

# HISTORIC TIMES



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## Kick off the Holiday Season with the BHA

It's that time of year again! The holidays are just around the corner, and the BHA is ready to celebrate with our annual Community Thanksgiving Feast Sunday, November 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Beaufort Historic Site Grounds.

This festive fall event is the perfect way to greet the holiday season. Enjoy a traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings prepared and served by Beaufort's finest restaurants. These local businesses take time out of their busy holiday schedules to participate in this community event.

Restaurants and businesses participating in the 2011 Community Thanksgiving Feast include: Aqua Restaurant, Beaufort Grocery Company, Blue Moon



*Rita Bailey serves some of the delicious pies at the Thanksgiving Feast. (Photo by Scott Taylor as featured in this month's issue of Our State Magazine)*

Bistro, The Boardwalk Café, Clawson's 1905 Restaurant, The Coffee Shop, The Dock House, Finz Grill, Fishtales Restaurant, Front Street Grill at Stillwater, the General Store, Ribeyes Steakhouse,

Roland' Barbecue, The Royal James, Sharpies Grill & Bar and the Spouter Inn.

The National Charity League, a mother/daughter volunteer organization, will also be donating their time to greet visitors and to make their delicious apple pies.

The feast will be served at the Josiah Bell House and may be eaten on the grounds under the BHA's tent or wrapped to go.

Tickets for the 2011 Community Thanksgiving Feast are \$18 in advance and \$20 the day of the event. This event sells out quickly, so be sure to get your tickets early! For additional information, call 252-728-5225 or stop by the Beaufort Historic Site Welcome Center located at 130 Turner Street in historic downtown Beaufort.

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*From The Director..*

Where did the summer go! We've already had our Fall Party, which was a huge success. Thank you Sam and Gail Williams for allowing us to use your beautiful home for one of the classiest parties we've ever had! And now we are quickly approaching the holiday season with all our many events!

Fall is definitely a season of change, but we are having TOO much change right now at the BHA! We are losing two extremely valuable employees at one time. Brooke and Lindsey have been two of the very best employees I have ever worked with and their day-to-day presence will be missed by all who have had the pleasure to know both these remarkable young women. We wish them all the best!

Now more than ever, we need your help for a smooth transition as we welcome new people soon. Rita Bailey and I are holding down the office with many activities being planned starting with Kindergarten Thanksgiving next week.

Please read this newsletter carefully to see how you can get involved. From just stopping in the Visitor's Center, to seeing our new excellent display, or shopping in the Art Gallery or the Gift Shop, we'd love to see you. The Thanksgiving Feast is always a favorite and our Candlelight Tour continues to grow in popularity every year.

We also have a very dedicated Foundation Board and BHA Board of Governors who are working very hard for the future financial security of the Beaufort Historical Association. This very small group led by Dick Futrell has just begun a campaign effort for the growth of our Foundation. In a short period of time they have already secured commitments of over \$300,000 for our endowment account.

We have much to be thankful for and personally I'm thankful for all of you that continue to make this a special organization!

*Patricia Suggs*

*It's Not The Holiday Season Without the  
Christmas Candlelight Tour*



What better way to get in the holiday spirit than the BHA's Christmas Candlelight Tour?

On Saturday, December 10 from 5-7 pm, tour six private homes, the Inns and B&B's and the buildings on the Historic Site all dressed up for the holidays. Visitors can walk the candle-lit streets or take a Double-Decker Bus ride to sing with carolers from St. Paul's Episcopal Church Youth Group. You can also visit the BHA Welcome Center to sign up for a few fabulous raffle items as well!

Private homes on the tour include those of Pat Castagna, Nancy and Dennis Duffy, Camie and Jack Sweeney, Pat Baker, Anne and

Gerard Currier and Diane Davis. The inns and B&B's include Cousins, the Beaufort Inn, the Old Seaport Inn, the Inlet Inn and the Ann Street Inn.

Why not spend the entire day in Beaufort? Before the Tour, visit the shops downtown to finish your holiday shopping, grab a bite to eat at one of Beaufort's fine restaurants and take a free tour of the homes on the Beaufort Historic Site dressed in their holiday finest.

Visitors are also invited to the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery on the grounds of the Historic Site for a special show featuring the fun and funky pottery and jewelry by Gail Williams. We got a small preview of her work at her studio during the Fall Party!

After the Tour, head over to The Carteret County Library at 8:00 pm for a special musical performance by Washington, DC's Vivaldi Project. Members of this group bring you Baroque musical gems by Handel, Pachelbel and Vivaldi, all performed on period instruments. Tickets are \$25 for this special performance. A combination ticket is also available for the show and the Candlelight Tour for \$20.

Tickets for the Christmas Candlelight Tour are \$12 and half price for children. To purchase your tickets, call 252-728-5225 or stop by the Welcome Center at 130 Turner Street in Beaufort.



In memory of our friends:  
**Marga Hoffman**  
**Gordon Hardesty**  
**Vivian Huntley**  
**Paul Hee**  
**Jule Wheatly**

*We keep the families and friends of these people in our thoughts.*

**2011 Fall Party**



Artist Bob Rankin with the homeowners, Gail and Sam Williams



Chef Charles Park, CEC from Beaufort Grocery Co., with guest chef Corbett Monica from Bella Monica



Pictures (L-R) Rich Olsen, Robin Team, George Frazier; Katherine Team, Marvin Barnes and Ashley Sellars enjoying the Party



Jeanne Jolly singing her heart out

With lovely fall weather, an amazing home, wonderful artwork by Bob Rankin, delicious food by Beaufort Grocery Company along with Corbett Monica from Bella Monica, fantastic music by vocalist Jeanne Jolly and much more, it's safe to say that this year's Fall Party was the best yet!

