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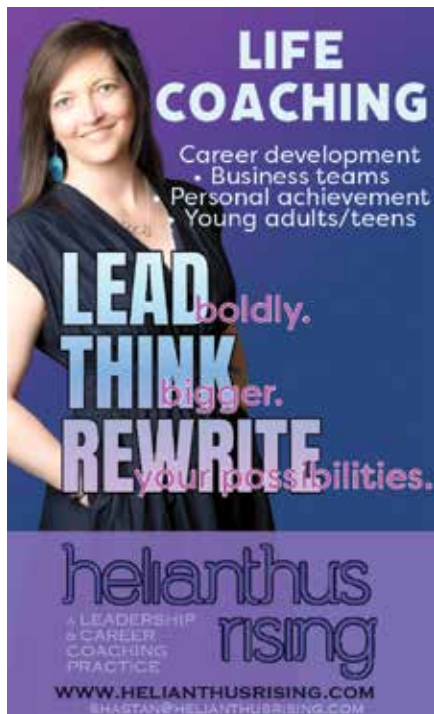
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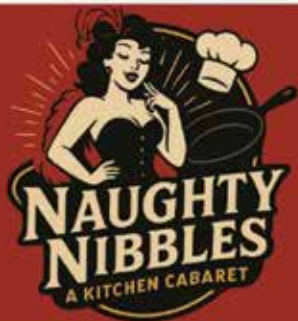
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*April 10*

**SPRING GARDEN LOVERS' WEEKEND**

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**ART WALK**

*Bank of Arts*

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*April 12*

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*Tryon Palace*

*April 17*

**THE DEATH & LIFE OF SNEAKY FITCH**

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**NEW BERN FOLLIES**

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*Orringer Auditorium*

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# New Bern Small Businesses for Fair Trade and Sustainability

By Ann Marie Byrd

One of the joys of owning a small business is having the ability to make decisions based on your own priorities, which can include location, products, presentation, and principles—all in the name of profitability. But is the financial net the only endgame? This month, we are featuring two downtown businesses that have created business models based on sustainability. Let's meet our local friends, Chameleon Blue and Twice as Nice, both located in downtown New Bern on Craven Street.

## Chameleon Blue

### Owners: Colleen & Neil Kuschke

Located at 206 Craven Street and owned by Colleen & Neil Kuschke, this new store features high-quality, handmade products from around the globe, and the owners are driven by global Fair-Trade practices and sustainability.

Colleen says, "Chameleon Blue is a consciously curated Fair Trade gift store, showcasing hand-crafted jewelry, home and personal accessories, and clothing and gift items. We source products from artisan producers, mostly women, in 32 developing countries, in Central America, South America, Africa and Asia. Most of our items are made from sustainable or recycled materials."



Photos by Ann Marie Byrd

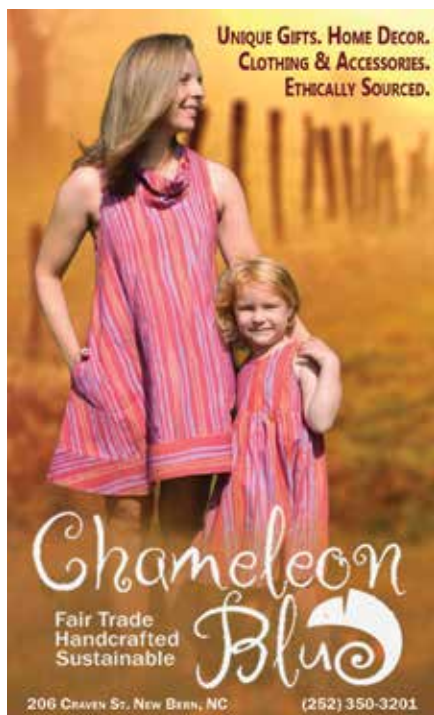
The store, which was formerly the location for The Last Detail, is filled with sunlight and a wealth of global treasures. There are soapstone carvings from Zimbabwe, white stoneware from Tunisia, cheerful felt flowers from Nepal, pine needle baskets from Guatemala, metal drum art from Haiti, jewelry from Indonesia, Peru and Columbia, and more.

Colleen and Neil relocated from South Africa, where their families had lived for many generations. Upon leaving, they first moved to New Jersey and opened a store in Clinton, NJ in October 2018. In late 2024, they decided it was time for a change and came to New Bern, opening the store at 206 Craven Street in October 2025.

"With a background in biology, the impact of industry, commerce and our lifestyles on people and the planet is of great personal significance. After 25 years of a second career in residential design, I realized I needed a change and would rather have a business which has more impact on more people, preferably with a focus on empowering women. Since

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we are originally from South Africa, we have always appreciated hand crafted artisan products and realize the impact of sustainable family and community businesses in poorer countries. Moving into the Fair Trade sphere when I originally opened the store, just made sense once I took all of the above into consideration.”

For readers that are new to Fair Trade, the Fair Trade Federation identifies nine principles which guide Fair Trade businesses:


- Cultivate new market opportunities for artisan communities
- Develop transparent and accountable relationships
- Build capacity for artisans through proactive communication
- Promote Fair Trade among artisans, retailers and customers
- Pay makers promptly and fairly
- Support safe and empowering working conditions
- Ensure the rights of children
- Cultivate environmental stewardship – reduce, reuse, reclaim, recycle
- Respect cultural, racial and ethnic identity

Colleen says, “Our business principle considers people and planet first. We look at how raw materials are used in production, the working conditions for the artisan communities, and are concerned that the artisans—mostly women—are paid a fair wage. Often they work in their homes and the materials they use are recycled or sustainable. There is no child labor, and whomever helps them with design and import will generally help them with schooling, medical and housing loans if necessary. One of the other benefits is that there is transparency in fair trade. For example, our vendor for our soapstone items will explain what she needs in order to keep the producers sustainable (i.e. when they can and cannot create items due to managing their crops); from the other side, Fair Trade stores will detail which products sell and which do not. The goal is to help producers to become



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self-sufficient. Building capacity means they are earning enough to be self-employed and live reasonably well on the income from their production. They need to be sustainable, and that requires support from their community as well the support from the business that are selling their products in the retail market. In our store, we promote an awareness of the artisans - we have to be storytellers so our customers will appreciate their work."

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## Twice As Nice

**Owner: Jennifer and Barry Hardison**

This well-organized consignment shop, located at 224 Craven Street, has been in business with dedicated owners who, over the years, have worked to develop a store that is truly a part of the community in downtown New Bern. Twice as Nice specializes in selling higher-end consignment, featuring designer labels, purses, jewelry, women's wear, shoes, men's wear, plus size clothing, formal wear, and business wear. Labels include Lululemon, Lily Pulitzer, Calvin Klein, Michael Kors, Chicos, Talbots and more.

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The new owners, Jennifer and Barry Hardison, took over the business, opening August 1, 2025. Jennifer worked for the previous owners for some time before buying the business from them. In fact, she had been shopping in the store since she was in high school, and learned to appreciate that quality clothing didn't necessarily have to come from a shopping mall. It is important to her that consignments are good brands at a much lower price, because, as she says, it gives people who couldn't usually afford a name brand the opportunity to have something nice.

She says, "We are picky about the condition of the clothes—no stains, tears, smells, or wrinkles. All clothing goes through three sets of eyes before it gets to the floor. Quality is important. The staff here is like a family to me, and I care about the customers and consigners not as a number—I want to build relationships. We now have lots of new consigners after starting a social media presence. Consignment is getting to be popular now with younger kids. I think that the perception in the past was that consignment shopping was for the middle-aged, but now that has changed."

Many people are drawn to consignment because it gives clothing a second life, reducing the demand for new clothing production, and conserving natural resources. It helps keep clothing out of landfills and lowers the carbon footprint and chemical pollution caused by factory produced clothing.

These eco-friendly practices embrace the ethical implications of sustainability.

"Younger shoppers like that they are recycling clothing," says Jennifer. "They notice that the quality of the clothing is so much better than what they would buy at a traditional store, and they are drawn to unique designs and color. We have much to offer, and we would like to welcome new visitors to the store."



