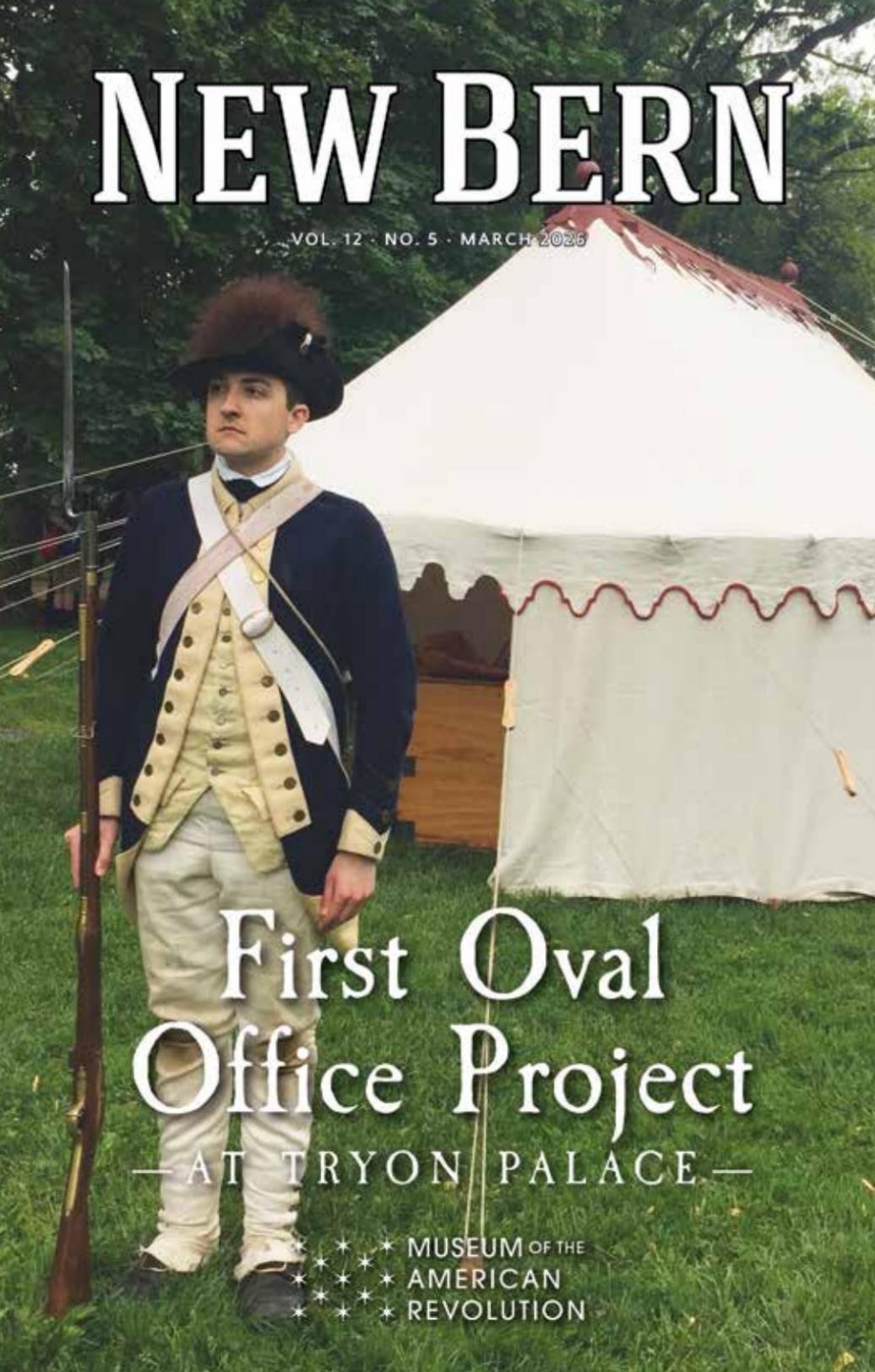


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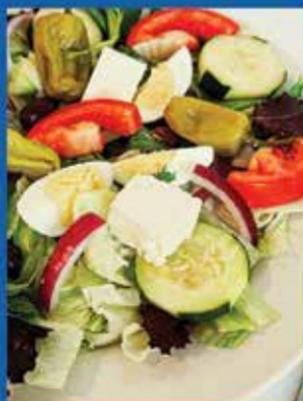
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The Museum of the American Revolution's First Oval Office Project is coming to Tryon Palace and will be open for tours from March 26, through 28. The First Oval Office Project is an inspiring handsewn, reproduction of General George Washington's mobile headquarters that travelled with him throughout the American Revolution. The reproduction encampment includes the sleeping and office marquee, dining marquee, baggage tent, camp bed, furniture, and more that were part of his mobile headquarters while commanding the Continental Army, as well as other tents for common soldiers in the Continental Army. A team of interpreters from the Museum of the American Revolution will be on site to guide you and answer questions about his military life while on campaign. Tryon Palace will be the only site in North Carolina to host the First Oval Office Project during 2026. It is a "do not miss event" for all ages!

How do we know what Washington's war encampment looked like? After two hard campaigns against British forces in 1776 and 1777, Washington's set of tents were worn beyond repair. In January 1778, artisans in Reading, Pennsylvania, began construction on a pair of new marquees for Washington. These tents survived several more years of battle including that of Yorktown, Virginia. After the British conceded defeat in September 1783, the marquee tent, camp equipage, and military papers were carefully preserved and brought home to Mount Vernon. The tent was passed down through Martha Washington's family, except for a brief period when the federal government held it during and after the Civil War. It was often exhibited and was eventually housed at the Smithsonian Institution. In 1909, it was sold to Reverend W. Herbert Burk by Washington descendent Mary Custis Lee in. Burk founded the Valley Forge Historical Society and collected Revolutionary objects for display at his museum at the Washington Memorial Chapel. This collection eventually inspired the creation of the Museum of the American Revolution, which opened in 2017 in Philadelphia.

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First Oval Office Project

March 26, 27, 28, 2026

Tryon Palace Historic Site & Gardens

Join us to experience Washington's Revolutionary War encampment at Tryon Palace! This handsewn, full-scale reproduction of General Washington's sleeping and office marquee, dining marquee, baggage tent, camp bed, furniture, and more were part of his mobile headquarters while on campaign. The First Oval Office Project is presented by the Museum of the American Revolution. Interpreted tours of the encampment will be offered.

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Washington's War Tent is the centerpiece of the Museum's collection and is now a part of an immersive multimedia presentation.

Prior to opening, the Museum of the American Revolution partnered with the Historic Trades Department at The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation to reproduce Washington's War Tent – what is now the First Oval Office Project.

Living history interpreters with the First Oval Office Project will begin the process of setting up camp on Tryon Palace's South Lawn early on the morning of Thurs., March 26, and be open for tours by mid-morning. Tickets for this Special Tour of the First Oval Office Project are \$20 for adults, and \$10 for youth. For more information, or to purchase tickets go to Tryon Palace's website at www.tryonpalace.org.