This party wouldn't have been possible without the hard work of our Fall Party Committee which included: Co-chairs Paula Stancil and Joanie King and committee members Maria Apolloni, Cynthia Barnes, Becky Blankenship, Pam Cooper, Miriam Green, Polly Hagle, Jeanette Holland, Brooke Maharg, Joyce McCune, Liz Olsen, Sarah Jo Safrit, Ann Sloan, Nancy Smith, Patricia Suggs and Jerri Sutton.

*A huge thank you to this hardworking committee! We're already looking forward to next year!*

**UPDATE ON FOUNDATION CAMPAIGN FOR THE FUTURE**

The Beaufort Historical Foundation brochure is complete and in hand! Thanks to this marketing tool, the Foundation Board Members has been able to raise over \$300,000 in just a few months toward their goal of \$1 million.

We would like to thank the members of the Foundation board: Dick Futrell, President; Marvin Barnes, Doug Brady, Graham Dozier, Lynn Eury, Vic Flow, Lloyd Gurley, Joe Hollinshed, Whit Procter,

Hamilton Sloan, Richard Stanley and Jerri Sutton, for their hard work and collaboration with the creation of the brochure, as well as their dedication to ensuring that the Association's endowment will grow for the future.

To request a copy of this new brochure, or if you would like to make a gift to the Beaufort Historical Foundation, contact Patricia Suggs, Executive Director. at 252-728-5225.

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# A Fond Farewell

As many of you know, the BHA is going through quite a change of staff – and we want to be sure to say a proper, though sad, “FAREWELL” to those that are leaving.

**Lindsey Bridges**, the BHA’s Office Manager since 2008, has returned to school at Carteret Community College in the Cosmetology Program. Being a dream of hers for many years, Lindsey’s decision to go back to school to start her career in cosmetology has sadly forced her to end her time with the Beaufort Historical Association. Though she will no longer be working here, you



*Brooke Maharg and Lindsey Bridges during April’s Beaufort Wine & Food Weekend.*

will still see her around town, and even around the BHA!

Another member of the BHA staff that has left is the PR Director, **Brooke Maharg**. Having started at the BHA in 2009, Brooke will be returning to

Pennsylvania after her husband finished his time with the military. Though a new career isn’t in order, a new member of their family is, as Brooke and her husband are excited to be welcoming yet another little girl to their family in late January. While Pennsylvania is quite the distance, we are sure that Brooke will be coming back to Beaufort for visits, so be sure to keep an eye out for her in the future!

We wish these two staff members the best of luck in their endeavors and hope that they will be back to visit frequently as they have been integral parts of the BHA for quite some time!

## Thank You!



Thanks to Grayden Paul and Nancy Vaughan (shown here), we have a new exhibit “Confederates under Union Occupation – Life in Beaufort during the Civil War”. With the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War, Gray and Nancy through their diligent research have created a wonderful display which will educate our residents and visitors about Beaufort’s role in one of the most significant events in our

Nation’s history. Stop by to see the display at the Visitors’ Center at 130 Turner St. Also, save the date for March 24, 2012. This date 150 years ago was when Beaufort was taken over by the Union. The whole town will come alive with re-enactors from up and down the east coast. All the details will follow in our next newsletter.

*Special thanks to the Carteret Community Foundation for funding this exhibit.*

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# Showing Kindergarteners a Real “Colonial Thanksgiving”

‘Mr. Leffers’ will make his annual appearance at the Beaufort Historic Site to welcome children taking part in Kindergarten Thanksgiving, the Beaufort Historical Association’s autumn educational program, November 1 - 3 and 8 - 10.



*Volunteer Marlene Green explains open hearth cooking.*

As part of this program, the students visit four stations on the grounds of the Site, each designed to teach them about a different aspect of life as a colonial Beaufort resident. Hands-on activities, such as the popular butter churning station, allow the children to participate in the entire process of making butter, from milking the cow to serving the final product. Other activities include Colonial dress up, open hearth cooking, and Colonial gardening.

A favorite station among the

children is the Mr. Leffers station, where a volunteer portrays the real-life colonial schoolmaster who came to Beaufort to teach in 1764. Leffers, who was also a planter and merchant, built the Leffers Cottage and taught local children there. Our modern day Mr. Leffers explains to children how he hunted to provide food for his family, used animal pelts to keep warm, and bartered for things his family needed but could not make on their own. He also will share some basic school studies that only boys of the colonial family would learn. Children will also experience the many chores involved in the daily housekeeping of a colonial home and they will have the opportunity to see what grew in local gardens during colonial times. Docents will show how girls of the colonial family would help their mothers mending clothes and linens and practicing stitching.

Although the program is not open to the public, **volunteers are always needed during this busy time to help with the various stations.**

Anyone interested in volunteering can call the Beaufort Historical Association at 252-728-5225 and speak with Rita Bailey. Volunteers are provided all the materials needed.



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#### **Community Thanksgiving Feast**

Nov. 20  
11:30 am - 1 pm

A traditional turkey dinner is provided by some of the area's finest restaurants. Dinners are available for take-out or to enjoy under our tent.  
\$18 in advance, \$20 the day of.

#### **Christmas Candlelight Tour**

Dec. 10  
5 - 7 pm

Visit historic Beaufort and tour beautiful private homes, Inns and B&Bs all "dressed up" for the season. See lovely decorations amid twinkling candlelight as you walk the festive streets, or hop on the BHA's double-decker bus and sing with carolers as you travel to your destinations. \$12 per person.

#### **Vivaldi Project & Friends Concert**

Dec. 10  
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