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The Hallowed Ground Lantern Tour: A Living History

By Ann Marie Byrd, Feature Writer

The New Bern Historical Society will be presenting The Hallowed Ground Lantern Tour on March 21-23 from 6-9 pm in the New Bern Battlefield Park. Now in its third year, the park is the site of the first Battle of New Bern, and the storytelling event includes a lantern-lit walk through the wooded battlefield trails. The participants will engage with real characters, telling their historically accurate and poignant narratives dating from 1862-1865. In addition to the tour, a re-creation of a Civil War Field Hospital will be set up in a tent on the parade ground, involving the 7th and 5th NC Regiments and local performers.

Marissa Moore, Programs Director, says “The Lantern Tour is a fairly new program that emerged during Covid when we needed outdoor events. We chose this event to bring folks into the New Bern Battlefield Park which is an ideal environment for storytelling about the war, and the lives of the people during that time—and not just the combatants. The stories we tell are from everyday people, such as individuals who were enslaved, emancipated, nurses, spies, or widows. The accounts are based on letters, articles, and autobiographies, and are heavily historically researched. The focus is to give people a peek behind the curtain and to see a different viewpoint on the Civil War than what is normally told.”

The Historical Society does a particularly good job of sharing stories that are inclusive and diverse, and they seek out unusual and untold chronicles. “A huge part of our histories are African American stories that focus on people that are not necessarily in the mainstream,” says Marissa. “For example, the story of William Henry Johnson, a freedman who fought for the Union without receiving pay, or MaryAnn Starkey who was a prominent New Bern businesswoman who owned a boarding house, or Aunt Rachel who was a cook for General Burnside. Aunt Rachel was united with her son who was sold into slavery, while she was a slave herself.”

The Lantern Tour has become a very popular event in New Bern, perhaps because the tone is significantly different than the Ghostwalk event. “The Lantern Tour is awe-inspiring,” says Marissa. “It begins by walking through the woods and into the actual Civil War battlefield, onto hallowed ground. The authenticity of the environment creates a vibe that is thought-provoking, compelling, serious, and often heart-wrenching. The stories are real, told in the character’s own words. Audiences often cry, laugh, and make comments like, ‘I’ve lived here all my life, and I’ve never heard that story before.’ The heartbreak, the triumph, and the resilience are very emotional.”

The Lantern Tour event directly supports the arts community, by involving actors,



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The Hallowed Ground Lantern Tour: A Living History

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directors, costumers, and lighting designers. "We have an amazing talent pool in New Bern and all of our actors and directors are volunteers," says Marissa. "Our actors come from all walks of life in New Bern, and some are associated with New Bern Civic Theatre and Rivertowne Players, but others have simply found their niche with the Lantern Tour. It's different than being on stage in that they are in very close proximity to the audience, so there is an immediacy. Their experience as actors is also different in that they are performing outside in the elements more than 20 times per evening over three days. Some of the people involved are directors Nancy Hitchcock and Heide Lock; costume designer Maryann Murphy; and actors Laura Miller-McLemore, Dick Peebles, and Nelda Coats."

The process of creating the Lantern Tour event takes a considerable amount of time and planning. First, the staff must meet with all the players and decide on a date for the event, which happens in November of the previous year. Next, a committee discusses what stories they would like to tell during the upcoming year, and they begin to start their research. "The fun part of the process is writing the scripts and beginning to narrow down the research to create a story," says Marissa. "Auditions begin in January, and then rehearsals begin. Tickets go on sale in February and we are into final dress rehearsals by early March."

The Lantern Tour is generously sponsored by Trader Construction, a local New Bern business since 1957, providing general construction services and supporting over 200 employees.

The mission of New Bern Historical Society is to celebrate and promote New Bern heritage, and to help support preservation and tourism.

New Bern Historical Society is led by **Executive Director, Mickey Miller** who is a retired attorney and Army colonel who spent most of her service in the Army JAG Corps. Mickey has volunteered with the Master Gardener Volunteer Association, Historic Downtown Residents' Association, and Chamber of Commerce, and has served as a commissioner on New Bern's Historic Preservation Commission. She is passionate about New Bern and community service and is thrilled to combine the two in her position as Executive Director.

Marissa Moore, Programs Director for the Historical Society, attended the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD and graduated with a degree in history. Most recently, she was the Marine Corps Base Hawaii Branch Director for the Armed Services YMCA, where she developed and led programming tailored to support military families. With a passion for history and a heart for nonprofit work, she has found her home with the Historical Society and enjoys leading the wonderful programs they offer.

2024 Events

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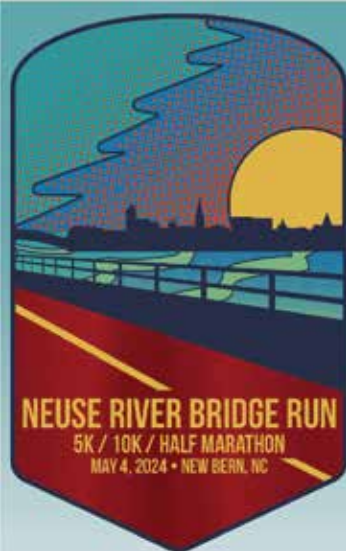
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Oriental's Anniversary Celebration

By Ann Marie Byrd, Feature Writer

THE CELEBRATION:

Oriental, North Carolina—founded on March 4, 1899—is celebrating its 125th birthday on the weekend of March 1-3. Residents and visitors are invited to the three-day merriment, to enjoy the uniqueness of a town known for having more boats than people!