To add to the excitement of this event, the Tryon Palace Foundation and First Citizen's Bank will host "A Gala Celebrating America's Semiquincentennial at North Carolina's First State Capitol," on March 27. Guests will experience cocktails and appetizers under Washington's dining marquee, with exclusive access to Washington's Revolutionary War encampment and its interpreters. A colonial-inspired dinner will be served at the North Carolina History Center, with a keynote speaker from the Museum of the American Revolution. Throughout the evening guests will enjoy the merriment of 18th century toasts to the "New World at Hand" and period instrumentalists. Tickets to the event are \$175, and table sponsorships are available. All proceeds benefit the Tryon Palace Foundation in support of Tryon Palace. Come celebrate our nation's 250th anniversary of independence with Tryon Palace, North Carolina's first state capitol.

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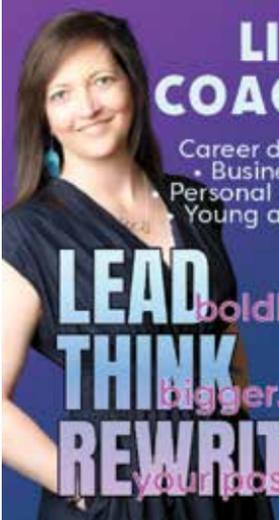


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Magnolia Manor 1843: A Home for Wedded Bliss

By Ann Marie Byrd, Feature Writer

Historical downtown New Bern has recently gained a beautiful new wedding venue: Magnolia Manor 1843, owned by David Durham and Leigh Fulcher.

Located at 214 S. Front Street, across from the Convention Center, the towering Federal and Greek Revival house, known in the community as the Wade-Meadows House, has been brought back to life over the past two years of meticulous, extensive renovations.

“Our story is rooted in a shared love for creating, restoring, and building something meaningful from the ground up,” says Leigh. “We are both lifelong entrepreneurs at heart—dreamers and do-ers who have never been afraid to roll up our sleeves and take on a challenge. Long before Magnolia Manor 1843, we were drawn to old homes with stories to tell, seeing not what they were, but what they could become with vision, patience, and a lot of hands-on work. DIY has always been part of who we are. We’ve spent much time learning, fixing, restoring, and problem-solving together, finding joy in the process as much as the outcome. That love for old houses naturally grew into a deeper passion for preserving history while giving this house a new life and purpose. When we first saw this home, we didn’t just see a building—we saw a dream waiting to be realized.”

On the National Historic Registry, the house has distinctive architectural features: “The high, Flemish-Bond brick façade that reaches to the second-floor wrap-around porch, an iron-crested roofline, and the long brick colonnade, all imbue the home and the area with a positive, enduring, and endearing quality. Inside, step into an Andrew Wyeth

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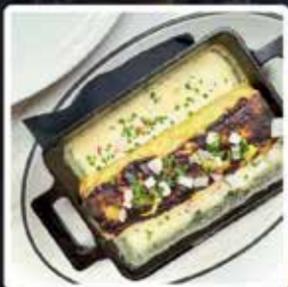
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painting, as much of the original interior has remained. Rope molding reminiscent of the William Hollister House trims the doorways, oak and original pine flooring abound, fixtures, windowpanes, stair railings, and a refurbished claw-foot tub grace this historical work-of-art."

David recalls assessing the project before they began, and says "as entrepreneurs, we were drawn to the historic home that became Magnolia Manor 1843 and embraced the challenge of restoring and reimagining it. Taking on a project of this magnitude has been both rewarding and humbling, deepening our respect for the craftsmanship and history that define this region. We often speak of the past owners and families who once called this home theirs, and we feel a deep sense of responsibility to honor what they began. It's important to us that any additions or updates feel like a thoughtful continuation of their ideas and design, not a replacement of them. In many ways, we feel as though those who came before us are still part of the team, guiding our choices and inspiring us to care for this home in a way that would make them proud."

Renovations of the over 5,000 square foot house have included interior updates like stripping and refinishing the original hardwood floors and woodwork, painting and replastering, renovating the bathrooms, updating fixtures, and even removing walls

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to transition the home back to the original layout after it had been subdivided into apartments. But a great deal of work is not seen on the surface, such as updating electrical, plumbing, heating and air conditioning, as well as a new Second Empire Mansard roof. The grounds were also cleared and carefully redesigned with event planning dictating the layout of the hardscapes and gardens.

Leigh remembers looking out the back window of the house for the first time and imaging the outdoor space as a wedding venue, filled with couples celebrating the start of their lives together. Today, her dream is a reality.

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Both Leigh and David were drawn to New Bern from the first time they came to visit: “We chose to open our business in New Bern because it reflects everything we love about coastal North Carolina and the South. Both of us are from small NC waterfront towns, and we have a deep appreciation for communities where history, hospitality, and a slower pace of life are still valued. New Bern immediately felt like home, offering a rare blend of natural beauty, architectural charm, and a strong sense of place. We have been overwhelmed by the interaction and genuine support we have felt from this community of residents, business owners, and public officials. We relied on that support often and are thankful for their kind comments and encouragement.”



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The NC Main Street Conference is part of the nationally recognized Main Street Program, a proven economic development approach that strengthens downtowns by fostering preservation-based revitalization, entrepreneurship, and community engagement in small and mid-sized towns across North Carolina. This year's theme, *Main Street: Inspiring Impactful Change*, focuses on how the Main Street program drives meaningful, lasting change in communities.

"We are honored to be selected as the host for this year's NC Main Street Conference on the 25th anniversary of the conference. New Bern has experienced remarkable change in the last 25 years, and our success is largely rooted in the vision of those who came before us. Their commitment to preserving a charming, historic, and walkable downtown filled with unique shops, local restaurants and vibrant public spaces – set the foundation for the community we enjoy today. As we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the NC Main Street Conference, we're proud to showcase a downtown that reflects decades of collaboration, perseverance, and a belief in the power of place. We hope the conference inspires even more meaningful conversations, new ideas and a deeper appreciation for the role Main Street programs play in strengthening communities across our state," said New Bern Mayor Jeffrey Odham.

The three-day event will feature inspiring keynote speakers, interactive breakout sessions, guided downtown tours, and ample opportunities for attendees to explore New Bern's vibrant waterfront, historic architecture, local businesses, and cultural attractions.

"This conference provides a meaningful opportunity to showcase the continued vitality and resilience of Downtown New Bern," said Karen Sullivan, Executive Director of Swiss

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"New Bern, one of the original Main Street communities, is an exceptional community to host this year's anniversary celebration. Since 1980, the City of New Bern and its nonprofit Main Street program, Swiss Bear, Inc., have led efforts to revitalize its historic downtown through preservation, economic development, and public engagement. These efforts have transformed downtown New Bern into a walkable, bike-friendly destination enhanced by public art, beautification projects, and cultural events. Historic buildings have been rehabilitated, new development has complemented the city's heritage, and local businesses have flourished, making New Bern a model for Main Street success," commented Liz Parham, Director, NC Main Street & Rural Planning Center.

Recognized as the largest statewide downtown revitalization conference in the nation, the NC Main Street Conference attracts more than 800 attendees, including downtown development professionals, elected officials, local government staff, volunteers, business and property owners, consultants, vendors, and sponsors from more than 150 North Carolina communities, and Main Street Coordinating Programs and their designated communities throughout the southeast.

