



Federal Point Historic Preservation Society

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January Meeting

Monday, January 18 - 7:30 pm

The Federal Point Historic Preservation Society will hold its monthly meeting on **Monday, January 18 at 7:30 pm at the Federal Point History Center**, 1121-A North Lake Park Blvd., adjacent to Carolina Beach Town Hall.

This month's speaker will be Fred Pickler, the author/illustrator of the new book *The Life and Times of the Fort Fisher Hermit: through the lens of Fred Pickler*. Fascinated by the Hermit since his Boy Scout years, Fred has had a varied career in trucking, law enforcement, and sales of international arms. With *Life and Times* he returns to his roots and presents a photographic tribute of one of the area's most "original" residents. Pickler also gives full documentation to Harrell's somewhat mysterious death. Fred will tell us just what made Robert Harrill such a unique and special local "attraction."

Last Month's Meeting

WHAT A GREAT PARTY! Almost 60 members came to the Christmas Potluck. This year due to space limitations at the History Center, we met at the Kure Memorial Lutheran Church's Fellowship Hall. The room was beautifully decorated for the season, and the Church gave us a wonderful welcome. As always the food was great. One thing this group knows how to do is cook!

A huge thanks to **Virginia Francis** who organized the event and spent a great deal of time making sure everything was just right. Helping Virginia were **Jim Dugan, Pat Bolander, Barry and Sondra Nelder, Sondra Ware, Shirley Graf, Ron Griffin, Annette Winner and Rob Reeves**. We couldn't have done it without your faithful help.

Fall of Fort Fisher Reenactment

January 15-17, 2010

Anniversary of the 2nd Battle of Fort Fisher. This large anniversary event will kick off at UNC-Wilmington on Friday with a panel discussion on the experiences of United States Colored Troops. The discussion is co-hosted by the Upperman African American Cultural Center. Continuing this theme, Dr. Richard Reid, author of *Freedom for Themselves: North Carolina's Black Soldiers in the Civil War Era*, will present a talk on Saturday. A battle scenario, lantern light tours, and evening firing of the site's 32-pound rifled and banded cannon will also highlight this anniversary program. Visitors can see artillery and infantry demonstrations and walk through Union and Confederate camps established on the fort's grounds.



And, **yes we will be selling sausage dogs and hotdogs again this year.**

Actually we will sell to the public on Saturday from 10-4. Then on Sunday we will feed all the reenactors (they have over 460 already registered!) This

is always a great time, and the perfect way to let the community know about our organization and our support of historic activities and programs in Federal Point. **If you can give us a couple of hours on Saturday the 16th or Sunday the 17th please call Rebecca at 458-0502.** If I'm not in leave a message on the machine and I'll call you back. OR e-mail to fphps@yahoo.com. Let's just hope it's warmed up by then.

President's Message

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a very enjoyable holiday season. Our dinner in December was well attended. I would like to express my thanks to a number of people who helped make the event a success. To Pastor Graf and the Congregation Council of Kure Memorial Lutheran Church for permitting us to use their Fellowship Hall; to Virginia Francis, Annette Winner, Jim Dugan and others for working on the logistics, setup and cleanup; to John Golden for providing us such fine entertainment; and finally to all those who made generous donations to benefit the Federal Point Help Center.

As many of you are aware, the 145th re-enactment of the 2nd Battle of Fort Fisher will be taking place on the weekend of January 16th and 17th. Our Society will be selling sausage dogs to the visitors and re-enactors as in past years. We will be needing volunteers to help with this activity. If you can help please let Rebecca know or leave a message on the History Center machine 458-0502, as she is working on a schedule for both days.

I hope to see many of you at our January meeting on the 18th. In addition to our program on the Fort Fisher Hermit presented by Fred Pickler we will have an update regarding our participation in the History Bowl.

Ron Griffin

Cape Fear History Bowl Thursday, February 11, 2010

The Lower Cape Fear Historical Society has organized the first ever Cape Fear History Bowl. It will take place on Thursday, February 11 at 7 pm in the Historic New Hanover County Courthouse (the red brick one with the clock tower.)

