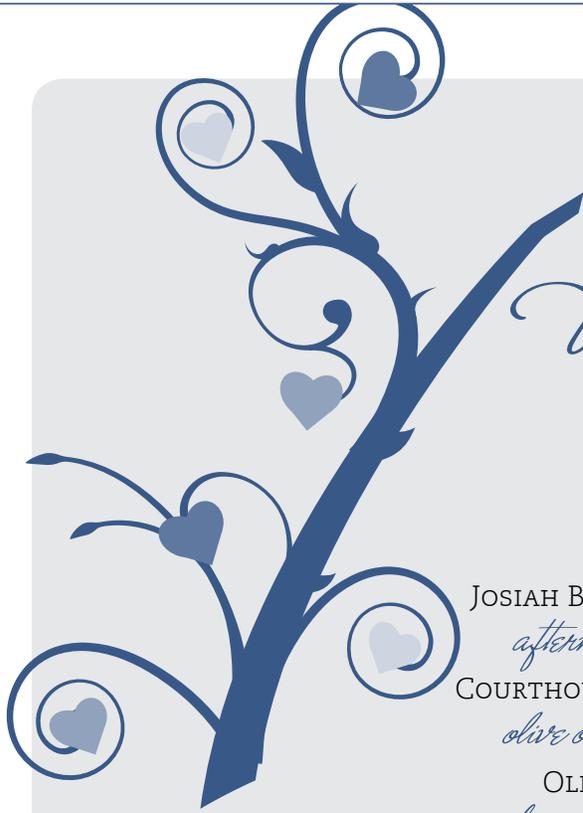


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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO THE

Valentine Membership Party

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8 | 2:00-4:00 PM
BEAUFORT HISTORIC SITE

JOSIAH BELL HOUSE <i>afternoon tea</i>	SCHOOLMASTER'S COTTAGE <i>oyster roast</i>	HISTORIC SITE TENT <i>hors d'oeuvres & spirits</i>
COURTHOUSE OF 1796 <i>olive oil tasting</i>	LEFFERS COTTAGE <i>hot mulled cider</i>	MATTIE KING DAVIS ART GALLERY <i>wine & cheese</i>
OLD JAIL <i>beer & pizza</i>	APOTHECARY SHOP <i>homemade fudge</i>	SAFRIT HISTORICAL CENTER <i>hot chocolate & coffee</i>

The Beaufort Historical Association will welcome members and prospective members with open arms at our annual Valentine Membership Party on the grounds of the Beaufort Historic Site. Held on Sunday, February 8, from 2 to 4 pm, guests will enjoy great food, fun and fellowship - all with a dash of history!

Many parties are held on the grounds of the Historic Site but for the annual Valentine Membership party, the houses and buildings are the showcase, depicting the different aspects of life for early Beaufort residents, from the simple colonial Leffers Cottage to the ornately decorated Victorian Josiah Bell House. On-site docents will be present to answer questions about the history and the furnishings of all the special buildings.

Both current and prospective members will be treated to a wide variety of food, wine and drinks found in each of the buildings and across the grounds. Guests can enjoy afternoon tea in the circa 1825 Josiah Bell House, beer and pizza in the circa 1829 Carteret County Jail, "Special"

hot mulled cider in the Leffers' Cottage, confections in the Apothecary, flavored olive oil tasting in the Carteret County Courthouse of 1796, and newly added last year, an oyster roast outside the School Master's Cottage.

Housed in the c1732 Rustell House is the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery which will feature works from the talented Beaufort native, Jamison Ipock. Creating paintings from moments or memories she has cherished, she is able to bring her paintings to life with just a few strokes of a paintbrush. Read more about our featured artist on page 7.

While fun and fellowship are the main attractions at the party, the ultimate goal is to attract new members to the BHA. This is such an important endeavor for everyone to see these historic buildings and learn how we use them for our educational programs and daily tours of the Historic Site.

This fun membership drive couldn't happen without the help of a devoted committee. "I love being chair of this committee because we have one meeting and everyone

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From the Director

Oh my...another year has come and gone! As we look back at 2014 here are just a few of the many things we are thankful for:

We had an amazingly supportive board (both for the BHA and the Foundation) this year along with our wonderful staff and volunteers. We were able to expand our educational programming thanks to our Educational Coordinator, Cheryl Munyan. One of the highlights this year was our new Summer Camp Program that included scholarships for our friends at the Beaufort Boys and Girls Club. We were blessed with great committees who planned and volunteered for all of our many events. Everyone is always amazed at how many events we have every year, and how we make them look so easy. The *ONLY* way we are able to have such great events is because we have many capable volunteers who take charge, enjoy the events, and make them fun for everyone who attends.

And now a few of the opportunities we have to look forward to this year:

We are really excited about the wonderful collaboration with the Friends of the Carteret County Library and the Carteret Community College Foundation to bring celebrated author Allan Gurganus here for our very first Living History Program in March. We can't wait to show you our new interactive media display for the Welcome Center, thanks to the generosity of Beaufort Wine and Food. We'll give you a very small preview at our January 20th Membership Meeting.