"As the Mayor, I love to welcome people to the Sailing Capital of North Carolina," says Sally Belangia. "Oriental is known for its commercial fishing, sports fishing, and active retirement community. Even though we have 928 people today, we never get bored. We have a festival or an event happening every month in the town. We are a town full of wonderful people who come from all over the world with great skills and talents. We also have many non-profits, churches, and great local businesses."



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The festivities will begin Friday morning, March 1st, at the Town Hall at 9:00 am with refreshments and a reading of the proclamation by the Mayor. Following Mayor Belangia, many of the town residents will be sharing fascinating stories about Oriental from over five decades from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. The stories will include tales about growing up in the area, living on the water, fishing, swimming, sailing, and remembering a time of sawmills, trains, and railroads. There will be historian talks later in the afternoon at the New Village Brewery. In the evening, the original play, "Breakfast at Brantleys," written by Bill Gould, will be performed at 7:30 pm at The Oriental Theatre, performed by the Dragon's Den Theatrical Troupe.

On Saturday, March 2nd, the local Farmer's Market will be at Lou Mac Park, with vendors selling crafts and food. The parade starts at 11:00 am, followed by live music at the waterfront. The day will be filled with entertainment by local musicians, kids' activities, a sailboat parade on the Neuse River, and more. Saturday night will build up to an evening of dancing in the streets to live music!

On Sunday, March 3rd, Oriental United Methodist Church will have bluegrass gospel music; the Oriental History Museum will have storytelling at 2:00; and the Oriental Theatre will have a second performance at 3:00 of "Breakfast at Brantleys." The weekend

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activities will wrap up with a sing-a-long at the First Baptist Church at 6:00 pm.

All times and locations for events are available at thepamliconews.com and towndock.net.

ORIENTAL EVENTS:

Residents from all over the world have settled in Oriental, drawn by the beauty and the many activities on the water, but also because of the festivals, music and art scene.

Throughout the year, this small town finds many reasons to celebrate and have fun, attracting thousands of visitors from North Carolina and beyond.

Oriental's festivals currently include: The Polar Plunge in January, The Chinese New Year Celebration in February, The Chowder Cookoff and the Dragon Burn in March, The Boat Show, Bow to Stern, and Plein Air in April, The Croaker Fest held over the 4th of July weekend, The Oriental Cup Regatta in September, The Front Porch Music Fest and The Car Show in October, The Spirit of Christmas events in December, The New Year's Eve Dragon Run, and the local farmers market each Saturday.

Of course, putting on events and festivals takes time, planning and collaboration – so Oriental has many volunteers and local businesses that work together to make it happen.

While in town for an event, visitors are encouraged to visit local establishments to dine, shop, explore and enjoy the scenery on the Neuse River.

"We would love for you to come and visit us," says Mayor Sally Belangia. "We hope you enjoy the 125th birthday celebration of Oriental as much as we do!"



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"I was a baker before I was a brewer," Pete says. "I don't know why I started with the brewery. I guess I like beer more than I like baking."

With a background in baking, Pete's vision for the bakery extends beyond mere pastries. While freshly made cinnamon rolls and pepperoni rolls grace the menu, Pete's aspirations soar higher, envisioning a plethora of delights, from buttery croissants to daily surprises.

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Characterized by inclusivity and adaptability, our program ensures accessibility through scholarships, affirming our commitment to recovery for all, regardless of financial status. By allowing residents to choose their length of stay, we empower them to direct their own recovery journeys, embodying our belief in the power of personal agency.

The community within Realize U 252 is a testament to the power of shared experiences and mutual support. Here, residents become part of a close-knit family, both contributing to and benefiting from this network of support.

Our residents often share that joining Realize U 252 marked the end of their long and arduous battle with addiction. They speak of newfound self-esteem, a sense of belonging, and an optimistic outlook on life—a renewal of hope.

We've witnessed remarkable transformations: individuals arriving in despair, now filled with hope and ambition. With a renewed sense of self-worth, residents who once found themselves in the bottom of the hole are now guiding others to find their way out of addiction. Many express pride in themselves for the first time in years, a sentiment we wholeheartedly share for their effort and growth.

At Realize U 252, we champion the power of a fresh start and stand as a tribute to the resilience of the human spirit against adversity.

We invite anyone grappling with addiction, or those who know someone who is, to reach out. Realize U 252 offers more than recovery; we offer a journey to a new beginning. Together, we can embark on a path towards a brighter, healthier future. Join us in turning the page to a new chapter in your life, one filled with hope, growth, and endless possibilities.

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This Month in New Bern History

By Claudia Houston, New Bern Historical Society

March is Women's History month, so it is fitting to write about a famous daughter of New Bern who was well known in her day. Her name might not be familiar to you, but in 1859 Mary Ann Bryan Mason penned the first children's book written by a North Carolinian, *A Wreath from the Woods of Carolina*. Surprisingly, she did not make Gertrude Carraway's list of famous firsts in New Bern.

Mary Ann was born in 1802 to the prominent North Carolina family of John Council and Mary Ann Fulford Bryan. She grew up and was educated in New Bern. On June 10, 1823, she married Richard Sharpe Mason, who was born in Barbados, the West Indies. At the time of their marriage, Mason was the rector of Christ Episcopal Church in New Bern; he served in that capacity for ten years. The couple moved to New York in 1828 when Rev. Mason became the rector at St. Matthew's Church in Geneva, NY and a year later was appointed President of Geneva College (now Hobart). The family moved to Delaware where Rev. Mason had a collegiate role, returning to North Carolina in 1840. He served as the rector of Christ Church in Raleigh for 35 years.

