



NORTH CAROLINA
MARITIME
MUSEUMS
SOUTHPORT

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

- June 11:
2nd Saturdays
- June 11:
Kayak Tour with
the Adventure
Kayak Company
- June 14,.15, 21,
21, 22, 24:
Summer Children's
Program
- June 18:
Bicycle Tour with
with the Adventure
Kayak Co.
- June 21:
3rd Tues Evening
Adult Program
- June 28-July 2:
Pirate Boot Camps
& Art in the After-
noon:



Barb and Jim Carey feed meal worms to baby birds rescued by Sea Biscuit Wildlife.

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

Third Tuesday Evening Adult Program

Join the NC Maritime Museum and the City of Southport in welcoming Herpetologist Matt Bookout. Bookout will bring several species of native venomous and non-venomous snakes and help us differentiate between those that are dangerous and harmless co-habitants of this region. Light refreshments will be served. Program is free, call the Museum at (910)457-0003 to register.

Photo by Kathy Williams



Museum Update



Al Biasotti was kept busy Friday evening May 27th at the NC Maritime Museum at Southport, as he photographed nearly 300 guests. The Friends of the Museum hosted a "Soft Opening" for contractors and Museum members as they toured the new quarters and exhibits, some still under construction. Everyone appeared to be surprised and pleased with the unusual interior maritime design, as spacious and comfortable as a boat workshop should be. Shirley and Woody Wilson, Walt Madsen, Amie Williams, Norm Carathanasis, Linda and Joe Bowen, Ian



Davidson, Sharon Venis and Mary Strickland provided food and drink, while Jill Berry and Joan Madsen kept things flowing and organized. The staff and Friend's Board of Directors circulated among the guests explaining the work process still ahead. Preparation continues toward the Ribbon Cutting on the Moore Street porch on Fourth of July morning, just before the Independence Day Parade, and followed by the Grand Opening of the new Museum at Fort Johnston.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Rice Creek Kayak Tour with the Adventure Kayak Company

June 11 8:30-noon - 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. The tour includes a basic kayak lesson, 2-2.5 hr guided tour, kayak paddle and life jacket rental. Fee: \$45/person, (If you bring your own kayak and gear, tour fee: \$15 for single and \$30 for double). Advance registration is required, call The Adventure Kayak Company at (910)454-0607.

Historical Bicycle Tour with the Adventure Kayak Company

June 18 - 9 a.m., July 2 - 8 a.m. - The NC Maritime Museum at Southport teams up with the Adventure Kayak Company to offer a bicycle tour of Historic Downtown Southport. A museum guide will take participants through the live oak canopied streets and along the waterfront, explaining its history as you pedal by Fort Johnston, Brunswick Inn, the Old Brunswick Jail, the Crimes of the Heart Home, The Indian Trail Tree, along the Cape Fear River and more. Bikes are single-speed, pace is slow, and all participants must wear helmets. Fee is \$20 for bike/helmet rental and tour. (Bring your own bike, tour only fee \$15.) Space is limited. Two day advanced registration required, call The Adventure Kayak Company, (910)454-0607.



Children's Summer Program Series June 14–August 17 Spend some summer vacation time along the Cape Fear River learning and playing *Pirate, Sailor, Shipwreck or Civil War Hero*. REGISTER TODAY FOR WEEK-LONG PROGRAMS:

Pirate Boot Camp - June 28-July 2

Art in the Afternoon - June 28-July 2

Blockade Runners Boot Camp - July 5-9

June 14 10 a.m.-noon *Breaking the Blockade!* - Learn about blockade running during the Civil War, practice your own stealthy sneaking skills! \$3, Ages 6-12.

June 15 10 a.m.-noon *Something Fishy* - For years the commercial fishing industry supported the community at Southport. Find out how fishermen tracked schools of fish, what nets and equipment they used, what they were hunting, and what they sometimes caught instead. \$3, Ages 6-12.

June 21 10 a.m.-noon *Myths of Mermaids and Monsters* - Hear tales of tails and what sailors thought they saw at sea. Make a mythological craft, too! \$3, Ages 3-7 (with adult).

June 22 10 a.m.-noon *Kids on Deck! River Boat Tour aboard the Solomon T - (limited to 5 children per trip)* Do science experiments, bird watch at Battery Island and learn the history of the river. Instructor: Capt. Bert Felton \$10, Ages 8-12.

June 24 10 a.m.-noon *Low Tide River Exploration* - Search for seashells, sea glass, pottery sherds and learn a little history of Southport and shipwrecks. Wear shoes that can get messy. Free. Ages 5-12.

June 28 –July 2 10 a.m.-noon *Pirate Boot Camp* - Ages 8-12, Limited to 12 children.

June 28-July 2 10 a.m.-noon *Little Pirate Boot Camp* - Ages 4-7 Limited to 12 children.

Learn about pirates, create your own flag & costume. On Saturday a Pirate Party SURPRISES! \$35/members, \$40/non-members.

