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Epiphany: Near & Far

By Matt McCotter with the Epiphany Team

At The Epiphany School of Global Studies, education is shaped by both conviction and curiosity. Founded in 2006, the school was built on a vision of challenging college preparation, grounded in a global perspective and guided by a Christian faith presence. Anchored in the call to “Love God and Your Neighbor as Yourself,” Epiphany challenges students to grow not only in knowledge but in character. Respect, responsibility, community service, and integrity are not abstract ideals here. They are lived out daily.

Over time, that foundation has grown into something both thoughtful and dynamic. From early dual language immersion to advanced coursework and global experiences, Epiphany encourages students to uncover and expand their God-given gifts.

They design classrooms to cultivate creativity, curiosity, and critical thinking, while opportunities in the arts, athletics, and community partnerships invite students to stretch beyond what they thought possible. The goal is not simply achievement; it is the formation of the whole person, preparing students to move through the world with purpose.

Pastor Kirk Ronzheimer, Director of Spiritual Life, frames that formation in its clearest terms. “You’re part of this community, it’s all of us,” he says, emphasizing that students don’t just live in a community; they belong to it. From that foundation, students begin to ask a simple but powerful question: “What can I do to help?”

From the very beginning, experiences shape students and bring that mindset into action locally. Through partnerships with area organizations and hands-on community engagement, they step into real needs, often in simple, unpolished ways. “It may not be glamorous, maybe it’s painting, digging, or restocking,” Pastor Kirk explains, “but if we can take something off someone else’s plate, it gives them a little joy and some relief.” In these moments, students begin to understand that impact is less about recognition and more about showing up.

Epiphany intentionally cultivates this mindset of service year after year. Starting with a Community Day of Service in the first days of school and continuing through shared initiatives like packing thousands of meals with Rise Against Hunger, this ethos becomes part of the rhythm of school life. By their senior year, students step into a full month in May of immersive community engagement, an experience that reflects what Pastor Kirk



Mary Ann LeRay, executive director of the Filling Station, with Keziah and Hudson (right).

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describes as a long-term vision. "It's all about planting seeds," he says. "You don't always know what it will become in the future, but you trust that it will grow."

For students like Cadence, a senior in the Class of 2026, those seeds were planted early and grew steadily. From her first days in Kindergarten to her final year as a senior, her journey reflects a lived understanding of Epiphany's philosophy. "I think the school opens you up to service really early on," she says, recalling everything from supporting first responders to early community cleanups. What begins as small acts grows into a mindset. "Treat others how you want to be treated; if we needed help, we'd want someone to do the same."

That foundation takes shape most clearly close to home. Through partnerships with organizations like RCS and The Filling Station, Cadence has experienced how community engagement strengthens both connection and understanding. "It's not something that we find as a chore," she explains. "Everybody here wants to serve." Whether organizing supplies or working side by side to meet immediate needs, those moments create something deeper. "When you're serving together, you get closer together." In a tight-knit place like New Bern, those relationships often come full circle. "Getting to help people that you know...it's refreshing."

For Cadence, these experiences reinforce that impact is not one-directional, but reciprocal, a true exchange of care and understanding, a perspective that has ultimately shaped her future. "I guess I'm dedicating my life to service," she says, pointing to her decision to attend the US Naval Academy. What began in a small classroom and local partnerships has expanded into something much larger. "I get to help others here, but I'm going to help people on a bigger level in the future."

For Keziah, also a senior in the Class of 2026, that same journey is grounded in moments that feel both simple and significant. What began as a requirement quickly became something more meaningful. "You actually start enjoying it," she explains, describing how local outreach shifted from obligation to genuine connection. Whether helping at community events or spending time with individuals in inclusive programs, she discovered that it is not about checking a box, but about showing up. "You're trying to help someone else," she says, "but in the end, it changes you, too."

That idea comes into sharper focus during her senior year through Love in Action, a month when seniors step outside the classroom to engage with local nonprofits across the community. While participation is tied to required hours, the experience reflects something deeper than a checklist. It mirrors exactly what Keziah describes. What begins as structure becomes personal. What starts as expectation becomes investment.



Colt (left) with other seniors at First Presbyterian Church helping with grounds work.

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A mindset of service continues to take shape through partnerships across the community. One of her most meaningful experiences has been working with individuals of different abilities, where small moments create real connection. Coloring, dancing, and laughing together become something more. “It’s a way to interact with people who are different,” she reflects, “and learn how to meet them where they are.” Back on campus, that perspective carries into daily life, from tutoring younger students to building relationships across grade levels. For Keziah, impact is ongoing. “The more we focus on helping other people,” she says, “the less we focus on ourselves.”

As students grow, those lessons begin to extend outward. For Colt, a senior in the Class of 2026, the theme of near and far comes to life through experiences that begin in community and stretch across the globe. Grounded in a culture of connection and engagement, his journey reflects how local roots can lead to meaningful global relationships.

His first step traveling outside the country came as a freshman in Costa Rica, where he lived with a host family. What began with uncertainty quickly shifted into connection. “At the beginning of the week, you’re nervous. It’s just a family in a country you’ve never been to,” he recalls. “But by the end, you develop this friendship and there’s a real bond with the community I was welcomed into.” Returning years later as a student leader, he reconnected with them, reflecting on how strangers had become lasting friends. What started in Costa Rica as a single step into the unknown became a foundation that would continue to grow and deepen in places like Chile.

That sense of exchange deepened during Colt’s time with Epiphany’s partner school in Chile, where immersion meant stepping fully into the rhythm of daily life. “We’d spend the morning in classes with Chilean students, and then the afternoon doing activities,” he says. “You really get to understand the school experience these kids have.” What stood out most was the ease of connection. “They’re our age, you follow them on Instagram, stay in contact...you can just send them a message.” For Colt, these are not brief encounters, but lasting connections.

What makes those experiences meaningful, he notes, is the foundation built close to

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home. Years of language and cultural learning made it possible to engage more deeply. "It affords you the opportunity to really communicate with the friends I made there and understand them better," he explains. "You don't learn as much just by getting by. You learn when you're talking with them about their families and their lives."

