



NORTH CAROLINA  
**MARITIME  
MUSEUMS**  
SOUTHPORT

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MAY

- May 1 :  
NOAA Public Forum
- May 10:  
Confederate Memorial  
Day Commemoration
- May 15:  
Third Tuesday Evening  
Adult Program
- May 17: Knot Meeting
- May 19: Big Toy Day

### JUNE

- June 9: 2nd Saturdays
- June 19:  
Third Tuesday Evening  
Adult Program
- June 19:  
Children's Summer  
Programs begin

The Museum regrets the cancellation of our bus trip and apologizes for any inconveniences. For those people due a refund for the Museum of History trip, please stop by the Museum for your refund. Thank you.

# The Mullet Wrapper

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## Third Tuesday Evening Adult Program May 15th 7:00-9:00 p.m.

### Death & Dying: Customs and Culture During the Civil War



Join Museum Educator, Lori Dupstadt, for a "lively" discussion of mourning practices during the Civil War. Discover how these customs shaped a culture, both north and south, suffering from war and disease. Although bullets were taking fathers, sons, and cousins, dreaded diseases running rampant destroyed soldier and family alike. Learn how sexual roles and relationships drove the fashion of death and changed funerary practices.

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

## Confederate Memorial Day

The Ladies Aid Society or Ladies Memorial Association was an organization of women helping the Confederate war effort. They assisted the sick and recuperating soldiers in hospitals, making cartridge bags, and collecting needed items for those in the field. Later known as the United Daughters of the Confederacy, these traditions were carried on after the Civil War and their benevolent dedication extended to all American soldiers and sailors during wartime. Each year around May 10<sup>th</sup>, Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson's birthday, civic organizations gather to commemorate the Civil War, the men who served and the women who supported them.

In conjunction with the Civil War Sesquicentennial programming, a wreath will be placed on the grounds of Fort Johnston to remember the soldiers who fought and died during the Civil War. As the installation was in continuous operation through every major war, a moment of silence will be observed for all soldiers who served in the Lower Cape Fear.



# 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](http://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.

(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.

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### Solomon T

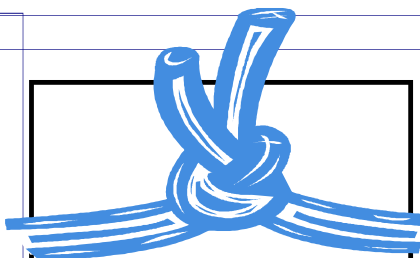
August 15, 10 a.m. - noon

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### 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.



## The Knot Heads

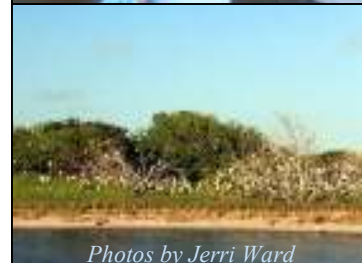
An informal knot tying and rope working group, led by Ted Dingley and Bert Felton, will hold their first meeting in the Museum classroom on May 17th at 6:30 pm. Anyone interested in learning or sharing techniques is invited to attend.

## Periscope Update

On Saturday, April 21st the museum celebrated the opening of its newest installation with Periscope Day. Children made their own periscope using mailing tubes, caps, and mirrors. Decorating their creations was a must and they proudly proclaimed they could see all manner of items with their new instrument. All Maritime Museums participated in Science Fest, an initiative of Morehead Planetarium and Science Center. Older children learned about reflection and refraction using mirrors, as well as what 45 degree angles are and how they were used. "Science is fun" and double-sided sticky tape is an essential tool when constructing periscopes!

After construction, the children visited the real periscope from the *USS Dolphin* to see the Southport area. Adults and children alike received a special treat: the sighting of hundreds of Ibis. The long billed creatures are not strangers to our coast; however it has been years since the ibis have nested in any large number here. As visitors peered into the periscope, the bird's long neck and outstretched legs were beautiful as they soared with open wings to the Battery Island trees.

For more pictures of Periscope Day and the ibis, visit our face book page at : <http://www.facebook.com/pages/NC-Maritime-Museum-at-Southport/312373395832?sk=wall>



Photos by Jerri Ward



## News From the Friends of the Museum (FOM)

We are looking for volunteers who will be willing to work with the Membership Committee on ways to grow our membership and add value to it. If you are interested & willing, please contact Shirley Wilson, Membership Chair at: [wayfarer1@ec.rr.com](mailto:wayfarer1@ec.rr.com) or Phone: 910-454-4327. Thank you.

**Thank you** Jim McKee for a fascinating and thoroughly enjoyable evening April 17th at our 3rd Tues. Evening program, "Ironclads".

**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 April 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](mailto: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.

\_\_\_\_\_ new member \_\_\_\_\_ renewing member

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

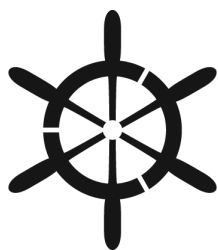
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- ( ) Please contact me about volunteer opportunities.
- ( ) Please contact me about becoming a program sponsor.
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 Payment Information: Check payable to: *Friends of the NC Maritime Museum at Southport* enclosed \_\_\_\_\_. Or join using PayPal on our website: [www.ncmaritimemuseums.com](http://www.ncmaritimemuseums.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

**May 15, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.** - *Death and Dying: Customs and Culture During the Civil War*

Lori Duppstadt will entertain a "lively" discussion of mourning practices during the Civil War. Discover how these customs shaped a culture, both north and south, suffering from war and disease.

**June 15, 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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