Team members **Leslie Bright, Jack Travis, Barry Nelder, and Richard Lawrence** met in December to begin planning strategy and divide up some eras and events for study. They will have at least one more practice this month.



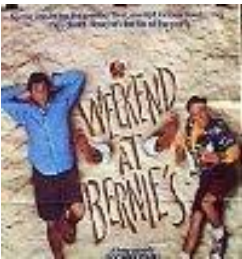
Please make plans now to attend the event to cheer on our team.

Oral History Committee – Ann Hertzler

Calling All Movie Buffs!

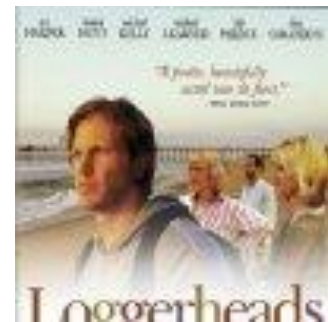
We are working on a COMPLETE list of films that used Federal Point for location shots. Here's what Ann Hertzler has collected for Kure Beach so far.

Wilmywood, the Hollywood name for Wilmington, has produced more than 300 films since the 1980s. More than a dozen have featured Kure Beach. Favorite areas to film have been around the pier and the secluded areas of Fort Fisher. Prime spots are the ocean, the ferry, the boat basin, and the Aquarium.



1980s **Week End at Bernie's**

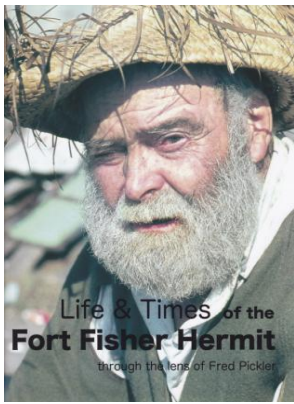
- 1993 Linda
- 1993 Love, Honor, & Obey: Last Mata Marriage
- 1993 Twilight Zone: The Theater
- 1995 To Gilian on her 37th Birthday
- 1995 Traveler
- 1996 Hurricane Bertha and Fran
- 1999 Hurricane Fran – Science Behind The Storm
- 2004 Loggerheads
- 2004 Woo on the Tape



Dawson's Creek and *One Tree Hill* are TV series filming in the Kure Beach area.

Weekend at Bernie's in the 80s and *To Gilian on her 37th Birthday* in the 90s both had an entire house built and then torn down.

We would also love to have a list of locals who appeared as extras as well as stories of how the films impacted the local area. If you can add to our list of films or have other information, please call Rebecca at the History Center 458-0502 or e-mail your info to fphps@yahoo.com.



Federal Point Historic Preservation Society Events Calendar Spring 2010

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Monday, February 15, 2010 Meeting. 7:30-9:00 pm.

Bill Jayne will speak to us about the **Wilmington National Cemetery** and the history and development of the United States National Cemetery system as a whole. Currently

responsible for coordinating the development of new national cemeteries and the expansion of the VA's 130 existing national cemeteries, he began his civil service career in 1981 in Washington, DC, and joined VA in 1984. He held numerous positions at VA headquarters, including director of the State Cemetery Grants Program. He transferred to Wilmington in 2006.



Monday, March 15, 2010: Membership Meeting. 7:30-9:00 pm.

The Kure Family Part II. We will continue watching the Kure Family history. This time we will hear more about the organization and founding of the towns of Carolina Beach and Kure Beach. We again hope to have members of the family present to answer questions.



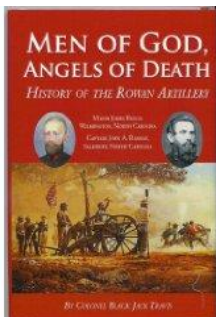
Thursday, March 18, 2010 Walking Tour of "The Sugar Loaf Line of Defense" with Dr. Chris Fonvielle 3:00-5:00 pm. \$6.00 ticket. Limit of 25 tickets available. Meet at the Federal Point History Center. 1121-A N Lake Park Blvd. Carolina Beach, North Carolina. **RAIN DATE MARCH 25.** Tickets will be available beginning March 1 at the Federal Point History Center.

