



NORTH CAROLINA
**MARITIME
MUSEUMS**
SOUTHPORT

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

- June 9:
2nd Saturdays
- June 12:
Rockin' on the River
- June 19:
Third Tuesday Evening
Adult Program
- June 19:
Children's Summer
Programs begin

**Museum will be open
July 4th
1 - 5 p.m.
following the parade**



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Alfred was My Slave Name: Recapturing the life of Southport native James Alfred Johnson

**Third Tuesday Evening Adult Program
June 19th 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

A reference librarian in Oldham England discovered an unknown published slave narrative in his collection. With a brief two-paragraph inquiry, the librarian launched a research project that would span two continents, several North Carolina special collections, and bring together the talents of two Tarheel historians (one also an archivist). Come and share in the discovery of some of the incidents in the life of James Johnson, former slave.

Lecturer Christopher Meekins, Correspondence Archivist for the Office of Archives and History was born and raised in Elizabeth City. Chris holds both a BA (1995) and MA (2001) in History from North Carolina State University. He has had articles published in the North Carolina Historical Review and his Masters thesis was published in book form as "Elizabeth City, North Carolina and the Civil War." Chris chairs the North Carolina Sesquicentennial Symposium Committee.

Join the North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport and the Friends of the Museum for their Third Tuesday Evening Program in the Southport Community Building, 223 East Bay St. Admission is free and light refreshments will be served.



Museum Opens New Exhibit

After one year in storage, the Mannara Boat Model Collection has found its way into a stunning display in the Museum gallery. Mike Carraway, Curator of Exhibits and Dr. Paul Fontenoy, Curator of History, worked in tandem to create this new exhibit.

James R. Mannara, an Architectural Engineer in Rochester, NY, retired and moved to the small coastal town of Varnantown, NC. His hobby was model boat building, and he set out to create a series of models that showed the history of ships. His principle sources for pre-18th-century vessels were the text and beautiful illustrations in Björn Landström's book, *The Ship*. The Museum showcases forty of his models.

Children's Summer Programs

Pre registration is required for all classes. Classes are limited in size.
Please call Museum (910)457-0003 or www.ncmaritimemuseums.com for a registration form.

June

Pirate Boot Camp

June 19 - June 22, 10 a.m. - noon

Four-day camp. Learn about pirate life; make hardtack, and create your own flag & costume. On Friday participants will celebrate with a Pirate Party! \$35.00 members/\$45.00 non-members. Ages 6 -12.

Kids on Deck! River Boat Tour aboard the Solomon T

June 27, 10 a.m. - noon

Conduct science experiments, bird watch at Battery Island and learn the history of the river. Instructor: Capt. Bert Felton. \$10.00/per child. Ages 8 -12.

Low Tide River Exploration

June 28, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Ages 4 - 6, with adult.

June 28, 11:00 a.m. - noon. Ages 7 - 12. Search for seashells, sea glass, pottery shards and learn a little history of Southport and shipwrecks. Wear shoes that can get messy. Free.

Sea Biscuit Wildlife Shelter

June 29, 10:00 a.m. - noon

Learn about the Sea Biscuit Wildlife Shelter located on Oak Island. The shelter provides medical care, safety from predators, food, and shelter from the elements for injured or orphaned birds. When an animal is able to care for itself, it is released to the wild. The Sea Biscuit Wildlife Shelter cares for injured or orphaned wild birds. Hear best birding and protection practices, as well as how to deal with injured birds. Instructor: Mary Ellen Rogers \$3/child. Ages: 6 - 11.

July

Revolutionary Days

July 5 - 6, 10 a.m. - noon

Two-day class. "Give me liberty or give me death!" The Revolutionary War was fought here! Step back in time to understand a world without electricity, phones, or cars. Activities include candle dipping, infantry drills for the young revolutionaries, and colonial games. \$10/child. Ages: 7 - 11.

Sailor's Camp

July 10 - July 13, 10 a.m. - noon

Four-day camp. Join the crew of a block-

ader or blockade runner. Build a fortification, paint a model ship, learn knot tying, and discover what life was like for a mariner during the Civil War. The camp ends with a sailor celebration on Friday. Ages 7 - 11. \$35.00 members/\$45.00 non-members.

Kids on Deck! River Boat Tour aboard the Solomon T

July 18, 10 a.m. - noon

(For description see June 27th)

Digging Into History

July 19 - 20, 10 a.m. - noon

Two-day class. Be a history detective! Dig for artifacts and learn how archaeologists interpret history through our forgotten objects. Hands on activities include surface collections and mapping your findings! \$6/child. Ages 7 - 11.

Kids on Deck! River Boat Tour aboard the Solomon T

July 25, 10 a.m. - noon

(For description see June 27th)



The Exciting Life of Sea Turtles!

