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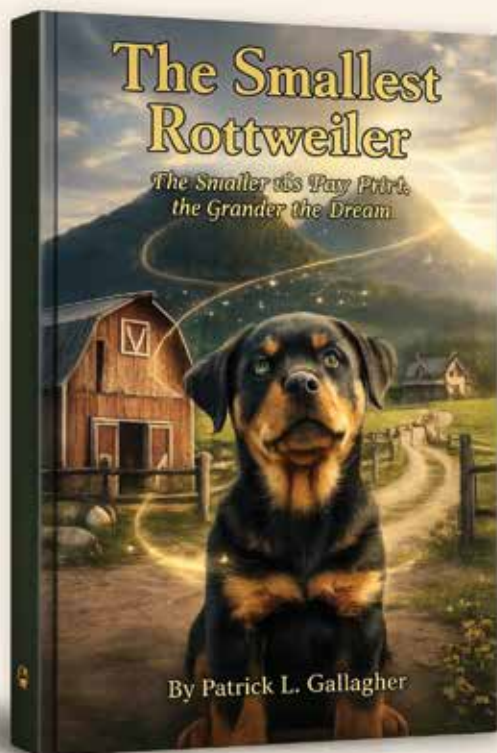
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Inspired by Germany's late-September Oktoberfest tradition, the event has become a signature New Bern Breakfast Rotary fundraiser. Proceeds support local charitable projects, including Kicks-For-Kids, which has provided thousands of pairs of shoes to Craven County elementary and middle school students since the inception of this program in 1999. The club also awards \$7,000 in scholarships annually and supports several local nonprofits and community events.



The Flame will cater a traditional German-style meal featuring bratwurst, chicken schnitzel, sauerkraut, and German potato salad. Large pretzels will be sold to benefit local high school Rotary Interact Club students, and Brewery 99 will offer beer selections, including a special brew. Entertainment will feature The Little German Band and Dancers from Raleigh, who will perform in authentic costumes and lead crowd favorites such as the German Drinking Song and popular Chicken Dance.

Guests can also compete in the men's and women's Stein Holding Contest, certified by the U.S. National Stein Holding Association. Each winner receives \$100 and qualifies to compete at the state and national levels. New additions this year include a Brewery 99 Beer Flight Tasting, face painting for children and adults, and a three-tiered cash raffle.

Event Only Tickets include admission to the party, music, dancing, and activities. Tickets are \$20 for adults, or \$15 in advance; \$15 for active military guests; and \$10 for children ages 6–12, with younger children admitted free. A second type of ticket includes both Entry & Meal buffet at \$40 for adults and \$20 for children. Advance purchase of Entry & Meal tickets is recommended because only a limited number of Meal tickets will be available at the event. The online option allows for purchasing extra Beer/Wine tickets as well as other event items.

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France - French - Comedy/Romance/Music - 2025

January 8 - Rental Family

Japan - Japanese/English - Comedy/Drama - 2025

February 5 - Hamnet

UK - English - Drama/History/Biography - 2025

March 5 - How to Make Millions Before Grandma Dies

Thailand - Thai/Teochew - Comedy/Drama - 2024

April 10 - Yellow Rose

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The New Bern Lions Club

By Ann Marie Byrd, Feature Writer

Sitting at a corner table in Moore's Barbecue on a Thursday evening—the regular meeting spot of the New Bern Lions Club—Bob Block talks about service the way some people talk about hobbies or vacations: as something that brings him joy, steadies his mind, and anchors his life.

"I grew up around Lions," he says. "Both my mom and dad were members in Chicago. I saw early on what it meant to be part of something bigger than yourself."



When Bob moved to New Bern and joined the local club in 2014, it wasn't just about tradition. It was about finding community and purpose.

"For me, it's mental stability and happiness," he explains. "Being involved with an organization like this, with people who share your values, keeps you grounded. It gives you a way to give back."

Bob and his wife are now raising three children—and the Lions Club is very much a family affair. The kids come along to service projects and donation drives. One moment in particular has stayed with him.

They were helping deliver donations to Religious Community Services (RCS). Bob's son, who had been paired as a helper with a first-grade student, watched the other boy quietly navigate the food line.

"My son realized, 'He's not here to help. He's here to eat,'" Bob recalls. "It hit him hard. After that, we talked about why we do this work. I told him, 'Keep being his friend. Kindness matters.'"

That, in many ways, is the heartbeat of the New Bern Lions Club: kindness that shows up, rolls up its sleeves, and gets to work.

A Global Mission, A Local Promise

Lions Clubs International began in Chicago in 1917 when Melvin Jones, a local businessman, gathered fellow business leaders with a simple, radical idea: what if their talents and resources were devoted not just to profit, but to serving others?

From that early vision grew what is now the world's largest service organization. Its global mission is clear:

To empower Lions clubs, volunteers and partners to improve health and wellbeing, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian service and grants that impact lives globally, and encourage peace and international understanding.

Over the years, Lions Clubs have become especially known for their work to prevent blindness and support people with vision loss. In 1937, Helen Keller famously challenged the Lions to become "knights of the blind." They answered—and never stopped.

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For the New Bern Lions Club, that international mission has been translated into a promise tailored to their own neighbors:

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Those last two words—*We Serve*—are more than a motto. They're a way of life.

Vision, Safety, and a Simple Pair of Glasses

The New Bern Lions' primary focus is helping community members with visual impairments and unmet vision needs. For some, that means assistance connecting with doctors. For others, it means covering the cost of basic services they otherwise couldn't afford.

"Our job is to make sure people don't fall through the cracks," Bob explains. "If you can't see, you can't work safely, you can't drive safely, kids can't learn in school. Something as simple as a pair of glasses can change a life—and, honestly, can make our whole community safer."

The club regularly conducts vision screenings at schools, community events, and fairs—quick checks that can alert a child or adult to a problem they may not have known about.

At a recent screening with Craven Smart Start, for example, the Lions helped screen 130 children in January 2024 alone. Partnerships with local providers like New Bern Family Eye Care, Garber Vision Center, and practices near St. Paul's have helped ensure that when someone "fails" a screening, there's a next step—an appointment, a diagnosis, a solution.

Bob remembers one woman who came to a vision fair at the New Bern Mall. She hadn't had an eye appointment in 20 years.

"She drove herself there," he says. "She was just trying to get by. Once we connected her to care, it wasn't just about her being able to see clearly. It was about her safety on the road, and the safety of everyone around her. That's what early detection does."

For children, the stakes are just as high. At St. Paul's, screenings revealed that some students simply couldn't see the board. "You watch a kid put on properly prescribed glasses for the first time," Bob says, "and you're watching their world open up."

When Disaster Strikes

The Lions' work extends far beyond vision care. When disaster hits, they are among the first to mobilize.

Bob experienced this firsthand when he served as a zone chair, responsible for several clubs across a broad geographic area. When Hurricane Florence devastated Eastern North Carolina, the Lions moved into action—fast.



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They used the funds to purchase cleaning supplies, clothing, food, shoes, and other basic necessities. A local church gym on Neuse Boulevard became a makeshift distribution center. Volunteers unloaded trucks, sorted donations, and welcomed families who had lost nearly everything.

"We served more than 250 families in New Bern and surrounding communities," Bob says. "And it didn't stop with Florence. When Tropical Storm Helen hit, we made three separate trips with supplies. That's what 'boots on the ground' looks like."

A Legacy of Service in New Bern

New Bern's connection to Lionism goes back nearly a century. The local club first formed before World War II—but when many members left to serve in the armed forces, the chapter had to close.

In 1945, with the war ending and veterans returning home, New Bern Lions regrouped, re-chartered, and began again. That spirit of resilience and renewal still defines the club today.

Now led by President Al Yoder, who moved to New Bern from Wisconsin, the club is focused on strengthening community ties and making service both meaningful and fun.

"Al is passionate about serving with kindness," Bob says. "He wants people to enjoy being part of this—to come out, laugh, work hard together, and know that the money we raise goes right back into New Bern."



Raising Funds, Raising Awareness

The New Bern Lions Club funds its work through a steady calendar of events and collaborations.