Looking ahead, Colt sees these experiences as a starting point rather than a finish line. With invitations to return and a

growing confidence in unfamiliar places, he feels prepared for what comes next. "It opens the door. I'm not so scared to go do that somewhere else," he says. In that space between the familiar and the unknown, he has found something lasting. "It really shapes you...you learn so much, and it puts so many things into perspective."

Helping shape these experiences is Sandy Haddock, Director of Global Education and Assistant Head of School, who frames her work through a lens that is both deeply local and unmistakably global. For Haddock, that distinction matters because it reflects a commitment to mutual learning, cultural respect, and meaningful connection.

"Our programs are culturally focused," she explains, emphasizing strands of STEM, environmental sustainability, and immersive community engagement. Whether students are working in eastern North Carolina or traveling abroad, the goal remains the same. "We're trying to help kids from eastern North Carolina become citizens of the world."

This global philosophy comes to life in both nearby and far-reaching ways. Locally, Haddock encourages students to rethink assumptions about helping others, shifting toward relationships rooted in humility and reciprocity. Globally, those same principles extend across cultures and continents. In Chile, students live with host families, attend school in Spanish, and experience daily life alongside their peers. This exchange comes full circle when Epiphany students welcome their friends from Chile to attend school in New Bern the following year. "We're always learning from each other and working to build a true partnership," she says, reinforcing that these experiences are about connection, not transaction.

Even in places that feel far away, the parallels to home are clear. Shared rhythms of life and community create a sense of familiarity that helps students better understand both difference and connection. In a world that often emphasizes distance, Epiphany's work bridges the space between near and far. Through thoughtful partnerships, immersive experiences, and shared humanity, students come to see that global citizenship does not begin across an ocean. It begins with how they choose to engage, right where they are.

And from there, it grows and carries them forward to new challenges and new journeys.



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Imagine the Fun: Building New Bern's First Children's Museum - A Place Where Every Kid Can Be a Star!

By Ann Marie Byrd, Feature Writer

Picture this: A little girl with a big smile, zooming around in her brand-new wheelchair, exploring a world of wonders where rivers flow with local fish, dinosaurs roar from ancient fossils, and every corner is designed for adventure—no matter if you walk, roll, or wiggle your way through. This isn't just a daydream; it's the heartwarming vision behind the Children's Museum of New Bern, a magical space rising in Eastern North Carolina thanks to a group of big-hearted heroes who believe every child deserves a chance to play, learn, and shine.

It all started back in 2020 with a story that tugs at the heartstrings. Erin Henry, a pediatric therapist and now President of the We Can Be Association, was working with a sweet young girl who couldn't walk. Erin requested a wheelchair through insurance, but it was denied—they said her parents could just carry her! "That moment lit a fire in me," Erin shares. She rallied her community, founded the We Can Be Association, and raised the funds for that wheelchair. Today, that girl is thriving, and her story sparked something even bigger: a nonprofit dedicated to helping kids in Eastern North Carolina with medical expenses, therapies, and equipment. "We saw how one act of kindness can change everything," Erin says. "Now, we're dreaming even larger—to create a place where all children can explore, imagine, and grow together."

Enter Karen Zachreus, the passionate founder who joined forces with Erin and the team. Karen had been chatting with local leaders, including Mayor Odham, about turning an empty building into a kid's paradise. When the We Can Be Association heard about it, they knew it was a match made in heaven. "We shared the same mission: making fun accessible for everyone," explains board member Jane Dail, a mom and performer who's as excited as the kids she'll entertain there. As Karen puts it, "I wanted to help create the Children's Museum of New Bern to fulfill a lifelong dream—to create a space where all children of all abilities can come together to learn and grow through hands-on experience. New Bern is a vibrant, family-oriented community. The addition of a Children's Museum will leave a legacy for generations to come." Together, they pitched their idea to the City of New Bern, and in November, the aldermen unanimously approved a lease for the building at 408 Hancock Street—for just \$1 a year! This former



Jane Dail, Board Member.

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What makes this museum extra special? It's not just any play place—it's New Bern's first children's museum, built from the ground up as a grassroots effort by active moms, a grandmother, and community champions. "We're a team of everyday heroes," Jane says with a chuckle. "We want big fun that's educational and open to all abilities." That means everything will be wheelchair-accessible, so no child is left out. Imagine ramps leading to a splashy water and boat exhibit, where kids can "sail" through models of local rivers, spotting fish and animals from right here in our backyard while learning about conservation. Or digging into a dinosaur and fossil area, uncovering treasures that whisper stories of when New Bern was under the sea! The museum is even chatting with friends at the Aurora Fossil Museum and the Pine Knoll Shores Aquarium about borrowing cool traveling exhibits—think real fossils or ocean critters on the move.

The fun doesn't stop there! Community-themed exhibits will let kids pretend to be everyday heroes: role-play as a doctor or vet in the Medical/Vet office, build towering structures in the Construction Area, shop for pretend groceries in the Grocery Store, whip up meals in the Restaurant, tend to crops in the Farm/Garden, or step into the boots of Military/First Responders. Nature lovers can "camp out" in the Camping zone, wander through a whimsical Forest, embark on Boating adventures, or dive into Water/Conservation activities. Science buffs will blast off in the Space/Aeronautical exhibit, roar with Dinosaurs, or explore the body's wonders in the Sensory System. Don't forget the Art/Creative space for painting, crafting, and imagining wild ideas, plus a Classroom/Educational Displays area with rotating seasonal exhibits and themed activities to keep things fresh and exciting all year round.

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The museum's mission goes beyond play—it's tied to helping kids with special needs. Any extra funds raised will go straight back to the We Can Be Association's core work: covering out-of-pocket medical costs, therapies, and equipment for families in need. "That's what sets us apart," Erin explains. "While other museums are wonderful, ours has this heart of giving. We're building a space that educates through play and gives back to the community that supports it."

