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The Mullet Wrapper

NAN GRAHAM, AUTHOR AND RADIO HUMORIST NOVEMBER 16TH!

Spend Tuesday evening, Nov. 16, with the NC Maritime Museum at Southport as we present Nan Graham, a Southern humorist who shares her stories regularly on WHQR-FM, the NPR affiliate in Wilmington, NC. Enjoy a sampling of Southern cuisine as you listen to Nan speak to us on her favorite subjects, the South and Southerners, with anecdotes from her life and excerpts from her books *Turn South at the Next Magnolia* and *In a Magnolia Minute*. Find out more about Nan Graham and her work on her website www.nangraham.com. Discover why Pat Conroy says, "Nan Graham is as Southern as black-eyed peas, scuppernongs, she crab soup, Crimson Tide, tailgating, and a dog with ticks." Program is from 7-9 p.m., at the Southport Community Building. Free and open to the public. Program will fill up quickly, so please reserve your seats early. Call the NC Maritime Museum at Southport for reservations at (910)457-0003.



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

NOVEMBER

- Wed. 3: Visitors of Southport Past
- Thurs. 4: Fall Into History (*Rescheduled from Sept. 30*)
- Thurs. 4: Museum Book Club
- Tues. 9: Visitors of Southport Past
- Thurs. 11: Museum Closed Veteran's Day
- Fri. 12: Bicycle with Adventure Company
- Tues. 16: 3rd Tues Evening Program
- Wed. 17: Visitors of Southport Past
- Sat. 20: Bicycle with Adventure Company
- Thurs. 25 & Fri. 26: Museum Closed Thanksgiving Holiday

MUSEUM RENOVATION UP-DATE

The bluff known as Fort Johnston has endured centuries of challenge and change; this year is no exception. Two one-story brick duplex apartment buildings were erected there in 1957 to house families of Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point (MOTSU) officers. The Commanding Officer lived with his family in the nearby Garrison House, originally built in 1810 for use as Officer's Barracks. It was extensively renovated in 1959, and is the only structure remaining from the centuries of military occupation. The scenery changed yet again as the two apartment buildings today became one, physically connected and designed to house the North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport. The Museum is moving from its 18-year home on Howe Street to the



Cornerstone Builders, Inc.
connect the buildings at the corner
of Moore and Davis Streets

corner of Moore and Davis Streets, the home of historic Fort Johnston. With permission from the City of Southport, the Friends of the Museum raised funds to remodel the Moore building, now housing a large classroom, library, staff offices and kitchen. They removed the roof from the Davis structure, replacing it with a new custom designed truss roof system, featuring a high-vaulted ceiling. This 3000-square-foot room will be the Main Exhibit Hall and Gift Shop. For the enjoyment of visitors, a full length 100-foot porch will be reminiscent of the soldiers' barracks of 1863, and will be repeated on the Moore Street exterior. Friends and volunteers are now painting interior walls of the Office building, and as additional funding becomes available, the large Exhibit Hall walls and ceiling will be foam insulated, electrical and mechanical needs installed, sheet rock and flooring completed. Meanwhile the Museum staff continues regular operating hours, while preparing the current Museum artifacts for the move to the historic treasure of Fort Johnston, at the mouth of the Cape Fear River.



NC Maritime Museum at Southport and community members discovered the comfort (or lack thereof!) and styles of clothing for men and women in Colonial days at our 3rd Tuesday Evening program for October. Brunswick Town State Historic Site's costumed volunteers and Site Manager Brenda Bryant discussed costuming issues as Historic Interpreters Shannon Walker and Jim McKee led us on a "catwalk" through images of costumes in the 18th century. A taste of Colonial foods was enjoyed by all...hopefully no one had to loosen their "stays!"



Cindy Johnson examines the many shark jaw bones on display at the Museum of Coastal Carolina. The Fall Into History group enjoyed learning about our marine creatures as well as the local, cultural and natural history of the coastal Carolinas and Ocean Isle Beach.

Connie Hendrix views Oakdale Cemetery's grave marker of Mrs. Rose Greenhow, the Confederate spy, who while sailing on the blockade runner *The Condor*, was chased by a Federal gunboat. She chose to abandon ship, rather than be caught. Her pockets, filled with gold, weighted her down; she drowned and her body was washed ashore.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS



*Visitors of Southport Past
Civil War Soldier*

Wednesdays, Nov. 3, 10, and 17: Visitors of Southport Past - 3-4 p.m. Free. Join some of Southport's most spirited historical characters at the Benedict House for afternoon tea and tales of their lives in the small riverfront town. Costumed interpreters will portray Kate Stuart, Dr. and Mrs. Curtis, and a Civil War soldier. Located at the Benedict House, 1013 E. Moore St., Southport. Call the NC Maritime Museum at Southport for details: (910)457-0003.

Thursday, Nov. 4: Fall Into History, Green Swamp - 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. *Rescheduled from Sept. 30.* Enjoy a guided walk with a representative from the Nature Conservancy through the Green Swamp Preserve in Supply. See native carnivorous plants and learn about them as well as some swamp lore.

