



# Federal Point Historic Preservation Society

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## Newsletter

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### January Meeting Monday, January 17, 2011 7:30 pm

The Federal Point Historic Preservation Society will hold its monthly meeting on **Monday, January 17 at 7:30 pm at the Federal Point History Center, 1121-A North Lake Park Blvd., adjacent to Carolina Beach Town Hall.**

We will hear about the history and current activities of the Got-Em-On Live Bait Club from some of it's earliest members including Dennis Barbour, and Mike Coleman. We are inviting the members of the Club to join us as we will also be "cutting the ribbon" on our newest exhibit which is all about The Got-Em-On Live Bait Club.

### Last Month's Meeting

What a wonderful way to kick off the Holiday Season! For the second year in a row we met for our Holiday Potluck in the Kure Memorial Lutheran Church's Fellowship Hall. Thanks SO MUCH for their willingness for us to use their space.

Thanks too, to Virginia Francis, Ron Griffin, the Nelders and everybody who pitched in and helped out. The food was sumptuous as always. We had over 50 people attend and it was great to visit with some of the people who don't get to our meetings very often.

John Golden conducted a spirited sing-along. And then there was surfing Santa.....



I'd like to say a personal thanks to the Society membership for the surprise gift card. It's nice to know that my work is so appreciated. -- Rebecca



## President's Message

Happy New Year to all members. I hope your holiday season was enjoyable. We had a good time at the December dinner held in Kure Beach at the Kure Memorial Lutheran Church. Thanks again to Pastor Richard Graf and the Congregation Council for allowing us to use the facility. Many thanks also to Virginia Francis for handling logistics and serving as hostess; to Barry Nelder for being our Santa; and to John Golden for helping us get through "The Twelve Days of Christmas" plus several other Carols.

Please give some thought regarding participating in some of our projects this year. These projects will be described in our monthly newsletters. Also, plan to attend the monthly meetings as we have a number of fine programs coming up. There will be an announcement at our January meeting on the 17th regarding our participation in the 2nd annual History Bowl. Hope to see you at the History Center on the 17th.

*Ron Griffin*

## Project looking for Member Volunteers!

### Sugarloaf Artillery Day

March 19, 2011 10 am – 4 pm

At the Carolina Beach Municipal Complex

We've combined three activities into a great day out for all Civil War lovers. We will hold it at the History Center, the yard beside and behind us, and in the big parking lot at the back of the complex.

- Member Jack Travis has volunteered his re-enactor pals in the Adams Battery to fire their guns for us.
- Chris Fonvielle will lead his annual "Walk to Sugar Loaf"
- We'll have our annual barbeque fundraiser
- Talks and book signings by local Civil War authors
- We are also working on plans for kids activities



We need volunteers to:

- Set up the venue on Friday evening and Saturday morning
- Tear down and clean up the venue Saturday afternoon and evening
- Help with the Barbeque – set up, sell tickets, serve food, clean up
- Contribute desserts for sale with the barbeque
- Traffic/parking monitors
- Help with the kid's activities
- Help with the author tables including selling books and keeping lines moving.

***This could be a really special event if we all pull together. Please, please call Rebecca at the History Center(458-0502) and volunteer a few hours toward this program that will raise our visibility in the local community!***



**Oral History by Ann Hertzner**  
***Dub and Hazel Heglar***  
**Police – Fire Department - Town Hall**

Dub was the only man that did every job in Kure Beach except the office work. Dub worked for a construction company until a replacement was needed at Kure Beach. When Dub first went to work, there were 2 others –Ed Smith and a man named Fisher who had been a policeman. One day a week trash was collected on a flat bed truck from residents and the few businesses that were here. Summertime pickup was 4 or 5 times a week for restaurants who paid extra. All trash went to the private trash landfill near the end of H St.. They kept that flatbed truck until the latter part of the '60s when they hauled trash to the landfill on the other side of Wilmington.