During this time the Masons had six children, and despite moving and caring for this large family, Mrs. Mason established herself as a notable painter, sculptor, and musician. In 1859 she penned *A Wreath from the Woods of Carolina*. The book has ten chapters that each begin with a bible verse and contain religious morality stories for children. Each story was illustrated by Mrs. Mason with a lovely colored engraving of a native wildflower. It was published by the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union and Church Book Society of New York.

John Whitford in his popular *Rambles About Town* series, wrote in the New Bern newspaper *The Daily Journal*, January 7, 1883, "Mrs. Mason's neat and interesting work, prettily illustrated...should be read by every child. The stories in it are all founded upon facts and scenes that occurred in and about our town." This book is quite rare, but you can purchase one online for \$1600 if you wish. Luckily, if you would like to read it for free, the Kellenberger Room at the Craven County Library on Johnson Street does have a copy.

This book was well received, and Mrs. Mason wrote several others, most notably in 1871, *The Young Housewife's Counselor and Friend, Containing Directions in Every Department of Housekeeping, Including the Duties of Wife and Mother*. It was reprinted in 1875 with the cover title, *Mrs. Mason's New Cookery*.

Mrs. Mason died in 1881 and is buried with her husband at Oakwood Cemetery in Raleigh.



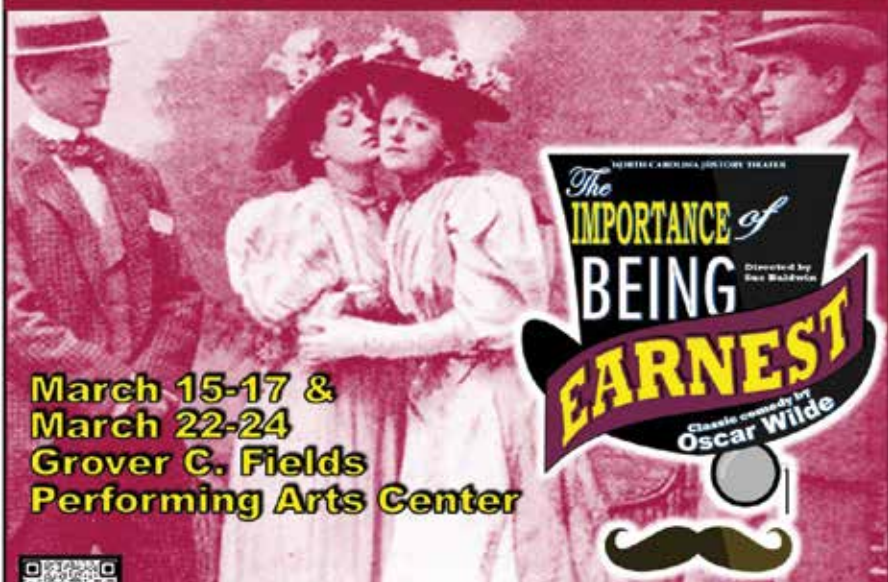
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Grant, Sherman Visit New Bern

by Edward Ellis, Special Correspondent

Both of the Union Army's top generals traversed the railroad through New Bern in early 1865 during the final chapter of the Civil War. Major General William Tecumseh Sherman spent the night of March 25-26 in New Bern. The following month Lieutenant General Ulysses S. Grant – general-in-chief of the army – rode the rails through downtown on a secret mission to meet with Sherman.

By 1865, New Bern – occupied by Northern forces since 1862 – had become a vital supply center for the Federal forces focused on the seizure of Goldsboro, sixty miles to the west. Goldsboro was strategically important because it was the junction of two railroads. One of them, The Wilmington and Weldon, was still in Confederate control and running vital supplies from the open blockade-runner port of Wilmington to Robert E. Lee's rebel army in Virginia. The other rail line, the Atlantic and North Carolina ran from Morehead City to Goldsboro. It was controlled by the Union only from the coastal town to New Bern. The A&NC link from New Bern to Goldsboro was a no-man's-land that had been scrapped over for years.

In 1865, General Sherman, after cutting a bloody swath with his forces across Georgia, and burning Atlanta on the way, decided that his ultimate destination was Goldsboro.

N.C. Taking out that important rail junction, he concluded, would put the final stake through the heart of the Confederacy. Ironically, Maj. Gen. Ambrose Burnside, the conqueror of New Bern, had the same idea and plan in 1862 before he and 8,500 of his soldiers were hurried out of New Bern to bolster troubled Union forces in Virginia. Had Burnside completed his N.C. mission, the Civil War might have been shortened by years.

After a series of remarkable battles in early 1865, the railroad between New Bern and Goldsboro was seized and repaired by Union troops. One of the first eastbound passengers was no less than Sherman himself. He spent the night in New Bern before boarding the steamer *Russia* Sunday morning March 26 on his way to powwow with Grant in Virginia.

Grant traveled to a secret Raleigh rendezvous with Sherman the following month. Coming shipboard to Beaufort, he passed by rail through darkened New Bern streets on the night of April 24, 1865.



Major General William T. Sherman



Lieutenant General U. S. Grant

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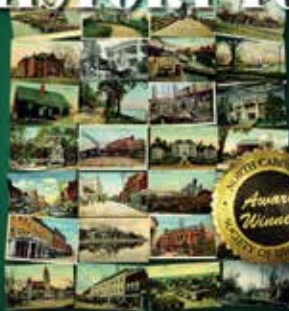
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WHEREAS my wife KATY has eloped from me, I take this public method to inform all persons from trusting her own my account, as I will not be answerable for any debts she may contract from the date hereof.