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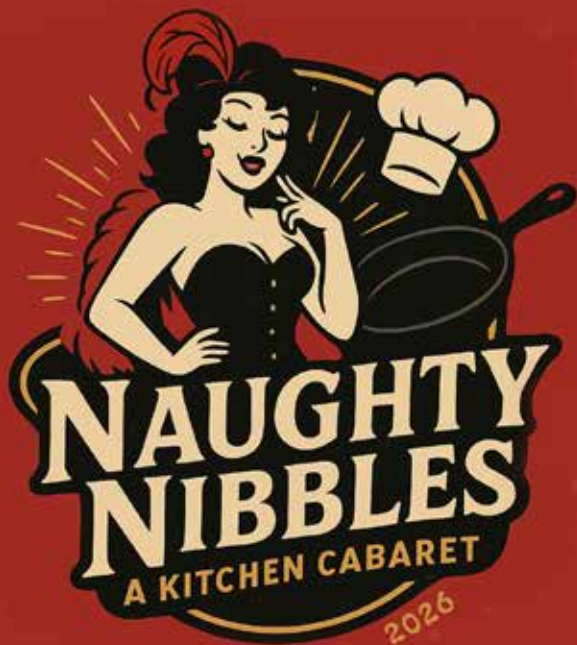


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# Craven CC Foundation Announces 2026 Community Fabric Award Recipients

The Craven Community College Foundation is proud to announce the recipients of the 16th Annual Community Fabric Awards, recognizing individuals and organizations whose leadership, service, and commitment help strengthen the communities served by Craven Community College.

The awards will be presented on Monday, April 28 at noon at the Riverfront Convention Center of Craven County. The annual event celebrates leaders who help weave the social and economic fabric of the region through service, innovation, and dedication to others.



## **Individual Leadership Award: Chuck Tyson**

Chuck Tyson is recognized for decades of dedicated public service and leadership in Craven County. His service began as a commissioner for the Town of Trent Woods, where his thoughtful leadership quickly earned the trust of residents and fellow leaders.

Tyson later served eight years as a Craven County Commissioner, where he helped guide several transformative projects, including the development of the county convention center and improvements at the regional airport projects that strengthened both infrastructure and economic vitality in Craven County.

Now concluding 20 years as Mayor of Trent Woods, Tyson's tenure has been defined by steady progress and meaningful community improvements. Under his leadership, the town has added sidewalks, parks, a Town Hall, and other projects that have enhanced safety, accessibility, and quality of life for residents.

## **Business Leadership Award: Hearne's Fine Jewelry**

Hearne's Fine Jewelry has long been recognized as one of the area's most respected and enduring family businesses. Established in the early 1970s, the business was founded on the principle of putting customers and community first.

Today, Hearne's continues as a multigenerational family business with founder Laura Hearne still actively involved alongside her son Mike, his wife Michelle, and the next generation of the Hearne family, including their daughter Madison and son-in-law Justin.

For decades, Hearne's has been part of many of life's most meaningful moments for families across New Bern and the surrounding region from engagement rings and wedding bands to treasured family heirlooms. Their commitment to service, quality, and community leadership has made them a lasting cornerstone of the local business community.

## **Educational Leadership Award: Kelsie McBride**

Kelsie McBride, Director of Nursing Programs in the Health Sciences Division at Craven Community College, is being honored for her outstanding leadership in nursing education and her deep commitment to community service.

Through her work at the college, McBride has played a vital role in preparing the next generation of nurses while inspiring students to pursue excellence in healthcare and service.

Beyond the classroom, she serves as a board member for the Merci Clinic, helping expand healthcare access in the community. She also serves as a deacon at First Baptist Church in New Bern and co-chairs the Monarch Human Rights Committee, advocating for dignity and respect for all members of the community. Her annual volunteer work with the dental bus further demonstrates her commitment to improving community health for underserved populations. A lifelong New Bern native and mother of two boys, McBride embodies the values of service, leadership, and community that the Community Fabric Awards celebrate.

# Join us for the 16th Annual Community Fabric Awards Tuesday, April 28, 2026

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**Mr. Mike Hearne**

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**Mrs. Kelsie McBride**

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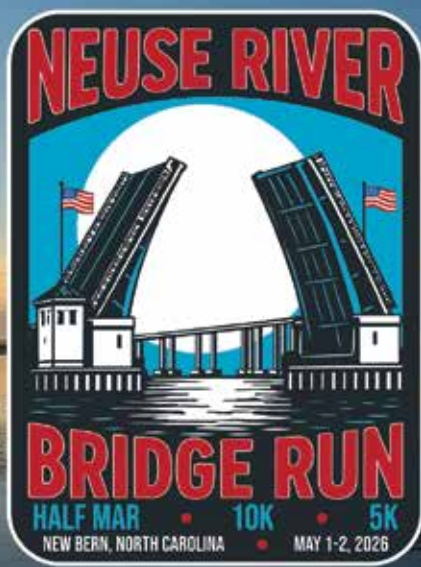


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The car rarely ran reliably—missing flywheel teeth meant the starter often failed. My resourceful dad crafted a huge wrench to turn the crankshaft manually until the teeth aligned. Mom still laughs about the garbage man who once helped her start it with that wrench. “Nothing says love like a big wrench for your car,” I tell her now.

The car became our neighborhood “tank” for Army games, complete with a black pipe cannon stretching from backseat to dashboard. All the kids flocked to our house for the arsenal of toy guns. Those 1950s and 1960s memories fueled my lifelong quest to find one just like it.

Mom and Dad eventually paid \$25 to have it hauled away. I searched for years, passing on customized or two-door versions, holding out for an original 1948 four-door Commander in Rodeo Tan. After months of negotiation, my wife found one near Casper, Wyoming. I bought it for \$9,000, shipped it to Stella, NC, for \$2,000, and planned minor fixes.

The real purpose was a Thanksgiving surprise for Mom (now 94) and my brothers. I trailered it to Illinois, hid it in her garage, and fixed brakes and a fuel leak en route. After Thanksgiving lunch, I gathered everyone, passed out an NC Region magazine featuring the car on the cover (credited to owner Scott Gruenke), and my son backed it out as Mom spotted it. Her face lit up—she kept saying it was shinier than hers. We helped her into the driver’s seat, squeezed three brothers in the back (tight fit!), and reminisced about childhood. The family took photos in the driveway. My serious oldest brother called it the best thing any of us had done for the family.

Mom’s memory challenges mean she forgets quickly, but keeping the magazine nearby helps her remember a little. Dad passed three years ago, and I wish he could have been there to enjoy the moment and see the joy on Mom’s face—but I’d do it again in a heartbeat. Purchase: \$9,000; transport: \$2,000; fuel for 2,000 miles: scary to calculate. Mom’s priceless smile? Worth every penny.

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# New Bern, the Newtons, and the Underground Railroad

By Claudia Houston, New Bern Historical Society

New Bern has long stood as a crossroad of risk and resilience and a waterway toward liberty for many. From the meeting of the Neuse and Trent Rivers to the broad Atlantic the waterfront was a place where Black watermen, ship captains, abolitionists, and others helped people escape bondage. Today, the New Bern Waterfront has been designated by the National Park Service as a **National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom** site, acknowledging that legacy.

Among the stories of this waterfront is that of Mary Heritage Newton, a free woman of color living in New Bern. Her husband, Thaddeus Newton, was enslaved at the home of Dr. Peter Custis. Mary and Thaddeus married on February 14, 1837, but North Carolina law did not recognize marriage between a free person and an enslaved person. Against convention, Mary took the surname Newton for herself and her children.

In 1852, Alexander Heritage Newton, the Newton's oldest child, was apprenticed to local merchant Jacob Gooding as an artisan bricklayer and plasterer. Alexander's work brought him

under the supervision of Henry Bryan, an enslaved artisan. When Alexander caused a work conflict, Henry could not punish him. Alexander was free, and he could not be punished by an overseer as an enslaved person might have been. However, his employer could punish him and lashed him thirty-nine times with a whip, a punishment he never forgot.

Alexander later wrote in his 1910 memoir, *Out of the Briars*, that he was "deeply interested" in the Underground Railroad and tried "to get all the passengers for this railroad" that he could. His opportunity to help came when Henry Bryan ran afoul of authority and became terrified of being whipped. Alexander disguised him as a woman and hid him in the home of a prominent merchant and enslaver. Henry's owner searched the town and environs, offering a reward for his capture. When the search quieted, Alexander guided Henry to the waterfront and onto a northbound ship.

In *Out of the Briars*, Alexander remembered the moment with pride. He wrote that they found a chance to place Henry on "this mystic train" to a place where he could "enjoy his freedom," calling it "a daring attempt...on the side of right and humanity." It should be noted that New Bern had a large population of Black artisans, who were instrumental in the Underground Railroad.



Alexander Newton, Left, 29<sup>th</sup> Connecticut Infantry

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## New Bern, the Newtons, and the Underground Railroad

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In 1857, at age 19, Alexander completed his apprenticeship and worked his way north as a ship's cook, arriving in Brooklyn, New York. There, he reunited with his mother, who had gone north earlier with her children, and connected with abolitionist leaders, including Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, who helped the family to raise funds to purchase Thaddeus's freedom. Thaddeus was finally united with his family in the North.