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With a goal to open by the end of 2026 (and hopefully even sooner), the team is racing against the clock—but they're fueled by community spirit. "We have a fire under us!" Jane laughs. They're partnering with professional exhibit creators to make everything durable and safe, because, as she puts it, "Kids are rough—and we love that! We welcome the challenge." They're seeking sponsors for named exhibits (check out their sponsorship packet for details) and talking to big community players to bring it all to life. From art classes to fossil hunts, the museum will spark curiosity and creativity, teaching kids about science, history, and our local world in the most fun ways possible.

New Bern families, this is your chance to be part of something extraordinary! The Children's Museum of New Bern isn't just a building—it's a beacon of hope, play, and togetherness for every child in Eastern North Carolina. Whether your little one dreams of being a pirate on the high seas or a paleontologist digging up dinos, this museum will make those dreams come true. And for kids with special needs, it's a place where barriers disappear, and everyone can say, "We can be anything!"

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By Claudia Houston, New Bern Historical Society

History has a way of surprising us. Over the years, New Bern has welcomed all kinds of people—some born here, some who came for a season, and some who arrived because war brought them.

A few passed through eastern North Carolina before becoming famous elsewhere. One of them was a young Canadian musician whose name many readers may not recognize, even though they certainly know his music.

That man was Calixa Lavallée, the composer of “O Canada.”

Lavallée was born in Quebec in 1842. Music was part of his life from the beginning. His father was a blacksmith, but he also made musical instruments and served as a bandmaster. Under his father’s guidance, young Calixa learned piano, organ, cornet, and violin. He was gifted, ambitious, and eager to see the world.

As a teenager, he left Canada for the United States, where he began building a career as a professional musician. He reportedly won a prize in New Orleans, toured widely, and published piano music. By the time the Civil War began, Lavallée was already living the adventurous life he seemed to crave.

Then came war—and with it, his connection to eastern North Carolina.

In 1861, Lavallée enlisted in Providence, Rhode Island, as a musician with the 4th Rhode Island Infantry Regiment. He joined not as a frontline infantryman, but as part of the regimental band, serving as a cornet player. For a musician, army life meant more than simply playing marches. Regimental bands provided music for drills, ceremonies, parades, camp life, and religious services. They boosted morale, brought order to military routine, and sometimes found themselves dangerously close to combat.

With Burnside’s Expedition, the 4th Rhode Island came to coastal North Carolina. The regiment took part in the campaign that brought Union forces to Roanoke Island, New Bern, and Fort Macon in 1862. That means Lavallée, best known for writing Canada’s national anthem, walked the same ground that continues to shape our local history.

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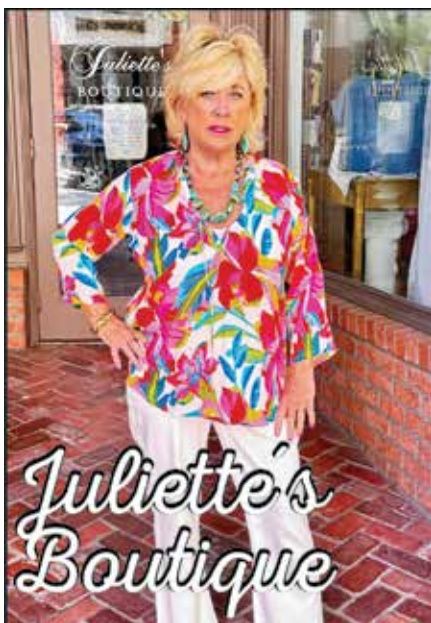
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That connection alone is remarkable.

In September 1862, Lavallée joined his unit at Antietam. While several sources have reported that he was wounded in the leg, his military records do not support that. Due to major budget cuts by the Union Army, Lavallée, along with his fellow nineteen bandmates, were mustered out together on October 3, 1862.

After the war, Lavallée returned to music with determination. He performed as a pianist, violinist, and cornetist, taught students, conducted, and composed. His career carried him between Canada and the United States, including years in Boston, New York, and Montreal. He eventually became an important figure in North American musical life and was even elected president of the Music Teachers National Association.

In 1880, Lavallée was asked to help prepare music for a convention of French Canadians in Quebec City. For that event, he composed a new patriotic song, with words by Judge Adolphe-Basile Routhier. The title was "O Canada." The song was warmly received, though it would not officially become Canada's national anthem until a century later.



O Canada" Sheet Music. Undated sheet music for "O Canada," with English lyrics by Robert Stanley Weir. (courtesy Library and Archives Canada, csm 4577)



Ancestry Family Tree-1862 Photograph Calixa Lavallee

Lavallée did not live to see that honor. He died in Boston in 1891 at the age of 48 after suffering from tubercular illness. Decades later, his body was returned to Montreal, where he was reinterred with ceremony and respect.

New Bern has always been shaped by the people who passed through it in extraordinary times. Today, Calixa Lavallée is remembered for the anthem that gave voice to a nation. Yet one chapter of his life led him not to a concert hall, but to wartime eastern North Carolina. For New Bern, that small connection is a reminder that even in the midst of war, history sometimes leaves behind unexpected music.

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Childhood Hurricane Memories

by Edward Ellis, Special Correspondent

When I was a kid, I loved hurricanes. Of course, I didn't own property or pay for insurance then. But school was out. The fathers were off work. And everyone was excited. Focused. Busy. Toys and porch furniture had to be stowed. Men all over town made masking tape Xs on all windowpanes not covered with plywood. Women drew up water in everything, including bathtubs, and planned no-electricity meals. Saltine crackers, peanut butter, and Vienna sausages were in demand.

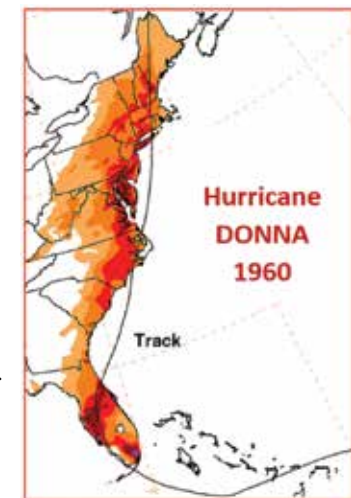
We waited for radio updates from WHIT-1450 AM. My father dutifully plotted the lat-long track in pencil on Atlantic Coast grid maps clipped from the Sun-Journal. That was like science and math combined.