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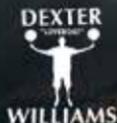
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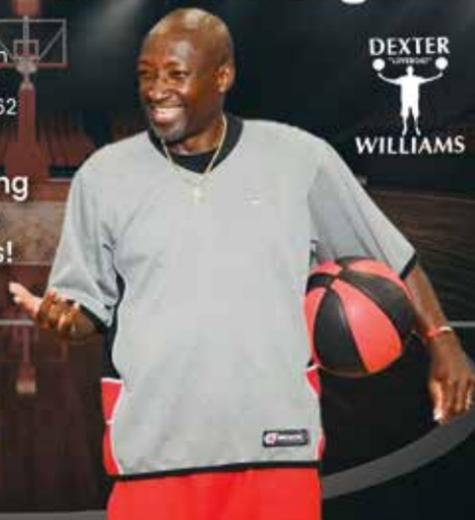
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From Academy Green to Independence Hall-New Bern and the French Connection

By Claudia Houston, New Bern Historical Society

As July 4th approaches, interest in the Revolutionary War and New Bern's role in it grows. What part did this coastal town play in the struggle for independence? New Bern was home to Loyalists and Patriots alike. In the wake of French aid arriving under General Lafayette, many French volunteers sought opportunities to serve in the American cause. New Bern became central to that effort.

Richard Caswell, a war hero who helped lead troops to victory at the Battle of Moore's Creek and would later become the Governor of North Carolina, advocated for those French officers who came to his attention. He wrote many letters of recommendation to General George Washington so that these men might join the Continental line.

On April 24, 1778, Colonel Charol de Placer received permission from the North Carolina General Assembly to organize a special regiment of State Troops, named the *French Refugees Regiment*. The plan was to recruit Frenchmen from across all states, but particularly North and South Carolina as well as the Caribbean. They were to be stationed in New Bern.

There were many French in the Carolina Ports, and few places for them to reside. The original Academy School in New Bern (built in 1766 and burned circa 1793) was not in operation as of May of 1778 and thus was used to house French recruits. The New Bern

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Academy building that is still standing, and is now a museum, was built on the same site and completed in 1810.

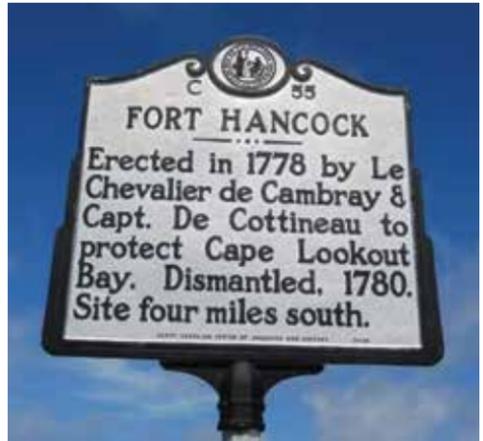
The. There was local resistance to this French unit in New Bern, and a recruiting incident led to armed crowds attacking Chariol's men. The unit was never fully staffed, and by August 1778 was disbanded by the Assembly. Caswell, nonetheless, wrote to George Washington praising Chariol's service and seeking other assignments for him, though it would appear to no avail as Chariol seemed to disappear from New Bern. It is unknown whether he returned to France.

One of the men tied to the *French Refugee Regiment* became involved with other Revolutionary War efforts. Captain James Mountfloreance emigrated from France and joined the American efforts in 1778. While recovering from an illness, Mountfloreance tutored local students in New Bern. After the dissolution of the *Refugee Regiment*, he offered his services elsewhere, and in 1780, he rose to the rank of Brigade Major under William Lee Davie in the North Carolina militia. He also became a delegate from Davidson County to the 1789 Fayetteville Convention, in which he voted yes to ratifying the Constitution. After the war, Mountfloreance became a land agent and surveyor in Tennessee.

Another French officer, Louis Antoine Jean Baptiste Chevalier de Cambray-Digny, led efforts to fortify the coastal defenses in the Cape Lookout region by helping to build Fort Hancock. The North Carolina House of Commons commended Cambray-Digny on April 30 for his conduct and engineering of this fortification, and Caswell pressed Washington to consider



Artist Charles Wilson Peale, portrait of Chevalier de Cambray Digny, 1783, oil canvas, Philadelphia Independence National Historical Park, INDE 14035



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him for the Continental Line. Cambray-Digny was commissioned as a Lieutenant Colonel and served as an engineer at Charleston and Savannah. He was captured in May 1780 and remained a prisoner until November 1782. He received an honorable discharge in November 1783.

There were several references that the South Carolina Assembly awarded Cambray-Digny a medal due to his help with fortifications during the 1780 siege of Charleston, but this fact could not be verified. Portrait artist Charles Wilson Peale painted Cambray-Digny in uniform, and his portrait hangs at the Independence Hall National Historical Park in Philadelphia.

New Bern's wartime activity reveals a city navigating international alliances, a reminder that local histories echo global currents even in a quiet coastal town.

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Gifted Writer Adopted New Bern

by Edward Ellis, Special Correspondent

Mary Bayard Devereux Clarke didn't just write her way into Southern literary history—she carved out a place for herself with determination, curiosity, and a voice that refused to stay quiet. Her life eventually led her to New Bern, but her influence stretched far beyond the city's borders.

Born in Raleigh in 1827, Clarke grew up in the well-known Devereux family, surrounded by books, ideas, and a strong sense of North Carolina's past. After marrying William J. Clarke, a Confederate officer who later entered politics, she moved to New Bern and quickly became part of its cultural and civic life. The city gave her both a home and an audience.

Clarke wrote under names like "Tenella" and "Betsey Bittersweet," and her work appeared in some of the most widely read Southern publications of the day, including *The Southern Literary Messenger*, *The Land We Love*, and *The New York Home Journal*. She wrote poetry, essays, translations, and fiction—whatever form suited the moment—and she used her writing to explore the shifting identity of the South, the meaning of education, and the war's upheaval.

Clarke's legacy is a substantial body of writing that offers a rare window into 19th-century Southern life. The *Raleigh News and Observer* later called her "one of its most gifted daughters," a nod to her efforts to elevate North Carolina's literary reputation. She began her public career by compiling an anthology of North Carolina poetry, before publishing her own work in national and international journals.

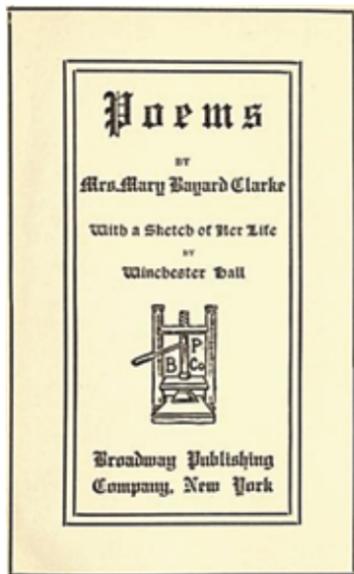
Her influence didn't stop at her own work. Clarke assembled and revised William J. Clarke's wartime writings and speeches, a project that showcased her editorial skill and her commitment to preserving the historical record. During Reconstruction, her essays and poems became a steady, reflective voice as the region tried to understand what had been lost and what might come next.

Mary Bayard Devereux Clarke died in March 1886 at age 58 and was buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery.

[Bonus fact: She was the grandmother of noted local photographer Mary Bayard Wooten, 1875-1959.]