June 28-July 2 2-4 p.m. *Art in the Afternoon* - Projects will include print-making, sand-painting, rubbings, sculpture and working with historic art types and media. Ages 6-12, \$35/members, \$40/non-members.

July 5-July 9 10a.m.-noon *Blockade Runners Boot Camp* - Ages 8-12, Limited to 12 children.

July 5-July 9 10a.m.-noon *Little Blockade Runners Boot Camp* - Ages 4-7 Limited to 12 children.

Learn about a Civil War soldier's life, and what it meant to break the Blockade. Make your own fort, ship model, and mess bag. On Saturday, a Victory Celebration and a visit from a special guest! \$35/members \$40/non-members .

July 5-6 2-4 p.m. - *Art in the Afternoon* A special two-day class! Make shell art, knotting, and learn about the sailors' carving art of Scrimshaw! \$6/child Ages 8-12

July 12- 2-4 p.m. - *Danger at Sea!* Storms, shipwrecks and safety from historic times to today. Learn how the shoals of the Cape Fear came to be known as some of the most treacherous waters of the Atlantic. Build a mini- lighthouse to help your small vessels find their way. \$3/child Ages: 6-12

July 13 OR July 20 10 a.m.-noon - *Kids on Deck! River Boat Tour aboard the Solomon T - (limited to 5 children per trip)* —Do science experiments, bird watch at Battery Island and learn the history of the river. Instructor: Capt. Bert Felton Ages 8-12. \$10.00/child

July 14-15 10 a.m.-noon - *Digging Up the Past* - Two-day class — Dig for cultural treasures, features and artifacts, and learn what to do with them—Learn how to do surface collection and archaeological digs, and how to interpret your findings! \$6/child Ages 6-12

July 21 2-4p.m. - *Mariners' Machines* - Build pulleys, levers and switches like the ones that make boats go, and stop! Learn about knots, too! Fee \$3/child Ages: 6-12

July 26 10a.m.-noon - *Low Tide River Exploration*— Search for seashells, sea glass, pottery shards and learn a little history of Southport and shipwrecks. Meet at Waterfront park pier and wear shoes that can get messy. Free Ages 6-12

July 28 10 a.m.-noon - *Colonial Games*—Learn about soldiers' lives at Fort Johnston and some of the games and activities they would do to pass the time. \$3/child. Ages 5-10.



August Programs will be listed in next month's Mullet Wrapper.

Juneteenth is an old African-American tradition, normally commemorated on the weekend nearest June 19th, and is a malapropism of June and the nineteenth day of that month. It was started on June 19, 1865, in Texas, when the Lone Star State abolished slavery.

President Abraham Lincoln read the Emancipation Proclamation on September 22, 1862, though it legally did not take place until January 1, 1863. It was not militarily enforced until Yankee forces occupied Texas; U.S. forces rolled into Galveston on June 18, 1865, and General Gordon Granger read "General Order 3" the next day.

The following year, Texans of African descent began to celebrate this day as a holiday. The tradition spread, not only throughout the South, but to other parts of the country. Activities included public reading of the Emancipation Proclamation, singing of traditional hymns, tracing back African heritage, and poetry. It was a celebration of freedom.

The tradition has come and gone over the years. It had reached its zenith by the turn of the 19th/20th centuries, then sadly nearly died out by the 1970s. Interestingly enough, it has been making a come back, and in June 2011, thirty-nine states and the District of Columbia will recognize Juneteenth as a State holiday, or observance. North Carolina will be joining Alaska, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, Nevada, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming in celebrating freedom on June 19th.



NC Maritime Museum at Southport to Celebrate Art

Start your summer with some history and fun June 11, as the Museum kicks off its summer season with a celebration of Cape Fear Plantation history at the Museum's new location, 204 East Moore St. While the Museum exhibit hall is not yet open to the general public, the Museum will offer guided tours on the hour between noon-4 p.m., along with local plantation history displays and hands-on family activities. Local artists and artisans, including maritime artist Richard Lawler, Cape Fear Copper, potter Donna Michaux, and oil painter Jerry Lathman, will display their works in the museum classroom. Program will begin at noon on Saturday, please call the Museum at (910)457-0003 for more information.

News From the Friends of the Museum (FOM)

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 Woody Wilson and Al Biasotti for helping with setup for our May 17th program. Your help is so appreciated.

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

Thank you to the Maritime Museum staff for the wonderful food served at our May 17th 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

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 Benefactor - \$500 _____ Patron - \$250 _____
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 Individual- \$25 _____ Additional - Building Fund \$ _____

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
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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
 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.

Save Friday, October 14, 2011 for our 2nd Annual Pyrate Masquerade

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Museum Hours
Grand Re-opening
July 4, 2011

Tuesday - Saturday
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Free Admission

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

The Book Club will not be meeting until further notice. If you are interested in joining the Book Club, please contact Amie at the Museum, 910-457-0003. Thank you.

3RD TUESDAY EVENING ADULT PROGRAMS

- 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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