Thaddeus's health was poor, which limited his ability to work. He became a peddler, Mary took in laundry, and the family moved to New Haven, Connecticut, where their combined labor helped them save for a down payment on a mortgage.

The Newtons suffered a loss in the Civil War. In 1863, their son, Stephen Newton, joined the 54th Massachusetts Regiment and died in the assault on Fort Wagner. Later that year, Alexander enlisted in the 29th Connecticut Colored Infantry, bringing his younger brother, William Newton, then only 15, to serve as a captain's attendant. Both brothers were discharged in 1865.

After the war, Alexander remained in New Haven, married, and became a minister in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, preaching widely before settling with his family in Camden, New Jersey. Thaddeus and Mary remained in the family home in New Haven, with Thaddeus dying in 1868 and Mary in 1904.

Alexander Heritage Newton, Civil War soldier and Underground Railroad Conductor, is buried in New Jersey. He died in 1922 at the age of eighty-three. His burial place is recognized as a National Park Underground Railroad site, as is the New Bern waterfront, where his freedom work began. For residents and visitors who walk along the river, this is an opportunity to remember the stories of those who chose liberty over fear.



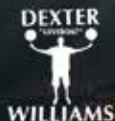
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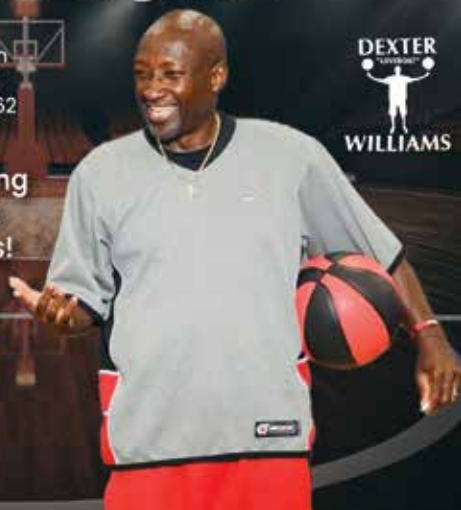
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# Zebulon Vance, a Man of His Time

by Edward Ellis, Special Correspondent

Weighed by current measures, Zebulon Baird Vance is controversial, flawed, or worse. Born into relative poverty – a Buncombe County log cabin on May 13, 1830 – his family still managed to be slave holders. In his youth, he defended the system. He fought as a Confederate officer – at New Bern, no less – to maintain the status quo, although his best biographers would later report his opposition to the premier three-letter supremacist group after the war.

But in his own era, others found much to admire.

“He is in fact a physically formidable man, six feet tall and 230 pounds,” a writer for *Our State* magazine recalled not long ago. “He is handsome, easily recognizable by his thick mustache and shock of long, unruly hair swept back from his forehead. He is known as a spellbinding orator, a practical joker, a canny politician, and a stubborn fighter.”



Zebulon Vance (1830-1894)

Vance and his 26th North Carolina found themselves in the thick of the Battle of New Bern in March 1862. Despite facing Union forces that outnumbered them four to one, his regiment held its ground for roughly five hours and was the final Confederate unit to leave the field. Their ordeal didn't end with the retreat. When his men needed an escape across the deep waters of Brice's Creek, he plunged into the stream on horseback to secure boats for the regiment. The attempt came at a terrible cost: the three soldiers who tried to cross with him drowned, leaving Vance as the lone survivor of that effort.



He was an effective attorney, a gifted journalist, with a public speaking style said to “set the mountains on fire.” After serving in the state senate, North Carolinians elected him governor *twice*. (He was the 37th and 43rd head of state). They sent him to Congress. He was a prominent leader of the South during the War Between the States and the Reconstruction era. He advocated school construction, railroad expansion, and reconciliation with the North.

He's also the namesake of Vanceboro and Zebulon, N.C. They named Vance County after him for good measure. Today, his statue, shown nearby, stands on the grounds of the state capitol. Regardless of our current views, Vance, who died in Washington, D.C. on April 14, 1894, was a more fascinating character than can be captured in this brief vignette.



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# An Interview with Jennifer WinterRose

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

## **Where are you from, and how did you end up in eastern North Carolina?**

I was born in Chicago, but grew up in South Carolina and lived in Georgia a bit. I was living in Raleigh since 2006, but moved to Kinston in 2023 to buy a house and to be closer to my parents.

## **Do you have formal training as an artist, or are you self-taught, or a combination of both?**

I went to the Atlanta College of Art for Illustration, and have done other art classes here and there. I didn't really start painting until the last 5 years, and have taken watercolor classes online. Most of my formal training was in pencil, pen and ink, and marker, so my journey to painting has felt more personal and self-driven.



## **Does your art have a central theme, or several themes?**

I tend to go where the wind takes me, artistically, but I do lean more towards fantasy, animals, and portraiture, focusing a lot on themes of health and emotion. I really feel like I'm only just beginning to explore my art, thematically. So much of my art before I got into painting was geared towards comics or illustration so this has felt like a new journey.



## **Do you have a favorite medium, and why, or why not?**

Gouache. Specifically the Kuretake Gansai Tambi Japanese watercolors, which are technically considered watercolor but act like gouache. I'm absolutely obsessed. I was blessed by a friend who bought me the anniversary set as a surprise several years ago and it has taken over my art.

## **For the April exhibition, you're presenting a series of**

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## **An Interview with Jennifer WinterRose**

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### **self portraits with your pet rats. Where did this idea come from and why did you decide to do it?**

I realized one day that I had an incredible amount of selfies and pictures of my rats in my phone, and started purposefully taking pictures of times I felt were important. My health has been a rocky road, especially in the last few years, and rats can be prone to a lot of health issues as well. They kinda live fast lives as rodents, and are prone to tumors and such from both breeding issues and having a crazy fast metabolism. The first painting in the series, "Recuperation," was painted just because I really felt strongly about that photo and that moment, and after that the rest of the idea just came after I looked back at all my photos. I had been working on a series specifically about my health and I was struggling with that one, and I think I pivoted to the Rat Selfie Project because it felt both safer and more raw to portray that connection instead.



### **Who is another artist who work you admire or inspires you?**

For the longest time my answer was all graphic novelists, and Mucha, but nowadays I am feeling more connected to Frida Kahlo for the rawness of her self portraiture.

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

At the moment I'm most proud of the piece "Death Watch" from the Rat Selfie Project. It's been one of the hardest paintings to work on, both technically and emotionally. And because the universe is cyclical, I had a rat on Death Watch during that painting.

### **What advice do you have for other artists just starting out, or people wanting to get into art?**

Practice. Art is a skill, and a muscle you need to exercise. It can feel so hard to find your style or self in art, especially nowadays, but it's a journey. And you are never too old to start, or start again.

### **In one sentence, what is art to you?**

Art is the expression of the self in the reflection of the world, but made of paint or clay or music, etc.

### **I know you'll be having an exhibition in the Director's Gallery at Bank of the Arts for the month of April, but where else can people find your work?**

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May 1 - 2  
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## Cherry Point Air Show

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## The Great Trent River Raft Race

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## NC Symphony: Patriotic Pops

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I recently graduated from college and work as a content creator for social media and marketing. However, the pay isn't very good, and to make matters worse, I just can't stop shopping online. Whenever I feel sad, I buy a new dress, or a pair of shoes, but by the time they arrive I feel guilty, so I just return them. At the end of the month, I'm usually down to only a hundred dollars in my checking account. How do I stop this addiction?



Signed,  
Shopaholic

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Dear Shopaholic,

I understand that retail therapy can feel like a temporary pick-me-up, but not at the sake of your financial security.

Since you work all day online, it's important to take time away from the screen and get out of the house. Change up your patterns at the end of the day. For example, go take a walk around your neighborhood, or visit a park, or drive down to the beach. Stepping away and connecting with nature will help reset your body and mind, and should reduce your stress.

I hope this helps, and remember: change can bring opportunity.

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](mailto:henrietta@newbernmagazine.com).**

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Haley and Mason got George from friends in Greenville, SC. "George enjoys playing fetch, chewing on his Starpup chew toy, and getting out his 'zoomies' at the dog park. He is very athletic and runs a mile with his mom Haley every morning before work. George is small but mighty!"

After his morning run, George loves eating Greenies and his tiny Milkbone chicken flavored dog treats after breakfast.

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## Boot Night

*April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 • 6:30pm*

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## Sophia O'Yenik

April 9 • 5:30-7:30pm

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Originally hailing from Maryland and now proudly rooted in New Bern, Sophia O'Yenik brings a rich and radiant vocal style to the Baxter's stage. A seasoned performer across the East Coast, she most recently captivated local audiences as Rachel in New Bern Civic Theatre's *Escape to Margaritaville*.

