



Federal Point Historic Preservation Society

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Newsletter

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New Web Site! www.Federal-Point-History.org

June Meeting

Monday, June 16, 2014

6:30 PM (early due to pot-luck)



The Federal Point Historic Preservation Society will hold its monthly meeting on **Monday, June 16, 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 summer potluck. 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.

Last Month's Program

Last month's meeting was a fascinating look at the iconic Boardwalk business Britt's Donuts. Celebrating their Seventy-fifth anniversary this year, Daniel Norris has produced a lush and yummy look at the "forever sweet" business.



President's Message: From Barry Nelder



The nominating committee, consisting of Darlene Bright, Lois Taylor and myself, has been hard at work filling the positions for Officers and Board members for the 2014-2015 year. We will vote on the slate of nominees at our July meeting.

President: **Elaine Henson**

Secretary: **Juanita Winner**

Vice President: **Tony Phillips**

Treasurer: **Demetria Sapienza**

Nominees for the Board of Directors: **John Gordon, Byron Moore, Barry Nelder, Jean Stewart and Andre Blouin**

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And join the conversation!**

Oral History

Joseph Ryder Lewis, Jr. Part III -- School Days

Interviewed by Ann Hertzler and Jeannie Gordon

When I first started to school, we were living over here on the highway; and there was no school down here. There had previously been one down there somewhere. Close to where Dow Plant used to be. That was before my time; but it was gone when I came along. Mrs. Hines, I think, she was a teacher over there. That's the Mrs. Hines of the Senior Center.

My first five years of school I had to ride a school bus to Myrtle Grove. That's up on the Sound about 5 or 6 miles. When I was getting ready for 6th grade, Carolina Beach was supposed to have a new school built, completed and ready to occupy when I started my 6th grade. But they hadn't completed it, so we had to go on the Boardwalk to the Old City Hall, with a two-room operation. That was 1937-38, I think. It was a one through six. Two rooms, so in one room was 4, 5 and 6; the other room was 1, 2 and 3. The 7th grade, I was bused to Winter Park Grade School. The 8th grade, I was bused to Tileston in Wilmington.



CB School, grades 4.5 and 6, 1937-1938 year. Taken beside the Town Hall, on the Boardwalk.

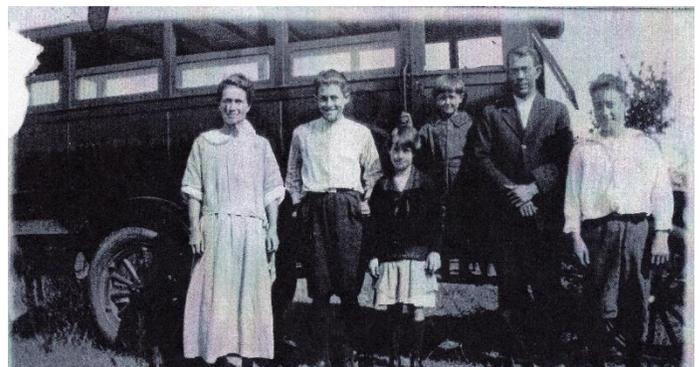
I'll tell you what, if you got in trouble at school, you could get a ruler on your hand and slap it. The teacher would do that ...that was about the easiest thing they punished you with. Back in those days, too, if they found out at home, instead of them getting after the teacher or the school department, you got another one.

One interesting thing was when we were in the 6th grade at that school on the Boardwalk. The boardwalk right in front of that building was wood, wasn't concrete like it is now, with cracks in it. Well, at break time we would go look down through these cracks and you'd see money down there, quite often. We would get a piece of bubble gum and stick it on a long handle stick and stick it down there to get that money. And then we would go to Mr. Cliff Smith's store down on the corner and get us an extra snack.

And at that point in time, you could get under the boardwalk on the front. It was hunting money by just walking along the edge of the shore, on the beach. You can't find coins today, I don't know why it's gone, I don't think there's much of it there today, but you could go along there and there were coins laying there and you'd just pick 'em up.