July 26, 10 a.m. - noon

Learn about Sea Turtles, their nests and how we can help save these creatures. Instructor: Donna Michaux \$3/child. Ages 6 - 12.

Low Tide River Exploration

July 27, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Ages 4 - 6, with adult.

July 27, 11:00 a.m. - noon. Ages 7 - 12.

(For description see June 28th)

August

Kids on Deck! River Boat Tour aboard the Solomon T

August 1, 10 a.m. - noon

(For description see June 27th)

Native American Series

August 2, 10 a.m. - noon

Discover the life of Eastern Woodland

Native Americans. Learn how the original inhabitants of the Cape Fear lived and what they lived in! Participants will create a miniature long-house to take home. \$5.00/per child. Ages 7-12.

Native American Series

August 3, 10 a.m. - noon

What did Native Americans on the coast of North Carolina eat and how did they use their "left-overs?" Participants will learn about the oysters, fish, and the three sisters' garden. Create pots made with oyster shells to take home. \$5.00/child. Ages 7-12.

Shrimp & Shrimping

August 8, 10 a.m. - noon

Learn about our local favorite – the shrimp! For generations, fishermen in Southport made this creature their livelihood. What is so special about them? Build a model shrimp trawler, learn how to catch them and what to do with them once they are in your pot! \$10.00/child. Ages 8 -12.

Fish Prints

August 9, 10 a.m. - noon

"I caught a fish THIS BIG!" But did you really? Gyotaku, a Japanese word meaning fish impression, solves the age old problem of "fish tales." This fish will not get larger as the story is retold! Children will learn how to create fish prints using real fish on natural fibers such as paper and T-shirts. Dress for mess as this program will be slimy and colorful! \$10.00/child. Ages 7-11.

Low Tide River Exploration

August 10, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Ages 4 - 6, with adult.

August 10, 11:00 a.m. - noon. Ages 7 - 11.

(For description see June 28th)

Kids on Deck! River Boat Tour aboard the Solomon T

August 15, 10 a.m. - noon

(For description see June 27th)

Revolutionary Days

August 16 - 17, 10 a.m. - noon

Two-day class. "Give me liberty or give me death!" The Revolutionary War was fought here! Step back in time to understand a world without electricity, phones, or cars. Activities include infantry drills for the young revolutionaries, and colonial games. \$10.00/child. Ages: 6 -11.

JUNE 9th

10:00a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

2ND SATURDAYS HANDS-ON. HERITAGE. ARTS. FUN.



Juneteenth: Celebrating Freedom

June 19th commemorates the announcement of the emancipation of slavery in the Deep South. Recognized as Emancipation or Freedom Day, this celebration has been observed annually since 1865. In honor of Juneteenth, NCMM Southport's Second Saturday program will focus on the historical and cultural heritage of African-Americans in the Lower Cape Fear through interpretation and demonstrations.

Visit with our local artisans. Come listen to P. D. Midgett play the banjo on our front porch. James E. White will be signing his book, "Memories of My Days as a Black Civil War Reenactor," which chronicles the journey of the 33rd U.S. Colored Troop and Battery B 2nd U.S. Colored Light Artillery Regiment. Sharon Claudette Smith and Sherry Monahan will be onsite to autograph their book "Southport," the newest edition to the Images of America collection by Arcadia Publishing. Join us for this special commemoration. All 2nd Saturday programs are free and open to the public.

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Rackin' on the River

Outdoor Concert Series
Tuesday, June 12, 2012
5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Featuring *Mike's Garage Band*
performing for free on the lawn of
Fort Johnston

Donations are welcomed.
100% of donations will be benefiting the
new Ft. Johnston - Southport Museum.

News From the Friends of the Museum (FOM)

We are now in the process of planning our Third Tuesday Evening Adult Programs for 2013. If you have a topic or speaker of interest, please let the museum know. We would like to hear from you. Please contact Sharon at Sharon.Venis@ncdcr.gov or 457-0003. Check out our Facebook page and submit your ideas as well!

Thank you Lori Dupstadt for a fascinating and "lively" evening May 15th at our 3rd Tues. Evening program, "Death & Dying: The Culture of Mourning During the Civil War."

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 Jim Trent for helping with setup for our May program. Your help is very much 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 contact: Shirley Wilson at wayfarer1@ec.rr.com, call her at 910-454-4327 or call the Museum at (910)457-0003 for more information.

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

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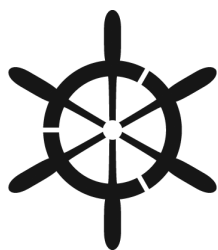
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(Your information will only be used by The Friends of the NC Maritime Museum at Southport)

- () Please contact me about volunteer opportunities.
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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

June 19, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - *Alfred was My Slave Name: Recapturing the life of Southport native James Alfred Johnson*
Lecturer Christopher Meekins, Correspondence Archivist for the Office of Archives and History

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

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

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

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.

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

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