Their largest annual fundraiser is the **New Bern Lions Club Golf Outing**, held this year on **September 26** at the Emerald Golf Club in Greenbrier. Local businesses and individuals sponsor teams, donate prizes, and spend a day on the course knowing their entry fees and sponsorships will translate into vision care, disaster relief, and support for neighbors in need.

The club also hosts **chicken dinners** (with dates announced on their Facebook page), helps the **New Bern Historical Society** each year with **Ghost Walk**, and partners with community

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organizations such as **Craven Smart Start**, which invited the Lions to conduct vision screenings for young children. The annual **broom sale**, which is held at the Trent Woods Townhall.

"We're always looking for ways to be visible," Bob says. "If you see us at Piggly Wiggly with our vests on, or picking up donated eyeglasses from providers around town, that's fundraising—but it's also education. We want people to know who we are and what we do."

How to Get Involved

While Lions Clubs have a formal membership process—an invitation, an application, and a vote—the first step is simple: show up.

"It starts with relationships," Bob says. "Come volunteer with us. Help at an event. Sit in on a meeting. You'll see what we're about, and we'll get to know you. That's how sustainable service happens—through real, lasting connections."

The New Bern Lions Club meets at **Moore's BBQ** on the **first and third Thursday of each month**, starting with a meal at **6:00 p.m.** The public is always welcome.

From there, some people choose to become members. Others prefer to volunteer occasionally or support the club financially. All forms of participation matter.

"If you want to invest in your community," Bob says, "this is one way to do it. There's a place for you here."

For Bob, who is an account manager for Atlantic Coast Landscaping by day and serves as a Lion whenever and wherever he's needed, the message is straightforward.

"There is so much need in the world," he says. "But there is also so much kindness. When you bring people together who want to serve, you see what's possible."

In New Bern, the Lions Club is proof of that possibility—neighbors helping neighbors, one pair of glasses, one disaster relief kit, one act of kindness at a time.

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The evening honors a mission NBGC has carried since 1926: "To Conserve, to Revere, and to Beautify our Community." Founded as a department of the New Bern Woman's Club, NBGC later became an independent 501(c)(3) affiliated with the Garden Club of North Carolina, though many members remain active in both organizations today. Made up largely of Master Gardeners and residents who simply love working in the soil, the club has spent a century putting its hands to quiet service rather than fanfare — creating and donating flower arrangements for the Hospice Annual Luncheon and Meals on Wheels, and serving as docents for the Historical Society's Preservation Home Tours and Ghost Walk.

NBGC has also long served as steward of local history. In 1948, the club rescued the historic Judge William Gaston Law Office from demolition, decades before New Bern had a system for protecting historic properties. Its ongoing preservation, including a 2022–2025 restoration and new butterfly garden, reflects a sustainability ethos the club practiced long before the term became popular.

That commitment continues in newer initiatives, including the Children's Sustainability Calendar, launched three years ago — an educational coloring-book calendar distributed to local schoolchildren, funded through company sponsorships. This year, NBGC also held its first major fundraiser, a Golf Ball Drop, with proceeds supporting restoration repairs at the Judge Gaston Office; the event returns in 2027.

The club also administers the Margaret Rawls Stancil Scholarship, awarding up to \$3,000 annually to North Carolina students pursuing horticulture, landscape design, or plant science.

As NBGC marks its 100th year, the Centennial Banquet offers a rare chance for the community to celebrate alongside the club that has spent a century conserving, revering, and beautifying New Bern.

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Anthony Giardino, Executive Director, New Bern Historical Society

September 5th marks the anniversary of New Bern's infamous political duel. On that day in 1802, political rivals John Stanly and Richard Dobbs Spaight took matters to the streets of New Bern in defense of their honor. Spaight had lost his Congressional seat to Stanly in 1800, and for two years both men exchanged heated words published on handbills and in the "New Bern Gazette." Stanly and Spaight arranged their fateful meeting behind the Masonic Hall at 5:30 PM that day and brought along their pistols. It is rumored that there were close to 300 spectators present.

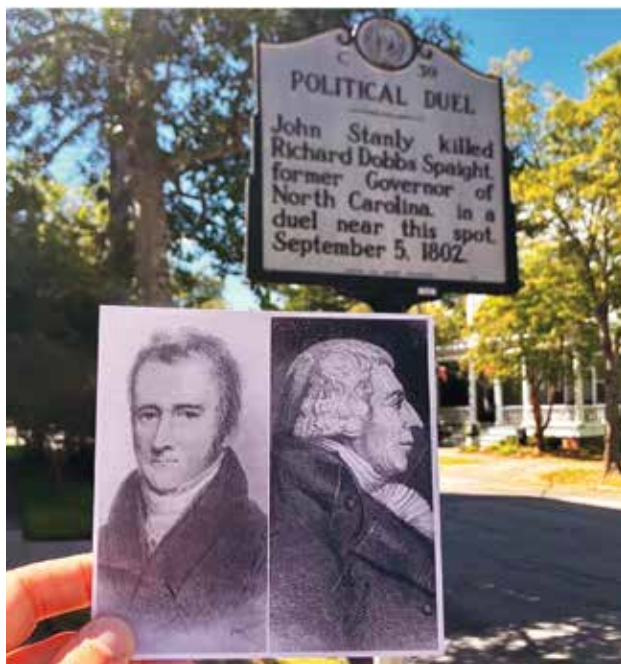
For three rounds, both men missed their targets. Then, Congressman Stanly, age 28, shot the former Congressman and Governor Spaight, age 44, in the side on the fourth round. Spaight died of his wounds the next day. Governor Benjamin Williams pardoned Stanly from any legal prosecution. The outrage from the population of the state, however, led the General Assembly to pass a strict law against dueling.

In the Historical Society collection, we maintain this remarkable handwritten entry from the John Oliver ledger.

New Bern merchant John Oliver carefully documented his business transactions in a leather-bound ledger from 1790 to 1805. The entries regarding the customer account of Richard Dobbs Spaight are noteworthy. John Oliver was present on September 5th and witnessed the duel. After the death of Gov. Spaight, John Oliver made an entry in his business ledger to formally close Spaight's account. Oliver wrote:

"Kill'd in a duel with Mr. Jo Stanly at the 4th fire. **I was present and saw him fall.**"

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J Oliver.” This entry appears to be the only documented eyewitness account of the duel.

The 1802 duel between John Stanly and Governor Richard Dobbs Spaight remains North Carolina's most famous political

duel and stands as a powerful reminder of an era when personal honor could outweigh reasoned political debate. Although dueling continued in parts of the South for several decades, public opinion gradually shifted against the practice as its tragic consequences became increasingly apparent. By the mid-nineteenth century, stronger laws, changing social attitudes, and a growing expectation that elected officials should resolve their differences through public discourse rather than violence brought the age of political dueling in North Carolina to an end. Today, the Stanly–Spaight duel serves not as a celebration of honor, but as a cautionary chapter in the state's political history. [Historical Marker C39, near intersection of Johnson and Hancock Streets by County Library]



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Ah, New Bern on the Quoracks

by Edward Ellis, Special Correspondent

John Lawson, one of New Bern's co-founders, is thought by some authorities – including the NC Gazetteer – to be the guy who gave the Trent River its name. In the very early 1700s, stalwart Brit explorer Lawson borrowed the moniker of one of the familiar rivers of his native land.

But what was it called before that?

We can prove indigenous people had been stomping all over this place for 7,000 years, and there's no reason to doubt they might have been doing so for twice as long. They had to call the 87-mile-long blackwater artery something. In 1657, long before Lawson's sojourn here, mapmaker Nicholas Comberford identified it as the Quoracks River.



The Comberford Map of 1657.

Where Comberford harvested the data for his important chart is a matter of debate and speculation. But the map – today housed within the New York Public Library – appeared at a moment when Virginian settlers were looking for elbow room to the south. As a matter of fact, Comberford entitled his map *The south part of Virginia, now the north part of Carolina*.

By his own account, Comberford was the son of an Irish jailer. After immigrating to London, he apprenticed with a mapmaker and became a central figure of a group called the Thames School. Located in the center of England's maritime commerce, these cartographers gathered intelligence from sailors, captains, merchants, travelers and explorers. His 1657 plat is a lovely work of art covering the New World from lower Virginia to just below Cape Lookout and delineating the Outer Banks. One professor who studied the matter lauded Comberford's original sources and detail, calling it the best map created before the establishment of the Carolina colony.