I wasn't in basketball or baseball or football. I wasn't in any of it. And one reason was that you had to ride the school bus to school and up in Wilmington, if you didn't ride that school bus back home in the afternoon, how would you get home? See, New Hanover High School is in the 14 or 1500 block and we could walk down to 3rd street and it wasn't too bad to get a ride with some men who lived down here but worked in Wilmington. And they would be coming home and pick you up.

I got along very well in high school. But I graduated in June of '44, had gone through 12 grades, and I was 17 years old. My birthday is the latter part of October, so see I wouldn't be 18 until the latter part of October. You had to register for the draft when you turned 18 and you could join the Marine Corp or the Army, but you couldn't join the Navy after you turned 18. You could up until you turned 18, so I was going to join the Navy just before I turned 18, as a volunteer.



Former Carolina Glove Co. to Re-Open as Good Hops Brewing



In 1966, the Richmond Glove Corp (Indiana) built and operated a glove manufacturing plant in Carolina Beach at 811 Harper Ave, on the corner of Dow Road. In 1967, J. W. Abernethy Jr., President of Carolina Glove Co., of Newton, NC purchased the glove factory from Richmond Glove. He announced plans to expand the Carolina Beach facility and that all current personnel would be retrained.

Carolina Glove Co. had begun manufacturing in

1946 in Newton. It also had operations in Taylorsville and Catawba, NC. Today, Carolina Glove Company is still family owned and is the largest glove manufacturing company in the US.

In 1981, the Carolina Glove Co's. Carolina Beach subdivision had 30 employees working on an assembly line turning out three dozen gloves an hour, manufacturing almost 10,000 gloves a week. The plant produced all-leather drivers – a type of work glove – in 6,000 styles. Most of the finished gloves were shipped back to Newton, NC where they were sold wholesale throughout the United States.

Operations declined in the late 1980's, and in the last few years the building at the corner of Harper and Dow Road was partially occupied by a series of trades-persons. But last year, some local residents saw new possibilities for the underutilized glove factory building.

Rick and Patricia Jones, with recent experience assisting their son, John Garcia, in opening Lookout Brewing Company in Black Mountain, NC, began investigating the possibility of opening a brewery in the former Carolina Glove factory. Rick and Patricia Jones later signed a multi-year lease with the original family owners of the building and began the long and



expensive process of creating a community-oriented brewing environment. While restoring the building for the brewery, they focused on retaining the building's architectural and period history.

Good Hops Brewing is starting with a 3 barrel system with 2 brews a day. They will maintain 8 more 1taps for tasting at the brewery and offer over two dozen varieties of beers for distribution to local bars, restaurants and hotels.

[Good Hops Brewing LLC](#), is scheduled to open on June 20, 2014.

*Federal Point Historic Preservation Society
Events Calendar Summer/Fall 2014*



Monday July 21, 2014: Membership Meeting. 7:30-9:00 pm. Wilmington entrepreneur, **Sam Leake**, will talk about the life and times of the South's most famous General, Robert E. Lee.

Monday August 18, 2014 Membership Meeting. 7:30-9:00 pm. Mike Giles, from the North Carolina Coastal Federation will talk to us about the natural history of our most precious resource.



Monday September 15, 2014: Membership Meeting. 7:30-9:00 pm. Norm Melton, will talk about his personal experiences while "Growing Up on the Carolina Beach Boardwalk."

Monday October 20, 2014: Membership Meeting. 7:30-9:00 pm. Local historian and author, **Elaine Henson**, will present an illustrated talk on the history of the "Cape Fear Beaches."

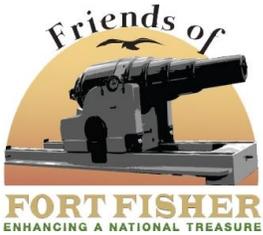


Monday November 17, 2014: Membership Meeting. 7:30-9:00 pm. LeRae Umfleet, of the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources will return to us with her program on "Women in World War One."

Monday December 15, 2014: Holiday Potluck 6:30-9:00 pm.

ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. They are held at the Federal Point History Center, 1121-A North Lake Park Blvd. (Just south of the Carolina Beach Town Hall.) Visit the History Center, open Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays 10-4. For more information call: 910-458-0502.





From the Friends of Fort Fisher Looking for Descendents!

The Friends of Fort Fisher are gathering contact information for any descendents of soldiers involved in the building of Fort Fisher or any of the other forts in the Cape Fear area. They would also like to find descendents of men who fought in the battles for Fort Fisher, Fort Holmes, Fort Caswell, Fort Johnston, and Fort Anderson, as well as blockade runner captains, crew and pilots, basically anyone who was involved in the Wilmington Campaign. Visit their website at: www.friendsoffortfisher.com for links to projects and events including the 150th Battle reenactment and the descendents reunion in January 2015. Contact John Golden at johngolden@ec.rr.com for more information.

Society Notes Darlene Bright, History Center Director

- ❖ The History Center recorded 67 visitors in May. We had 36 at the May meeting. The gift shop took in a healthy \$452.14 The History Center was used by Got-'em-on Live, the UDC and the Sugar Loaf Preservation Group.
- ❖ Please welcome new members **Carol Valois** from Kure Beach and **Fredrick Fisher** from Carolina Beach.
- ❖ Thanks to **Ron Griffin, Juanita Winner, Sylvia Snook, Darlene Bright, and Lois Taylor** for keeping the History Center open while Rebecca was off. A HUGE thanks to Jeannie Gordon for cleaning the History Center. It hadn't been cleaned in a few months and she had a big job.
- ❖ Thanks AGAIN to **Andre' Blouin** for all the time he's put into the new website. The website is up and it's chock full of all kinds of great information. Please take time to visit: www.federal-point-history.org.
- ❖ **And don't forget!** If you take a trip with **Wilmington Water Tours** please tell them you are a member of FPHPS! If you do we get a portion of your ticket price. Call us 458-0502, or them 338-3134. www.wilmingtonwatertours.net



Featured Business Member Olde Salty's by Tony Phillips

Olde Salty's is located at 3 Boardwalk Ocean Front, Carolina Beach, NC. It's a restaurant and bar owned by Brenda Armes. Brenda has owned Olde Salty's since April 15th, 1994. She also owned The Landmark restaurant at one time but says she closed it "because she was competing with herself." Brenda and Olde Salty's has survived over 5 hurricanes including Fran in 1996 which took off the front of her restaurant. That's when Brenda opened the rear of her restaurant up as a smaller place named A little on the Side. She did this so that her employees would still have jobs while the 2 months of construction restored the front.

Olde Salty's is open year round and has much to offer visitors and locals. Regardless of the season, fresh food is served every day, Team Trivia is played each Wednesday night during the off season, Bowling competition is held in the back on Tuesdays, Shag dancing on Sundays. Brenda celebrates all festive holidays especially St. Patrick's Day when she famously leads her own parade with shillelagh in hand around the boardwalk.

When asked how she came up with the name for Olde Salty's, Brenda smiled and winked telling us that it was pulled from a hat in 1992 by then town Councilman Rick Burrows. I would love to have that slip of paper today.

Bring the family and friends to Olde Salty's any day of the week for great food and fun but remember, unattended children will be fed to the sharks and no screamin' kids are tolerated. As Brenda says, "The Boardwalk is the best place in the world!"



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Directors

John Gordon (Chairman)	Jean Stewart	John Moseley
Elaine Henson	Cheri McNeill	Leslie Bright
Byron Moore	Skippy Winner	Jim Dugan

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Atlantic Towers**Ned Barnes, Attorney****Britt's Donut Shop****Carolina Marine Terminal****Charles Henson Painting****Coastal K-9 Bakery, Inc.****First Bank****Frank's Pizza****Got-Em-On-Live Bait Club****Hanover Iron Works****Historical Society of Topsail Island****Intracoastal Realty*****Island Gazette*****Island Treasures****Kure Beach Fishing Pier****Bob McKoy- Network Real Estate****Olde Salty's****Pleasure Island Chamber of Commerce****Pleasure Island Foundation for a Sustainable
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