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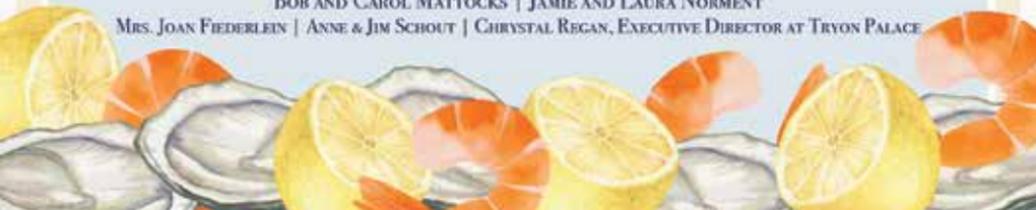
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An Interview with Dan Lehman

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

Where are you from and how'd you end up in eastern North Carolina?

I was born in Oneida, NY, and lived there most of my life, except for when I was in college and the Army. My wife Gail and I moved here after I retired as a probation officer. We found New Bern in a "where to retire magazine", visited, fell in love with the place, and moved here in 2009.



From left to right: Dan Lehman and Mat Kerlin.

How did you learn to play the guitar? Did you have formal training, informal, or a combination?

I learned to play the guitar while I was a student at Washington College and I am a combination of self-taught and learning from the more talented people I have played with over the years.

Do you have a favorite genre or style of music to play?

I have been a "temp" in a couple of blue grass band on guitar and 6 string banjo, but my love is the classic rock I grew up with in the 60's and 70's.

Bag End is a unique name for a band, where did it come from, and how did the band form?

The name Bag-End comes from the J.R.R. Tolkien trilogy, "The Fellowship of the Ring", and it is the home of one of the main characters, Bilbo Baggins. The band formed after my friend of over 40 years, Mat Kerlin, moved to New Bern. We had done years of youth ministry together, and some music, and started playing open mics and eventually were hired for all sorts of gigs.

You play a lot of live gigs around town, what is it about live music performances that appeals to you, and how is it different from a studio or other setting?

Mat and I prefer playing live because there is that "chemistry" with the audience that doesn't exist in the studio.

Who is another musician you admire or inspires you?

I am inspired by the music and activism of Neil Young. One of my favorite songs of his is "Heart of Gold". It speaks of the unconditional love we are all seeking!

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An Interview with Dan Lehman

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What one performance, song, or event are you particularly proud of, and why?

Maybe the performance, or performances, I am most proud of, are the times we played on the Friends of Howard Matthews' stage at Mum Fest the last several years, and playing at the fund raiser that local musicians did for Howard after he was injured and robbed last year. His subsequent death not long afterward is such a loss to the New Bern community!

What advice do you have for musicians just starting out or wanting to get into music?

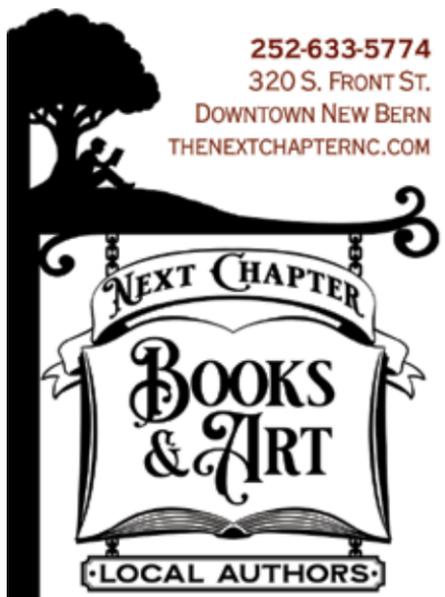
My advice to young musicians is don't give up, play anywhere, and understand it is about the joy you can bring to people; not about you

In one sentence, what is art to you?

Art is being able to use God given talent to impact people's lives so that they are able to see themselves and the world in a different, more positive fashion.

I know you'll be a part of the Ghent Front Porch Music Festival on April 18th, but where else can people see you and find your work?

Bag-End plays frequently in New Bern at Art Walk [3/13], Riverside United Methodist church [3/8], Mum Fest, the Harris Teeter Food Court, and the New Bern Historic Home tour [5/2].



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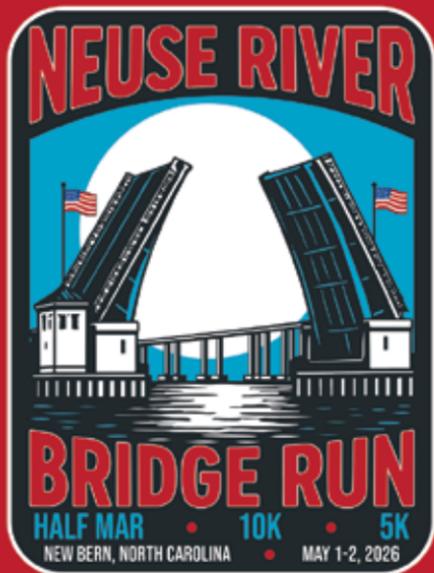
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Signed,
Blustery Billy



Dear Blustery Billy,

Well, you know what they say about the best laid plans—they often go wrong!

I understand that you expected gentle weather when you moved to North Carolina, and in general New Bern enjoys temperatures that are quite mild compared to Minnesota! But keep in mind the amount of snow that we've gotten in 2026 is very unusual, in fact, the last storm that brought this much snow to New Bern was in 1989!

So the way that I see it, you have a couple of choices:

- Option #1: Give up, pack up and get the heck out of here. God knows we have plenty of Northerners here already. I imagine you haven't even unpacked all your boxes.
- Option #2: Just relax. Stay in idyllic New Bern. If you dislike the snow that much, close all your curtains and watch the entire Game of Thrones series until it all melts away.

So there you are! Problem solved. I hope this helps!

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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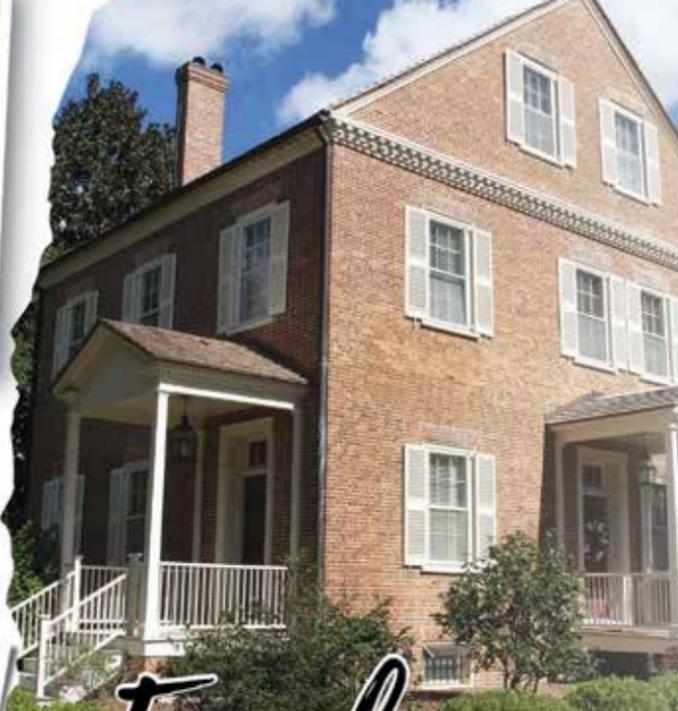
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March 1 • 4-6pm

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For information, handbellmusicians.org.