The colorful chart positions the river so vital to New Bern's development. It's where French Huguenots settled in 1708, with Swiss and Germans following two years later. More sheltered than the Neuse, the Trent became the place for wharfs, docks, warehouses, shipbuilding, and business. Steamships once plied its waters, which today deliver world-class recreation and vistas.

Though possibly poetic on native lips, Quoracks doesn't exactly roll off the modern



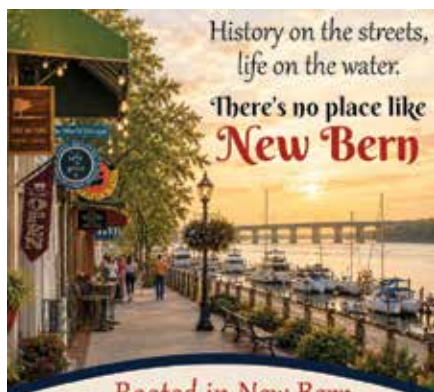
A train crosses the Trent River at New Bern.

tongue. It sounds like a subatomic particle or, perhaps, a laundry room product. Thus, we hereby offer sincere appreciation to John Lawson for gifting us the name Trent instead.

Bear Talk

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Austyn Farber, Susan Griffin, and Shane Mason, Historic Interpreters

As a child, Susan Griffin visited Tryon Palace with her grandmother. It was the first permanent royal capitol of North Carolina and known by the name of the royal governor who built it. Griffin's grandmother, however, gave the Palace another name: Caswell's Capital.

Richard Caswell was more than just the first state governor. Once a loyal servant of the Crown, Caswell eventually became a rebellious patriot. He participated in all five NC Provincial

Congresses, represented North Carolina at multiple Continental Congresses, was general of the North Carolina militia, served three terms as governor of North Carolina, and was a major contributor to the first North Carolina State Constitution.¹ And he did much of this from the former royal governor's house in New Bern. The building became Caswell's capital.

Years later, Griffin—by then a historic interpreter and full-time member of Tryon Palace's Education Branch—saw the approaching America 250th as an opportunity to tell Caswell's story. In August 2022, she and fellow interpreter Shane Mason discussed and developed a special tour focusing on the lead up to and events of the American Revolution. After two years of researching and documenting, Griffin and Mason were joined by interpreter Austyn Farber in 2024—just in time to put the finishing touches on the tour before the 250th Anniversary arrived. Farber, with a background in North Carolina Revolutionary War history, reset one of the unused second floor rooms in the Palace as the Revolutionary War Gallery, creating a space with flags, maps, and reproduction uniforms. She expanded the tour to include North Carolina's role within the broader context of the war. With those final touches, the new tour was ready: *Discovering Tryon Palace: Caswell's Capital*.

First and foremost, the *Caswell's Capital* tour is a North Carolina Revolutionary War tour and serves as a sequel to the standard Tryon Palace tour. It provides a richer context for aspects of the American Revolution. If you have ever wondered what North Carolina contributed to the war or what happened to our former royal governors after they left the colony, if you are curious about royal Governor Josiah Martin fleeing Tryon Palace or about the ratification of the U.S. Constitution, this is the tour for you.

Caswell's Capital runs on the first and third Thursday of the month at 3:30pm. Tickets can be purchased online at www.TryonPalace.org.



¹ Charles R. Holloman, "Caswell, Richard," NCPedia, Library of NC, September 2023, <https://www.ncpedia.org/biography/caswell-richard-O>.



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An Interview with Sheena Szuri

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

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

I'm a Miami native, born and raised around a big family. I attended university there and built my career in South Florida. My husband, Jenko, and I discovered New Bern during our search for a sailboat. What started out as a simple transaction turned into something unexpected. As we spent time in New Bern fitting the boat to sail down south, we became enchanted by the town and the friendships we made. This course of events was pure serendipity and just like that we decided to change our plans: we uprooted our life in Miami and moved up to the boat instead. Eventually we found a historic house, set down new roots and became a part of the community we fell in love with. New Bern has been our new hometown for about six years now, and we've never looked back.



Do you have formal training as a writer and poet, or are you self-taught, or a combination of both?

I consider myself a scientist by trade, but a poet by heart. I earned degrees in Chemistry, with a specialty in analytical chemistry. I have had a long, successful career in pharmaceuticals R&D and medical device reagents manufacturing. Technical writing is a part of my scientific profession, but poetry is something that I've developed on my own over the years. I know the poetry basics from school, but most of my training comes from my keen interest in the genre and years of self-taught practice of the craft. When I was a young girl, I was enthralled by a poetry anthology my grandmother gifted me. *The Sound of Poetry* by Austin & Mills was one of my most cherished possessions, inspiring me to write poems of my own modeled after the book's amusing short and simple rhymes. After all these years, I still have some of those hand-written poems!

Does your poetry have a central theme, or several themes?

I never know how inspiration will strike me, so in this sense I am open to infinite themes. I've been using poetry as a vehicle of understanding the world around me ever since I can remember. My background as an analytical chemist informs my poetry with objective observations of natural wonders – oceans, trees, birds. I have been practicing Yoga for over 20 years, and my study of Yoga philosophy allows a lucid perspective of the human experience -- love, art, culture. There are many styles of poetry, but I consider myself a free verse poet. At the heart of my work is storytelling through wordsmithing -- conveying observations in fragments linked by feeling. Every one of my poems has a unique energy - its own rhythm, structure and pattern. As a poet, I am compelled to find a way in language to transform that energy into something tangible.

What is your process like for writing poetry?

I like the tactile sensation of paper, the feel of my pen gliding across the page, the visual of my words taking shape. A lot of my poetry begins with a journal entry. I enjoy visiting a park, a bar, a café and taking in the scene. When I see something that piques my interest

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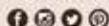
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I write it down. I could make a list, write a sentence, or simply write down my unruly stream of thoughts. Sometimes I draw pictures. I've been known to write on a napkin or the back of a receipt if inspiration strikes me unexpectedly. Then, in the early morning hours when most of New Bern is still asleep, my scribbles and doodles are molded into words, verses and stanzas on my laptop. I start typing and allow the poem to reveal itself. Eventually theme, reason and structure come from my creative spark.

You're releasing a book of poetry soon, *Polyhymnia*. What was that process like or getting a whole book together?

I'm proud and humbled to share that *Polyhymnia*, my debut collection of poems, is being released in October. The process began years ago in South Florida, where I shared original works of poetry as part of a thriving poetry community. Encouraged by the positive feedback that listeners shared with me, I found my voice and developed a rich body of work. I was granted a residency with the Writer's Room at the Betsy Hotel, Miami Beach and it was at this residency that I found my theme and named my collection *Polyhymnia*. When I moved to New Bern, I wrote new poems inspired by the majesty of the Neuse River, the character of sailboats, and the wild wonders of Eastern North Carolina. I submitted my manuscript to the 2025 Finishing Line Press Open Chapbook Competition; *Polyhymnia* was named a semi-finalist and I was offered a publishing contract.

Is there another writer whose work you admire or inspires you?

My first favorite poet was Edgar Allen Poe. In grade school I had an assignment in English class to memorize a poem. I enjoyed so much the rhyme and meter of Poe, so I chose to memorize "Annabel Lee". As a kid I did not understand the poem's mature theme, but as an adult I relish Poe's body of work. I picked up John Ashbery's *Self-Portrait in a Convex Mirror* at a bookstore not knowing this poet. Fanning through the pages I stopped

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Salt

A Poem by Sheena Powell

Sparkling briny water tickles
underbellies of sleepy
harbored sailboats with
osseous mast-protrusions

broadly brushed with
awakened sails that catch the
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sea swell raises suctioned
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light of waning moon shedding
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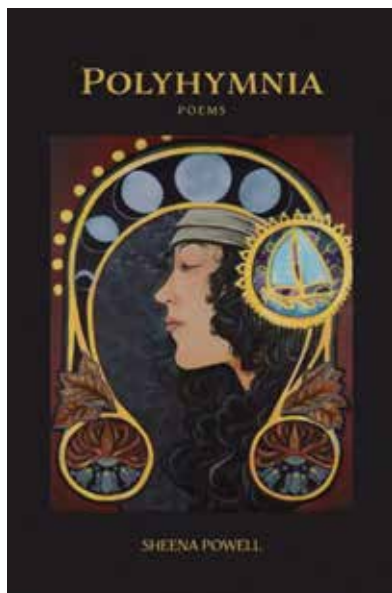
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randomly to read and decide on my purchase. I was immediately taken by the depth behind the words. Ashbery's *Mirror* remains a favorite on my bookshelf. Silvia Plath is a gem in the literary world. As a woman I relate to her life challenges and feminine perspective. Plath is exquisitely expressive in how she presents ordinary scenes such as in "A Winter Ship."