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. Whether she's channeling Sinatra, Stapleton, or Queen, Sophia doesn't just sing a song—she tells a story.

No cover. For information, [www.baxters1892.com](http://www.baxters1892.com).

## Crossroads

April 10 • 6pm

Brown Pelican • 1017B Broad St.

Country, southern rock and blues.

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

## Christopher Siren

April 10 • 7-10pm

Baxter's 1892 • 323 Pollock St.

Christopher Siren has been captivating audiences since childhood, first entertaining family and friends with his natural gift for piano and song. A graduate of the prestigious Dillard School of the Arts in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Christopher developed a deep versatility—performing everything from classical piano to modern pop and folk favorites.

His sound and soul, however, were shaped in the vibrant heart of New Orleans, where he drew inspiration from legendary piano greats like Dr. John and Professor Longhair. Today, Christopher blends that rich Crescent City influence with pop, country, and folk styles to create performances that are both lively and heartfelt—music that makes you feel right at home.

\$2 cover. For information, [www.baxters1892.com](http://www.baxters1892.com).



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April 10 • 7:30pm

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# MUSIC

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## Doc & Roll

April 11 • 7:30pm

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## Cooper Greer

April 11 • 7:30pm

*Blackbeard's • 415 S. Front St.*

Come party with singer/songwriter, Cooper Greer.

For information, [www.blackbeardstripleplay.com](http://www.blackbeardstripleplay.com).

## Piano Brunch with Lynne Cox

April 12 & 26 • 11am-2pm

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Lynne fills the air with piano classics, beloved Broadway tunes, traditional favorites, seasonal melodies, and more. It's the perfect backdrop for a relaxed and elegant brunch.

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## Dayton Vesper

April 12 • 5-7pm

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A classical piano virtuoso blending timeless compositions with modern favorites

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## Izzy McCarthy

April 16 • 5:30-7:30pm

*Baxter's 1892 • 323 Pollock St.*

New Bern native and powerhouse songstress.

No cover. For information, [www.baxters1892.com](http://www.baxters1892.com).

## PLUS Dueling Piano Bar

April 16 • 7:30pm

*Blackbeard's • 415 S. Front St.*

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For information, [www.blackbeardstripleplay.com](http://www.blackbeardstripleplay.com).



## Southern Hellcats

April 17 • 7:30pm

*Pinky's • 218 Middle St.*

Rockabilly style band.

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## Acoustic Sessions with Chris Hagan

April 17 • 8pm

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## A Front Porch Music Festival

April 18 • 12-5pm

### Ghent Neighborhood

Music will once again ring out in New Bern's Ghent neighborhood. Yes, New Bern Mardi Gras grew into an overwhelming event, so it was moved downtown last month. But now Ghent neighbors have a new idea.

It's the Ghent Front Porch Music Festival! – featured as part of New Bern's Arts in April programming.

There will be 4 front porches, 9 musical acts, 2 ending jam sessions, and 2 food trucks: All About Churros and Jasmine Tasty Thai. Parking will be available in the Temple Church lot between Temple Church and the YMCA. Bring your own folding chairs!

The musical acts are George Oliver, Bag End, Tuppence, Ed Harris, Big Jim and Kathleen Kohler, Joe Baes, Mac and Mary McRoy, Dan Jam Phillips, and Doctor Paul – altogether a fabulous line-up. We'll get big fun banjo, '60s-'70s oldies, Celtic, Hawaiian, gospel, and maybe Kathleen will sing us some Patsy Kline. All of them will play at least twice during the afternoon, but never on the same front porch.

The front porches are 1420 Rhem Ave, 1407 Spencer Ave, 1504 Park Ave and 1506 Spencer Ave. There will be printed programs at each of those locations so that music lovers can know what music is playing at which porch at what time. Just go to any of those addresses to get a copy of the program, and then begin a walk around the 'hood. The locations were chosen because they make an easy-to-walk loop around the eastern end of Ghent.

After 2 jam sessions which will start at 4:20, an Irish music jam at 1504 Park and an "anything" jam at 1506 Spencer (bring your own instruments to join in!), the afternoon will end at 5pm.



## Bridge Atlantic

April 18 • 7:30pm

Pinky's • 218 Middle St.

Bridge Atlantic is a soulful rock and pop band performing well-known covers across all genres from this year and all the way back to the 1960s.

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

## Wannabees

April 18 • 7:30pm

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## Packhouse

April 18 • 8pm

Brown Pelican • 1017B Broad St.

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

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

## Quincy Jones

April 19 • 5-7pm

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# MUSIC

## Coley Bayliss

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## Acoustic Sessions with Silver Creek

April 24 • 8pm

Bootleggers & Barrels • 417 S. Front St.

Rock and country.

For information, [bootleggersandbarrels3play.com](http://bootleggersandbarrels3play.com).

## Erika Butters

April 25 • 7-10pm

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## Global Music Festival

April 24 • 5-8pm

Union Point Park • 210 E Front St.

Arts To End Genocide (ATEG) will host the Annual Global Music Festival as a gift to the community on April 24 at Union Point Park from 5:00 to 8:30 PM. Leveraging music and dance as universal languages, this event recognizes the diversity of our local and global communities. The program includes performances by Soulful Sisters (Hindu dance), SUAH African Dance Group (West Africa), Los Sabrosos Del Sol (Cuban/Latin America), and Pantasia (Steel Band music from the Islands). Attendees can enjoy ethnic food trucks, a beer and wine tent, and children's activities; all are part of "Arts In April," a month-long arts celebration in New Bern. Concluding the evening, Kathleen Kohler will lead the audience in singing "We Are The World," highlighting unity and shared humanity.

For twelve years, Arts To End Genocide, a local nonprofit founded by artist Mitch Lewis, has supported vulnerable children and women in Bamako, Mali, West Africa. Their initiatives began with the Rotary Children's Clinic, established through a Global Grant from Rotary International, which provided medical treatment and malaria medicine to thousands of street children and adults. Currently, over 1,200 internally displaced people fleeing conflict in northern Mali reside in Bamako, the capital city, on an active landfill. Due to ATEG's limited resources, monthly rice distributions prioritize families with children, the elderly, and disabled to only about half the camp's residents.

One of ATEG's most impactful programs equips women in the camp with vocational training in sewing, soap making, Henna design, and milk processing, enabling them to generate income and support their families. Some of their sewn items are available for purchase at the North Carolina History Center Gift Shop. The sewing initiative in particular has fostered a women-owned cooperative and has been life-changing for participants and their families.

Admission: free, Attendees are encouraged to make voluntary donations to support ATEG's vital programs in Bamako, Mali. For information, [www.artstoendgenocide.org](http://www.artstoendgenocide.org).





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# MUSIC

## Mac n Mary McRoy with South Point

April 26 • 3pm

Riverside United Methodist Church  
405 Avenue "A"

Mac n Mary are both originally from Beaufort County, but have called New Bern home for over thirty years. Mac has been playing and singing since the early 90s; Mary's family has a musical background and she and Mac have been singing together for the past five years. They have great harmonies together as a duo. Mac n Mary also have a five-piece Bluegrass Band, South Point. They stay pretty busy playing churches and festivals.

For this performance, Mac n Mary will be joined by South Point playing banjo, mandolin, bass, and fiddle.

No admission charge for the concert, but donations to Riverside United Methodist Church will be accepted. Doors will open around 2:30, and the music starts at 3:00.



## Jonathan Larson

April 26 • 5-7pm • Baxter's 1892 • 323 Pollock St.

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## Gospel Fest

April 26 • 6-8pm

Temple Church

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This is the 5th Annual Gospel Fest by Tried by Fire, Inc featuring Bonita Burney Simmons, the Craven Community Combined Church's Choir, and our special guest, Luther Barnes.

The theme, *Grace Amazing*, highlights the Five C's—

Community, Collaboration, Cohesiveness, Camaraderie, and Commission—as guiding principles. Tried By Fire, Inc. acknowledges the outstanding support from Craven Community College and Temple Church, whose partnership has made this year's gathering possible.

Rev. Luther Barnes, a renowned pastor and celebrated Gospel performer from Rocky Mount, NC, will headline the event. His accolades include a Stellar Award and Grammy and Dove award nominations. Bonita Burney Simmons, New Bern's own acclaimed Gospel artist, will energize the evening with her signature opening performance. The Craven Community Combined Church's Choir, representing various local congregations, is also among the featured guests.

