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Summer 2016 Edition

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Sweet Summertime

At the Museum of the Cape Fear

Whether you like to stay cool or enjoy the feeling of summer nights in the Cape Fear region, visit the Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex for a memorable summer!

Sweet Tea Shakespeare is back with their final performance of the summer, **“Measure for Measure,”** running July 14-17 and 21-24. Presented by Fayetteville State University, the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County, Paris & Potter Management, and the Museum of the Cape Fear, **“Measure for Measure”** is the Shakespearean tale of a trial of justice and mercy. Don't miss the unique experience of outdoor theater in our beautiful Poe House backyard! For more information visit sweetteashakespeare.com.

If you prefer to stay indoors, **“Parlor to Parlor: Funeral Traditions of the Cape Fear 1850-1950”** continues to intrigue visitors in our temporary exhibit gallery. Exhibit highlights include a collection of human hair wreaths and jewelry, a body removal basket, and rarely seen artifacts from the Poe family collection. The exhibit is free and runs through December 31.

Tours of the 1897 Poe House are also a great way to beat the heat! Our summer interns, Sierra Pittman and Erin Smith will be leading guided tours Tuesday through Friday at 11:00, 1:00, and 3:00. On Saturdays and Sundays tours are always on the hour and all tours are FREE!



Left: The cast of Sweet Tea Shakespeare's "Sense and Sensibility" perform in May 2016. Right: A death mask on exhibit in "Parlor to Parlor."



NC Civil War History Center Makes Its Case for Funding

BY MEGAN MAXWELL

The NC Civil War History Center fundraising campaign is moving right along. On June 14, History Center board members Mac Healy and Mary Lynn Bryan gave a convincing presentation to the Fayetteville City Council and Cumberland County Commissioners in a public meeting held at the Arts Council. Addressing the room packed with History Center supporters, Mr. Healy outlined the status of the fundraising project and requested a financial commitment of a combined 15 million from the City of Fayetteville and Cumberland County. Phase 1 of the capital campaign is complete and private donations of 5.8 million have been pledged locally. As a result, the local fundraising goal has been increased from 5 million to 7.5 million. The Board is now ready to move on to Phase 2 of fundraising another 7.5 million from statewide sources. The final phase will be securing 30 million from the State of North Carolina through the legislature, for a total cost of 65 million to complete the plans for the Center.

History Center supporters believe that completion of this project will increase cultural and heritage tourism to the area making the city of Fayetteville a destination stop. The NC Civil War History Center combined with two other existing attractions, the Airborne and Special Ops Museum and the Cape Fear Botanical Garden, would create a triad of top rated attractions leading to a significant economic impact for the city.

Also speaking in support of the Center were Dr. James Anderson, NCCWHC board member and Fayetteville State University Chancellor, who assured the room that the complete story of NC and all of its citizens would be told. Dr. Jim Leutze, NCCWHC Co-Chair and UNCW President Emeritus, spoke on the issue of telling the story of citizens from all 100 counties of NC and the ongoing work to collect those stories. Former Senator Tony Rand encouraged the City Council and County Commissioners to support the project stating, "If we let this opportunity slip away, we're committing ourselves to mediocrity for a long time to come."

Verbal support for the NC Civil War History Center was expressed by both the City Council and County Commissioner Marshall Faircloth. Both groups suggested that other projects and upcoming budget issues will factor in on the final decision regarding a commitment of funds.

NC Civil War History Center supporters gathered at a public meeting on June 14 to encourage financial support from the City Council and County Commission.



Please Consider Making a Donation!

Your donations make it possible for us to continue to offer quality educational programming and events. Become a member of the NC Civil War History Center or make a donation to the Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex Foundation, Inc. at PO Box 53693 Fayetteville, NC 28305. Your donations are tax deductible! Thank you!



The NC Civil War History Center is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

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Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Check enclosed made payable to NCCWHC: Amt: _____

Bill my Credit Card:

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Exp. Date: ___/___/___ MC___ VISA___ AMEX___ DISC. ___

Signature: _____

Billing Address: _____

What can I expect as a member?