Dayton Vesper

March 1 • 5-7pm

Baxter's 1892 • 323 Pollock St.

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March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 • 6:30pm

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

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March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 • 7pm

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For information, www.blackbeardstripleplay.com

Open Mic Night

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 • 7pm

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Join us for an open mic night.

For information, visit [Brown Pelican's Facebook page](#).

Boot Night

March 4, 11, 18, 25 • 6:30pm

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March 6 • 7-10pm

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\$2 cover. For information, www.baxters1892.com.

Packhouse

March 6 • 7:30pm

Pinky's • 218 Middle St.

A rock jam band based out of Cove City will be performing originals, covers and jam.

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

Barry Charlton

March 7 & 20 • 7-10pm

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Dakota Blues

March 7 • 7:30pm

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Los Sabrosos Del Son

March 7 • 7:30pm

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This talented Cuban jazz group brings the rhythm and energy that will enchant your evening and get you up dancing.

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

Piano Brunch with Hans Werner

March 8 & 22 • 11am-2pm

Baxter's 1892 • 323 Pollock St.

Enjoy a relaxed and elegant atmosphere as Hans brings his artistry to the keys, performing a delightful blend of traditional pieces and contemporary favorites.

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

Bag-End

March 8 • 3pm

Riverside United Methodist Church
405 Avenue "A"

The acoustic duo Bag-End features Mat Kerlin on vocals, harmonica, and percussion; and Dan Lehman on rhythm guitar. Bag-End draws inspiration from the music of the 60's and 70's including Neil Young, Marvin Gaye, Credence Clearwater Revival, Crosby Stills & Nash, and other favorite bands of that era.

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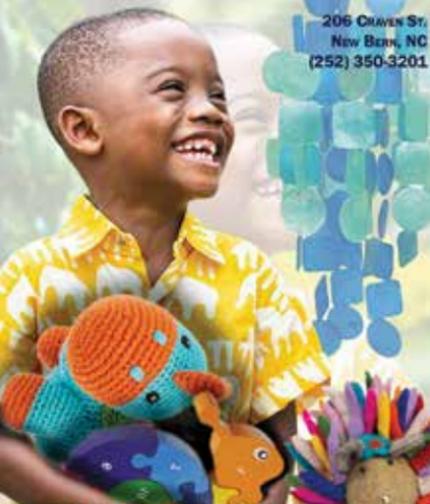
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No cover. For information, www.baxters1892.com.

Dr. Bacon

March 12 • 9pm

Brown Pelican • 1017B Broad St.

Dr. Bacon is truckin' their signature Asheville NC grooves down to New Bern for an evening of tasty tunes.

For information, visit [Brown Pelican's Facebook page](#).

Sophia O'Yenik

March 12 • 5:30-7:30pm

Baxter's 1892 • 323 Pollock St.

With a voice that seamlessly blends vintage soul, jazzy charm, and modern sass, Sophia's set glides from smoky lounge standards to powerhouse ballads and reimagined pop. Expect a night of timeless romance, sultry wit, and bold, empowering anthems — all delivered with grace, grit, and a wink.

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

Crab Pot Creek

March 13 • 7pm

Brown Pelican • 1017B Broad St.

Playing folk, Americana, and rock & roll acoustic covers. Based out of Edenton, NC.

For information, visit [Brown Pelican's Facebook page](#).

Christopher Siren

March 13 • 7-10pm

Baxter's 1892 • 323 Pollock St.

Christopher performs everything from classical piano to modern pop and folk favorites. Shaped by New Orleans legends like Dr. John and Professor Longhair, he blends Crescent City soul with pop, country, and folk to deliver lively, heartfelt performances that feel like home.

\$2 cover. For information, www.baxters1892.com.

Molasses Creek

March 13 • 7:30pm

Orringer Auditorium

800 College Ct.

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Tickets: Adults \$30 / Students \$20. For information, www.cravencc.edu/llc.



Smokehouse

March 13 • 7:30pm

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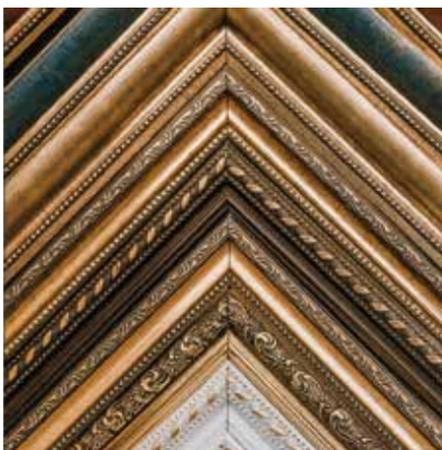
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For information, bootleggersandbarrels3play.com

DJ Flee

March 13 • 10pm

Brown Pelican • 1017B Broad St.

For information, visit *Brown Pelican's* Facebook page.

Scallywags

March 14 • 6pm

Brown Pelican • 1017B Broad St.

Bringing a fun, high-energy sound rooted in classic rock with their own original twist.

Cover \$10. For information, visit *Brown Pelican's*

Facebook page.

Punk Angels & Militia

March 14 • 7pm

Brown Pelican • 1017B Broad St.

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Cover \$10. For information, visit *Brown Pelican* on Facebook.

Eric Metts

March 14 • 7-10pm

Baxter's 1892 • 323 Pollock St.

Eric Metts is a vocalist and guitarist out of Wilmington, NC. Come hear some acoustic favorites from the 70s, 80s, 90s, & today.

\$3 cover. For information, www.baxters1892.com.

Doc & Roll

March 14 • 7:30pm

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Wannabees

March 14 • 7:30pm

Blackbeard's • 415 S. Front St.

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For information, www.blackbeardstripleplay.com.

Jonathan Larson

March 15 • 5-7pm

Baxter's 1892 • 323 Pollock St.

Jonathan fills the air with romantic piano melodies, creating an enchanting atmosphere.

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

Izzy McCarthy

March 19 • 5:30-7:30pm

Baxter's 1892 • 323 Pollock St.

New Bern native and powerhouse songstress.

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



Jessica Rose

March 19 • 7-10pm

The Flying Fox • 411 Broad St.

Recording artist and singer-songwriter Jessica Rose visits from the Tampa Bay Area, Florida for a special solo appearance. She'll perform melodic, fun originals from her two full-length albums, along with a variety of covers ranging from trendy pop to classic hits. Her music pairs catchy melodies with heartfelt, straight-to-the-point lyrics that inspire women to be true to themselves.

For information, www.jessicarosepowell.com.

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Purple Cabbage

March 20 • 6:30pm

Brown Pelican • 1017B Broad St.

Indie-rock.

For information, visit [Brown Pelican's Facebook page](#).



Thomas Pandolfi

March 20 • 7:30pm

Orringer Auditorium • 800 College Ct.

American pianist Thomas Pandolfi is an exciting virtuoso who is becoming more and more sought after by audiences worldwide, and showered with superlatives by critics for his passionate artistry and amazing technique. His performances of Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninov, Chopin, Liszt and Gershwin have captured the hearts of listeners, and made him a popular concerto soloist. Pandolfi will delight the audience in this performance with a focus on Gershwin.