What one poem, award, or publication are you particularly proud of, and why?

In 2024 I entered Craven Arts Council's Ekphrastic Poetry Competition. With no formal poetry training, I was new to the concept of ekphrastic poetry. I was intrigued by the intricate and colorful *Barn Owl With Moon Flowers*, an original acrylic painting by Dorothy Mohler on exhibit at Bank of the Arts. Although my poem was not selected as a winner, I was thrilled to have my poem published in Ekphrasis 2024 along with many other beautiful poems by other entrants. My poem "The Barn Owl" was the last poem added to *Polyhymnia* and it holds a special place in my heart. It represents the culmination of my creative journey and my new chapter in life here in New Bern.



What advice do you have for other poets, or people wanting to get into poetry?

- **Know that you are already a poet.** You don't need to receive awards and get published. If you enjoy writing and you write poems, you are a poet.
- **Connect with fellow poets.** When I moved to New Bern, the first thing I did was look for the poets to keep my creative spirit alive.
- **Be bold in sharing your work.** Share your poems in poetry groups and open mics. No one will know about your work if you don't share it.
- **Nurture your craft.** Write consistently to develop your unique voice. Test the waters by entering competitions. Rejection will encourage you to be better; acceptance will give you confidence.
- **Find Support.** Residencies and Grants can help you across the finish line. I am so appreciative of the Artist Support Grant I received from the North Carolina Arts Council to help market and publicize *Polyhymnia*.

In one sentence, what is poetry to you?

Poetry is awareness, observation, and emotional connection to the profound beauty of the world within and without us.

I know you're part of the Ekphrastic Poetry contest at Bank of the Arts, but where else can people find your work?

There were so many amazing works of art to choose from, and I was happy to enter the 2026 competition. I look forward to reading what my fellow poets submit, inspired by a rich juried exhibit. This summer I completed a Publicity Tour to promote *Polyhymnia* in Eastern North Carolina to share my poetry. People can look back on my journey and follow what's coming next on my website www.sheenapowellpoet.com and social media @sheenapowellpoet. I am excited to launch the *Polyhymnia* Book Signing Tour at Next Chapter Books and Art, November 21st, and I will be a guest author at a Meet & Greet during LitFest 2026 at the Riverfront Convention Center, December 19th.

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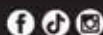
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Dear Henrietta:

My neighbor's wind chimes are ruining my life.

They jingle, tinkle, and clank 24 hours a day. When the wind blows, it sounds like an entire yoga retreat is having a nervous breakdown on my porch. I can't read, I can't nap, I can't watch TV without subtitles.

How do I make it stop without becoming the villain in a small-town gossip chain?

Signed,
Coming Unhinged

Dear Coming Unhinged,

First, I commend you for seeking a diplomatic solution rather than doing what your soul is probably begging you to do: creeping into your neighbor's yard at 2 a.m. with a pair of gardening shears and a well-rehearsed alibi.

We will proceed in three civilized phases:

Phase One: Harmonious Coexistence

- Accept that your neighbor believes they are creating a soothing atmosphere. They picture themselves as a gentle woodland nymph. We must begin with empathy.
- Purchase the following:
 - One pair of oversized, noise-cancelling headphones
 - One single, dramatic candle labeled something like "Serenity," or "Peaceful Shores."
 - A small journal

Return home, put on the headphones, light the candle, and write an impassioned diary entry about The Chimes. This is where we process our feelings instead of weaponizing them.

Phase Two: The Gentle Nudge

Casually mention the chimes the next time you see your neighbor. For example:

"Goodness, that wind last night! I thought your chimes were going to lift the whole neighborhood into Oz!"

Laugh lightly. Clutch your coffee mug. Stare meaningfully at the sky as if you, too, have endured great weather-related trauma. This gives them an opening to say, "Yes, they are a bit loud, aren't they?" If they do, swoon theatrically and say, "Bless your heart for saying that."

If they do not take the hint, we move to the final frontier.

Phase Three: Honest Conversation

It is time for radical bravery. Approach your neighbor and say, in your calmest voice:

"Could I ask a small favor? The wind chimes are very loud inside my house, especially at night, and I'm having trouble sleeping. Would you be willing to take them down or move them to the other side of your house?"

Do not apologize for having eardrums. Do not over-explain. State your need like a person who pays property taxes and deserves rest.

And if none of this works, my dear, then it's time for the most powerful tool known to humankind: investing in a white noise machine, and possibly a faint, low-level resentment that will keep you warm for years.

I hope this helps, and remember: sound mind, sound body, soundproof windows.

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



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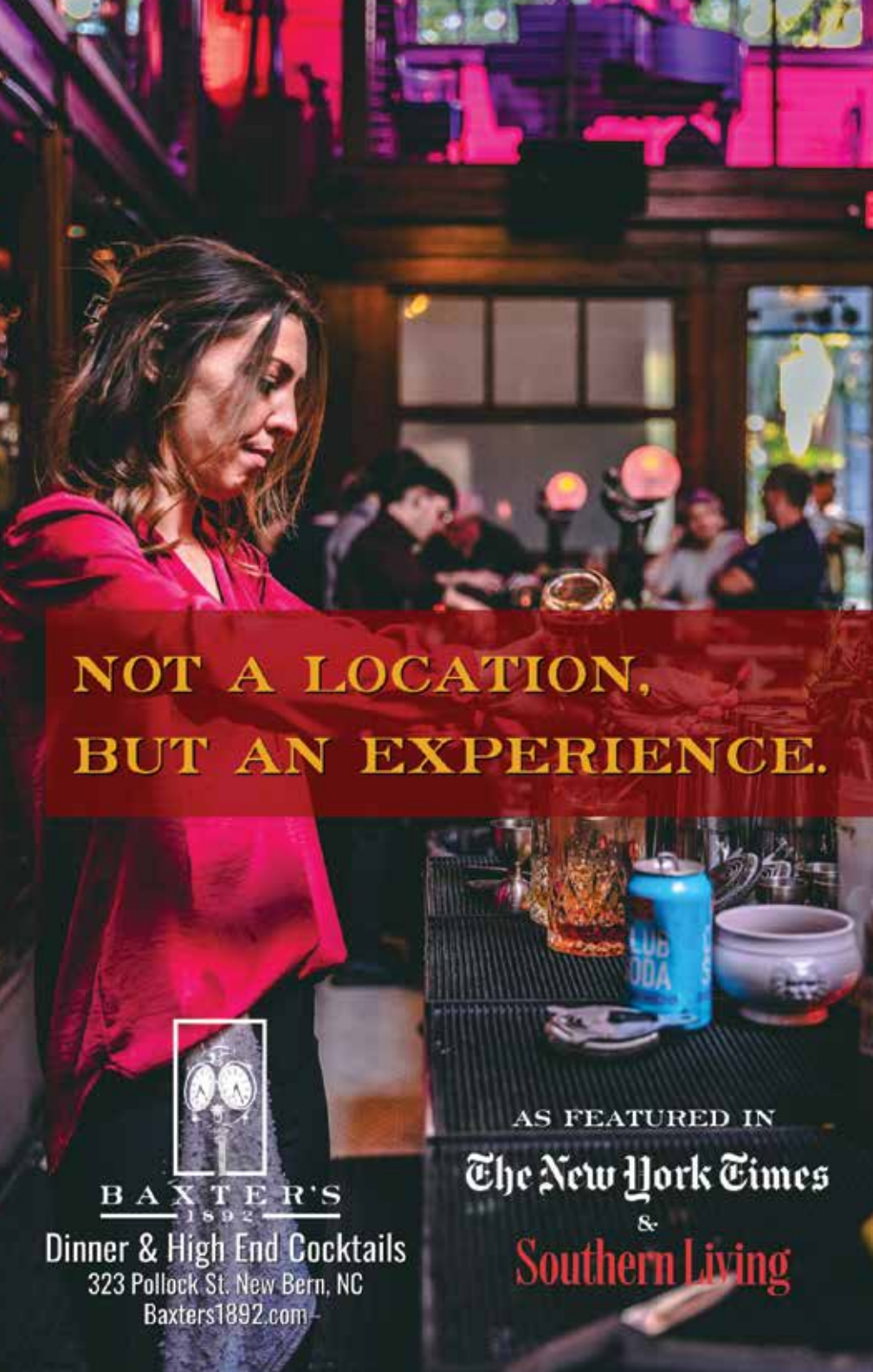