This year's Gospel Fest includes a Gospel Workshop, inviting singers and musicians to join professional performers on Friday, April 25, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, and collaborate with the Combined Church's Choir. Interested participants for the Gospel Fest Super Choir segment should call Robert Brock at 252-637-2339 to register.

Bonita Simmons, CEO of Tried By Fire, Inc., remarked, "New Bern's Gospel Fest 2026 is more than simply a musical event. It brings together faith, fellowship, and service to foster lasting change. Over two meaningful days, we'll demonstrate how *Grace Amazing* comes alive through purposeful collaboration—building unity, friendship, and fulfilling our commitment to service."

Gospel Fest 2026 furthers Tried by Fire Inc.'s mission of building community by uniting churches and individuals during the concert as part of the Combined Church's Choir. It also serves as the signature fundraiser supporting safe housing and services for justice-involved women at My Sister's House in New Bern. Though the fundraising aim is \$15,000 for this anniversary, the concert remains free to honor the fifth year and this year's theme, welcoming everyone to share in the experience.

*Free admission is available, but advanced registration is recommended due to limited seats, with tickets distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets can be reserved online at [www.TriedByFireInc.org/events](http://www.TriedByFireInc.org/events). Voluntary contributions are encouraged from those who attend and wish to help women rebuilding their lives at My Sister's House after incarceration. All donations to Tried By Fire, Inc., a recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit, are tax-deductible and formally acknowledged.*



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Admission: Free. For information, [www.tryonpalace.org](http://www.tryonpalace.org).



## ArtWalk

April 10 • 5-8pm

Downtown New Bern

ArtWalk is a fun, casual celebration of art and community in downtown New Bern. Stroll along the sidewalks and enjoy everything downtown has to offer; unique galleries, quaint shops and boutiques, and great pubs and restaurants.

For information, 252.638.2577 or [cravenarts.org](http://cravenarts.org).

## Coastal Carolina Chapter of the National Association of the Blind Event

April 10 • 5-8pm

April 11 • 11am-2pm

Bank of the Arts • 317 Middle St.

Craven Arts Council & Gallery strives to create an environment where the arts are open and accessible to all members of our community. This April, Craven Arts Council & Gallery is proud to host the Coastal Carolina Chapter of the National Association of the Blind, as they host two informative and interactive events.

During the ArtWalk on Friday, April 10, members of the Coastal Carolina Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind of North Carolina will share educational brochures, distribute swag items, and host an interactive Q&A session to engage attendees in meaningful conversation about blindness and independence. On Saturday, April 11, visitors will have the opportunity to experience hands-on learning activities, including demonstrations on how to read and write Braille. Participants can also navigate a white cane obstacle course using blindfolds or simulation glasses to better understand nonvisual travel techniques. In addition, we will discuss disability etiquette—highlighting helpful “Do’s and Don’ts”—and offer opportunities to try on visually impaired simulation glasses to foster awareness and understanding.

For information, [www.nfbfnorthcarolina.org](http://www.nfbfnorthcarolina.org) or follow us on Facebook: National Federation of the Blind of NC Coastal Carolina Chapter. The Coastal Carolina Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind is proud to serve blind and low vision individuals across the region since 2016.



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## Director's Gallery: The Rat Selfie Project by Jennifer WinterRose

*Reception: April 10 • 5-8pm*

*On display throughout April*

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Craven Arts Council & Gallery presents *The Rat Selfie Series* by Jennifer WinterRose. This exhibition will feature gouache portraits of WinterRose her pet rats over the years, highlighting personal health battles by focusing on her emotions and behavioral moods she experienced in each portrait. A reception will be hosted on April 10 from 5-8pm.

Jennifer WinterRose is an illustrator and fine artist currently residing in Kinston, NC. She attended the Atlanta College of Art and is an award recipient from the 2024-2025 Artist Support Grant from Craven Arts Council & Gallery. While much of her work was focused on pen and ink and marker, she has found a deep love of watercolor and gouache in the past 5 years, and most of her focus is on painting both representative and fantastical subjects. More and more of her work features her favorite creatures, focusing primarily on rats. She hopes her advocacy of these small creatures will help people see some of what she sees in them.

*For information, [cravenarts.org](http://cravenarts.org).*

## Main Gallery: Twin Rivers Artists Association and Craven Community College Judged Exhibition

*Reception: April 10 • 5-8pm*

*On display throughout April*

*Bank of the Arts • 317 Middle St.*

Craven Arts Council & Gallery is proud to present the *Twin Rivers Artists Association and Craven Community College Judged Exhibition*. This exhibition highlights the talents of local artists in our community and helps to encourage networking and artist participation in the Twin Rivers Artists Association. Craven Arts Council & Gallery will host an opening reception during ArtWalk, Friday, April 10, from 5-8pm.

The Twin Rivers Artists Association (TRAA) exists to promote and encourage the creation, education, and appreciation of fine art in the region. The membership meets monthly to learn and discuss techniques, provide feedback, make social connections, and distribute news on the arts in the area. Skill levels range from beginners to professional artists, in an environment that encourages cooperation and mentorship. Once a year the Craven Arts Council hosts an exhibition of the group's membership, combined with students from the local Craven Community College, in order to encourage the creation and exhibition of local art. Works on display will include painting, photography, sculpture, pottery, and mixed media.

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### Community Artist Gallery and Studios

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The featured artists for the month of April are Marla Regan and Janet Draper. Marla is an artist who is drawn to the sea and nature, especially the hidden and magical places that can be found there. Marla creates art in various types of media, including watercolor, oil, and acrylic. Janet Draper works in pastels and paints incredible beach and marsh

landscapes that transport each viewer into the scene. The Emerging Artists program for this month showcases Jack Halligan's work, which will be on display in the Studio Annex. Doctor Paul is kindly providing live music for Art Walk from 5-8 on Friday, April 10.

The front window feature for April will continue the theme of "Colors Awakening." 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](http://www.communityartistsgalleryandstudios.org) to check on events and art classes.



Artist Noreen Jekel

### Open Easels: Undiscovered Artists of Eastern North Carolina

*April 10 • 5:30pm-8pm*

*April 11 • 10am-3pm*

*Harrison Center • 311 Middle St.*

An art show for artists 18 years of age and older who are NOT currently represented in a public space. Come display your undiscovered art at the Harrison Center during Artwalk.

For information, [communityartistsgalleryandstudios.org/open-easels](http://communityartistsgalleryandstudios.org/open-easels)

### Mural Community Paint Day

*April 25 • 10am-4pm • 335 Middle St. & 411 Broad St.*

Craven Arts Council & Gallery invites the community to join us in painting our newest murals. These two new murals will be on the Broad Street side of the Chelsea Restaurant and the back porch of the Flying Fox, both located within easy distance of each other on Broad Street.

Painting will take place from 10am to 4pm. Members of the community are invited to participate in the painting of the mural, which will be outlined ahead of time, creating a large-scale paint by numbers. Participation is free, but all participants will need to complete a waiver on site. Craven Arts Council & Gallery will provide paint, brushes, and other supplies for the project. With the success of previous Art in Public Places programs, Craven Arts Council has organized to paint two murals for this event: one on the Broad Street side of the Chelsea, and one on the back porch of the Flying Fox, giving participants and sponsors two opportunities to be a part of the creative process.

Craven Arts Council & Gallery is currently seeking sponsorships for this project. Sponsorships start at \$50, and will be made through Craven Arts Council's Art in Public Places program, which seeks to enhance the cultural vibrancy of our community through community based public art, and are tax deductible.

For information, [www.cravenarts.org](http://www.cravenarts.org).

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# THEATER

## Once Upon a Song: Disney and Beyond

April 4 • 2pm & 6pm

New Bern Civic Theatre • 414 Pollock St.

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For information, [www.newberncivictheatre.org](http://www.newberncivictheatre.org).



## Naughty Nibbles: A Kitchen Cabaret

April 9, 10, 11 • 7:30pm

April 10 • 11pm

New Bern Civic Theatre • 414 Pollock St.

Step into a kitchen like no other with the Marz Aerial Circus. In this decadent burlesque-inspired cabaret, a brigade of daring performers whip up culinary chaos and comedy as a dinner party slowly goes off the rails. Utensils, ingredients, and appliances spring to life in dazzling aerial acts and dance artistry that delight from every corner of the kitchen. Equal parts food fight and fine dining, Naughty Nibbles is a full-course theatrical indulgence you won't soon forget.

For information, [www.newberncivictheatre.org](http://www.newberncivictheatre.org).

## Murder Mystery Dinner

April 10 & 24 • 6:30-8:30pm

Firefly Cafe • 901B Pollock St.