For information, [www.cravenconcertsinc.org](#)

Southern Hellcats

March 20 • 7:30pm

Pinky's • 218 Middle St.

Rockabilly style band.

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

Packhouse

March 20 • 9pm

Brown Pelican • 1017B Broad St.

Playing a blend of funk, rock, and jam that fills the room with energy.

For information, visit [Brown Pelican's Facebook page](#).

Steven Curtis Chapman

March 21 • 7-10pm

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For information, [www.temple.church/events](#).

John Van Dyke

March 21 • 7-10pm

Baxter's 1892 • 323 Pollock St.

Experience the soulful sounds of John Van Dyke as he brings jazz and blues favorites to life. John's smooth vocals blend beautifully with his accompanist's artistry, creating an unforgettable atmosphere for music lovers.

\$4 cover. For information, [www.baxters1892.com](#).

The Revelers

March 21 • 7:30pm

Blackbeard's • 415 S. Front St.

Party band that cover hit songs you know and love from a wide variety of music genres.

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



Bridge Atlantic

March 21 • 7:30pm

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For information, visit [Brown Pelican's Facebook page](#).

Daniel Sansone

March 22 • 5-7pm

Baxter's 1892 • 323 Pollock St.

A classically trained organist and pianist, Daniel brings a masterful touch to jazz standards and timeless classics, creating an elegant and unforgettable experience.

With a background in Organ Performance and years of performing at prestigious venues across the U.S., Daniel's artistry and passion for music shine through every note.

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

Craven Community Concert Band Spring Concert

March 23 • 7pm

*Grover C. Fields Auditorium
2000 Dr. MLK Jr. Blvd.*

Selections include: An American in Paris, The Genius of Ray Charles, Pie in the Face Polka, and of course - A March.

Admission: Free. For information, visit [Craven Community Concert Band on Facebook](#).

Coley Bayliss

March 26 • 5:30-7:30pm

Baxter's 1892 • 323 Pollock St.

A New Bern native singing songs from her heart.

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

Phil Routsong

March 27 • 7-10pm

Baxter's 1892 • 323 Pollock St.

Enjoy a true Piano Bar/Restaurant experience with Phil Routsong. He'll bring you unforgettable hits from yesterday to today: Coldplay, Van Morrison, Billy Joel, and more.

\$2 cover. For information, [www.baxters1892.com](#).

28 West

March 27 • 7:30pm

Pinky's • 218 Middle St.

Greenville NC's hottest new pop/rock cover band, playing songs you know the words to.

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

The Contra Band

March 28 • 7-10pm

Baxter's 1892 • 323 Pollock St.

The Contra Band is a dynamic 6-piece horn and rhythm ensemble delivering fresh takes on classic jazz standards. With trumpet/flugelhorn, trombone, and saxophone leading the melodic charge—and a powerhouse rhythm section of piano, bass, and drums—they glide effortlessly through styles ranging from bossa nova and swing to waltz, rock ballads, and Dixieland. Their sound is sophisticated yet soulful, perfect for jazz lovers who appreciate variety, precision, and personality. Whether you're tapping your toes or sipping something smooth, The Contra Band brings timeless jazz to life with flair.

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At the Gallery Concert Series: Dionne Warwick

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The Craven Arts Council & Gallery presents its At the Gallery Concert Series featuring the music of Dionne Warwick, performed by vocalist Alisa Mike with accompaniment by pianist Dale Moore. Doors open at 6 p.m., followed by a pre-concert talk at 6:30 p.m. by Lee Purcell.

Dionne Warwick, the legendary American pop and R&B singer, is a five-time Grammy winner with 56 Billboard Hot 100 hits. Raised in gospel choirs and influenced by collaborations with Burt Bacharach and Hal David, she's known for timeless classics like "Walk on By," "I Say a Little Prayer," and "Do You Know the Way to San Jose." Inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2024, she continues touring with upcoming 2026 dates.

Local talent Alisa Mike, a Tarboro, NC native, grew up singing in church and studied vocal performance at Saint Augustine's University in Raleigh, earning a BA in Communications. She has performed with various bands, including Marine Corps ensembles stateside and in Okinawa, Japan.

Dale Moore, a seasoned worship leader, songwriter, and pianist with over five decades in ministry, holds a Master's in Church Music from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and degrees in Music Education. He regularly performs piano and vocal gigs at venues like Baxter's 1892 in New Bern.

Tickets: \$25 for members of Craven Arts Council & Gallery, and \$30 for nonmembers. Available at Bank of the Arts, cravenarts.org, or 252.638.2577.

Fading Giants

March 28 • 7:30pm

The James Drinkery

317B Pollock St.

For information, visit [The James on Facebook](#).

Head On Collision

March 28 • 7:30pm

Pinky's • 218 Middle St.

Rock band with roots in 90s alt/grunge and early 00s rock.

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



Jaqueline Farrell

March 29 • 5-7pm

Baxter's 1892 • 323 Pollock St.

Known for her precise keyboard technique and expressive interpretations of J.S. Bach, Jacqueline blends classical favorites, improvisation, and jazz standards into an elegant, artistic evening of dining at Baxter's grand piano.

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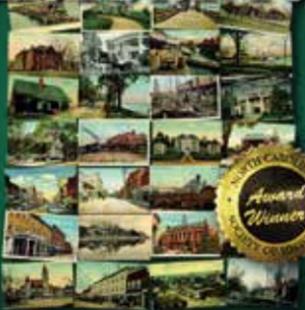


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Admission: Free. For information, www.tryonpalace.org.

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March 13 • 5-8pm • Downtown New Bern

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Director's Gallery: Private School and Homeschooled Student Exhibition

Reception: March 13 • 5-8pm

On display throughout March

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Craven Arts Council is proud to present the artworks of private and homeschooled students in the Director's Gallery for the month of March. This exhibition will feature work created by students in art classes from various local private, parochial and home schools across Craven County. Craven Arts will host a reception from 5-8pm on Friday, March 13th.

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. This exhibition will showcase a variety of mediums and styles, including drawing, painting, and ceramics. Art has been shown to have a significant effect on youth education in subjects from math and science to literary analysis. Craven Arts is pleased to reinforce these ideas by offering local students a chance to exhibit their works in a gallery setting.

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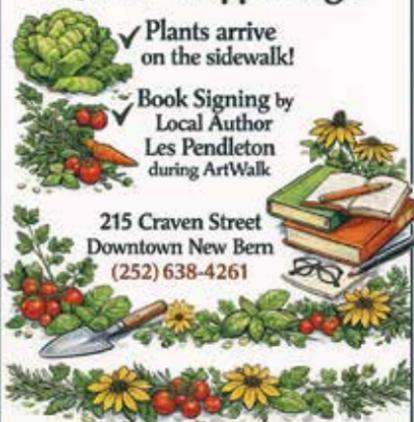
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Craven Arts Council & Gallery (CAC&G) is proud to present their *For the Record* exhibition, featuring artwork created from vinyl records. Artists used vinyl records from CAC&G's album collection as the predominant medium in their creations – encouraging artist to explore a variety of themes and styles. An open reception will be hosted at Artwalk on Friday, March 13th from 5-8pm, inviting the public to view and purchase exhibited artwork, on display for the month of March, will awards announced at 6 pm.