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The concert week continues on Thursday, September 17 at 6pm with **After Work: Sounds of Home**. Ranging from “house music” by the young Beethoven to a CCMF commission inspired by New Bern, CCMF connects music with both place and heritage. The program also includes works by NC composer Chrissy Ricker, American phenom Amy Beach (with special Shakespearean guest narrator Robert Husson), and a Rondo by the teenage Mozart written in 1776. Hosted by Finley Woolston. A reception follows the concert.

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Jonathan Larson

September 20 • 5-7pm

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Beth and Dee

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Greg Welch

September 26 • 7-9pm

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Christopher Siren

September 26 • 7-10pm

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Christopher Siren has been captivating audiences since childhood, first entertaining family and friends with his natural gift for piano and song.

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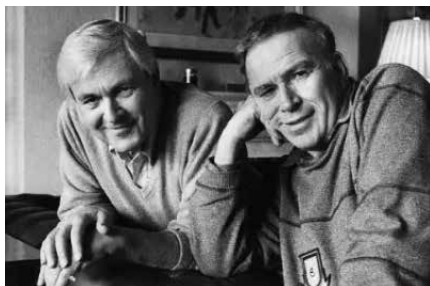
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At the Gallery Concert Series: Kander and Ebb performed by Tyler Griffin

September 26 • 7pm

Bank of the Arts • 317 Middle St.

Craven Arts Council & Gallery is proud to present their At the Gallery Concert Series featuring the music of American musical duo Kander and Ebb performed by Tyler Griffin.

Famously known as Kander and Ebb, composer John Kander and lyricist Fred Ebb were a highly successfully 20th century American songwriting team. Known primarily for their hit stage musicals, including *Cabaret* and *Chicago*, Kander and Ebb also wrote "New York, New York", a signature anthem for Frank Sinatra. The two worked closest with stars Liza Minnelli and Chita Rivera. The duo wrote 20 musicals together, and in 1998 were recognized for their contributions to theatre and music with Kennedy Center Honors, alongside winning awards for their multi-medium productions in television and film, including Emmy's, Grammy's, Oscars, Tony's, and more.

Tyler Griffin is a world traveling pianist & vocalist, performing multi-genre piano rock favorites. From Jimmy Buffet to The Eagles; Elton John to Billy Joel; Ben Folds to Broadway and more, Tyler provides his audiences an evening of lively entertainment with his warm energetic style of music.

Tickets: \$25 for members and \$30 for nonmembers, available at Bank of the Arts, www.cravenarts.org, or 252.638.2577. Doors open at 6pm, with a pre-concert talk at 6:30pm given by Lee Purcell.

UHOOs Ukulele Concert

September 27 • 3pm

*Riverside United Methodist Church
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Admission: free, but donations to Riverside United Methodist Church will be accepted. We always welcome new members. For information, www.facebook.com/ukulelehoalohas/ or contact Judy Styron at cjstyron@embarqmail.com.

Daniel Sansone

September 27 • 5-7pm

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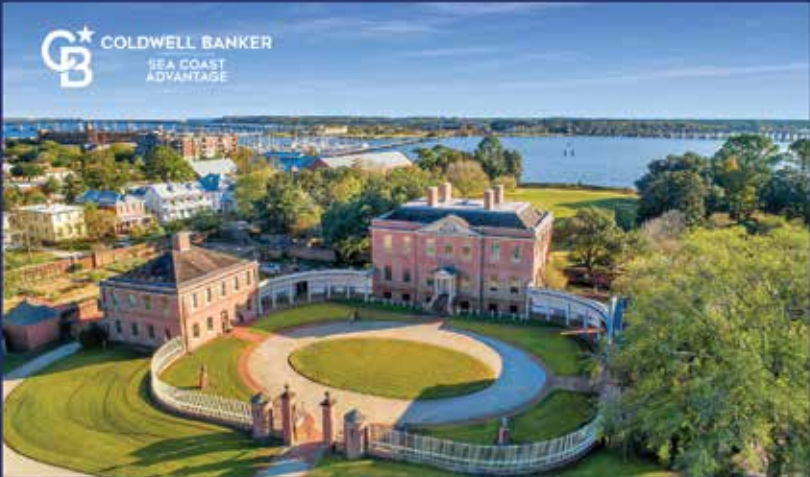
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Director's Gallery: Shining Through the Years

September 11 • 5-8pm

On exhibit throughout September

Bank of the Arts • 317 Middle St.

Craven Arts Council & Gallery (CAC&G) presents a stained-glass exhibition featuring artwork from local senior center, The Viridian, in their Director's Gallery for the month of September. The exhibition is titled *Shining Through the Years*, featuring framed stained-glass portraits showcasing the resident's modern expressions of nostalgic and valued memories. This exhibition opens on September 11, from 5-8pm during the September Artwalk at Bank of the Arts, where the local community is invited to view, meet the artists, and purchase stained glass artworks created by residents of The Viridian.



Lily by Eugenia Fay Wade

Nestled within the vibrant Carolina Colours community, The Viridian is a premier senior living community offering both Independent and Assisted Living in a resort-style setting. Minutes away from downtown New Bern, they provide engaging activities and the perfect blend of care, comfort, and connection. The Assisted Living is designed to provide personalized support while empowering residents to live as independently as possible. It is a warm, nurturing environment where our seniors' unique talents and passions can truly thrive. Aligning with one of CAC&G's core mission values, creating an environment where the arts thrive, CAC&G is proud to host this exhibition, promoting art and inclusivity from groups and members of all ages in our community.

Shining Through the Years will be split in two themes; suns, and chrysanthemums ahead of Swiss Bear's annual fall festival, MumFest. The exhibition will include work from Viridian residents: Carol Ann Lynch, Alice Irene Dick, Eugenia Fay Wade, and more. Throughout the exploration of bold colors and inspired by resident's personal memories and joy, visit Bank of the Arts this September to see stained glass artworks from a local senior center, providing a platform for artists of all ages.

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Main Gallery: 2026 Bank of the Arts National Juried Exhibition

September 11 • 5-8pm

On exhibit throughout September

Bank of the Arts • 317 Middle St.

Craven Arts Council & Gallery is proud to present their signature biennial exhibition, the 2026 Bank of the Arts National Juried Exhibition. This exhibition features over 100 artworks out of over 400 entries, carefully curated by this year's juror, Ben Billingsley, from the Cameron Art Museum. The exhibition highlights work from 22 states and includes paintings, printmaking, ceramics, photography, woodworking and much more. Artwork selected for the exhibition falls into 5 distinct categories, with a variety of individual themes: 2D paintings and mixed media, Photography, Contemporary Crafts, Indoor Sculpture and Outdoor Sculpture. Bank of the Arts will host a reception for the exhibition at Artwalk on Friday, September 11th from 5-8pm, with awards for the Ekphrastic Poetry Competition announced at 6pm.



Bliss by David Neeld

For over 10 years, the Bank of the Arts National Juried Exhibition has provided a platform for local and regional artists to submit artworks amongst nationwide artists in the unique opportunity to display their artworks downtown New Bern. Bank of the Arts is home to the Craven Arts Council & Gallery since 1983, hosting over 20 rotating exhibitions a year in their historic bank building, located on 317 Middle St. The Ekphrastic Poetry Competition is produced alongside the signature exhibition, offering a unique opportunity for poets of all ages to create poetry about exhibition artwork of their choice.