A few weeks later, William Hales placed his own notice, "my wife Betty has eloped from me...I shall not pay any debts she may, after this date, contract." In 1796, Leven Dickenson also leveraged the local paper to announce that he would no longer be responsible for the debts of his wife, Beersheba.

What was happening? In a period when divorces were difficult, if not impossible, to secure, women like Katy Flett, Betty Hales, and Beersheba Dickenson were practicing "self-divorce" by leaving their husbands' households. Historian Clare Lyons points to similar Philadelphia advertisements that the ads drew on legal traditions by severing financial responsibility. "Under English common law," Lyons writes, "a wife had the right to a husband's financial support, and a husband had the obligation to support her."

While these ads show us that a very few 18th-century New Bernians ended their marriages by leaving the "bed and board" guaranteed them by their husbands, what these ads don't tell us is why they chose to do so. In the case of Katy Flett, we get a small hint about marital discord. A local store owner publicly rebuked James Flett for his treatment of Katy and for attempting to ruin her character. Given the small size of New Bern in the late 18th century, when subscribers to Davis's *Gazette* opened that week's edition, they were probably unsurprised to learn that their neighbors had ended an unfortunate marriage.



Detail of woodcut accompanying ballad lyrics "The crafty lover," ca. 1760.

Image is of a man and woman eloping together on horseback.

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An Interview with Veronica Campos-Hallstrom

By Jonathan Burger, Craven Arts Council & Gallery, Inc.

Where are you from and how did you end up in Eastern North Carolina?

I am originally from Nebraska. After thirty years of being a military spouse, relocating on average every three years, we decided to call Eastern North Carolina our permanent residence because of the mild winters, natural coastal plains, beaches, barrier islands, and rivers. I should also mention the quintessential Southern hospitality and familiarity of military presence and support in this community.

Does your work have a central theme or several different themes?

I am what is known as an Anthophile person. That is, someone who loves flowers. It is natural for me to focus on florals, leaves, and vines which are recurrent in my art. I am inspired by intense colors. In essence, my creative process often revolves around capturing nature's beauty to share its inherent magnificence. I have an illustrative style that is flowing and expressive from layers of lines and color.



You teach at Craven Community College, what relationship do you see between your teaching and your studio practice?

I was recently selected as a finalist for this year's Adjunct Faculty/Instructor Excellence Award. My teaching profession mimics many of my studio practices in aspects of organization, commitment, and desire to be a life-long learner. Each day I enter my art studio door, I have a ritual (much like in my classroom), to be mindful of my goals for the day, to show up as a dedicated professional, and to be open to learning and developing new skills that will make me a more well-rounded person.

You also do pattern design work for textiles and other mediums. How does this relate to your one-off, more unique works?

It is true that pattern designing for textiles and other mediums involves creating repeatable designs suitable for mass production, as opposed to one-of-a-kind art. Original art can be transformed to get to that point. I can use the industry standard approach to incorporate my original art, translating it digitally for my textile design efforts. This allows me to diversify my art. It's a challenge and a thrill to be able to take my art in new directions.

You have organized a Sketch Club, where local artists meet and do live drawings at different locations in New Bern. What are the benefits of that technique, and how do people find out more about it?

I formed the Craven Sketch Club from a desire to encourage others to maintain a healthy habit of drawing routinely. While I feel that adding to my sketchbook daily is a rhythmic behavior, others may need encouragement, accountability or an opportunity to be inspired. Once a month I pre-arrange and partner with businesses in Craven County, to extend a

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Is there another artist whose work you admire or who inspires you?

I am inspired by the use of natural forms by British textile designer William Morris. Philip Taaffe is an American mixed-media artist who incorporates many layers and exuberant colors into images. Frida Kahlo was emboldened to overcome hardships and as a Mexican representative, she is inspiring me with the use of our shared Mexican folk culture. Personally, my late Mother has had the most influence over me in my formative years. She often incorporated bright colors in her sewn creations, infusing joy and pride into the creative process. I hope to own her same skillset of always asking "What if?" to continue to propel me daily to experiment and explore as an artist.

Do you have any advice for an artist or those wanting to get into the arts?

Show up every day for yourself. Continue to solve creative problems and explore using your mediums of choice. Embrace your uniqueness. Seek constructive feedback. Gain a healthy habit of maintaining a sketchbook to cultivate a passion for ideation and continuous improvement. Seek knowledge about the business side of art. Stay adaptable. And, it is very important to maintain a healthy work-life balance.

What piece, award, or exhibition are you particularly proud of, and why?

To date, I remain thankful and proud to have received a past grant from The North Carolina Arts Council. This support served as useful for professional development and propelled me to continue along a new exciting creative path as a textile designer.

In one sentence what is art to you?

Art is an expression of thoughts, emotions, and ideas using various mediums that I never want to live without.

I know you participate in lots of events and exhibitions but, where can people find your work?

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Signed,
Dogleg Disturbance

Dear Dogleg Disturbance,

As an animal lover, I think your dog has every right to be outside playing with any ball that pleases him. So just go ahead and let him have a good time! His doggie life is short. Carpe Diem!

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Oh, what a delight! Enjoy watching them frolic!

So there you are! Problem solved. I hope this helps, and Happy Spring!

Love,
Henrietta

Henrietta Craven was born and raised in New Bern and enjoys gardening, hunting bears and improvisational dance. She is a self-proclaimed expert on a wide variety of subjects including (but not limited to) fashion, mixology, and cooking. Henrietta resides in a lovely Victorian home in downtown New Bern with her five cats: Graffenreid, Bethune, Devereux, Stanton and Carraway.

