

Federal Point Historic Preservation Society

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Shag Dance Fund Raiser a "Swinging" Success

The Federal Point Historic Preservation Society held a fund-raising shag dance at Wrangler's in the Ocean Plaza building last month. Shag "Hall of Famer" Chicken Hicks and two famous DJs kept everyone swinging to music from the 1950s to 1970s during the three-day event. The fund raiser exceeded our expectations and drew individuals from as far away as Virginia and Georgia. The Society hosted a farewell gathering and pig-picking on the last day. The fund raiser proved a great success thanks to everyone that volunteered their time and effort. A detailed account of the fund raiser will be presented at this month's meeting by Darlene Bright.

Federal Point History Discussed at Last Month's Meeting

If you were not at the October meeting of the Federal Point Historic Preservation Society you missed local historian Bill Reaves present a chronology of some significant events in the history of Federal Point. Mr. Reaves also brought along several historic newspaper clippings that showed photographs of people and buildings at Carolina Beach. The meeting was held at the Carolina Beach First Baptist Church. The Society wishes to express their appreciation to Bill for sharing with us his knowledge of the area.

Underwater Archaeologist to Speak in November

Scheduled speaker for the November meeting of the Federal Point Historic Preservation Society will be Mr. Richard Lawrence, head of the North Carolina Underwater Archaeology Unit and an employee of the Department of Cultural Resources for 19 years. Mr. Lawrence will present a talk and slide show on how his department and the town of Nags Head created a shoreline exhibit for the shipwreck USS *Huron*, and how a similar exhibit can be developed for a local shipwreck. The USS *Huron* is North Carolina's only Underwater Shipwreck Preserve and has met with overwhelming popularity. The meeting will be held on November 21th at 7:30 P.M., in the Fort Fisher Museum auditorium. Members and guests are encouraged to attend.

Society Promoted on Morning Television Show

On November 2nd two members of the Federal Point Historic Preservation Society, Mr. Eddie Warren and Mr. Leslie Bright, were interviewed on the Channel 6 television program "Carolina in the Morning." They presented the history, activities, and purpose of the Society to a large viewing audience. The Society wishes to thank Mr. Warren for his efforts to arrange this promotion. Anyone interested in joining the Federal Point Historic Preservation Society can write to FPHPS, P.O. Box 623, Carolina Beach, NC 28428.

Upcoming Fort Fisher Events

Fort Fisher State Historic Site is preparing for the 130th anniversary of the second battle of Fort Fisher on January 14-15, 1995. On January 14, a special night program will recreate the aftermath of the final Union assault on the fort. Special effects will simulate the bombardment as hundreds of soldiers re-create the battle. Visitors will also play a role as Union reinforcements. A \$2.00 donation per person is requested. On January 15, a panel discussion will take a critical look at why, and how, Fort Fisher was captured. Panel members will consist of local authors Rod Gragg and Chris Fonvielle, historian Harry Warren, and Gehrig Spencer, manager of the Fort Fisher Historic Site. There will be no fee for this event.