CAC&G offered artists up to 20 records from a large donated collection. Artists were encouraged to explore the medium creatively, with paint, glue, & other mediums to create new works of art. All artworks featured in exhibition will be judged for prizes by Dare Oliver. Dare Oliver grew up in Carteret County and graduated with a BA in Photojournalism and Graphic Design from UNC-Chapel Hill. She most recently worked as the Coordinator of Fine Arts and Director of Marketing at The Epiphany School of Global Studies in New Bern. Having just retired, Oliver is learning to play guitar, writing song lyrics, and learning to paint. She can be found performing in 'The Bonafides -- a string band with reckless abandon' -- alongside her husband, George and dearest friends.

For information, cravenarts.org.



Jazz-No.-16 by Gary Nemcosky

Community Artist Gallery and Studios

March 13 • 5-8pm • 309 Middle St.

The featured artists for the month of March are Leslie Anthony, an oil painter who loves painting barnyards, especially horses and hounds; Noreen Jekel, who works in acrylics, watercolor, and pen and ink; and Judy Felkamp who does amazing things with clay and glaze. The Emerging Artists program for this month showcases Jack Halligan's work, which will be on display in the Studio Annex. Bag End is kindly providing live music for the March Art Walk.



Artist Janet Draper

As part of CAGS' Outreach program, artists from New Bern and adjacent areas are invited to join with us April 10-11, 2026 to display their art as listed on the criteria on our website under Open Easels. Registration is required and ends March 25, 2026.

The front window feature for March will be the theme of "Colors Awakening." Stop at the gallery Tuesday through Saturday from 10 to 5 to chat with the artists. Also visit our upstairs Studio Annex where you can see works by Joyce Stratton, Susan Cheatham, Belinda Scheber and Heide Lock.

Visit www.communityartistsgalleryandstudios.org to check on events and art classes.

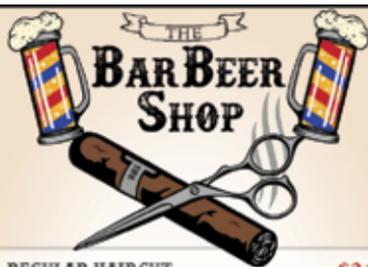


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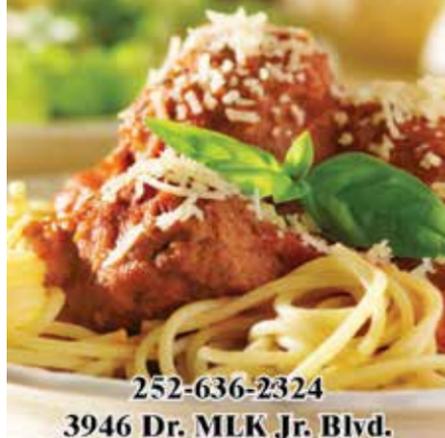
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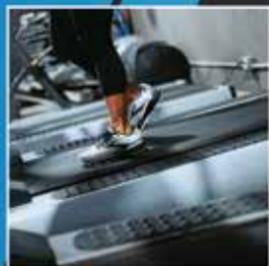
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The Last Rifleman - 2023 – UK/Ireland – English - Drama – PG-13

.Artie Crawford (Pierce Brosnan) is a World War II veteran living in a care home in Northern Ireland who has just lost his wife. He is experiencing unsettling flashbacks from the war. On the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy, Artie decides to escape the care home to embark on a challenging journey to France. His goal is to pay his final respects to his best friend and find the courage to confront the ghosts of his past. Throughout his journey, Artie relies on the kindness of strangers and encounters unique challenges, all while grappling with memories from his past.

Admission is free - Your donations support the series. For information, www.cravenc.edu/llc.

99 Mile Run/Walk/Bike Club

March 7, 14, 21, 28 • 8am

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Open Mic events offer local creatives the opportunity to showcase their work to local community, free of charge. This event is open to poets, writers, acoustic musicians, comedians, and other creatives. Each participant will be limited to 5 minutes for their performance. This event is also free and open to the public to attend and watch, and provides an opportunity to connect and view our local creative community.

Participants can register before the event online at www.newberpride.com, or the day of.

March For Sickle Cell

March 14 • 9am-12pm

Union Point Park • 210 E. Front St.

Join us in person or virtual for the run/walk. Awards for top finishers. Reception/presentation immediately following race at DoubleTree by Hilton. Sponsored by the Neuse Pamlico Sound Women's Coalition, Inc.

For information, www.npswc.com/upcoming-events

ENC Home & Outdoor Expo & Artisan Market

March 14 • 10am-4pm

March 15 • 10am-3pm

Riverfront Convention Center

203 S. Front St.

The ENC Home & Outdoor Expo returns to downtown New Bern in 2026. Enjoy live demos, local home and outdoor experts, an Outdoor Living Headquarters, prize giveaways, and a curated Artisan Market. Family-friendly fun includes treats, shopping, and Saturday's Colonial Capital Pet Adoption Event. Free tote bags for the first 250 attendees each day.

Free admission. For information, www.NCExpos.com.



Winterfeast: Oyster Roast, Pig Roast, Shrimp & Good Times

March 14 • 5:30-8:30pm

NC History Center • 529 S. Front St.

Tryon Palace's beloved Winterfeast returns with steamed oysters by the bushel, roasted pork barbecue, shrimp and grits, jambalaya, mac 'n cheese, apple cobbler, and more—all crafted by top local restaurants.

New this year: A shrimp extravaganza!

Live music returns with Molasses Creek, the high-energy Ocracoke Island band known for heartfelt songwriting and toe-tapping rhythms. All proceeds support the Tryon Palace Foundation's mission to preserve and share eastern North Carolina's rich history.

Rain or shine—enjoy indoors at the North Carolina History Center and under a tent on Bate Commons with Trent River views. Beer and wine available for purchase. Bring your oyster knives (limited quantities for sale on-site).

Tickets: VIP – \$95.00; 5:30-8:30pm. Sponsors and Foundation Members only. General – \$65; 6:30-8:30pm. Foundation Members – \$60, until day of event. This is not a child friendly event. Strollers are not allowed. Only adult tickets are sold. For information, www.tryonpalace.org.

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Hallowed Ground Lantern Tour

March 19, 20 & 21 • 6-9pm

New Bern Battlefield Park

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The New Bern Historical Society invites you to the Hallowed Ground Lantern Tour, an immersive storytelling event held March 19, 20, and 21 from 6 to 9 p.m. at New Bern Battlefield Park, the preserved site of the first Battle of New Bern on March 14, 1862. Guests join a guided, lantern-lit walk along wooded battlefield trails where costumed actors portray real historical figures, sharing poignant and inspiring human stories of courage and conviction drawn from letters, diaries, and firsthand accounts. These gripping narratives focus on the personal experiences of civilians, soldiers, formerly enslaved people, nursing nuns who traveled from New York to tend the wounded, those who fled or remained after the battle, daring raids to capture a Union gunboat, maritime roles in the conflict, and more—rather than battlefield tactics or broad war history. Executive Director Anthony Giardino encourages participants to stand on the exact ground where history unfolded and hear these compelling tales brought to life by talented local actors and reenactors.

Pre-paid reservations with a specific day and arrival time are required, with tickets priced at \$16 for Historical Society members, students, and active-duty military, or \$19 for adult non-members. Available at www.NewBernHistorical.org. Space is limited.