- Quarterly newsletter
- Special mailings on events & programs
- Invitations to members-only events
- Special tours and programs
- The satisfaction of supporting quality educational programs and events, and preserving our history for future generations

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Membership Levels: (please check one)

- Sustainer\$1,000
- Benefactor\$500
- Family/Patron.....\$100
- Individual.....\$25

Corporate:

- Arsenal Park\$5,000
- Poe House\$2,500
- Ghost Tower\$1,000
- Museum/History Center.....\$500

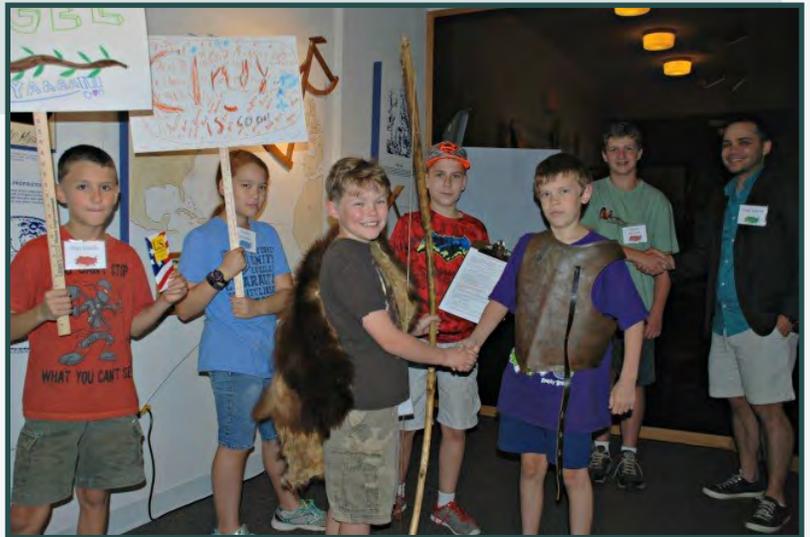
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



2016 Summer History Camp

Discovering America

This year's summer camp theme was "Discovering America in 2016." The camp was held June 20-24. 29 campers aged 9-12 enjoyed activities such as role playing as the first European settlers meeting the Native Americans, discovering our political system by campaigning and voting for camp president, learning about the 13 colonies, looking for native trees and learning about the life cycle of the long leaf pine, and exploring early communications with morse code and ham radio operators. The campers also voted on next year's camp theme, World War I.



Clockwise from Top: Campers pose as Europeans meeting the Natives; Trying out morse code on the radio; Blue Group working on their colonies map; Ranger Fields leads the group on a nature walk.



Clockwise from Top: The Red Group pauses for a pic; Secret Service Agent Hopel monitors the voting area; The Yellow Group works on their colonies map; The Green and Yellow Groups show off what they've learned; Evan Taylor casts his vote for Camp President; Learning the life cycle of the long leaf pine; Group pic on the final day.



September 10

10:00 until 5:00

The Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex Presents:

Festival of Yesteryear

A Celebration of Early America

Featuring

The Marquis de Lafayette
Tryon Palace
Fife & Drum Corp

Military Demonstrations

Colonial Militia

NC Highland
Regiment

Cannon Firing

Ongoing Activities
10:00-5:00 pm

Camp Flintlock
Apprentice Alley
Colonial Medicine
Wm. Rose: Profilist

More to Be
Announced Soon!

All FREE!



Mark Schneider as the Marquis de Lafayette

Activities take place in
Arsenal Park

Arsenal Ave./Myrover St.

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In partnership with NC's annual Lafayette Birthday Celebration honoring Revolutionary War hero Marquis de Lafayette. For more Lafayette events visit lafayettesociety.org



Changes Afoot for Hallowe'en Revels

October 26-28, 2016



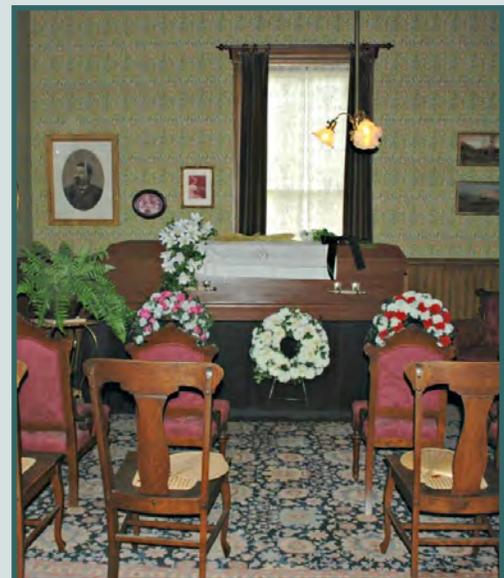
If you missed Hallowe'en Revels Night Tours last year because you thought you had seen it all, you missed out! Changes to the script including dramatic readings, acting out Hallowe'en customs, and the witches scene from Shakespeare's *Macbeth* all contributed to making it an amazing living history experience. We are excited to be working with the Gilbert Theater again, and this year we are mixing things up to keep the program fresh and new for our repeat Halloween visitors. In conjunction with the Museum of the Cape Fear's temporary exhibit, "Parlor to Parlor: Funeral Traditions of the Cape Fear 1850-1950" which runs through December 31, the 1897 Poe House will be dressed in mourning for the month of October. Part of the mourning set up includes a realistic coffin resting in the parlor, which would make it very difficult to decorate the house for a Hallowe'en party as we have done in the past. Instead, this year's play will guide our visitors through a timeline of scenes from the life of Dixie Poe Sutton, culminating in her untimely death from childbirth complications in 1913. But don't worry, the show will still include a bit of Hallowe'en mischief and some surprise elements!