2014 really was a year of making many new friends who are now our members and volunteers. In 2015, we want to welcome more new people to get involved and see what a special organization we really are!

Patricia Suggs



Board members Randy Mann and Pam Cooper visit on the grounds of the Beaufort Historic Site at the annual Valentine Membership Party, while Joe Smith (background) enjoys the sunny day.

pitches in to bring their signature dishes and then they work the day of the party with big smiles, explains Polly Hagle, the longtime chair of this committee. "It's a wonderful atmosphere and a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon."

Members are invited to come and bring along family, friends, co-workers and neighbors who have an interest in joining the preservation efforts of the BHA.

Spanning across the county, state and nation, the BHA offers a wide range of membership levels. starting at \$25 for students and senior citizens, and continues upwards with each tier of membership receiving special benefits such as complimentary tours of the Historic Site and aboard the BHA's vintage English Double-Decker bus, discounts in the Museum's shop, free tickets to major events such as the Beaufort Old Homes and Gardens Tour, a subscription to the BHA's quarterly newsletter and the opportunity to participate in a number of social activities and other special events throughout the year.

All membership levels will be accepted with great appreciation by the BHA at the event itself, by returning the reply card to the invitation in the mail or paid online at www.beauforthistoricsite.org.

For more information call 252-728-5225 or visit our website. *We look forward to seeing you February 8th!*



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We Want You for Volunteer Training!

Have you been looking for a place to volunteer, a place to use your talents and skills, a place to develop your interest and love of history? If so, then the BHA's Volunteer Training Program is the event for you. This year, the one-day Volunteer Training Program will be on Thursday, March 12th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Historic Site. Anyone interested in either volunteering occasionally or on a more regular basis will have the chance to learn about the more than 20



Volunteer Nancy Vaughn demonstrates spinning at this year's Kindergarten Thanksgiving educational series.

volunteer opportunities available at the training session. A delicious lunch will also be provided.

Attendees will have the opportunity to tour five of the BHA's historic buildings and see how volunteer docents guide tours for the many visitors who come to the site. Educational programs and volunteer opportunities such as Harvest Time, Kindergarten Thanksgiving, The Living History series and school group tours will also be discussed. Just before lunch, the group will participate in the Courthouse Drama, a program for eighth grade students which allows them to experience a trial that took place in the 1800's and encourages them to compare and contrast today's legal system with one from hundreds of years earlier.

During lunch, prospective volunteers will have an opportunity to meet the BHA staff, hear about the many volunteer opportunities in the office, Safrit Historical Center, and the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery and ask questions to better understand the vital role volunteers play in the daily functions of the BHA.

The afternoon session features a tour on the 1967 English Double-Decker bus and gives those attending a chance to see the volunteer driver, narrator and conductor positions at work while enjoying a lively tour of beautiful Beaufort. Before returning to the BHA, the group will arrive at the Old Burying Ground and take a guided stroll through this amazing landmark and observe their tour

guide in action.

New and returning volunteers are invited to learn about Beaufort's colorful history while discovering the perfect volunteer opportunity with the BHA.

For planning purposes please register in advance by calling the BHA at (252)728-5225, email us at pr@beauforthistoricsite.org or stop by the Welcome Center located at 130 Turner Street.

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Christmas Candlelight Tour Sets Attendance Record

Beautiful weather, gorgeously decorated homes, inns, and churches, along with good old-fashioned Christmas cheer all contributed to the most lucrative Candlelight Tour for the BHA to date. The tour's seventh year saw a record number of tickets sold and fun being had by all, making it a rousing success.

Big thanks to the homeowners who were so generous in opening their homes for this annual event: Pat Baker, Cindy Carter, Michele Love, Paula Stancil, and Eileen Thompson, and the inns, B&B's and churches that opened their doors: Ann Street Inn, Beaufort Inn, Front Street Inn, Inlet Inn, Ann Street United Methodist Church, and One Harbor Church. We couldn't do this without you.

Nothing happens with out tons of help from our volunteers! We would like to express our appreciation to our staff and volunteers as well as the National Charity League for their energy and enthusiasm in making this Christmas Candlelight Tour our best yet.

In addition to the Christmas Candlelight Tour, the Beaufort ArtWalk celebrated its fourth year with receptions and open houses at many downtown locations featuring



Clockwise from left: The Josiah Bell House on the grounds of the Historic Site; Candlelight and festivity best describe the dining room table of the Ann Street Inn; and above: Paula Stancil stands beside her gorgeously decorated Christmas tree. Special thanks to Paula who organized the first tour that has now become a wonderful Christmas Tradition for Beaufort and a great fundraiser for the BHA!!

over 35 different artists. The BHA's own Mattie King Davis Art Gallery featured local artist Craig Gurganus as well as part-time resident Laine Francis. Their work will be on display through January so make sure to stop in the gallery to see their bright and colorful new works.