If you have a problem, and would like Henrietta to give you some of her home-grown advice, please send a note to: henrietta@newbernmagazine.com.

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Violet loves to play toss with the ball and taking walks, but her favorite activity is ‘the sock game’. Paul says, “When you are getting changed if you leave your socks on the floor unattended, she will sneak up while you’re not looking, grab your socks, and hide them somewhere in the house! She loves showing you how clever she is in her hiding places. There have been times when we cannot find them, and say to her ‘I give up’. Then, when you are not looking, she will retrieve them, and place them in plain sight. It’s a daily game with treats to follow. She loves people, especially kids, and is a great watchdog. She gets lots of love and affection.”

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March 1 • 7pm

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March 1 • 7:30pm

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March 1 • 7:30pm

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March 2 • 7:30pm

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Sons of Soul

March 2 • 8pm

Brown Pelican • 1017B Broad St.

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Tommy Duzan

March 2 • 6pm

Capt. Ratty's • 202 Middle St.

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For information, visit [Capt. Ratty's on Facebook](#).

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March 3, 17 & 31 • 11am-2pm

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March 8 • 7:30pm

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March 8 • 7:30pm

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For information, visit *Capt. Ratty's* on Facebook.

Erika Butters

March 9 • 7-10pm

Baxter's 1892 • 323 Pollock St.

Join Cruise Ship performer and New Bern Native, Erika Butters and band as they play pop hits and so much more.

No cover. For information, www.baxters1892.com.

Doc & Roll

March 9 • 7pm

Pinky's • 218 Middle St.

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DJ Mikey B

March 9 • 7:30pm

Blackbeard's • 415 S. Front St.

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March 9 • 8pm

Brown Pelican • 1017B Broad St.

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March 10 & 24 • 11am-2pm

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Cliff Hopkins

March 10 • 3pm

Riverside United Methodist Church

405 Avenue A

Cliff Hopkins aka "One Old Man" is a recent addition to the New Bern music scene. A native New Yorker, Cliff relocated to New Bern in April of 2022. He performs an eclectic mix of folk, old country and Irish songs. His casual style and story-telling colorfully sets the mood for any element.

No admission charge for the concert, but donations to *Riverside United Methodist Church* will be accepted.

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March 10 • 5-8pm

Baxter's 1892 • 323 Pollock St.

Join Latin Jazz group Del Caribe Son as they enchant your Sunday evening and make you get up dancing.

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Jake Sutton

March 13 • 6pm

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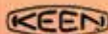
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Boomerang

March 15 • 7pm

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Aaron Davenport

March 15 • 7-10pm

Baxter's 1892 • 323 Pollock St.

Native New Bernian, Aaron Davenport is a vocalist and guitarist and local theatre performer. Come hear some acoustic favorites from the 70s, 80s, 90s, & today.

No cover. For information, www.baxters1892.com.

Anna Park

March 15 • 7:30pm

Pinky's • 218 Middle St.

Indie, folk and Americana.

For information, visit [Pinkys' Facebook page](#).

Molasses Creek

March 15 • 7:30pm

Orringer Auditorium • 800 College Ct.

For 30 years, Molasses Creek's high-energy performances and heartfelt songwriting has brought the love of their coastal home of Ocracoke Island to the stage. The band's elegant harmonies and arrangements, stellar songwriting, blazing instrumentals, and quirky sense of humor have won loyal followers throughout the US, around the world, and most especially in Eastern NC.

Each member contributes ideas and original music. They move between whimsical and sincere in a way that makes you believe that balancing both might be the key to life. The four members of Molasses Creek are: Gary Mitchell - Guitar/Vocals, Fiddler Dave Tweedie - Fiddle/Vocals, Kim France - Bass/Guitar/Vocals, Gerald Hampton - Mandolin/Bass/Guitar.

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Patrick Bliss & East Coast Jam

March 16 • 1pm

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For information, visit [Beartown Bistro on Facebook](#).

Barefoot Wade

March 16 • 6pm

Capt. Ratty's • 202 Middle St.

One-man Caribbean Jam Band.

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Barry Charlton

March 16 • 7-10pm

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Patrick Bliss

March 16 • 7:30pm

Pinkys • 218 Middle St.

Playing a mix of Irish pub rock and other songs.

For information, visit [Pinkys' on Facebook](#).

On The Rocks

March 16 • 7:30pm

Blackbeard's • 415 S. Front St.

On the Rocks playlist consist of oldies, 80's, 90's, modern and country!

For information, [www.blackbeardstrippleplay.com](#).

Mad Fiddler

March 16 • 8pm

Brown Pelican • 1017B Broad St.

Live music with the amazing Jason Addams AKA The Mad Fiddler.

For information, visit [Brown Pelican on Facebook](#).



St. Patrick's Dinner & Dance with The Bears

March 17 • 6-10pm

River Bend Country Club • 94 Shoreline Dr.

Grab your favorite dance-and-dining partner and join The Bears, New Bern's all-star vintage Rock & Roll Band, for a St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Dance.

Fun will be in the air as The Bears' "way back machine" whirls you away to the 50's, 60's, and 70's. The Bears will play some Irish favorites in addition to their Rock & Roll program.

Dinner of Corned Beef, Cabbage, Carrots, Potatoes, and Key Lime Pie will be served 6-7pm, music 7-10pm. Tickets: \$40 per person, \$70 per couple. For tickets, call 252.494.9191.

Mike Bramble

March 20 • 6pm

Pourhouse 222 • 222 Middle St.

Visit the Pourhouse on Facebook.