Dub joined the fire department to help fight fires when he first went to work for the town. They already had the fire truck – old, but it was a fire truck. A lieutenant from the Wilmington fire department came about every year to hold up-date classes on how to fight fires and how to take care of the equipment. They still do that. The fire department was in the community building on third street - the kitchen was the town hall; the big area was the fire department where the truck was housed, and the police department was behind it all. After a while KB got 2 trucks. If a fire was happening, they'd blow the siren and use telephones. They didn't have radios. Most of the volunteers worked or lived on the beach - a lot of them worked and couldn't come. They wanted as many as they could get that lived at Kure Beach to back it up.



Dub has been chief of police in Kure Beach 5 times! All the town was required to do was have a Chief of Police- no training required. Dub's longest stint was 6 months. Every time a policeman quit or was fired, they'd swear Dub in until one was hired. The only thing furnished Dub was the little police station back of the fire truck in the Community Building . For a serious crime Dub would have called the County Sheriff's Department for qualified people.

As police chief, Dub let people know that he had the authority and he didn't have any trouble - mostly drinking problems. One person with a lot of problems had been a prisoner of the Korean War. The government declared him dead; they didn't know he was a prisoner. His wife had remarried. His mind collapsed. He'd get drunk and want to start trouble. All Dub did was take him off to Wilmington . In the courtroom, the judge (his guardian) would say, I'm going to have to keep you overnight until you sober up. Dub would get him the next day.



Dub had trouble with the Hermit too. They made a big issue of the hermit. His sisters, nurses at Mercy Hospital in Charlotte, used to come and stay in a rental property. They'd try to get the Hermit to go back with them. He was a typesetter, originally, for a newspaper in Gastonia . He wasn't dumb. But instead of his taking a shower in their rental apartment, he went to the ocean to bath in the salt water. He found out how to work both ends against the middle. A lot of people went down there and gave him money. He lived a life like he wanted to live. One time, he gathered a pickup truck load of stuff and had it on the corner at the stoplight at Big Daddy's. Dub told him, I'm going home. If I come back here in the morning and find this stuff here, I'm going to arrest you and take you to Wilmington . The "stuff" was gone the next day.

## Digital Image Project – Moving Ahead

We have now scanned pictures from three families that have been long time residents of the Federal Point Area. The Kure's, the Winner's and the Burnett's (see pictures below) We'd love to add some more families to our Digital Archive so please keep an eye out for a box of old pics you'd be willing to have us archive.

What we do is BORROW your pictures for 4-6 weeks. We look through them and scan the ones that are most evocative of the Federal Point areas – Carolina Beach, Kure Beach, Myrtle Grove Sound, Seabreeze. You give the Society the rights to use the scanned photos in our publications and projects but you get your originals back. We'll also give you a CD with all the pictures we scanned which you can pass on to the next generation.

You don't have to have lived here "forever." We need more contemporary pics, too, for our hope is that this archive will be used by people in 25-50 years. We particularly need:

- Pics of local businesses and older homes.
- Pics of community events of any period – sporting events, fund raisers, almost any organized activity.
- Pics of hurricane damage from storms other than Hazel (we have tons and tons of those already)
- Pictures of local activities like fishing and surfing.
- Local churches, their buildings and their congregations.
- Pictures of our natural setting. Beaches, the Cape Fear, local birds, hermit crabs, and TURTLES!!!

As you can see: just about anything but pictures of unidentified people doing unidentified things. Help us tell the story of this many layered area.



Image donated by Curley Shands



Image donated by Gil Burnett



Image donated by Annette Winner

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 Winner Marine Construction  
 and Salvage, LLC

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 Business Members know  
 how much you appreciate**

Federal Point Historic Preservation Society  
Events Calendar Summer/Fall 2010



**Saturday January 15, 2011 Fort Fisher Reenactment Day**

Yes, we will be a vendor again. To volunteer to be on the crew call 452-0502 and let us know when you can work.

