The widow was nicknamed "Rebel Rose." At the beginning of the War Between the States, she lived in Washington D.C. and was a socialite. Rose knew many high ranking government officials and officers in the U.S. Army. The information she supplied the Confederate Army enabled them to win the Battle of First Manassas in 1861.

Investigated by U.S. Secret Service head Allen Pinkerton, Mrs. Greenhow was imprisoned for a while at the Old Capitol Prison with her young daughter, nicknamed "Little Rose." In prison she was able to convey intelligence through the Rebel spy network. Rose eventually gained her freedom and sailed to England as a liaison to the British and French governments. Her beauty and poise entranced the public on both sides of the Atlantic. Rose published her memoirs entitled "My Imprisonment and The First Year of Abolition Rule at Washington." She was said to be engaged to a nobleman and cultivating political support for the Confederate Cause.

After traveling in Europe for a couple of years, she started the trip home in September of 1864 on the Blockade Runner *Condor*. Rose had important dispatches in her possession and about \$2,000.00 in gold. The money was royalties from her book which she

intended to give to the Confederate Treasury for the war effort. As the *Condor* approached New Inlet, located between Confederate Point and Smith's Island, the USS *Niphon* gave chase. A gale was blowing and Rose was very nervous. She did not want to be captured by the Yankee's again. Then the *Condor* ran hard aground. Rose demanded to be put ashore immediately. The captain of the *Condor* at first refused, but in the face of Rose's hysteria, relented. As soon as the small boat was launched with Rose aboard, it capsized. Weighed down by the gold, Rose drowned.

Soldiers from Fort Fisher were called out the next few days to search for her body. Secretly, a soldier native to Brunswick County found the body. He took the gold and hid it, then pushed her body back out to sea. It was to no avail because her body was found soon thereafter. It was prepared for burial by Daisy Lamb, the fort commander's wife. Rose was wrapped in a Confederate flag and laid to rest on October 1, 1864 in Oakdale Cemetery, Wilmington with full military honors.

The young man who stole her gold was so guilt ridden, he turned himself in to the authorities and led the Confederates to the hidden gold. Years ago, a local relic hunter found an English gold sovereign, thought to be Rose's, on the beach. It was valued at \$50,000.00. Following this find of a lifetime, this middle aged man passed away prematurely. (LSmith)

News From the Friends of the Museum (FOM)

MEMBER'S POTLUCK—September 20, 2011



Thank you to all members who brought such WONDERFUL food to our Member's Potluck. It was an absolute feast! It was so good to see so many members together.

We appreciate all the contractors & businesses who helped

make our new Museum site a reality & we were delighted to have you at our Potluck.

It was also wonderful to see so many volunteers present who help the Museum continue its daily operations by their presence.

Thanks to Wayne Strickland who had a fantastic power point presentation. It was exciting to see video of the early days of the Museum and see the wonderful volunteers who helped make Mary & Wayne's dream of a Museum come true.

A special thank you to Walt Madsen, Al Biasotti, Jim Trent, Woody Wilson, Sharon Venis, Mary Strickland, Linda Bowen and Barb Carey for helping with setup, registration, cleanup, etc. Without the help of all of the above, the evening would not have been the success it was. For all the other members who helped with cleanup, THANK YOU.



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.

PYRATE MASQUERADE,

Friday, October 14, 2011—6-10pm

If you have not purchased your tickets to the Pyrate Masquerade, please do so. October 14th is approaching fast and tickets are selling quickly.

If you would like to donate a raffle prize or donate money for a sponsorship of this event, please contact the Museum @ 910-457-0003 or Shirley Wilson @ 910-454-4327.

MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to the new members who have recently joined our Friends group. We welcome and appreciate your membership.

If you have any membership questions, please email me (Shirley Wilson) at wayfarer1@ec.rr.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.

3RD TUESDAY EVENING ADULT PROGRAMS

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

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

KAYAKING WITH THE KAYAK ADVENTURE CO.

The tours include a basic kayak lesson, 2-2.5 hr guided tour, kayak paddle and life jacket rental. Fee: \$45/person. (Bring your own kayak and gear, tour fee: \$15 for single and \$30 for double). Advance registration is required, please call The Kayak Adventure Company at 454-0607.

Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. See local history from a different perspective while paddling Rice Creek, a protected blackwater tributary of Town Creek. We will see remnants of plantation crops, beautiful landscapes, and hear histories of our first inhabitants through modern fishermen that use the area today. Meet at the Exxon Station at the intersection of Highways 87 and 17, Winnabow.

Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Paddle the scenic blackwaters of the Lockwood Folly River and learn a little history of how the waterways were used for shipping and transportation. Hear tales and folklore associated with one of the oldest named rivers in North Carolina. Meet at Hardee's at the intersection of Highways 17 and 211, Supply.

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



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