Community Artist Gallery and Studios

September 11 • 5-8pm

309 Middle St.

The featured artists for September 2026 are Sue Callahan who creates expressive paintings using poured acrylics; Janet Draper, a pastel artist who paints beautiful seascapes; and Barbara Miller, a talented stained glass artist.

We are open from 10-8 on Art Walk Fridays. Come in and meet the artists, listen to live music, and have a glass of cheer.

The front window for September will feature the theme of "Art is in the Air." We're open seven days a week, starting on Sunday from 12:30-4, Monday from 10-5, Tuesday from 10-1:30, and Wednesday through Saturday from 10-5 pm. Also visit our upstairs Studio Annex where you can see works by Joyce Stratton, Susan Cheatham, Belinda Scheber and Heide Lock. Our featured emerging artist for September and October is Nicole Athena, who paints amazing large scale landscapes with bold colors in oil.

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Figure Drawing Drop-In Sessions

Various Dates in September • 3pm-5pm

Bank of the Arts • 317 Middle St.

Craven Arts Council & Gallery is proud to host a Figure Drawing Drop-In Sessions, hosted by local artist Courtney Durocher. These low-cost sessions will offer artists the opportunity to sketch, paint or create from poses by a live, semi-clothed model. with upcoming sessions scheduled for September 9th and 23rd.

Figure drawing builds fundamental drawing skills, observational ability, and understanding of movement, gesture, and the human form. Sessions start with 1–5 minutes poses for quick, gestural sketches, extending to longer poses for more detailed study and works. These provide practice for the artist, and can be the foundation for later works.

Sessions will be led by Courtney Durocher, a local artist with experience in physical and digital media, specializing in illustration and comics. Durocher will provide instruction and feedback to upon request, and lead sessions. The sessions are open to all artists and mediums.

Artists should bring their own materials, paper, easels, and other tools, though some easels will be available for use.

The cost will be \$5 for members and \$10 for nonmembers of Craven Arts Council & Gallery. Artists will pay at the door and registration is encouraged but not required. For information, cravenarts.org or 252-638-2577.



Call for Artists: Mum's the Word

Bank of the Arts • 317 Middle St.

Craven Arts Council & Gallery (CAC&G) is proud to present *Mum's the Word* for the month of October. CAC&G is seeking both adult and youth art submissions for this exhibition, all featuring chrysanthemums, with one work to be judged and selected for the 2027 Mumfest logo with a cash prize. CAC&G will host a reception during the October ArtWalk from 5-8pm on Friday, October 10th at Bank of the Arts.

New Bern's annual Mumfest brings thousands of visitors to the downtown area for fun, shopping, and entertainment. As part of the festival, Craven Arts Council & Gallery hosts *Mum's the Word*, an art exhibition and contest to select artwork for the next year's Mumfest. The winner will receive a cash prize and their piece will be featured on t-shirts, bags, banners, and other promotional items for the 2027 Mumfest celebration. Beginning and experienced artists of all ages can enter the competition, including a youth category for anyone under the age of 18. Artwork must feature chrysanthemums in some way and all works submitted are required to register their pieces online at www.cravenarts.org, and drop off the work to Bank of the Arts October 2nd & 3rd, 10am-5pm. Entries cannot exceed 24" in any direction and may not feature any text or numbers.

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September 12 & 13

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Craven Arts Council & Gallery (CAC&G) invites the community to join them in celebrating the completion of two community murals partnered with two local establishments, The Chelsea and The Flying Fox. With the help of over 350 volunteers, CAC&G is proud to host mural dedication ceremonies for both murals, titled *From Firehouse to Landmark* and *Party Animals*, this September.



The Flying Fox Mural - Party Animals

The first ceremony will be on Saturday, September 12th at 4:15 pm at The Chelsea and the second on Sunday, September 13th at 12:30 pm at The Flying Fox.

Located in the heart of downtown New Bern at 335 Middle Street, The Chelsea Restaurant has been operating in the historic Stanly Building since 1991 serving classic American fine dining. *From Firehouse to Landmark* showcases historic origins of the buildings across five panels in chronological order; Firehouse, Broad Street Store, William's Restaurant "Known From Maine to Florida", The Shriner's Temple (where Elvis performed), and The Chelsea. This mural showcases the journey through time with the tenants of the Stanly Building and the cultural and nostalgic qualities that The Chelsea has developed into today.

Opening in September of 2023, The Flying Fox is a premiere cocktail bar located at 411 Broad Street, New Bern, NC. Known for their cocktails, dark interior, and live music, *Party Animals* highlights nightlife in downtown New Bern, featuring a themed twist – animals. This mural depicts an evening scene featuring party goers participating in bar activities offered at The Flying Fox such as pool, enjoying adult beverages, playing live music, and more. *Party Animals* is located on the back patio of the establishment, featuring 7 animals; a bear, fox, rabbit, barn owl, racoon, flying fox bat, and anole. For foxsake, have a cocktail!

These two new murals are located on the Broad Street side of the Chelsea Restaurant and the back porch of the Flying Fox, both located within walking distance of each other on Broad Street.

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Tuesday Night Market at the Park

September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 • 4-7pm

City Park • 198 Cunningham Blvd.

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

Story Time

September 3, 10, 17, 24 • 10am

Brew H2ouse • 1201 Hwy 70

Story time is a great opportunity for your children to socialize with other young children while building communication, cognitive, and fine motor skills. We read a selection of books, and families are welcome to stay afterward to socialize.

For information, visit [Brew H2ouse's Facebook page](#).

Living History Day

September 5 • 8am-4pm

New Bern Battlefield Park

300 Battlefield Trail

Have you ever wondered what life was like in your great-grandfather's time? Here's your chance to find out. Join uniformed re-enactors from the 5th and 7th NC Infantry Regiments as they set up a full period camp at New Bern Battlefield Park, with both Union and Confederate soldiers on site.

Visitors can view demonstrations and displays including a Civil War surgeon's display, weapons display, cavalry demonstration, and artillery demonstration. Activities include morning roll call and inspection, infantry drills, an artillery demonstration, and the trial of a deserter in camp. Throughout the day, you'll also find a civilian camp and medical, blacksmith, and cavalry displays.

Admission: free. For information, 252.638.8558 or www.NewBernHistorical.org.

Discover Tryon Palace: Caswell's Capital Tour

September 3 & 17 • 3:30-4:30pm

Tryon Palace • 529 S. Front St.

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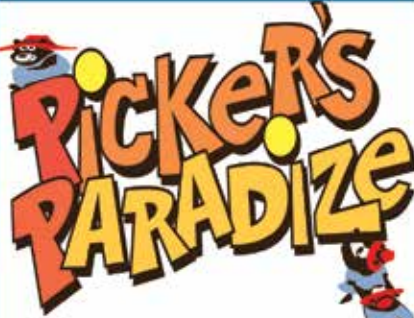
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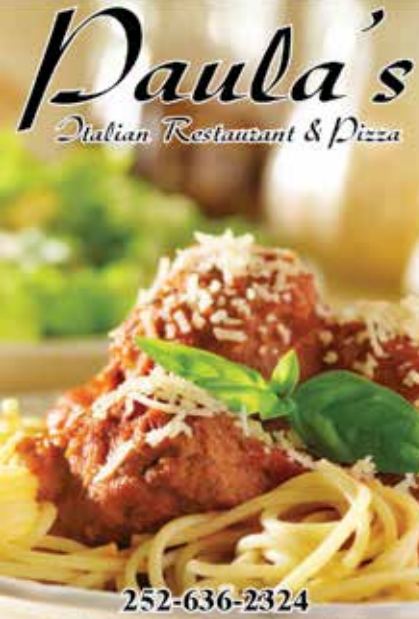
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September 5, 12, 19, 26 • 8:15am

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Our goal is to walk, run, or bike 99 miles by May 29, 2027 and have fun doing it. This group is for all ages and all fitness levels. Finish with breakfast, mimosas, beers, & friends.