Bag-End Band

March 21 • 5-8 pm

Harris Teeter • Hwy 17 South

Bag-End cranks out your favorite tunes of the 60's and 70's with Mat Kerlin on cajon, vocals, and blues harmonica and Dan Lehman on rhythm guitar. Enter the Bag-End time machine and wake up to the music of Dobie Grey, The Jefferson Airplane, Neil Young, Creedence Clearwater Revival, The Beatles and your favorite bands of that era.

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Quincy Jones

March 21 • 6-9pm

Baxter's 1892 • 323 Pollock St.

A variety of jazz standards.

No cover. For information, [www.baxters1892.com](#).

John Van Dyke & Band

March 22 & 23 • 7-10pm

Baxter's 1892 • 323 Pollock St.

Join local New Bern Crooner, John Van Dyke and his trio, as he sings jazz and blues favorites.

\$5 cover. For information, [www.baxters1892.com](#).

Rockzilla

March 22 • 7:30pm

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Kelsey Hurley

March 23 • 7:30pm

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BiPolar Express

March 23 • 7:30pm

Blackbeard's • 415 S. Front St.

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WREN

March 24 • 5-7pm

Baxter's 1892 • 323 Pollock St.

Baxter's own "Singing Hostess", WREN, sings songs of Adele, Amy Winehouse, Toni Braxton, and more. Tyler Griffin on piano.

No cover. For information, www.baxters1892.com.

At the Gallery: Bessie Smith

March 23 • 7pm

Bank of the Arts • 317 Middle St.

Craven Arts Council & Gallery is proud to present "At the Gallery: Bessie Smith" performed by Heather Pierson.

Bessie Smith, known as the "Empress of the Blues", was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Bessie began singing in her youth, and in 1913 toured in a show with Ma Rainey, where she received additional training. Famous for her rich contralto voice and captivating emotional performances, the American Blues singer gained popularity upon being discovered by Columbia Records. Smith traveled through the south singing in cities such as Birmingham, Alabama, Memphis, Tennessee; Atlanta and Savanna, Georgia. Her most notable songs include "Careless Love Blues", "Nobody Knows You When You're Down and Out" and "Tain't Nobody's Biz-ness If I Do".

Heather Pierson is a world-class performer, with her bell-tone, pitch-perfect vocals and her spot-on interpretations. "I'll never forget it, the very first time I played the piano – a real piano – I knew that this was exactly what I wanted to do, every moment that I had the chance to do it," she recalls. Winner of the 2012 New England Songwriting Contest, Heather has multiple CD's to her credit, in a variety of musical genres, which reveal her musical versatility, from New Orleans jazz, folk narratives, Delta Blues and, for us, Bessie Smith.

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March 27 • 6pm

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Dale Moore

March 28 • 6-9pm

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Eric Metts

March 29 & 30 • 7-10pm

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The Wannabees

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The Bears

March 29 • 7:30pm

Pinky's • 218 Middle St.

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- "Mama Bear" Janet Hodges sings and plays bass, ocarina, and keyboard.
- "Yogi Bear" Pat Engeman sings and plays the drums.
- "Baby Bear" Steve Latimer sings and plays guitar.
- "California Bear" Simon Spalding sings, and plays bass and fiddle.

No cover charge. For information, visit Pinky's on Facebook.

Landon Benton

March 29 • 8pm

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The Revelers

March 30 • 7:30pm

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Sam Lewis

March 30 • 6pm

Capt. Ratty's • 202 Middle St.

Eclectic mix of country, rock, pop, and other tunes with his original style and flare.

For information, visit [Capt. Ratty's on Facebook](#).



Sean Michael Kaye

March 30 • 8pm

Pinkys • 218 Middle St.

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Community Artist Gallery and Studios

March 8 • 5-8pm • 309 Middle St.

The featured artists at Community Artist Gallery and Studios (CAGS) for March are Nicole Pierre, Virginia Wernersbach, and Linda Sura. Wonderful examples of their work will be displayed in the window near the gallery door. For March, the front window features artists' works under the theme "Bring on Spring."



Pierre enjoys working in and exploring various mediums and styles. She has been commissioned to do portraits, pet portraits, and a variety of landscapes.

Wernersbach loves the art community in New Bern and has traveled with other artists to Europe for inspiration. She has a love for painting, traveling and listening to music. Her works include beautiful landscapes and still lifes.

Sura has been weaving since 1984. Her incredible and colorful designs combine a variety of materials to make each piece unique. Sura is also a gifted watercolor artist and combines watercolor with weaving to design unusual and beautiful paintings.

Musical guests for Art Walk in March will be Craven Consort, a recorder ensemble that plays renaissance and colonial music.

Also visit our upstairs Studio Annex where you can see works by Joyce Stratton, Susan Cheatham, Belinda Scheber and Heide Lock.

For information, www.communityartistsgalleryandstudios.org to check on events and art classes.

Main Gallery: *The Alzheimer's Fantasies*

Opening Reception: March 8 • 5-8pm

On exhibit through March 30

Bank of the Arts • 317 Middle St

The Alzheimer's Fantasies is an exhibition is crafted by Michael A. Dorsey, inspired by his relationship with his wife, serving as both her husband and caregiver. It features 30 colored drawings and digital prints on display in the Main Gallery. This series was created by Dorsey with knowledge gained over the course of 5 years as a caregiver for his wife, who battles Alzheimer's. His exhibit explores their relationship as well as personal memories and history. Michael A. Dorsey is a retired art professor and former dean of the School of Art at East Carolina University. Dorsey describes his work as a "visual conversation to himself", and masterfully uses his art to dive into unique perspectives, personal memories, and family history.