**Monday, January 17, 2011 Membership Meeting. 7:30-9:00 pm**

We will celebrate the grand opening of our newest exhibit with a talk about the history and current projects of the **Got-Em-On Live Bait Club**. We hope many of the members of the Club will join us for this program and ribbon cutting.

**Monday, February 21, 2011 Membership Meeting. 7:30-9:00 pm**

Connie Mason, historian/folklorist will present **Bad to the Hair Bun: an Overview of Woman Pirates through History**, a fun-filled hour of facts, humor and song about the feminine side of piracy.



**Saturday March 19, 2011 Sugarloaf Artillery Day**

Join us for this special day commemorating the role the Sugarloaf landmark and the Civil War defenses in the Carolina Beach area played in the final battles for Wilmington. Activities will include demonstration firing of artillery pieces by the **Captain Z. T. Adams Battery**. A number of Civil War authors will be available to autograph their books. In the afternoon **Chris Fonvielle** will lead his annual walk to **Sugar Loaf**.



**Monday, March 21, 2011: Membership Meeting. 7:30-9:00 pm** Jay Barnes, author of the new book **Hurricane Hazel**, will talk and share pictures of one of the most memorable events of the twentieth century, at least here in Southeastern North Carolina.



**Monday April 18, 2011: Membership Meeting. 7:30-9:00 pm.** **The Winner Family of Carolina Beach.** Join us as we hear from several family historians about the history and lives of one of the founding families of our area.



**Monday, May 16, 2011: Membership Meeting. 7:30-9:00 pm.**

Chris Fonvielle will talk about his new book, **Fort Fisher 1865** which features the 1865 photographs of Fort Fisher by T.H. O'Sullivan.

**Sunday May 22, 2011 History Cruise**  
Event time/price to be announced.



**Monday June 20, 2011: Membership Picnic. 6:30 pm** Join us for the social occasion of the Summer.

Hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill and all the usual sides – catch up with old friends and meet our newest members.

## Society Notes

- ❖ This month we recorded 60 members and visitors at our monthly meeting. We had 42 visitors to the History Center this month. We took in \$260.88 in the gift shop with the new t-shirts and several new books helping sales considerably.
- ❖ Thanks to our History Center Volunteers; **Lois Taylor**, for helping with the Newsletter mailing and **Demetria Sapienza** who comes every Tuesday to scan photos for the DIP. (Digital Image Project). **Darlene and Leslie Bright** continue to spend time on all kinds of projects around the History Center. This month among other things they put up the Christmas lights and decorations! Oh, and Leslie got the heat going with the help of Taylor's Heating and Air.
- ❖ New Members: Welcome to **Richard Carlyle** of Dallas, Texas, **Joe Hewitt** of Maiden, NC, **Jennifer and David Crane** of Springfield, VA and new business **John Gregory's Beach Portraits Photography**.
- ❖ **Treasurer's Report** by Demetria Sapienza. Dues – Membership renewals came in at a steady rate. Thanks to everyone who re-ups within a month of getting their notice. We received our support check from the Town of Carolina Beach in December – PLEASE THANK THE COUNCILMEN from both the Beaches for their ongoing support of the History Center's activities. We know that local government budgets are stressed these days and the ongoing support we receive from them is important and deeply appreciated. We didn't see much interest in the Gift Shop's 10% off for members, but several new books helped with sales for the month.

### *Beach Portraits Photography*

*Business member John Gregory had come up with a great way for members to preserve their family history AND benefit our Society. For a \$75 donation to the Society you will receive a Gift Certificate for one Family Portrait Session AND a finished 10 by 13 Portrait. This is an exceptionally generous offer and is worth \$185 retail.*

#### **Officers**

President – Ron Griffin  
Vice-President – Annette Winner  
Secretary – Lois Taylor  
Treasurer – Demetria Sapienza

Leslie Bright  
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