



Federal Point Historic Preservation Society

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Newsletter

Special 2010 History Cruise Edition!

(Next month Oral Histories and Historic Features will be back)

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June Meeting

Monday, June 21, 2009

Picnic begins at 6:30 pm!

The Federal Point Historic Preservation Society will hold its monthly meeting on **Monday, June 15, 6:30 pm at the Federal Point History Center**, 1121-A North Lake Park Blvd., adjacent to Carolina Beach Town Hall.

In lieu of our usual program, we will enjoy our annual potluck/picnic. We'll have hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill in the side yard. Please bring a favorite dish to share with the group. If the weather behaves you might also want to bring a lawn chair.

This is always a wonderful time to visit with old friends, but also a great time to introduce new people. PLEASE bring a friend or neighbor who might be interested in joining. And to all of our new found friends who were on the History Cruise we'd love to have you join us and see what we're all about.

It is also important that everyone be present as we will be voting on officers and board members for the 2010-2011 fiscal year!

Last Month's Program

Member, as well as FPHPS Board member, Jack Travis presented a fascinating program last month on Civil War reenacting. He shared both how people come to be involved and why people choose to spend their leisure time AND hard earned money recreating everyday life as it was in 1861-1865. The members were fascinated by his stories of modern "battles" fought as well as how a cannon is really fired.



Jack also talked about how the upcoming 150th anniversary of The Battle of Bull Run (oops, First Manassas) is already being planned for summer of 2011 and will bring reenactors from all over the US to Virginia. He also brought along several of his uniform coats and we all got to imagine what life (especially summer) was like living in WOOL coats, caps, and pants. No 100% cotton for these guys! Don't forget we still have copies of Jack's book, *Men of God, Angels of Death, the Story of the Rowan Artillery*, available in the History Center Gift Shop.



President's Message

It was great to see so many people on our Cape Fear River Cruise last month. Many thanks to Leslie Bright, Dr. Chris Fonvielle, and Jack Fryar for the very enlightening narrations. This month we will have an abbreviated meeting at 6:30 pm for the purpose of electing Officers and Directors, followed by a potluck supper. The Nominating Committee will place in nomination names of individuals who have agreed to serve in the several positions if elected by the membership. Additional nominations may be made by members at the meeting. Hope to see you there.

Ron Griffin

Wow-Za! What a Cruise

What a spectacular day for a ride on the river! Three hundred history buffs boarded the Winner Royal Princess II for a "three hour cruise" that took us through Snow's Cut and down the Cape Fear River. Here are just a few of the great pictures that Jasmine Mckee of the *Island Gazette* has generously shared with us for our archives.



By Jasmine Mckee, Island Gazette



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By Rebecca Taylor, FPIPS



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A huge thanks goes out to



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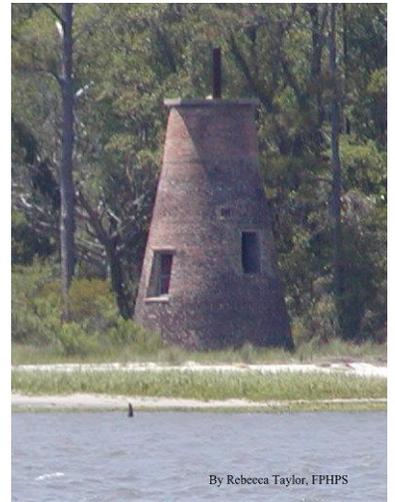
- Our Historians: **Jack Fryar, Chris Fonvielle, and Leslie Bright**. They are what make this event so special.
- **The Winner Party Boat Fleet**. They gave us a bigger boat when tickets sold out in less than a week and their crew made the whole trip a joy. Special thanks go to Annette and Tammy who worked closely with our planners and ensured the event came off without a hitch.
- Jasmine McKee and the staff of the *Island Gazette* for their help in getting the publicity out and for the great photos of the event.
- All the door prize donors. You always come through when we ask: **Bowman's at the Beach, Island Tackle and Hardware, Juanita Winner, A&G BBQ, Jack Mackerel, Harbor Masters, Le Solie, and the Shuckin' Shack**.
- Our members, who pitched in and went to work selling tickets and providing refreshments; **Sylvia Snook, Jeannie Gordon, Darlene Bright, Demetria Sapienza, Lois Taylor and MOST OF ALL Annette Winner**, the tireless worker who made sure it all happened on time and under budget!



By Jasmine McKee, Island Gazette



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By Rebecca Taylor, FHPS

Society Notes

The History Center was a-buzz again this month with the biggest event being the Lower Cape Fear River History Cruise. Thanks to Rebecca, Demetria, and Lois who worked so hard selling tickets. Believe me it was a timely task.

A special thanks to Annette, Skippy, and Rob for arranging to get a bigger boat and providing most of the food. We appreciate so much the friendly folks of Winner Party Boat. Capt. Chad and his crew were very supportive and accommodating to our large crowd making sure everything went smoothly.

Last but not least, thanks to our three tour guides Chris, Jack, and Leslie. Sadly, John Golden who was scheduled to help conduct the tour was unable to attend due to the passing of his mother in Texas. Our thoughts and prayers go out to John and his family and we appreciate so much his continued support.

This was our most successful fund-raiser yet, with 300 tickets sold and more than 100 people on the waiting list. We saw a lot of new faces in the History Center this month.

Rebecca and Demetria attended the **Connecting to Collections Conference** in Raleigh on May 20 at the State Archives. They met with local legislators over breakfast and explained how important funding for archives and local history are to the whole preservation community. Unfortunately, the legislators had to rush back to vote on next year's state budget, so they couldn't stay for the presentation of the new Connecting to Collections grant that NC Archives and History has been awarded. This should ensure that all the small museums and archives in North Carolina get ongoing training and professional consultation from professional archivists. We are so fortunate to have these two who are willing and able to go that extra mile to promote our society and the history of the Federal Point area.

In addition to 38 members and visitors at our monthly meeting, May saw increased activity at the History Center with 115 visitors who spent \$121.32 in the gift shop, a bit more than last May.

As always thanks to our March volunteers: **Lois Taylor, Demetria Sapienza, and Ron Griffin** who are always ready and willing to help keep the History Center open and do all the chores and activities that Rebecca has lined up for them. *Visit us on Tuesdays 12-4, Fridays 10-4 and Saturdays 10-4.*

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