In partnership with the North Carolina History Theatre, enjoy an interactive performance of "Murder in 3D," paired with a delicious three-course meal from our culinary team.

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Tickets: \$75 per person and include the show, three-course dinner, and tea and water service.

For information, [www.fireflycafenewbern.com](http://www.fireflycafenewbern.com).

## The Death & Life of Sneaky Fitch

April 17, 18, May 1, 2 • 7pm

April 19, May 3 • 2pm

Orringer Auditorium

800 College Ct.

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For information: [www.NCHistoryTheater.org](http://www.NCHistoryTheater.org).

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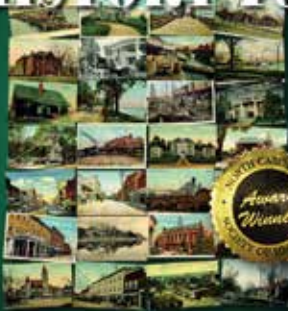
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# THEATER

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April 24, 25, May 1, 2, 8, 9 • 7:30pm

April 26, May 3 • 3pm

Masonic Theatre • 514 Hancock St.

RiverTowne Players is thrilled to present "9 to 5: The Musical," a laugh-out-loud musical comedy featuring original songs by country music icon Dolly Parton.

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The musical is based on the beloved 1980 film starring Jane Fonda, Lily Tomlin, and Dolly Parton. The story inspired a television series in 1982 and was adapted for the stage in 2008, with a Broadway debut in 2009 and a national tour launching in 2010.

For information, [RiverTownePlayers.org](http://RiverTownePlayers.org).

## New Bern Follies

April 18 • 7:30pm

New Bern Civic Theatre  
414 Pollock St.

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*Michael's Pub • 208 Pollock St.*

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*Harry's BBQ • 243 Craven St.*

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*Beartown Bistro • 1200 Hwy 70*

*Saturdays • 4pm*

*Brown Pelican • 1017B Broad St.*

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### 30 Seconds

*Thursdays • 6:30-8:30pm*

*Brütopia • 1201 Hwy 70 E*

*Thursdays • 7pm*

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### Story Time

*April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 • 10am*

*Brew H2ouse • 1201 Hwy 70*

Story time is a great opportunity for your children to socialize with other young children while developing communication, cognitive, and fine motor skills! We read a selection of books from area, libraries, and parents and children can stay afterwards to socialize.

*For information, visit Brew H2ouse's Facebook page.*



### City of Havelock Mommy & Me Playdate

*April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 • 10am-12pm*

*City of Havelock • 1 Recreation Dr.*

Bring your little one and enjoy quality time together at our Mommy & Me Playdate. This 5-week program offers fun activities, open play, and social opportunities for both children and caregivers.

*To register, 252.444.6429.*



### Discover Tryon Palace: Caswell's Capital Tour

*April 2, 16 • 3:30-4:30pm*

*Tryon Palace • 529 S. Front St.*

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### Group Run

*April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 • 6:30pm*

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### Twilight Egg Hunt

April 2 • 7:30pm

*Glenburnie Park • 340 Glenburnie Dr.*

This evening Egg Hunt will be offered to children age 10 - 13. Bring your own baskets and flashlights.

*Admission: free. For information, 252.639.2901.*

### Special Needs Baseball

April 4, 11, 18, 25 • 9:30am

May 2, 9, 16, 23 • 9:30am

*Creekside Park*

1821 Old Airport Rd.

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*For information, [www.specialneedsbaseball.com](http://www.specialneedsbaseball.com).*



### 99 Mile Run/Walk/Bike Club

April 4, 11, 18, 25 • 8am

*Brewery 99 • 1030 Pollock St.*

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The goal is to complete 99 miles in 44 weeks (August 2, 2025 - May 30, 2026), it will only take 33, but we put in some buffer weeks for inclement weather, vacations, and life.

*For information, visit Brewery 99 on Facebook.*

### Easter Fun Day

April 4 • 10am-12pm

*Temple Church • 1500 Kingdom Way*

Event for children nursery to 5th grade featuring egg hunt, food trucks, face painting, bounce houses. Egg hunt times: nursery-3yo - on going while supplies last. 4yo-1st grade - 11am, 2nd-5th grade - 11:30am.

*For information, [temple.church](http://temple.church).*

### Pub Run

April 6, 13, 20, 27 • 6:30pm

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For information, [rcsnewbern.com](http://rcsnewbern.com).

### Spring Garden Lovers' Weekend

April 10-11 • 9am-6pm

April 12 • 12-6pm

Tryon Palace • 529 S. Front St.

Celebrate Spring with free garden admittance during Garden Lovers' Weekend!

As part of Arts in April, on Saturday and Sunday, you can enjoy watching plein air artists paint in the gardens. In addition, on Saturday the Craven Consort woodwind group will be performing under the Palace colonnades. This five-piece woodwind group performs pieces from the 17th and 18th centuries on period instruments. Be sure to stop by and enjoy their performance.

Enjoy a variety of spring blooming plants, including tulips, irises, and more, throughout the 21 acres of gardens of Tryon Palace during Garden Lovers' Weekend.

Be sure to visit the Spring Heritage Plant Sale while you're there!

Admission: Free. Interior tours require the purchase of a ticket. For information, [www.tryonpalace.org](http://www.tryonpalace.org).



### Spring Heritage Plant Sale

April 10-11 • 9am-5pm

Tryon Palace • 529 S. Front St.

Want to take home some of that spring blooming splendor? The Spring Heritage Plant Sale will be held Friday and Saturday on the Daves House Lawn just inside the Palace main gate.

This annual plant sale offers a selection of plants grown locally and in the Palace's nursery yard, as well as a wide variety of annuals, heirloom vegetables, perennials, herbs and other spring favorites.

For information, [www.tryonpalace.org](http://www.tryonpalace.org).

### The International Film Series

April 10 • 2:30 & 7:30pm

Orringer Auditorium • 800 College Ct.

The Road Dance - Kirsty is a young woman living in Garenin with her widowed mother, and sister, She dreams of moving to America with her boyfriend, Murdo, but their plans are abruptly interrupted when he and other young men are called to serve in The Great War. The town holds a cèilidh to honor them before they leave the following day. Later that night, Kirsty is attacked by an unknown assailant. An examination by the village doctor reveals that she has been raped. The police are brought in to investigate., leading to numerous challenges for Kirsty as she navigates her emotions, faces difficult decisions, and learns to cope with the trauma she endures.

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### **“Skirmish at Tryon Palace” Fencing Tournament**

*April 11 • 10am-6pm*

*Tryon Palace • 529 S. Front St.*

Whether you're a fencing enthusiast or just looking for a fun way to spend your Saturday, this will be a fun event for the whole family. To make it even better, viewing the tournament will be free and open to public along with with Palace Grounds and Gardens during the event weekend. Bouts will commence throughout the day starting at 10am when the grounds open.

*Palace tours and admission to certain locations and exhibits will require a ticket purchase. For information, [www.tryonpalace.org](http://www.tryonpalace.org).*

### **Percy Berry Film Screening**

*April 12 • 2pm*

*Ministry of Faith • 30 Park Ln O*

The Forward Together Coalition invites you to a film screening honoring Percy Berry, a Craven County victim of racial terror lynching.

Local filmmaker Francine Robinson's 10-minute film covers the April 14, 1932, events in Havelock, NC: Berry was fishing in Hancock Creek when five white men posing as police demanded \$20 for a "fishing license," beat him for refusing, chased him, fired shots, and caused him to drown. His body was found a week later.

A panel discussion with coalition members, including a descendant of Percy Berry, will follow the screening.

Formed in 2019 for the Equal Justice Initiative's Community Remembrance Project, the coalition documents and honors racial terror victims in Craven County through meetings and three remembrance events for Percy Berry and John Moore.

*Free and open to the public. For information, [cravenarts.org](http://cravenarts.org).*



### **Adventure Day**

*April 11 • 1-4pm*

*New Bern Battlefield Park*

*300 Battlefield Trail*

Harry Goodman Battlefield Adventure Day, a springtime event for the entire family, is a day full of learning activities, period games and living history; it is held annually at the Park, which has been extensively upgraded by the New Bern Historical Society. The event is open to guests of all ages, with special activities for children 6-12 years old.

Guests will be greeted by re-enactors from the 7th, 26th and 28th North Carolina Regiments. The newly enlisted recruits participate in practice drills, Civil War period camp activities, crafts, and games. Adults and teens will enjoy living history presentations and a walking tour of the battlefield. The afternoon's activities will conclude with an exciting mock battle reenactment that includes the children, a live fire canon demonstration and delicious hot apple crisp. The young recruits will "muster out" and receive their pay for their service.