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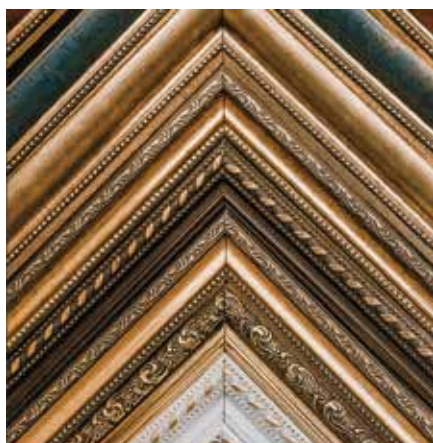


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ART



Director's Gallery: Private School and Home School

Reception: March 8 • 5-8pm

On exhibit through March 30

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Students from Epiphany Global School, St. Paul's Catholic School, Annunciation Catholic School, and various homeschooled students across the county will be exhibiting their work in the Director's Gallery. Art has been shown to have an integral beneficial effect on youth education in subjects from math and science to literary analysis. Bank of the Arts is pleased to reinforce these ideas by offering the students a chance to exhibit their works in a gallery setting.

For information, 252.638.2577 or cravenarts.org.

Little Talks: A Lecture by Michael Dorsey

March 16 • 3-4pm

Bank of the Arts • 317 Middle St.

Little Talks is a casual lecture series that invites attendees to listen to experts on a given subject and participate in an open dialogue with the lecturer and other attendees. The upcoming Little Talks lecture will be given by Michael Dorsey, retired East Carolina University art professor and former Dean of the School of Art at East Carolina University. During his lecture he will be discussing *The Alzheimer's Fantasies* exhibition.

Tickets: \$10 for CAC&G members and students, \$15 for nonmembers, and free to children under the age of 18. For information, 252.638.2577 or cravenarts.org.

Craven County Public School Student Art Exhibit

Opens March 23

NC History Center • 529 S. Front St.

Experience the vibrant showcase of artistic talent at the Craven County Public Schools K-12 Student Art Exhibit, hosted in the Duffy Gallery at the NC History Center. Immerse yourself in a captivating display featuring an array of paintings, drawings, sculptures, and mixed media creations. This annual event celebrates the creativity and skill of our local student artists. Join us for an inspiring and visually enriching experience that highlights the boundless creativity flourishing within Craven County's K-12 students.

For information, 252.639.3527 or tryonpalace.org.



Call For Artists: ROY G BIV

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Craven Arts Council & Gallery is seeking artist applications for those interested in participating in the ROY G BIV exhibition which showcasing the use of color. Participating artists will receive a 12" x 12" cradled board, randomly draw a color and be tasked with creating a unique piece featuring the color selected. Each panel in the Main Gallery will be filled with works featuring one color per panel, creating a spectrum that moves across the gallery. Colors selected for the exhibition are red, orange, yellow, green, blue, violet(purple), white and black. All works will be judged for a chance to win one of seven prizes with awards announced during the ArtWalk reception.

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For information and reservations, 252.393.9004 x3 or www.nchistorytheater.org.

The Importance of Being Earnest

March 15, 16, 22 & 23 • 7pm

March 17 & 24 • 2pm

*Grover C. Fields Performing Arts Center
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Treat yourself to some classic fun with this outstanding comedy. The North Carolina History Theater will present Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*. First performed in 1895, *The Importance of Being Earnest* is a timeless classic loved by many as one of the funniest plays ever written, with dazzling, dizzying dialogue. The beguiling characters – Algernon and Jack, Cecily and Gwendolen, Lady Bracknell and Miss Prism – endure across time as some of the wittiest and silliest stage characters ever created.

Oscar Wilde's witty comedy of manners and mistaken identity in 1890s England has entertained theater audiences throughout the years. Its high farce and brilliant dialogue have helped make *The Importance of Being Earnest* an enduringly popular play. In addition, it has captivated comedy filmmakers six times between 1932 and 2011.

Directed by Sue Baldwin, *The Importance of Being Earnest* promises to provide a lively evening full of classic entertainment. She invites all to come and enjoy. "I know you'll have as much fun watching as we have had preparing this show."

Sue Baldwin is well known and respected in the New Bern theater community. Audiences have enjoyed her humor and talent in virtually all the theaters in the area. She also served as a long-time director and actor for the New Bern Historical Society's Ghostwalk. Last year she directed the NC History Theater's very successful *Arsenic and Old Lace*.

Tickets available at www.NCHistoryTheater.org or in person at the Bank of the Arts at 317 Middle St.



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Tickets: Adults: \$19. Students & Active Duty Military: \$15. For information, www.newberncivictheatre.org.

Walk-In Bathtub

March 29 • 8pm

New Bern Civic Theatre

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Admission: Free. Your donations support the series. Due to the variety of languages and accents represented, as well as accommodation for the hearing impaired, all films are shown with English subtitles. For information, cravencc.edu/llc/international-films

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51 at 250: The Bold & Brassy Women of Northeastern North Carolina

March 6 • 11:30am

Carolina Colours Pavilion

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Bonnie Pierce is the Trolley & Volunteer Coordinator for the Edenton Historical Commission, and an active volunteer at four local historical properties. A former art teacher and adjunct design professor in New York, Pierce is a graduate of Wesleyan College who also holds an MFA from Georgia State and a graduate certificate in experimental archeology from University College Dublin. Her family has deep roots not only in Edenton but also in New Bern.

Cost is \$24 for Historical Society members and \$27 for non-members. Prepaid reservations are required and available at www.NewBernHistorical.org or 252.638.8558.