MATTIE KING DAVIS

Art Gallery

Beaufort Historic Site
130 Turner Street

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Monday - Saturday 10am - 4pm

JAMISON IPOCK FEB - MARCH 2015



“Sea Buoy” by Jamison Ipock

The Mattie King Davis Art Gallery is lucky to have caught a star on the rise in Jamison Ipock, the featured artist for February during the annual Valentine Membership Drive. Ipock is a native of Beaufort, and often creates paintings from moments or memories she has cherished. She is a sure talent, bringing her paintings to life with just a few strokes of a paintbrush.

Jamison was not able to devote much time to her art until recently. She received a Bachelor of Science at Meredith College and worked as a science teacher and administrator for 27 years. “I have always been interested in art, but I never actually had the time or energy to paint until I retired,” Ipock said.

Jamison isn’t afraid to dabble in different techniques or paints. She uses many methods to portray her incredible scenery full of color and light.

Ipock is fond of painting the ocean scenes that surround her. “Carteret County is such a beautiful place, I just want to capture that beauty on canvas and save the moment.” Adding that one of the best things about getting back in the art field is meeting and learning from so many wonderful artists in Carteret County.

We are excited to feature Jamison and her beautiful artwork. Her pieces will be on display for the Valentine Membership Party through March.

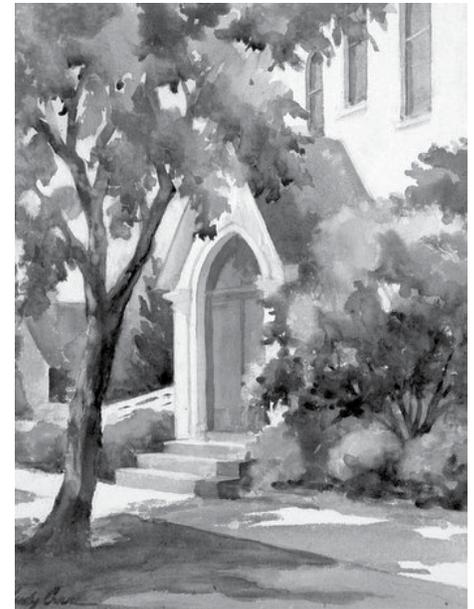
JUDY CRANE APRIL - MAY 2015

Judy Crane is both an accomplished and experienced artist. She is no stranger to the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery, and will once again be one of our featured artists. Crane has been a full-time artist for the past 30 years and shows no signs of stopping soon. She has studied art at North Carolina State University,

Meredith College and under the tutelage of many accomplished artists.

Her unique experience and “plein air” style of painting has been honed from traveling extensively to other countries as well as our NC coast and is evident in her amazing recreations of landscapes.

Stop by the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery between April and May to catch a glimpse of Crane’s talent and for the chance to see the world through her eyes.



*“St. Paul’s Episcopal Church”
by Judy Crane*

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Renowned Author Gurganus to Speak at March Program



*Best-Selling Author
Allan Gurganus*

The first Living History Program for 2015 is a wonderful collaboration with other area non-profits to bring internationally-celebrated author, Allan Gurganus, to Carteret County. The idea first came about in 2011 through a grant with the Carteret Community Foundation funding our program for the Civil War Sesquicentennial with an exhibit in our Visitors Center, an encampment with re-enactors, and a speaker series. We did a great job with our exhibit and the re-enactors, who came for the March 24th, 1862 Beaufort surrender to Union Troops, were excellent.

Now as part of our speaker series we have a really special day with Allan Gurganus. He wrote the classic *Oldest Living Confederate Widow Tells All*, which gave us the unmistakable voice of 99-year-old Lucy Marsden. This book spent eight months on the New York Times bestseller list; has been translated into twelve languages and has sold over two million copies. The CBS adaptation of the work, starring Donald Sutherland and Diane Lane won a “Best Supporting Actress” Emmy for Cecily Tyson as the freed slave, Castalia.

Allan will be coming to Beaufort, March 6th, for a “Literary Lunch” Program at Clawson’s Restaurant at 12:30 pm to be co-hosted by the Beaufort Historical Association and the Friends of the Carteret County Library. Tickets will be \$25 per person. At 7 pm we’ll co-host a reading by Allan Gurganus with the Carteret Community College Foundation at Joslyn Hall. Tickets for this event will be \$20 per person.

Gurganus is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Science, the Fellowship of Southern Writers, and the American Academy of Arts and Letters. France’s La Monde newspaper has called him “a Mark Twain for our age, hilariously clear-eyed, blessed with perfect pitch.” Robert Wilson of The American Scholar called Gurganus “the rightful heir to Faulkner and Welty.” While he normally commands a very large speaking fee, we’re fortunate that he loves Beaufort because of his brother Craig (another very talented individual). Tickets for these two events are limited and will be available at the Welcome Center or by calling 252-728-5225. For more information about Allan Gurganus and his many other books, visit his website at www.allangurganus.com. We’re excited about this special program and hope you’ll join us!



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