New Bern experienced storms in 1952, 1954, three in 1955, one in 1958, and, finally, in 1960. 1954 was the legendary Hazel. One of my earliest memories is watching with my dad as men cut up huge fallen oaks to clear Pollock Street near the brand-new Tryon Palace restoration. Chain saws! Axes!

My most vivid memory, though, was Hurricane Donna. The strong Category 2 storm's eye intersected New Bern in September 1960. Donna first headed into the Gulf of Mexico and raked Florida's west coast before – Surprise! – crossing the state and roaring back into the Atlantic Ocean.

Donna screamed and shook us for hours. Water blew around window frames. Mom battled it with bath towels. During the eye, we went outside into the calm. A huge weeping willow she'd planted was down. It had been as tall as the house. My dad comforted her by suggesting that it might be winched upright. Even at ten, I doubted that. After the eye, the winds blew from the opposite direction. The willow lifted miraculously to its natural position ... but was then broken in the other direction.

The day after was gorgeous. The power and water were out, though, and the ground was covered with roof shingles. Our roof was damaged, and the ceiling collapsed in one bedroom. The Neuse River was blown into downtown by one side of the storm and blown nearly empty by the other. It would take days to refill. Cliffs were eroded into the shore below town.



It was quiet after that until Bertha and Fran in 1996. By then, I was paying for insurance. So, not as much fun.

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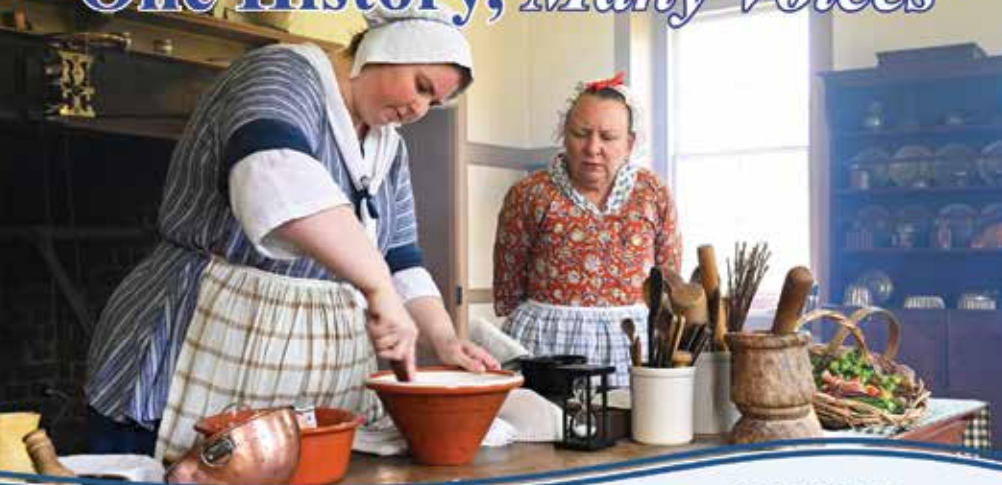
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Starting at 10:00 a.m. at the main gates, hear a costumed interpreter read aloud the Declaration of Independence. Following the reading, historic interpreters will fire a cannon volley and the Tryon Palace Fife & Drum Corps will perform.

At 10:30 a.m., the City of New Bern's Fourth of July Parade travels up Pollock Street in front of the main gates.

At 11:00 a.m., join interpreters on the Tryon Palace South Lawn for a guided firing of our 3-pound brass cannon.

At 3:30 p.m., take a "Discovering Tryon Palace: Caswell's Capital" tour. This unique guided tour explores North Carolina's role in the American Revolution and is the perfect addition to a day commemorating our independence. You can also take our standard Tryon Palace tour at their regularly scheduled times. All Palace tours require a purchased ticket for admittance.

Keep an eye out! At the 2026 Glorious Fourth, you won't see a modern U.S. flag with 50 stars and 13 red and white stripes. Instead, look for the hand-sewn silk replica of the Grand Union flag. It has thirteen alternating red and white stripes with the British Union Jack in the upper left corner. It was one of the first flags used in the Revolution. In 1777, the Continental Congress adopted a new design thirteen stars on a blue field and thirteen stripes.

You'll also experience a Glorious Fourth inspired by city celebrations in the 18th century.

Tryon Palace began commemorating July 4 early in its history with different programs over the last 67 years. Today, we base our interpretation on New Bern's 1778 commemoration of the second year of our independence—the first held in North Carolina—and the city's celebration of the Treaty of Paris in 1783, which ended hostilities between the United States, Great Britain, and their European allies.

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An Interview with Donnasia Gray

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

Where are you from, and how did you come to Eastern North Carolina?

My name is Donnasia Gray-Patton, and I was born and raised in New Bern, North Carolina. My family roots are deeply rooted here, dating back to around 1904, when my great-great-grandmother was raised here on my maternal side. I've lived here for 25 years, half of my life in Trent Court and the rest in Vanceboro, NC.

You do crochet. What about that medium appeals to you?

Crocheting started out as a hobby for me in 2022. I enjoy crocheting because there are so many things you can create in fiber arts. I specialize in creating clothes, but you can also make home appliances, filet crochet, amigurumi, tapestry, and freeform. Having many avenues to tap into keeps me intrigued to learn about the different forms and the ways you can express yourself within them. It amazes me with all you can do with just one hook and a skein of yarn. I also enjoy crocheting because it is therapeutic and allows me to be present in the process of creating all of my projects.



Do you have any formal training, or are you self-taught, or a combination of both?



I don't have any formal training in crochet. I taught myself how to crochet on YouTube. I started off learning the basics of crochet. I taught myself 5 beginner stitches, then I started watching tutorials to make different pieces. From hats to cardigans, shorts to skirts, dresses to purses, initially, that led me to freehand crochet, which is being able to crochet from memory alone.

Do you use a lot of patterns for your work, or do you create your own?