Monday, April 19, 2010: Membership Meeting. 7:30-9:00 pm.

Rebecca Taylor and Gayle Keresey will present a program about the **Federal Point Lighthouse**, including all three lights as well as information gained by the recent dig that exposed the brick floor of the 1837 structure.



Saturday, April 24, 2010: Kure Beach's Annual Street Festival. Begins 11:00 am on "K" AVENUE .



Sunday, May 16 or 23, 2010: Cape Fear Historic Cruise. Exact date and price TBA. Plans aren't firm quite yet, but we are planning to do another cruise in May.

Monday, May 17, 2010: Membership Meeting. 7:30-9:00 pm.

Jack Travis The life of a reenactor. The program begins at 7:30 pm at the Federal Point History Center, 1121-A N Lake Park Blvd. Carolina Beach, North Carolina.

Monday, June 21, 2009: Membership Meeting. 6:30-8:00 pm.

Picnic Social. Dinner begins at 6:30 pm at the Federal Point History Center, 1121-A N Lake Park Blvd. Carolina Beach, North Carolina. Please bring a friend or prospective new member.

Can we Borrow Your Photos?

The Federal Point History Center is currently building a digital archive of photographs of our area. We need all kinds of pictures: ones that show buildings, people, and events from the Boardwalk to Hurricane Fran! From Fort Fisher to Monkey Junction!

Please dig out your scrapbooks, boxes of old mementos, slide carousels (yes, we can even scan slides). We would like to borrow your pictures for a week to 10 days. We will scan them into digital format and return them to you along with a CD of the digital images for your family files.

If you have pictures you want to share with our community, bring them by the Federal Point History Center, 1121-A N. Lake Park Blvd. located just behind and south of Carolina Beach Town Hall. We are open Tuesday from 12-4 and Friday and Saturday from 10-4. If you have questions or want to talk to us before you come by, feel free to call Rebecca at 458-0502. Leave a message when we're not open, and we'll call you back.

The History Center is looking for someone to build a scale model of the 3rd Federal Point Lighthouse. If you know of anyone who enjoys building "doll house size" models, please call Rebecca at the Federal Point History Center at 910-458-0502 or email: fphps@yahoo.com



Society Notes

- **Membership Information:** **Annette Winner**, Chairperson. A big welcome to new members **Patrick and Cricket Dye of Charlotte**. Also **Marie and Ed Rothbaler** have renewed with a **Life membership**.
- **History Center News:** **Darlene Bright, Director**. Volunteers who helped keep the History Center open in December were Lois Taylor, Demetria Sapienza, Juanita Winner, and Jeannie Gordon.. In addition to 60+ members and guests at our December Party, we had 38 visitors at the History Center. Gift Shop Sales totaled \$136.22. Got'em-on-Live and the UDC also held their montly meetings at the center.
- A HUGE thanks to the **Got-em-on-Live Bait Club** for their generous donation again this year. Their exhibit is up and looks great. Please take a few minutes to take a look at it when you are in the History Center.

Community Events

Don't forget! **THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH** the Katie B. Hines Senior Center serves an all-the-pancakes-you-can-eat breakfast for just \$6.00 a person, kids \$4.00. Besides pancakes there are eggs, sausage as well as juice and/or fruit. Help them out by planning to attend.

Officers

President – Ron Griffin
 Vice-President – Annette Winner
 Secretary – Lois Taylor
 Treasurer - Jeannie Gordon

Directors

Leslie Bright, Chair	James Dugan	Ray Flowers
Elaine Henson	Daniel Norris	Cheri McNeill
Jack Travis	Pat Bolander	Sylvia Snook

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