Displays and demonstrations will include Civil War-era medical displays, period games, military camp life display and storytelling vignettes, historic equipment and tool displays, demonstration on making pine pitch and tar, make your own "True Tar Heel" certificate, cannon firing demonstrations, Cavalry horse display, a telegraph demonstration from the New Bern Amateur Radio Club, and the Library TechMobile with historical resources and free wifi.

*Cost: \$5 per child or adult. For information: New Bern Historical Society, 252.638.8558 or [www.newbernhistorical.org](http://www.newbernhistorical.org).*



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### City of Havelock Plant Swap

April 18 • 10am

Havelock City Park

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Bring healthy plants, cuttings, seedlings, or divisions to trade and connect with fellow plant lovers. In addition to plant swapping, enjoy: a large potting station, exhibits from local plant and gardening organizations, trash to treasure contest, garden art station for kids, local craft vendors, food trucks.

### Craft Fair

April 18 • 10am-3pm

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We will have a large assortment of arts and crafts plus food vendors. Come out and find the perfect item.

For information, Jeanette Gaskins  
252.229.1928.



### Outlander in the Palace Tour

April 18 • 3:45-4:45pm

Tryon Palace • 529 S. Front St.

Step into Tryon Palace and explore Diana Gabaldon's award-winning Outlander series. Learn about the lives of the fictional Jamie and Claire Fraser, their family and friends, and interactions with historical figures and events in the tumultuous period of the American Revolution.

Tour covers storylines from Outlander books 4-8 and the Starz Outlander seasons 4-8. (For those not current on the books or show, there will be spoilers for these books and seasons.)

Tickets: Adult \$20, Youth \$10. For information, [www.tryonpalace.org](http://www.tryonpalace.org).

### Live Comedy

April 18 • 7pm

The Bern • 1904E S. Glenburnie Rd.

Get ready to laugh until your sides hurt with the hilarious lineup.

For information, 252.631.5170.

### Treasures at Tea Time

April 18 • 1-4pm

St. John's Masonic Lodge No.3 • 516

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Join us as we raise a teacup to our founding mothers. Step back in time for an enjoyable afternoon while hearing from the remarkable women who stood beside America's founding fathers. We will meet women of wit,

strength and influence that helped shape a nation. You will enjoy an elegant array of food and tea while celebrating history. While not required, please feel free to wear your best colonial or regency period clothing or your favorite tea party hat.

Proceeds from ticket sales will go towards an America 250! Scholarship to be presented to a student of Craven County Community College. For information, [my.cheddarup.com/c/wives-of-the-founding-fathers-tea-party/items](http://my.cheddarup.com/c/wives-of-the-founding-fathers-tea-party/items)





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### Candle Pouring

April 21 • 6-7pm

*Firefly Cafe • 901B Pollock St.*

Join Tyler Trading Company and make your own 8oz hand-poured soy candle.

For information, [www.fireflycafenewbern.com](http://www.fireflycafenewbern.com).

### Comedy Night

April 24 • 7pm

*Brown Pelican • 1017B Broad St.*

Join us for a hilarious evening of comedy featuring some amazing comedians from across the region.

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

### Steps n' Sips for Parkinson's Awareness

April 25 • 8-11am

*Freshwater • 904 Pollock St.*

Our annual 1 mile walk, 5k walk, or 5k run to support Parkinson's Awareness.

All About Churros food truck will be on site along with Joe Baes bringing us those fun tunes! Walk or run and get a free beer or mimosa.

For information, [bikeboxproject.org](http://bikeboxproject.org)

### Spring Market Day

April 25 • 10am-3pm

*White's Farm • 5200 Hwy 17 S*

Local vendors, berry picking, live music, food & fun, kid activities.

For information, visit [White's Farm on Facebook](#).

### Havelock's Food Truck Festival

April 25 • 11am-4pm

*Walter B. Jones Park*

*96 Atlantic Ave.*

Indulge in a wide variety of delicious eats—from savory bites to sweet treats—as food trucks from across the region line up to serve up mouthwatering creations. Enjoy live music, lawn games, and activities perfect for all ages.

For information, visit [Havelock Chamber on Facebook](#).

### Brunch & Babes

April 26 • 1pm

*Firefly Cafe • 901B Pollock St.*

Bella Sky is taking over Firefly Cafe for a Sunday filled with brunch & mimosas flowing inside & and a curated lineup of local makers + interactive creative stations outside.

For information, [www.fireflycafenewbern.com](http://www.fireflycafenewbern.com).

### James City Historical Society's Founders Day Celebration

April 26 • 1:30-5pm

*The Flame • 2301 Neuse Blvd.*

James City Historical Society's Founders Day Celebration! This event honors the courageous leaders of James City who, in 1893, stood their ground and refused to abandon the place they called home. Their resilience is worth remembering, and their legacy is worth protecting. Your ticket purchase helps JCHS do exactly that. With your support, they are able to continue preserving our circa-1850 Slave Quarters and the Far Cemetery Memorial park, the resting place of at least 550 African Americans from the Civil War era. They also fund educational tours and programs at the historic site, ensuring this history is shared and never forgotten.

For information, [www.jamescityhistory.org](http://www.jamescityhistory.org).





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*Wednesdays • 7pm*

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*For information, [www.silosnc.com](http://www.silosnc.com).*

## Oriental Farmer's Market

*Saturdays • 8-11am*

*Hodges Street near the harbor*

Find fresh microgreens, honey & eggs, handmade soaps, candles, fishing gear, handmade wooden toys, seedlings, and more.

## Pierced Wheels

*April 3 • 5:30-8pm*

*New Village Brewery • 702 Broad St.*

*For information, [www.silosnc.com](http://www.silosnc.com).*

## Hoff N Finch

*April 4 • 3-6pm*

*New Village Brewery • 702 Broad St.*

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*For information, [www.silosnc.com](http://www.silosnc.com).*

## Artists Jack Hurley and Terry Swanson

*Reception: April 4 • 2-5pm*

*On display throughout April*

*Broad Strokes Gallery • 730 Broad St.*

Jack Hurley of Wilmington, NC enjoys the process of painting. It provides him with an unparalleled source of peace and serenity. He approaches his work with the intent of providing himself and others a sense of joy and beauty. In the process the work "takes over" and the results are not always what he has anticipated. They are a result of his thoughts and the response of the medium he is using. He thinks the best term is "Happy Accidents". He is a representational artist and enjoys creating scenes that evoke a feeling from the viewer. Some pensive, some serene, some inspiring or thoughtful.



Terry Swanson of Leland, NC creates ceramic art inspired by the beauty of nature—under the sea, on land, and in the air. Working in clay, she captures the wonder of the natural world in sculptural form. Before turning to clay, Terry spent 35 years as a seamstress, quilter, and embroidery artist, developing a strong sense of form, color, and design. She also spent four years sailing the western Caribbean, scuba diving and recording the vibrant reef life in watercolor journals—experiences that continue to influence her work. In 2025, Terry was juried into several regional exhibitions and received three First Place awards and one Honorable Mention for her pottery.

*For information, [broadstrokesgallery.weebly.com](http://broadstrokesgallery.weebly.com)*

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# ORIENTAL

## The SailPack Interconference Regatta

*April 4-5 • Oriental*

The SailPack has hosts invitational regattas in Oriental – its coastal training waters or “2nd home” as coach Dana Magliola puts it. The Sailpack Regatta in Oriental is an official interconference event recognized by the ICSCA, the governing body of college sailing. There are 18 collegiate teams participating in two days of sailing.

*For information, towndock.net*

## Oriental In-Water Boat Show

*April 10-12*

*Oriental Marina & Inn*

Oriental’s annual In-water Boat Show has become one of the largest and most successful in-water shows between Annapolis and Savannah. In addition to nautical goods and services, dealers and brokers will bring in boats on land and to the slips at the Oriental Marina & Inn.

*For information, orientalboatshow.com*

## Friday Flick: 61\*

*April 10 • 7pm*

*Old Theater • 609 Broad St.*

A must-see movie for every sports fan! A pair of New York Yankee baseball players hit home runs at an impressive rate aiming to beat Babe Ruth’s record of 60 home runs in one season. In the summer of 1961, baseball history is made. This Emmy award winning sports drama was directed by Billy Crystal, stars Barry Pepper as Roger Maris and Thomas Jane as Mickey Mantle. One of the best baseball flicks ever made.