At first, I couldn't read patterns. As I learned crochet terminology, I taught myself to read patterns. After connecting online with the crochet community, I was inspired to create my

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first two patterns in 2025. I mostly create freehand, but also support other crocheters by buying and testing their patterns.

How have you seen the medium or field of crochet change over the past several years?

Crocheting has made a massive resurgence driven by the COVID-19 pandemic. As many people refer to it as a “grandma hobby”, it has been adopted into the Gen Z culture. It’s not only sustainable and slow fashion, but many people have expressed how therapeutic crochet can be, and I can attest to that. Crochet has transitioned from a household hobby to mainstream in the fashion industry. There has been an increasing emergence of crochet entrepreneurs since 2021, generating 43.4 billion in retail sales. Overall, it isn’t just a hobby anymore. Crochet can’t be replicated by machines, which brings a unique authenticity for business and for Gen Z consumers.



Crochet isn’t basic at all. We have creators who make intricate pieces that are inspired by their stories, personalities, and art that is turned into wearables, artwork, accessories, and more!

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

In the crochet industry, there are many artisans that I admire. The person who sparked my interest in crochet is Thomas Gregory, known as “Gregory Stitch”. He is known for his creative and prestigious garments, transitioning the hobby into high-fashion. I also admire “House of Chelsea B” who is also a prominent designer in the crochet field. Her work is celebrated through her ability to create high-end streetwear, using surface design and textiles to make bold, colorful, and structural pieces into wearable art. I admire my community and the people I’ve met while learning how to crochet. They are more than crocheters, but they are my friends. These creators are Chibbey Wee Crochet, Martha Lee Crochet, Keyz Da Kreator, and many others. If it wasn’t for them inspiring me, I wouldn’t have become the refined crocheter I am in my journey.

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

I am particularly proud of the impact I’ve made in my community. I am proud of teaching my community through schools in our area. I taught 3rd -5th-grade students how to crochet for a year, watching them take the basic stitches and their knowledge and create their own work that sparked a passion within them. I’m also proud of teaching others online and providing tips to start their crochet journey, highlighting the importance of learning the foundation and using this medium as a way of expressing yourself through the art of crochet. My philosophy of teaching crochet is the butterfly effect, which is small deliberate

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acts that later leads to massive changes in a positive way. For instance, I've taught others how to crochet and now they're starting their own business, expressed how crochet has improved their mental health and how it has impacted their lives overall.

What advice do you have for other artists just starting out?

My advice for other artists just starting out is to always give yourself grace when learning something new. We often put so much pressure on ourselves by setting high expectations for something we only picked up for a short period of time. Doing that takes the fun out of learning when art has no boundaries, and it's subjective! Always express yourself with confidence when you're creating anything! Don't be afraid to show who you are through your creations because you never know the impact it may have on a person and what it may inspire others to do in the future.

In one sentence, what is art to you?

Art is a form of expression, representing who we are on the inside, and our purpose is to share that through creativity, comfort, and confidence.

I know you'll be a part of the African American Heritage and Culture Center's African American Art exhibition, but where else can people find your work.

You can find most of my work on TikTok! My name is on there as "HookedByDee". You can also find my website at www.HookedByDee.com ... I will also be posting more on all platforms as HookedByDee!

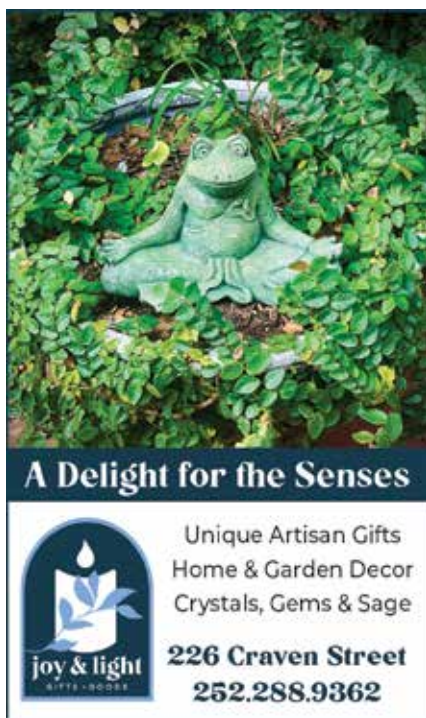


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Dear Fading Flame,

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- Improv dance detour: Channel my favorite hobby and suggest a "private dance lesson" at home—dim the lights, play some sultry tunes, and let the moves get a tad improvisational. It's fun, flirty, and far from predictable!

Keep it light, and that flame will roar back. You've got the heat, darlin'—fan it!

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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"Opie is a very laid back lizard who doesn't let things bother him," says Jim. "Even when two different dogs tried to see if he was a squeaky toy by nipping at his nose. He has a personality and sometimes even an attitude. Opie loves to snuggle at night before bedtime."

Barb and Jim are both retired and moved to New Bern in 2020. Jim has a woodworking business where he designs and makes cutting boards, charcuterie boards and small tables.



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Open Mic Night

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June 4 • 5:30-8:30pm

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June 5 • 7pm

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Packhouse

June 5 • 7:30pm

Pinky's • 218 Middle St.

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

Country Night

June 5, 12, 19, 26 • 7:30pm

Blackbeard's • 415 S. Front St.

Wear your hats and boots and come out for country hits and line dancing.

For information, www.blackbeardstrippleplay.com.



Footloose on the Neuse Summer Concert: ABBA NOVA - America's Finest Tribute to ABBA

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Union Point Park • 210 E. Front St.

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Free and open to the public. Grab your lawn chair or blanket, come hungry for local food trucks, and enjoy adult beverages as the sun sets and the music plays. Pets are welcome but must remain on a leash. No coolers allowed. For information, 252.639.2901 or NewBernNC.gov

Grown Folks Grooving Community Event & Party

June 6 • 2-9pm

Lawson Creek Park

1308 Country Club Rd.

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

Barry Charlton

June 6 & 20 • 7-10pm

Baxter's 1892 • 323 Pollock St.

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



The Switch

June 6 • 7:30pm

Blackbeard's • 415 S. Front St.

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Los Sabrosos Del Son

June 6 • 7:30pm

Pinky's • 218 Middle St.