Thursday, Nov. 4: NC Maritime Museum at Southport Book Club meeting - 1 p.m. Discussion of Nan Graham's *Turn South at the Next Magnolia*, available in the Museum Gift Shop. Meet at the Benedict House, 1013 E. Moore St., Southport. Call the NC Maritime Museum at Southport for details: (910)457-0003.

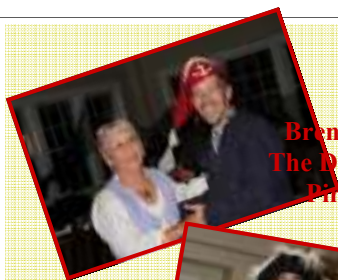
Friday Nov. 12: 1 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 20: 9:30 a.m.: Historic Southport Bicycle Tours with the Adventure Company - The NC Mari-

time Museum at Southport will team up with the Adventure Company to offer two bicycle tours of Historic Downtown Southport. Museum docent and Adventure Company tour leader 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. Meet at the Adventure Company on Howe St. Fee is \$20 for bike/helmet rental and tour (bring your own bike, \$15.) Space is limited. Two day advanced registration and pre-payment is required. Call the Adventure Company: (910)454-0607. For more detailed information, call the NC Maritime Museum at Southport: (910)457-0003.



Historic Southport Bicycle Tour

A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!



Brenda & The Dancing Pirate



Shirley & the Royal Governor



'Yo, Ho, Ho & a bottle of rum!' Ian & Woody



Poncho and the Princess. Wayne & Mary?

We would like to thank and list those who made The Pyrate Masquerade a huge success. Be you Friends' Board Members, Committee members, sponsors, donors, Museum Staff... we appreciate your support. We also would like to thank all who attended the Masquerade & helped raise money for the continuing renovation of our future Museum at Fort Johnston. WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU!

Shirley A. Wilson

HERE'S TO YOU...CHEERS!!!

Wayne & Jill Berry, Al & Ginny Biasotti, Linda & Joseph Bowen, Sally Buchanan & Ken Karn, Tim & Janie Burnett, Cape Fear Printing, Jim & Barbara Carey, Ian & Barbara S. Davidson, Downtown Southport, Inc., Bert & Beckie Felton, Michael & Susan Flynn, Bob Griffith & Sarah Hudson, Walt & Joan Madsen, Marion & Don Martin, Peg & Greg McDonald, Jim McKee, Cecil & Sheree Rhodes, Frank & Eileen Roehrig, Scuba South Diving Co., Silver Coast Winery, Walter & Barbara Skinner (Tellstar), Madeline & Don Spencer, Wayne & Mary Strickland, The State Port Pilot, Sharon Venis, Amie Williams, Ben & Gibby Wilson, Shirley & Woody Wilson, and invading pyrates "DEVIL MEN OF THE CAPE FEAR"

"Look what we won!" Gay & Dick



"Who were those masked pirates?" Frank & Peggy?



"Now, this is scary!" Jim & Barb



News From the Friends of the Museum (FOM)

Program Sponsor: Thank you Jim & Barb Carey, owner of the charter sailboat, *Endless Summer*, for sponsoring our October program, "Colonial Costuming." We hope our members will remember our sponsors & patronize their businesses.

Food for 3rd Tuesday Evening Program: Our thanks to the Museum staff (Sharon Venis, Amie Williams & Mary Strickland) who prepared the food that is representative of our programs. This past month, they prepared Roasted Root Vegetables, Homemade Apple Sauce & Ginger Bread with Whipped Cream. The food was wonderful & tied in beautifully with our program. THANK YOU MARITIME MUSEUM STAFF!

Setup Thank you: Our thanks, as always, go to Sally Buchanan, Al Biasotti & Linda Bowen for helping with our program setup & cleanup. Thanks faithful members!

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 wavfarer1@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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- Please contact me about volunteer opportunities.
- Please contact me about becoming a program sponsor.
- Employer (Name/Address) & Matching Gift _____ (Amount) _____

Payment Information: Check payable to: *Friends of the NC Maritime Museum at Southport* enclosed _____. Or join using PayPal on our website: www.friendsncmmsouthport.org

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NC Cultural Resources

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.

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In sponsoring this newsletter, the *Friends of the North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport* supports the Museum in continuing North Carolina's rich maritime history.
Join us today... Welcome Aboard!
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Museum Hours
Tuesday - Saturday
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Free Admission



3RD TUESDAY PROGRAMS

Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010, 7 p.m. - "Southern Humorist" featuring Nan Graham
Sponsored by Woody & Shirley Wilson

Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2011, 7 p.m. - "Biography of James Reilly" featuring Jack Travis
(Col. Blackjack), **Sponsored by J. Taylor Ryan**

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

Museum Book Club - November 4, at 1 p.m.

Our book of the month is, *Turn South at the Next Magnolia* by Nan Graham
Copies are available at the Museum Gift Shop.

We will be meeting at the Benedict House, 1013 E Moore Street to discuss the book.

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