Another major change are the dates for the night tours. Rather than running 4 nights on consecutive weekends, all

shows will take place over 3 nights the week of Halloween, October 26-28 from 6:00-9:00 pm. Tours remain about 20 minutes in length and run every 20 minutes with the last tour departing at 9:00 pm.

For those who have not attended before, this is not a traditional Poe House tour. Visitors will be transported back in time, witnessing a series of short vignettes while becoming immersed in Victorian cultural norms, music, and poetry through this scripted short play. This is a unique opportunity to experience historical theater in an actual historic home. Tickets are \$3 per person at the door, and children 6 and under are admitted free.

Top: Black rosettes adorn the front doors of the Poe House as a symbol of a house in mourning. Right: A coffin rests in the Poe House parlor.





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Museum Hours
Tuesday-Saturday 10-5
Sunday 1-5

1897 Poe House Tours
Tues-Fri 11:00, 1:00, 3:00
Saturday 10-5 on the hour
Sunday 1-5 on the hour

Museum Staff

David Reid
 Administrator

Leisa Greathouse
 Curator of Education

Megan Maxwell
 1897 Poe House
 Education Coordinator

Karen Wallace
 Administrative
 Assistant

Jim Frederickson
 Carpenter

Weekend Staff
 Louise White
 Ruth Aldridge
 Sarah Stubbs
 Angel Garcia

And more than 50
 volunteers

The Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex consists of a NC southeast regional history museum, the 1897 Poe House, and Arsenal Park. Two floors of exhibits present the rich history of southeastern North Carolina, from the Paleo-Indian period to the first decades of the 1900s in the Museum of the Cape Fear. The fully restored and furnished 1897 Poe House, home of E.A. Poe, a Fayetteville brick maker, offers a glimpse of early twentieth-century life and the changes that defined this era. Finally, Arsenal Park marks the site commissioned in 1838 by the federal government to manufacture and store arms. The arsenal was used by the Confederacy during the Civil War, and it was destroyed by Union troops under the command of General William T. Sherman in March of 1865. Admission to the Museum Complex is free.

Upcoming Events

August 28, 2016

The Business of Death:
 Rise of the Funeral Home
 2:00 pm

In conjunction with our current special exhibit, Parlor to Parlor: Funeral Traditions of the Cape Fear, 1850-1950, David Hall will give a presentation about how funerals went from taking place in the parlors of homes to the rise of the funeral parlor as a business. Mr. Hall taught for many years at Fayetteville Technical Community College in the funeral services department and now currently serves as a state inspector of funeral homes and crematories. Free.

September 10, 2016

Festival of
 Yesteryear: A
 Celebration of Early America
 10:00-5:00 pm



Focusing on the Colonial and Revolutionary War periods, this program features re-enactors demonstrating various aspects of daily life including colonial medicine, crime and punishment, music, toys and games, and militia drills. Living history groups include Camp Flintlock and the North Carolina Highland Regiment. Be sure to visit Apprentice Alley, where children can participate and learn a variety of trades through hands on crafts and activities. This event is held annually the Saturday after Labor Day and in partnership

with Fayetteville's Lafayette Birthday Celebration honoring Revolutionary War hero Marquis de Lafayette. For more on Lafayette's Birthday Celebration visit www.lafayettesociety.org Concessions will be available. FREE.

October 26-28, 2016

Hallowe'en Revels: Night

Tours of the 1897 Poe House
 6:00-9:00 pm

Actors with the Gilbert Theater portray members of the Poe household as they remember the life and death of Dixie Poe Sutton. These evening tours give visitors a chance to encounter customs and traditions from the past. Tours will run every 20 minutes and are limited to 20 people per tour. Intermission from 7:40-8:00 pm each night. Tickets are \$3 per person, children under 6 are FREE. Must be purchased at the door, no advance sales.

October 29, 2016

Poe House Trick-or-Treat
 11:00-4:00 pm

The annual Poe House Trick or Treat features a costume contest (\$1 entry fee), scavenger hunt, and traditional Halloween carnival games for the kids. Listen to a ghost story then look for **Poe's ravens in the 1897 Poe House**. Admission is FREE.

November 22-Jan 8, 2017

Christmas at the 1897 Poe House
 The Poe House Christmas décor can be viewed daily during regularly scheduled tours.

The Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex is part of the NC Department of Cultural Resources/Division of State History Museums.