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

Piano Brunch with Hans Werner

June 7, 14 & 28 • 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](#).

Celtic Music Session

June 7 • 2-4pm

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NC Symphony at Tryon Palace: Patriotic Pops Celebrating America 250

June 11 • 7pm

Tryon Palace • 529 S. Front St.

The North Carolina Symphony program features patriotic favorites such as Sousa's "The Stars and Stripes Forever," John Williams' "Liberty Fanfare," the "Armed Forces Salute," and Copland's "Buckaroo Holiday." Join us on the South Lawn as the NC Symphony performs patriotic standards featuring a special performance by the Tryon Palace Fife and Drum Corps.

Admission: free and open to the public. Space may become limited, so we recommend arriving early. For information, www.tryonpalace.org.

Los Sabrosos Del Son

June 12 • 6-9pm

DoubleTree by Hilton New Bern
100 Middle St.

Cuban jazz group.

For information, visit [Confluence Restaurant on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/confluence.restaurant).



City of Havelock Summer Concert Series: British Invaders

June 12 • 6-8pm

Havelock City Park

198 Cunningham Blvd.

British rock and pop.

Admission: free. For information, visit [HavelockNC on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/HavelockNC).

1st Amendment

June 12 • 7pm

Brown Pelican • 1017B Broad St.

For information, visit [Brown Pelican on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/BrownPelican).

Christopher Siren

June 12 • 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 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.

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For information, www.rivertowneplayers.org.



Bridge to Breakdown

June 13 • 7pm

Brown Pelican • 1017B Broad St.

Bridge to Breakdown is a band with a unique writing and performance style. The band combines styles such as Rock, Metal, Blues, and Alternative to create a powerful fusion.

For information, visit *Brown Pelican* on Facebook.

Eric Metts

June 13 • 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

June 13 • 7:30pm

Pinky's • 218 Middle St.

A real doctor.... playing blues, classic rock, oldies, country – basically anything fun.

For information, visit *Pinkys'* Facebook page.

Quincy Jones

June 14 • 5-7pm

Baxter's 1892 • 323 Pollock St.

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Izzy McCarthy

June 18 • 5:30-7:30pm

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New Bern native and powerhouse songstress.

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

PLUS Dueling Piano Bar

June 18 • 7:30pm

Blackbeard's • 415 S. Front St.

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Morgan Hudson

June 19 • 6-9pm

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June 19 • 7-10pm

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

Southern Hellcats

June 19 • 7:30pm

Pinky's • 218 Middle St.

Rockabilly style band.

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Patrick Bliss

June 20 • 6-9pm

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Juneteenth All White Party

June 20 • 6pm

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Bridge Atlantic

June 20 • 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 [Pinkys' Facebook page](#).



Jessica Rose Band

June 20 • 8-11pm

The Flying Fox • 411 Broad St.

The Jessica Rose Band returns to The Flying Fox for a special live performance featuring original songs from her two full-length albums alongside an eclectic mix of crowd-favorite covers. Hailing from the Tampa Bay Area, Florida, Jessica Rose is known for one of the most unique and captivating voices in live music today, bringing heartfelt songwriting, powerful vocals, and an engaging stage presence.

For information, www.jessicarosepowell.com.

Persistent Itch

June 20 • 8pm

Brown Pelican • 1017B Broad St.

Alt-Metal band from Raleigh NC.

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

Piano Brunch with Lynne Cox

June 21 • 11am-2pm

Baxter's 1892 • 323 Pollock St.

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.

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

Cliff Hopkins

June 21 • 3pm

*Riverside United Methodist Church
405 Avenue "A"*

Cliff Hopkins aka "One Old Man" is a recent addition to the New Bern music scene. A native New Yorker, Cliff relocated to New Bern in April of 2022. He performs an eclectic mix of folk, old country and Irish songs. This Old Man shares his easy demeanor along with his music. He is certain to become a well-known popular friend to all!

Admission: free, but donations to [Riverside United Methodist Church](#) will be accepted.

Jonathan Larson

June 21 • 5-7pm

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June 27 • 6-9pm

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For information, visit *Confluence Restaurant* on Facebook.

Jessica Rose

June 27 • 6:30-8:30 PM

Firefly Cafe • 901B Pollock St.

Recording artist and singer-songwriter Jessica Rose visits from the Tampa Bay Area, Florida for a special solo appearance at Firefly Cafe. 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 and empower women to be true to themselves.

For information, www.jessicarosepowell.com.

Wes Rider

June 24 • 6-9pm

DoubleTree by Hilton New Bern
100 Middle St.

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Coley Bayliss

June 25 • 5:30-7:30pm

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

Boomerang

June 26 • 6-9pm

The Harbour Club Amphitheater
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For information, www.boomeranglivemusic.com.

Aaron Davenport

June 27 • 7-10pm

Baxter's 1892 • 323 Pollock St.

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

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

Head On Collision

June 27 • 7:30pm

Pinkys • 218 Middle St.

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New Bern Artist Studio Tour Kick Off Meeting

June 6 • 11am

Bank of the Arts • 317 Middle St.

The New Bern Artist Studio Tour Committee invites artists and sponsors to a Kickoff Informational Meeting about the 2026 tour. The New Bern Artist Studio Tour Committee invites artists and sponsors to a Kickoff Informational Meeting about the 2026 tour. This free, self-guided two-day event in November features 40–50 artists and creative spaces across New Bern, allowing the public to see artists in their own workspaces, learn about their processes, and buy work directly from them. The meeting will include a presentation from the committee chair covering tour details, setup advice, and Early Bird registration pricing. Started in 2018, the Studio Tour has grown into a signature New Bern event. This year's tour takes place November 14–15.

For information, newbernartists.com.

4th Annual African American Art Exhibit

June 6 • 12-3pm

St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church • 604 Johnson St.

Join us for the 4th Annual African American Art Exhibit hosted by the African American Heritage and Culture Center! Celebrating African American artists, African American Music Month and Juneteenth. Browse original paintings, photography, crochet, and pottery by local African American artists all displayed beneath the church's beautiful stained-glass windows. Meet the artists, enjoy live music, and try our Paint & Sip downstairs with an America250 theme. Kids and adults are welcome to join a group coloring activity too.