Story Time

March 7, 14, 21, 28 • 10am

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March Garden Lecture

March 9 • 10:30am–12:30pm

NC History Center • 529 S. Front St.

Delve into the world of horticulture with "These are a Few of our Favorite Things: A Spring Plant Sale Sneak Peek," featuring insights from Hadley Cheris and Mike Spafford, members of the Tryon Palace Garden Staff.

During this engaging session, discover the staff's favorite plants and gain valuable insights into why, where, and how to incorporate them into your own garden. Additionally, get an exclusive sneak peek at the plants that will be available at the upcoming Tryon Palace Spring Plant Sale. Suggested donation \$5. For information, 252.639.3527 or tryonpalace.org.

Poor Charlies Annual Chili Cup

March 9 • 11am-1pm

Poor Charlie's • 208 Hancock St.

Poor Charlie's "Famous Cooks" will be serving up their specialty recipes of chili. Customers may buy a mug for a nominal price and sample any or all of the chili for free. ... Or the customer wishes to bring in his/her own mug they can get their chili free, anyway!

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Winterfeast: Oyster & Pig Roast

March 9 • 6:30-8:30pm

NC History Center • 529 S. Front St.

Indulge in a generous serving of succulent, steaming oysters paired with freshly roasted pig, and a delectable array of savory sides such as mac 'n cheese, shrimp and grits, chowder, cobbler, and more. This highly anticipated fundraising gathering is not just about the traditional southern food; it's a moment to cherish.

Tickets: \$90 VIP, \$60 General, \$55 Foundation Members. For information, 252.639.3527 or tryonpalace.org.

Celebrating 250 years of Independence in 2026

March 13 • 2pm

NC History Center • 529 S. Front St.

Craven Community College's Lifetime Learning presents Celebrating 250 years of Independence. 2026 will mark the United States' semi-quincentennial. A variety of organizations will share their plans to celebrate our country's 250th anniversary. Learn how you can get involved.

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African American Lecture Series: Women, Music and the Arts

March 21 • 7-8:30pm

NC History Center

529 S. Front St.

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Displays and demonstrations will include Civil War-era medical displays, hand-carved toys and period games, military camp life display, historic equipment and tool displays, demonstration on making pine pitch and tar, make your own "True Tar Heel" certificate, and Cavalry horse display, and the Library TechMobile with historical resources and free wifi.

Cost: \$5 per family member with a \$20 maximum for a family. Check-in begins at 12:30 pm. For information or to register: 252.638.8558 or www.newbernhistorical.org.



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Admission: Free. Your donations support the series. Due to the variety of languages and accents represented, as well as accommodation for the hearing impaired, all films are shown with English subtitles. For information, cravencountyhabitat.org/llc/international-films

Trinity Easter Market

March 23 • 10am-3pm

Trinity United Methodist Church

2311 Elizabeth Ave.

Local vendors will offer a variety of seasonal merchandise, some of it handcrafted by the vendors.

Free to the public. For information, www.facebook.com/TrinityNewBern/ or 252.637.2660. Prospective vendors, please register at <https://bit.ly/TrinityEasterMarket>.

Job Fair & Resource Event

March 27 • 10am-3pm

Riverfront Convention Center

203 S. Front St.

The first hour is only for high school students, military veterans/active duty service members, and military spouses. The event will open up to the public at 11am-3pm. Come dress to impress. Bring about 5 to 10 copies of your resume.

For information, 252.514.4828 or CravenCounty@ncworks.gov.



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Dragon Burn

March 16 • 6pm

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This is a ticketed event and membership drive. \$25 for individuals, or \$50 gets you and your family in the gate and signed as a member for the Pamlico County Arts Council. For information, pamlicoarts.org.



Bryan Sanders

March 16 • 7:30pm

The Old Theater • 609 Broad St.

Bryan Sanders has been performing magic and comedy for 15 years. He is one of the top entertainers in the Southeast, and has been featured on Fox, the Travel Channel and "America's Got Talent". He engages audiences with walk-around magic and comedy that brings laughter and amazement.

Tickets: \$20 General, \$15 for OT members, military, and students with ID. Available at Nautical Wheelers, www.showclix.com/event/magic-is-bryan-sanders or at box office before the show. For information, 252.249.0477.

Multicultural Musical Magnificence: The Galvin Cello Quartet

March 17 • 7:30pm

The Old Theater • 609 Broad St.

"The Quartet's cellists, Sihao He, Sydney Lee, Haddon Kay, and Luiz Fernando Venturelli, are brilliant instrumentalists and thoughtful musicians individually, but their renditions as a group are glorious," raves Arnold Steinhardt, violinist of Guarneri String Quartet. Be sure to catch this inspiring performance by the Galvin Cello Quartet on March 17th.

The group channels their passion for music to celebrate and convey the need for "friendship, creativity, and resilience" in a modern society. As Louis Harris of Third Coast Review noted, "[Their] performance demonstrate[s] the musical possibilities such an unusual ensemble line-up can offer, so long as very talented musicians are handling the bows and plucking the strings."

Tickets: \$25. Available at Nautical Wheelers or pamlicomusic.org.

PAWS Pet Parade

March 30 • 11am • Lou Mac Park

Dogs and their humans can register from 10-11am in the morning at the Lou Mac Park staging area. Awards presented in numerous categories. Costumes are encouraged.

Entry fee is \$5 per dog. All vaccinations must be up to date and PAWS asks that participants and spectators leash their dogs. The PAWS hot dog cart will have refreshments available for purchase. Proceeds from the parade and hot dog cart are used to assist the animals of Pamlico County.

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