A Day at the Children's Museum of New Bern

March 21 • 10am-2:30pm

Children's Museum of New Bern

408 Hancock St.

Join us for a family-friendly fundraising event for the Children's Museum of New Bern. Visit interactive stations representing the future exhibits of the children's museum. Collect a stamp from each station to win a prize!

For tickets and information, www.nbchildrensmuseum.com.

International Film Series - Easter in Art: The Greatest Story Ever Painted

March 27 • 4:30 & 9:30pm

Orringer Auditorium • 800 College Ct.

The story of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection has dominated western culture for the past 2000 years. It is perhaps the most significant historical event of all time, as recounted by the gospels but equally, as depicted by the greatest artists in history. From the triumphant to the savage, the ethereal to the tactile, some of western civilization's greatest artworks focus on this pivotal moment. This beautifully crafted film directed by Phil Grabsky, explores the Easter story as depicted in art, from the time of the early Christians to the present day. Shot on location in Jerusalem, the United States and throughout Europe, the film explores the different ways artists have depicted the Easter story through the ages.

Admission is free - Your donations support the series.

For information, www.cravenc.edu/llc.

Comedy Night

March 27 • 7pm

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New Bern Fashion Week

March 28 • 5-7pm

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Tried By Fire, Inc. proudly presents the First New Bern Fashion Week & Fashion Show, a fundraising event benefiting My Sister's House—a transitional home supporting justice-involved women with safe housing upon release.

The evening features hors d'oeuvres by the venue's executive culinary team, a cash bar, silent auction, and special surprises. Hosted by model/actor/talent scout Robert Brock and Parsons School of Design instructor Joni Duncan, the show spotlights current 2026 Spring & Summer trends with clothing and accessories from local New Bern boutiques and stores.

Featured models include WCTI NewsChannel 12 anchor Valentina Wilson, veteran model Lydia Daniels (Hickory, NC), and professional Directions USA model Jonny Norris (Charlotte, NC). The event promotes fashion etiquette, builds community relationships, and highlights exceptional local retailers.

Robert Brock, an organizer, notes the goal is to showcase New Bern's small boutiques to a wider audience. Joni Duncan, with over 30 years in New York's fashion industry and current teaching in Fashion Entrepreneurship at Parsons, adds her expertise and enthusiasm: "I'm delighted to support Tried By Fire, Inc. and My Sister's House for justice-involved women."

Seating is limited. Tickets are \$35. Available at www.triedbyfireinc.org, until March 14, 2026, or while still available.

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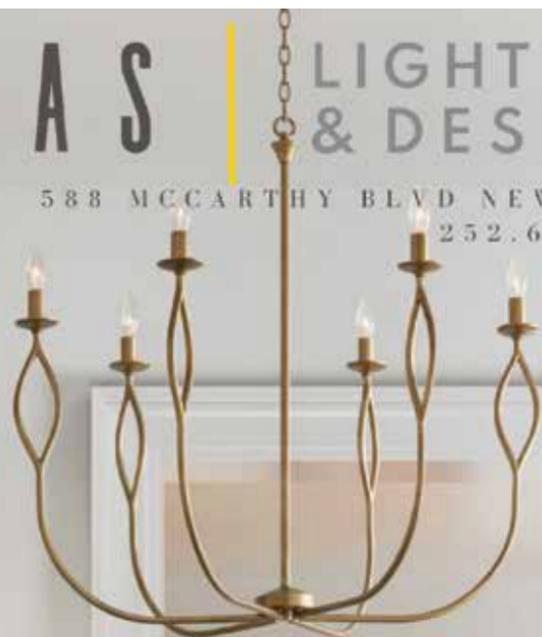
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Meet the Artist: Gayle Anderson

March 7 • 2-5pm

Broad Strokes Gallery • 800 Broad St.

Join us Saturday, March 7 to meet featured artist Gayle Anderson and explore her striking alcohol ink paintings and other original works. Gayle Anderson, born and raised in Raleigh, NC, is a recently retired RN who now devotes her time to creating vibrant, expressive art.

Largely self-taught with professional training, Gayle has taught folk art and alcohol ink techniques, participated in numerous festivals, and exhibits in galleries across the region. She also offers private sales and commissions nationwide.

For information, broadstrokesgallery.weebly.com

A Tribute to the Beach Boys and Sgt. Pepper by The Boomerang

March 15 • 3pm

Old Theater • 609 Broad St.

Multi-instrumentalists EPY, MIKE and TOM bring their craft and 3 part harmonies together in this spirited trio from New Bern.

Tickets: \$25. Available at www.oldtheater.org or at Nautical Wheelers in Oriental.

Arcis Saxophone Quartet

March 20 • 7:30pm

Old Theater • 609 Broad St.

The Arcis Saxophone Quartet, a premier Munich-based ensemble founded by four outstanding soloists, is renowned for electrifying performances, artistic versatility, and exceptional technical mastery. They seamlessly blend classical masterpieces, contemporary works, and innovative arrangements, earning international awards for expressive depth, rhythmic precision, and stylistic range while collaborating with composers to expand the repertoire. They perform at leading venues worldwide and are committed to education through masterclasses. We're thrilled to have them lead an afternoon session with Fred Anderson Elementary students before their concert.

Tickets: \$30. Available at Nautical Wheelers or pamlicomusic.org.

Paws, Paint, and Parade!

March 28 • 11am

Lou Mack Park • 504 S. Ave.

The Pamlico Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) invites everyone to its beloved Annual Dog Parade—a fun celebration where Pamlico County's dogs (and their people) strut their stuff in style.

Paired with the event, Broad Strokes Gallery, Inc. presents a "Celebration of Animals" exhibition to support animal welfare. The gallery is sponsoring a raffle for an original acrylic pet portrait (up to 16" x 20") by acclaimed coastal artist Kevin Fetzer—featuring your own dog or cat.

Raffle tickets go on sale March 4 at Broad Strokes Gallery and will be available at Lou Mac Park before the parade. All proceeds benefit PAWS and its county-wide animal care programs.

Kevin Fetzer's popular pet portraits are also displayed at Oriental Village Veterinary Services, thanks to Dr. Sherri Hicks.

Registration \$5.00 10am at Lou Mac Par., Parade starts at 11am. Costumes encouraged. Broad Strokes Gallery is located at 800 Broad St.

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Membership required for admittance.

Membership Levels: Individual Membership - \$25, Family Membership - \$50 (Family of 4), Student Membership - \$15 For information, www.pamlicoarts.org.

John Jorgenson Quintet

March 28 • 7:30pm • Old Theater

609 Broad St.

The Arcis Saxophone Quartet, a top Munich-based ensemble founded by four outstanding soloists, is renowned for electrifying, versatile performances and masterful technique.



They blend classical masterpieces, contemporary works, and innovative arrangements, earning international awards for expressive depth and precision while expanding the repertoire through composer collaborations. They perform globally and teach masterclasses worldwide. We're excited to welcome them for an afternoon session with Fred Anderson Elementary students before their concert.

Tickets to the concert are \$30 and are available in Oriental at Nautical Wheelers, 411 Broad Street; in New Bern at Nautical Wheelers, 202A Craven Street; and online at pamlicomusic.org.



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