Free & open to all ages. For information, www.africanamericanheritageandculture.org.

Community Artist Gallery and Studios

June 12 • 5-8pm • 309 Middle St.

The featured artists for June are Kathleen Dentinger, who creates wonderful abstracts; Caroline Blaine, a skilled oil painter; and Linda Sura who paints in watercolor and specializes in weaving baskets. The front window feature for June will be the theme of "Life's a Beach." Live music at Artwalk in June will be performed by Doctor Paul.

We're now open seven days a week. Stop in at the gallery on Monday and Tuesday from 10-1:30, Wednesday through Saturday from 10-5, and on Sunday from 12:30-4. Two of our artists are there every day to greet you, so come in to browse and chat. Also visit our upstairs Studio Annex where you can see works by Joyce Stratton, Susan Cheatham, Belinda Scheber and Heide Lock.

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Peer Inside My Head by Jeanne May

Opening Reception: June 12 • 5-8pm

On exhibition throughout June

Bank of the Arts • 317 Middle St.

Craven Arts Council & Gallery (CACG) is proud to host *Peer Inside My Head* by Jeanne May, a solo exhibition on display in the Director's Gallery of the Bank of the Arts for the month of June. *Peer Inside My Head* is a series created by oil painter Jeanne May inspired by Emily Dickinson's poem, *The Pedigree of Honey*. An open reception will be held at Artwalk on June 12th from 5-8pm, inviting the public to meet the artist, view the full display, and more.



Pedigree 2 by Jeanne May

Peer Inside My Head will feature oil paintings with chaotic textures of honeycombs and oil sticks, contrasted with the boldness of the flowers serving as a metaphor for how individuals perceive their own value. Jeanne May is a self-taught artist based in Stella, North Carolina. Jeanne actively develops her craft through workshops, open studios, and critique sessions with established artists, both locally and internationally. Her work visually explores themes of solitude, resilience, and self-determination. In 2025, her paintings were featured in *American Art Collector* and *Artist Talk* magazines, as well as exhibition catalogs for 33 Contemporary Gallery and PoetsArtists.

For information, visit cravenarts.org.

Craven Arts seeks applications for the NC Arts Council Artist Support Grants

Bank of the Arts • 317 Middle St.

Craven Arts Council & Gallery is accepting Artist Support Grant applications for FY 2026–2027, deadline September 11, 2026. Open to emerging and established artists in Craven, Carteret, Jones, Lenoir, Onslow, and Pamlico counties, grants support new work, equipment, and professional development across all disciplines. Awards range from \$500–\$1,000, funded by the NC Arts Council. A Zoom informational webinar with Executive Director Jonathan Burger will be held June 24 to review requirements and answer questions.

Applications must be received by Friday, September 11th, 2026 in person by 8pm or online by 11:59pm. Complete funding guidelines and applications are available online at www.cravenarts.org. For more information, contact Jonathan Burger at 252-638-2577 or director@cravenarts.org.



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Main Gallery - Juneteenth

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Juneteenth is a national holiday celebrated on June 19th every year commemorating the announcement of the Emancipation Proclamation in the state of Texas after the Civil War on June 19th, 1865. In honor of this historic celebration of freedom in the south, Craven Arts Council & Gallery (CACG) will host *Juneteenth*, an exhibition featuring artwork from local and regional African American artists. The exhibit will go beyond just history—it will explore culture, identity, and personal expression through a wide range of artistic styles. Visitors can expect to experience pieces that reflect both the struggles and the beauty of Black life, past and present, while also highlighting creativity, pride, and community. CACG will host an open reception during ArtWalk from 5-8pm on Friday, June 12, inviting the public to meet the artists, view the opening display, and more.

Juneteenth is curated by Diamond Campbell, a mixed media artist showcasing her work in acrylics, textures, fabrics, and many illustration styles of realism styles. Participating artists in this year's exhibition include Crystal Felton, Tyrone Brown, Chrystal Fonville, Ceven Bryant and more. Each of the 8 panels in the Main Gallery will showcase a different artist, giving a platform for each artist to exhibit their artwork of various sizes, themes, and styles.

For information, visit cravenarts.org.



The Goddess of Art by Diamond Campbell

Craven's Crafts: Tie Dye Workshop

June 13 • 11am & 2pm

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Craven Arts Council & Gallery is proud to host two sessions of a Tie Dye Workshop, accessible for all ages. Session one will be held from 11am-12pm and session two from 2-3pm. Participants will create unique patterns and designs with all materials provided, and get to choose one of the following to tie dye; a shirt, a pair of socks, or bring something of their own.

Craven's Crafts is a new program by Craven Arts, created as a bi-monthly workshop providing tutorials on simple crafts. Adding on to the variety of programming available, Craven's Crafts promotes local involvement and interest in the arts for all ages. The June Workshop will consist of a tutorial on tie dyeing. Sessions are taught by Craven Arts staff and dye, Craven Arts T-shirts, and other craft materials will be provided on-site and are included in cost.

Tickets: \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members of Craven Arts. All participants will be required to sign a waiver prior to engaging in the activity. Register online by purchasing tickets at cravenarts.org under Events or by visiting the Bank of the Arts.

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Harrier Sundown

June 1-4 • Various Locations

The Harrier Sundown is a historic military farewell event marking the retirement of the U.S. Marine Corps' AV-8B Harrier II "jump jet" after more than four decades of service.

Hosted by the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing at MCAS Cherry Point, June 1-4, the week of events honors the aircraft's legacy before it's replaced by the F-35B Lightning II.

Public events include an open house on June 2 from 10am-3pm with a static Harrier display and simulator tours, followed by an evening festival at Havelock Park with food, live music, and a final AV-8B flyover. The official sundown ceremony and final flight takes place June 3 at 10am.