*For information, oldtheater.org.*

## NottaBand

*April 17 • 6-8:30pm*

*New Village Brewery • 702 Broad St.*

*For information, www.silosnc.com.*



## Hank Pattie & The Current

*April 17 • 7:30pm*

*Old Theater • 609 Broad St.*

Bluegrass visionaries Hank Smith and Pattie Hopkins Kinlaw’s innovative twist on traditional bluegrass music is a soulful brew flavored with classical, Motown, jazz, and pop influences. Hard-hitting bluegrass pickers who moonlight as symphonic classical musicians, Hank & Pattie have forged their unique sound by refreshingly embracing their myriad of musical influences to create a unique sound, true to themselves. Their overall musicianship, vocal harmonies, impassioned delivery and innovative arrangements captivate all generations of music lovers.

*For information, oldtheater.org.*

## Cycle NC 2026 Coastal Ride

*April 24-26 • Oriental*

The Cycle NC 2026 Coastal Ride is three days of camping and cycling in and around Oriental. Hundreds of cyclists visit Oriental to go on rides ranging from 15 to 100 miles, and spend time in the town.

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*Oriental History Museum • 802 Broad St.*

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*Admission is free, donations accepted. Hours: Friday 11am-3pm, Saturday 1pm-4pm.*



## Gospel, Blues and Rockin' BBQ

*April 25 • Gates open at 1pm*

*Music starts at 2:30pm*

*Red Rooster Bar • 111 Broad St.*

Bring your lawn chairs but get ready to ditch them and hit your feet, because the Pamlico Arts Council is rolling out a free afternoon and evening celebration that's bursting with the sheer joy of uniquely American music!

Our incredible lineup promises to keep you moving, from the heartfelt folk/gospel harmonies of Jill and Shane Harris and the powerful voices of the Gospel Ensemble, to the foot-stomping Cajun/zydeco rhythms of Unknown Tongues, the smooth Motown grooves of the Bob Tyson Band, and the electrifying mix of rockabilly to classic rock from local favorites, the Southern Hellcats. This isn't just a concert; it's a vibrant journey acknowledging how deep American music's roots run, especially into the rich soil of 17th-century gospel, which quickly blossomed into the bedrock from which an explosion of genres like Blues, R&B, Country, Folk, Jazz, and Rock sprung forth in the 20th century, with legends like Aretha Franklin, Elvis Presley, and Johnny Cash all beginning their musical journeys in gospel and today's stars from John Legend to Justin Timberlake still crediting it as their initial spark. So come on down, leave your worries behind, and let the incredible, diverse sounds of our American musical heritage move your soul and your feet at this unforgettable, free community event.

*For information, [pamlicoarts.org](http://pamlicoarts.org)*



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### 505 RAGAN ROAD ORIENTAL, NC

This beautiful 4BR/2.5BA home is located in the village of Oriental. Features two primary suites on the first floor along with a spacious kitchen, gas fireplace, open living area, 2-car garage with workshop and an attached studio apartment, and a separate 24' x 30' shop!

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### 300 MIDYETTE STREET, A8 ORIENTAL, NC

Beautifully laid-out 3BR/2BA condo at Oriental Harbor Place. Features a spacious primary suite with private porch, hardwood floors, high ceilings, and a cozy gas-bkg fireplace—perfect for relaxing or entertaining. The oversized kitchen boasts granite counters, a large island, and upgraded appliances!

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### 1092 MURPHY FARM ROAD MERRITT, NC

Thoughtfully designed 3BR/2BA coastal home on the Bay River offers wide water views, quality construction, and easy living. Features an open floor plan, high ceilings with beadboard paneling, durable LVP flooring, stainless steel appliances, waterfront deck and private dock!

**\$574,000**



### 124 S. BRIGHTLEAF DRIVE MINNESOTT BEACH, NC

Refined finishes and practical design in a 3BR/2BA home in Arlington Place Subdivision. Features shaker cabinetry, quartz countertops, hardwood flooring in the main areas and primary suite, walk-in closets, and a gas fireplace. Arlington Place's amenities include a clubhouse, pool, sports courts and much more!

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### 6054 DOLPHIN ROAD ORIENTAL, NC

Tuscan inspired 3BR/4.5BA waterfront home with 180-degree views of the Neuse River. Features a master bedroom with his and her baths, boat slip, dock and multiple outdoor spaces for entertaining!

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### 9524 CONNIE COVE ROAD ORIENTAL, NC

Spectacular 4BR/3BA home complete with private lockaway (boat dock and lift). Features an open floor plan with high ceilings, guest apartment, elevator, tiled floors, kitchen/water softener, formal tankless water heater, flex deck, generous garage/storage space, climate-controlled attic space!

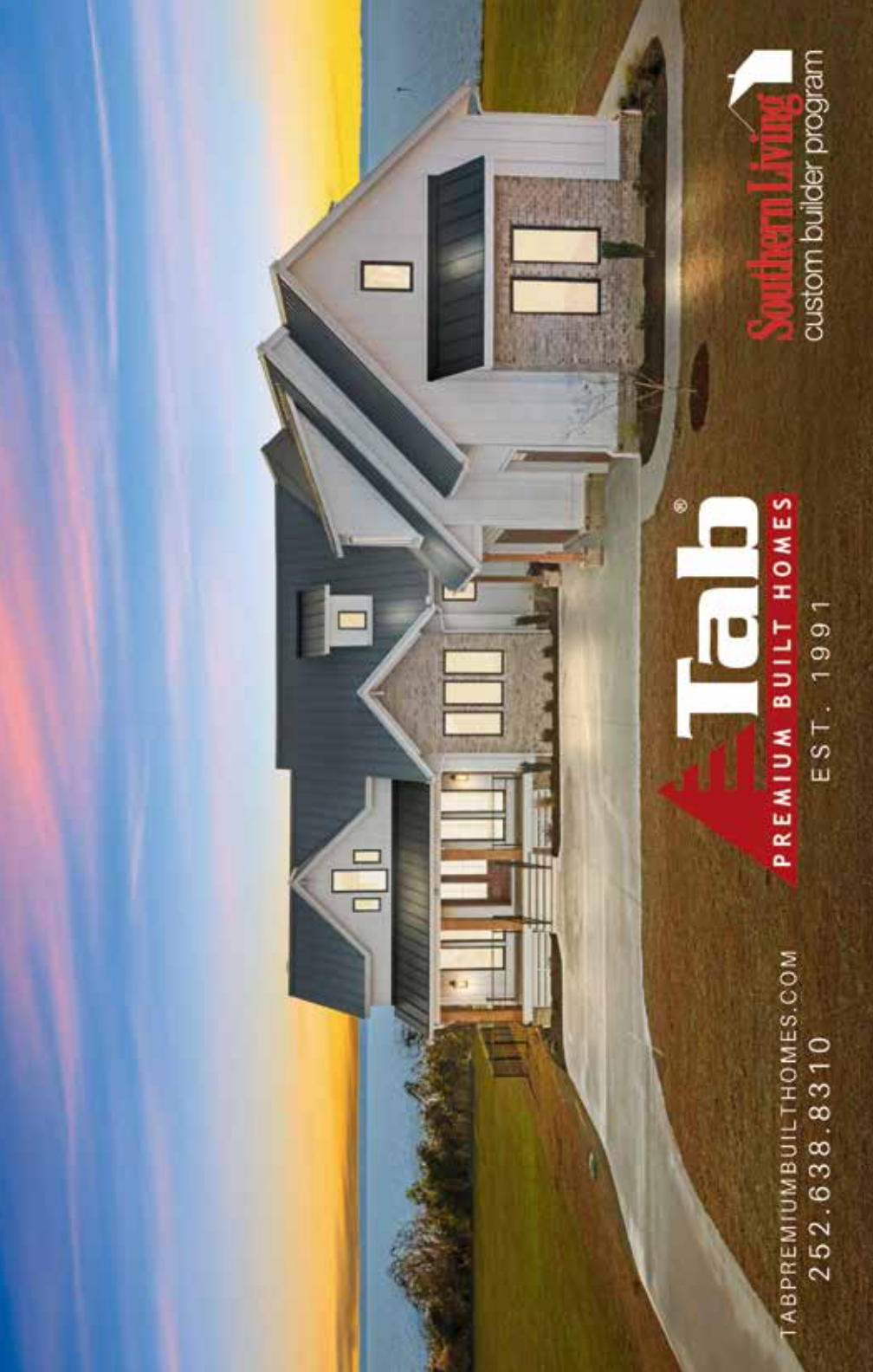
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### 5529 SANDPIPER DRIVE ORIENTAL, NC

Elegant 3BR/3BA brick home includes a boat slip with quick access to the ICW and Pamlico Sound. Features an open floor plan with 9-foot ceilings, hardwood floors, spacious gourmet kitchen, and a bonus room above the garage!

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