For information, www.brewery99.com.

Pub Run

September 7, 14, 21, 28 • 6:30pm

The Bruin • 224 Middle St.

Join us on Monday evenings for a 2, 3, or 4 mile run. All paces are welcome. Hosted by Coastal Sole.

For information, 252.631.5187.

9/11 Memorial Service

September 11 • 8:30-9:30am

2 Governmental Ave. • Havelock

The City of Havelock invites you to join us as we gather to honor the victims, heroes, survivors, and first responders of September 11, 2001. As we remember the lives forever changed on that day, we also recognize the courage, sacrifice, and resilience that continue to inspire our nation.

Explorations: The International Film Series

September 11 • 2:30pm & 7:30pm

Orringer Auditorium • 800 College Ct.

The Ballad of Wallis Island

The International Film Series kicks off on Friday, September 11 with *The Ballad of Wallis Island*, a warm, quirky comedy-drama about a lonely man who invites his favorite musicians to his remote island. Their reunion brings old friendships, unresolved feelings, and plenty of unexpected moments to the surface. It's a heartfelt story about love, regret, friendship, and the power of music.

For information, www.cravencc.edu/llc



Cars and Coffee New Bern

September 12 • 8-10am

New Bern Mall • 3134 MLK Jr Blvd.

Cars and Coffee New Bern is a monthly event held on the second Saturday of each month. Car enthusiasts gather early morning to show off their vehicles, enjoy coffee, and connect with fellow auto fans. All makes and models welcome.

For information, carsandcoffeeevents.com.

Broom Sale Fundraiser

September 12 • 9am-1pm

Mitchell • 215 Craven St.

Brewery 99 • 1030 Pollock St.

September 19 • 9am-1pm

Mitchell • 215 Craven St.

Broom sales help fund the New Bern Lions Club's service projects and community initiatives.

Not Your Mama's Mason Jar Flower Workshop

September 12 • 11am-1pm

Tildy Floral Designs • 228 Craven St.

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Sisterhood Par-Tea

September 12 • 2-4pm

Harrison Center • 311 Middle St.

The Annual Sisterhood Par-Tea celebrates its Fifth Anniversary with a traditional English afternoon tea, featuring finger sandwiches, assorted pastries, fresh scones with fruit jams, and a selection of fine teas. Program includes an update on My Sister's House, remarks from a speaker with lived experience in the justice system, and other special announcements.

This event benefits My Sister's House, a transitional home for justice-involved women with no safe housing alternative upon release from prison or jail. With ongoing non-judgmental support, referrals to area resources, employment training, and counseling, each resident can pursue her own path toward change and a better future.

Tickets for the 5th Anniversary of the Sisterhood Par-Tea are \$50. Invitations will be sent by email to previous guests or are available online at www.triedbyfire.net/events.

Genesis of New Bern Cup Golf Tournament

September 13

Now in its fourth year, the Genesis of New Bern Cup is an annual golf tournament bringing together teams from seven clubs across the New Bern and Eastern NC area. The 2026 tournament will be held September 13 at Carolina Colours Golf Club, with proceeds benefiting Task Force Neuro, a local 501(c)(3) that supports individuals facing neurologic challenges including stroke, Parkinson's, MS, and traumatic brain injury.

An online raffle will feature items donated by local merchants, including hotel stays, restaurant certificates, golf foursomes, and theatre and concert performances.

For raffle details and ticket purchases, visit zeffy.com/en-US/organizations/task-force-neuro.

Harlowe Patriots Presentation

September 13 • 2pm

Orringer Auditorium • 800 College Ct.

It's a little-known but important piece of American history: Black soldiers fighting against the British in the Revolutionary War. An estimated 5,000 Black soldiers served on the Patriot side during the war, which lasted from 1775 to 1783. Fourteen free men of color from the Harlowe community of Havelock fought in key battles, answering the call when their country needed them.

Learn more about these unsung heroes as the New Bern Historical Society hosts Dr. Valerie Johnson, who will discuss the Harlowe Patriots.

Dr. Valerie Ann Johnson is a scholar-activist currently serving as Co-Director of the North Carolina Environmental Justice Network (NCEJN) and Director of Infrastructure and Development. From 2020–2024, she was Dean of Arts, Sciences, and Humanities at Shaw University, an HBCU in Raleigh, NC. Prior to that, she was Mott Distinguished Professor of Women's Studies and Director of Africana Women's Studies at Bennett College for Women in Greensboro, NC. Dr. Johnson has extensive experience connecting undergraduate and graduate students, especially at HBCUs, with community groups working on health equity and environmental justice.

Tickets: \$10 per person. Available at www.NewBernHistorical.org or 252.638.8558.



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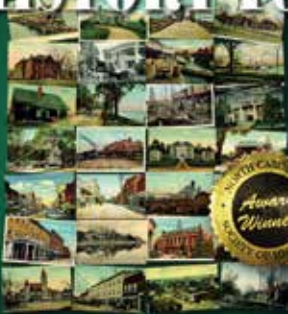


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September 18 • 7:30pm

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Free and open to the public. Gates open at 6:30pm. For information, tildyfloral.com



Bike MS: Historic New Bern Ride

September 19-20

Bike MS is one of the largest fundraising cycling series in the world. With dedicated riders like you, we are working to end multiple sclerosis forever, one pedal stroke at a time. Feel the extraordinary support and excitement throughout your journey as we come together to reach our goal—a world free of MS. Join us for waterfront views, scenic beauty and historic architecture in North Carolina's beloved coastal city of New Bern. This ride offers flat routes and promises an unforgettable journey through one of the state's most picturesque destinations. Once you're done crossing the finish line don't forget to explore iconic landmarks like the birthplace of Pepsi-Cola, the Tryon Palace and New Bern's vibrant downtown area that is brimming with entertainment, culinary delights and unique shops. Bike MS: Historic New Bern Ride is a great ride to create lasting memories while getting closer to our goal: a world free of multiple sclerosis.

For information, bikems.org.

Outlander in the Palace Tour

September 19 • 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 your favorite characters and their interactions with historical figures and events during the tumultuous period of the American Revolution.

For information, www.tryonpalace.org or 252.639.3500.

Belt Sander Drag Race

September 20 • 1-4pm

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Shop Class New Bern is proud to announce their annual Belt Sander Drag Race, featuring local woodworkers, craftsmen, and the public racing their belt sanders down a 35' track to compete for trophies and glory.

Belt sander racing features two belt sanders in parallel wooden tracks, powered by a common switch. Each heat begins with the flip of a switch, sending the sanders racing down the track in a flurry of sawdust, with a winner declared for each round in a double elimination bracket. The event features Stock and Modified divisions, run in accordance with International Belt Sander Drag Racer Association rules and regulations, plus a People's Choice Award for Best Decorated, open to sanders from both divisions.

The event will also host a food truck, live music, a Brewery 99 beer tent, and a raffle of various prizes. Gates open at noon, and races continue until all heats have been decided.

Entry: \$5 per person for racers and the public. Proceeds benefit the art programs at New Bern High School. For information, www.shopclass-nb.com.



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September 25 • 7pm

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VIP HOUR | 6pm - 7pm Kick off the evening with exclusive VIP access before the auction begins! VIP table packages will be available for purchase soon & will include premium seating, special perks & the best view of all the action. **MAIN EVENT | 7pm - 9pm** Bid on eligible bachelors & bachelorettes, exciting experiences, unique packages & more - all while supporting an incredible local cause. Whether you're coming to bid, cheer on your favorite participant, network with friends, or simply enjoy a fun night out, this event promises laughter, surprises & plenty of memorable moments.

For information, www.baxters1892.com

Movie in the Park: Finding Nemo

September 25 • 7:30pm

Union Point Park • 210 E. Front St.

Marlin (Albert Brooks), a clown fish, is overly cautious with his son, Nemo (Alexander Gould), who has a foreshortened fin. When Nemo swims too close to the surface to prove himself, he is caught by a diver, and horrified Marlin must set out to find him. A blue reef fish named Dory (Ellen DeGeneres) -- who has a really short memory -- joins Marlin and complicates the encounters with sharks, jellyfish, and a host of ocean dangers. Meanwhile, Nemo plots his escape from a dentist's fish tank.