The VMA-223 "Bulldogs" are the Marine Corps' final AV-8B Harrier squadron. The aircraft is primarily a fixed-wing attack platform designed to conduct strikes in support of Marines on the ground. On June 3, a Harrier will lift off from the Cherry Point runway, hover in its unmistakable way, and touch down for the very last time.

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

Story Time

June 4, 11, 18, 25 • 10am

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For information, thegreatrentriverraftrace.com



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women pilots started arriving in North Carolina with the vast majority of them being attached to Camp Davis Army Airfield in Holy Ridge, NC. At Camp Davis, the WASP arrived with a challenging mission to pull targets for the Anti-Aircraft Artillery training occurring in the skies above Eastern North Carolina. These pilots were handpicked due the dangerous nature of the job and because they had what it took to deal with problems they would face on land and in the air. During their time at Camp Davis, two WASP would make the ultimate sacrifice. The program was kept quiet, and the WASP were not recognized for their military service until nearly three decades after the war ended. Learn about these amazing women and their special tie to North Carolina.

Manager at NC Maritime Museum Southport, John Moseley attended The Citadel in Charleston, SC where he graduated with a Degree in History. He was named North Carolina's James Madison Foundation Constitution Fellow in 2003 and spent time in Washington, DC researching and studying the history of the United States Constitution. He earned a Master's Degree in 2005 from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and moved to Wilmington nearly 15 years ago. Since 2012, he has been the historian for "Tasting History," a walking history tour which includes sampling local restaurants of Carolina Beach. Currently, he continues researching Fort Fisher's Medal of Honor recipients, Fort Fisher's activities during World War II, and the Women Airforce Service Pilots.

Tickets: \$10 for members and nonmembers. For information, www.newbernhistorical.org.

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Bridgeton Blueberry Festival

June 13 • 9am–3pm

Vernon Blades Park

200 West Academy St.

Known for its fresh local blueberries, live music, food trucks, artisan vendors, and family-friendly activities, the festival highlights the charm and community spirit of eastern North Carolina. Guests can enjoy everything from petting zoos and water slides to bake-offs, games, and local entertainment while supporting community improvement projects and local nonprofits.

For information, [BridgetonBlueberryFest on Facebook](#).

Salute to the Flag

June 13 • 11am

Union Point Park • 210 E. Front St.

Come learn about the history of our flags, from the Revolution to the present day, with the flags themselves and stirring patriotic music.

For information, [Joe Sullivan 302.331.5220](tel:302.331.5220).

Sankofa 2026

June 19 & 20 • 7:30pm

June 20 • 2pm

New Bern Civic Theatre • 414 Pollock St.

Sankofa is remembering where we've been so we can rise toward where we're going. A celebration of heritage, resilience, and the stories that shape us. This electrifying production lights up the New Bern Civic Theatre stage with dynamic dance, soulful vocals, and stories that reach back to honor the past while stepping boldly into the future.

For information, www.newberncivictheatre.org.

Juneteenth: Parade, Festival & Fireworks

June 20 • 11am–4pm & 8:30–9pm

Various Locations

Join us in New Bern for a vibrant Juneteenth celebration honoring freedom, culture, and community. Parade starts 11am at 901 Chapman St. with the Festival starting immediately after at the 1000-1300 block of Broad St. from 12am-4pm. And don't forget to check out our 1st Military Basketball Tournament happening that day as well at 601 3rd Ave. (New Stanley White Recreation Center). Along with finishing the night off with our amazing Fireworks Show at 901 Chapman St. (Henderson Park) at 8:30pm!

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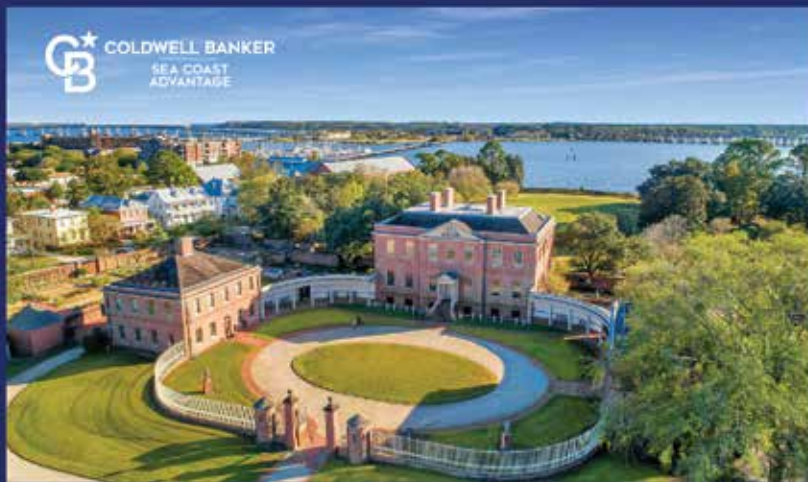
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Outlander in the Palace Tour

June 20 • 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.

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Tickets: Adult \$20, Youth \$10. For information, www.tryonpalace.org.

Movie in the Park - Captain America: The First Avenger

June 26 • 8:30pm

Union Point Park • 210 E. Front St.

Steve Rogers, a rejected military soldier, transforms into Captain America after taking a dose of a "Super-Soldier serum". But being Captain America comes at a price as he attempts to take down a warmonger and a terrorist organization.

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America 250 - The Eras Tour

June 26 & 27 • 7:30pm

June 27 & 28 • 2pm

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April 4, 2027 River Dunes, Oriental 4:30 pm
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10:38 AM Claude responded: Grace Fellowship Academy is a hybrid school serving the homeschooling community in Pamlico County. Grace Fellowship Academy is a hybrid school serving the homeschooling community in Pamlico County. Their in-house art teacher introduces techniques, history, and artists, then guides students through their own projects. Throughout the 2025-26 school year, students created work inspired by Picasso, O'Keeffe, Monet, Van Gogh, and others. Join us at Broad Strokes Gallery to celebrate their talent during the month of June.

For information, www.broadstrokesgallery.com.

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

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June 13 • 4:30-7:30pm

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June 20 • 7pm

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Brant Island Strings

June 26 • 5-7pm

New Village Brewery • 702 Broad St.

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The Jeff Little Trio

June 21 • 3pm

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