


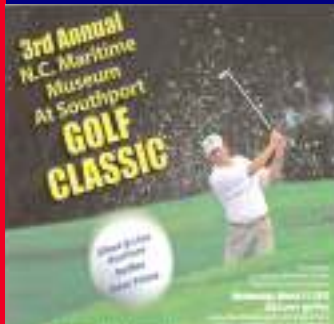


NORTH CAROLINA
**MARITIME
MUSEUMS**
SOUTHPORT

**CALENDAR
OF EVENTS**

MARCH

- **March 4:**
Dr. Ufuk Kocabas,
Treasure Below
- **March 20:**
Third Tuesday Evening Adult Program
- **March 17:** 
Happy St.
Patrick's Day
- **March 21:**
Golf Classic
- **March 31:**
Park Day



Golf Sponsorships and Foursomes still available

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Register now for March 4th!

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 Archaeology and the Yenikapi Shipwrecks Project, from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, March 4, at the Southport Community Building. Event is free. Wine and hors d'oeuvre reception to follow.

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 archaeological site covers the equivalent of ten city blocks in Turkey's largest city, Istanbul. One site worker stated "It's what nautical archaeologists live for".

Third Tuesday Evening Adult Program

March 20th

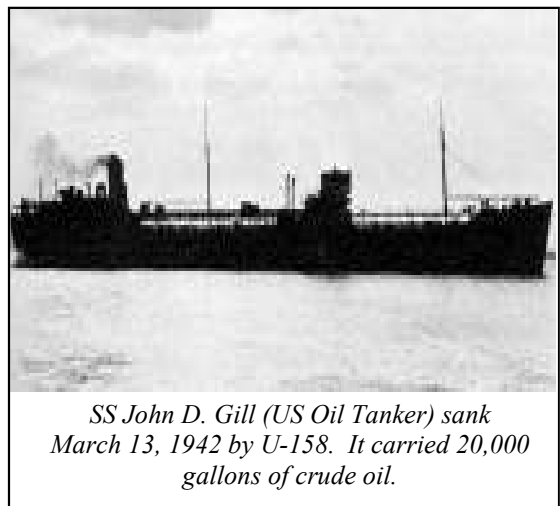
7:00-9:00 p.m.

Closer Than You Think: World War II in the South Atlantic

"The Sinking of the SS John D. Gill"

Join the NC Maritime Museum at Southport and The Friends of the Museum as we remember the 70th Anniversary of "The Sinking of the SS John D. Gill."

The sinking of *SS John D. Gill* by *U-Boat 158* spilled approximately 20,000 gallons of crude oil into the ocean. This event affected the coastal inhabitants, wildlife and industry for years. Just off the shore of Southport, the attack on *John D. Gill* had a very personal impact
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SS John D. Gill (US Oil Tanker) sank March 13, 1942 by U-158. It carried 20,000 gallons of crude oil.

PARK DAY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Since 1996, the Civil War Trust has sponsored Park Day, an annual hands-on preservation event to help Civil War battlefields and historic sites take on maintenance projects large and small.

Fort Johnston is a historical treasure. It is the longest commissioned fortification in North Carolina. This site, spanning from the colonial period through 2004, has been in every major war. In a beautification effort, The NC Maritime Museum at Southport will be participating in Park Day and planting raised bed gardens with plants of historical significance. Additionally, we will be cleaning up the Fort Johnston Civil War fortification along the Cape Fear River.

The Museum will offer a hotdog lunch for volunteers. Tools will be provided, and wear clothing and closed toe

shoes that can get muddy. Bring your own sun screen and insect repellent. Free T-shirts and badges will be given to participants of this event.



This year Park Day will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2012 at all participating sites. *Please call the NC Maritime Museum at Southport to register for the Fort Johnston site. (910)457-0003.*

Volunteers will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Museum located at 204 E. Moore St.,

Southport, NC 2846. Rain Date: April 14, 2012.

www.maritimemuseums.com

The nationwide effort is underwritten with a grant from History™, formerly The History Channel, and is recognized by the U.S. Department of the Interior as a "Take Pride in America" event. For more information about Park Day go to www.civilwar.org/aboutus/events/park-day

SPRING INTO HISTORY



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. *A Potluck Salad Luncheon will be provided by the volunteers of the Museum of History.* Trip includes bus fare, museum tour, luncheon,

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.



Len Ganaway
by Derek Wemmer



U-158 (German Submarine) sank 17 Allied Ships and damaged 2, for a gross tonnage of 101,000 tons

“The Sinking of the SS John D. Gill”, continued from page one.

on the town as residents took an active role in rescuing survivors and taking sailors to port for treatment. The reality of war was 30 miles off the coast of the US, not just 3,000 miles away in Europe. No longer were blackouts on the beaches a routine and mundane evening drill. The John D. Gill had profound meaning to the people of Southport; it brought the war home.

The program will be held at the Southport Community Building, 223 East Bay St., Southport. Light refreshments will be served. Program is free, please call the Museum at (910)457-0003 to register.

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Business After – Hours

Most business owners find leisure time nearly impossible. This month the Maritime Museum remained open after hours for a merchant reception. Strictly to show the hard working entrepreneurs of Southport the Museum’s appreciation for their contribution to the community. This event gave them an opportunity to see what the Museum has to offer through exhibits and programming. Over 80 merchants attended the wine and food event with costumed interpreters, volunteers and board members on hand to answer any questions.



N E W S F R O M T H E F R I E N D S O F T H E M U S E U M (F O M)

Thank you Clyde Wilson for a fascinating and thoroughly enjoyable evening February 21st 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 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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Lifetime - \$2,500 _____ Legacy - \$1,000 _____
 Benefactor - \$500 _____ Patron - \$250 _____
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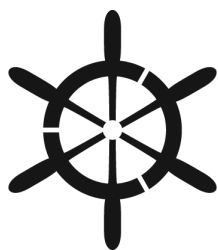
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(Your information will only be used by The Friends of the NC Maritime Museum at Southport)

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

(Name/Address) _____
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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

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.

April 17, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - *Civil War Ironclads*: a Science Festival Event - Jim McKee,

Program Coordinator and Site Interpreter for Brunswick Town / Fort Anderson Historic

Site will discuss three ironclads of the Lower Cape Fear, their construction, changes in shipbuilding technology and how the environment, not weaponry, brought about their demise.

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 Fear*

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

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

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