Admission: free. Concessions will be available for purchase on site. For information, 252.639.2901.

Hometown Harvest Market

September 26 • 9am-2pm

New Bern Shrine Club

2102 S. Glenburnie Rd.

Join us for a cozy fall event featuring a wide variety of local vendors, unique finds, handmade goods, a delicious food truck, and a mobile coffee shop — all in a relaxed, family-friendly setting.



History Quest

September 26 • 10am-4pm

New Bern Battlefield Park

300 Battlefield Trail

Test your sleuthing skills in this sixth annual family-friendly outdoor history hunt! Teams gather at New Bern Battlefield Park to receive clues, then hop in the car and follow them to historical places in and around New Bern. This year features a whole new slate of clues and places to discover!

Teams that complete all the quests and return to the starting point are eligible for prizes and bragging rights, including one for best team name and, new this year, one for best team shirts or outfits.

Gather your team — family, friends, co-workers, or any group you belong to. Each team may have up to six people, traveling together in one vehicle. Smartphone use is allowed — use any source you like: phone, library, or favorite aunt.

Registration fee is \$25 per carload. For information, www.NewBernHistorical.org or 252.638.8558.



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September 27 • 2-5:30pm

Union Point Park • 210 E. Front St.

This year's walk will raise funds to address the nutritional and developmental needs of our neighbors in New Bern and around the globe.

Faith Connection is the host partner for the New Bern Area CROP Hunger Walk, an outreach of Church World Service. Locally, Religious Community Services (RCS) will receive 25% of the proceeds. Participants can choose between a 3.1-mile walk or a 1-mile walk, and the event will include music and refreshments. Bring your friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers to this fun, family-friendly event with activities for all ages.

For information, events.crophungerwalk.org.

Fall Market Day

September 26 • 10am-3pm

White's Farm • 5200 US-17

Kick off fall at White's Farm with a corn maze, mega slide, corn pit, pumpkin picking, live music, local vendors, and food. Fun for the whole family.

Admission: free. For information, whitesfarmvanceboro.com.

New Bern National Night Out

September 29 • 5-8pm

Union Point Park • 210 E Front St.

Join the men and women of the New Bern Police Department for an unforgettable, fun-filled evening for all ages! National Night Out is all about strengthening neighborhood spirit, sharing crime safety tips, and celebrating the amazing community we share here in New Bern. Featuring: food & family fun, crime safety tips & live demonstrations, emergency vehicle displays & more.



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December 13, 2026 Old Theater, Oriental 4:30 pm
DePue Brothers Bluegrass/Holiday



January 29, 2027 Old Theater, Oriental 7:30 pm
Jenny Tolman Trio Country



February 21, 2027 River Dunes, Oriental 4:30 pm
Texas Guitar Quartet Classical



March 11, 2027 Old Theater, Oriental 7:30 pm
Wendy Moten with the Christian Tamburr Band Jazz



April 4, 2027 River Dunes, Oriental 4:30 pm
Les Delices Classical



April 23, 2027 Old Theater, Oriental 7:30 pm
Chicken Wire Empire Bluegrass

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Pirate Jam

September 5 • 2-6:30pm

Teach's Point • Oriental

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Don't miss your chance to hoist a free Pirate Jam 2026 burgee by collecting \$150 in receipts from our sponsors, one per household! Pirate Month (proclaimed in perpetuity by Oriental Mayor Sally Belangia) also features a Pirate Crawl and pirate movie night leading up to the main event. For the full schedule and sponsor details, chart your course to pamlicoarts.org under Events. Avast mateys, see you there with your flags flying high!

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For information, www.broadstrokesgallery.com

Shawn Aldridge

September 11 • 6-8:30pm

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Christie Lenée

September 11 • 7:30pm

Old Theater • 609 Broad St.

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Beyond her technical prowess and abundant joy, Lenée has the rare ability to connect with audiences through an emotional landscape. Her spiritual depth resonates with listeners, filling them with healing and lasting inspiration.

Tickets: \$30 (\$25 for members, military and students with ID). Available at oldtheater.org or at Nautical Wheelers.



History of the Ol' Front Porch Music Festival

September 25 - December

Oriental's History Museum

802 Broad St.

Inspired by the Ol' Store where people gathered after work to play music, this three-day festival held each October celebrates the musical heritage of North Carolina on front porches and venues throughout historic Oriental's walkable village and on a Riverfront Stage at Lou Mac Park. Musicians present Folk, Americana, Bluegrass, Country, Jazz, Gospel music and more. Visit the Museum to learn more about the inspiration for the festival, how it all began and view our amazing collection of festival memorabilia collected over the years!

Admission: free; donations gratefully accepted. Open Fridays 11am-3pm and Saturdays 1-4pm. For information, email OrientalHistoryMuseum@gmail.com.

The Devil's Disciple

September 19 • 7:30pm

September 20 • 3pm

Old Theater • 609 Broad St.

"The Devil's Disciple" is an early play by George Bernard Shaw (the Irish playwright whose most famous work, "Pygmalion," was the source for "My Fair Lady").

Shaw is recognized for his brilliant and witty dialogue and subtle sarcasm about society's norms. Originally produced in 1893, it was Shaw's first hit in America.

Tickets: \$30 (\$25 for members, military and students with ID). Available at oldtheater.org or at Nautical Wheelers in Oriental & New Bern.

Antiques & Collectibles Sale

September 26 • 9am

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This sale includes antiques, vintage pieces, jewelry, silver, toys and some furniture.

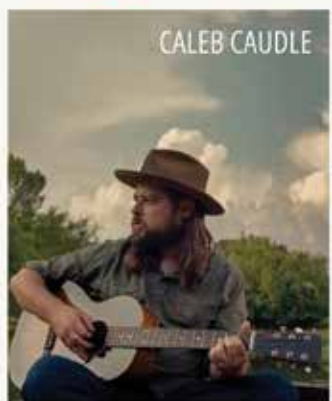
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Inviting 3BR/2BA home features beautiful water views, comfortable layout, screened porch and a spacious enclosed workshop. Neighborhood amenities include a clubhouse, swimming pool, tennis courts, & community boat ramp!

\$435,000



**5529 SANDPIPER DRIVE
ORIENTAL, NC**

Elegant 3BR/2BA 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!

\$599,000



**89 COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE, H2
MINNESOTT BEACH, NC**

Captivating views and iconic sunsets. Fully furnished 2BR condo is move-in ready. Features granite countertops, LVT flooring and newly renovated bathrooms. Conveniently located next to the Minnesott Beach Ferry!

\$240,000



**247 JANE LANE
ORIENTAL, NC**

Fully furnished 3BR/2BA waterfront home offers comfort, craftsmanship, and effortless boating lifestyle. Features an open floor plan, screened porch, stainless steel appliances, concrete dock, 2 boat lifts and 2 boat ramps!

\$649,000



**91 OSPREY WATCH LANE, E.
ORIENTAL, NC**

Beautiful 3BR/2BA home plus FROG. Built in 2023, this 2,008 sq. ft. home still feels brand new. Includes a deeded boat slip and features granite in the kitchen & marble in the bathrooms. Kinetic water filtration system, and Generac whole-home generator!

\$449,900



**300 MIDYETTE STREET, B5
ORIENTAL, NC**

Beautifully maintained open-concept condo features hardwood floor, a cozy gas fireplace, & spacious kitchen w/granite countertops & center island. Community amenities include a swimming pool & grilling area. Owner will pay HOA fees & 2026 property taxes through year-end at closing.

\$389,000



**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!

\$1,925,000



**3465 JANIERO ROAD
ARAPAHOE, NC**

This beautifully updated coastal home offers 2BR, 2 flexible bonus spaces, and 2.5BA. Features quartz countertops, Merillat Classic soft-close cabinetry, restored wide-plank pine floors, and GE Profile WiFi appliances!

\$599,000



**427 BAY SHORES ROAD
MERRITT, NC**

A Private Coastal Retreat on 10.77 Acres. Features rich wood flooring, gas log fireplace, screened porch, first floor primary bedroom with an en-suite bath, stainless appliances, detached double garage with a finished upper level!

\$398,500

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