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The mission of the Historic Bath Foundation is to encourage and promote the historic aspects of the Town of Bath.

WINTER 2012-2013

Presidents Message

Greetings from the Historic Bath Foundation! I hope that this newsletter finds you all well and looking forward to the holiday season. Your Board is continuing to work toward improving and saving the historic nature of Bath, but we cannot do it without your help and participation. Please consider maintaining your membership. In keeping with the recommendations from the Secretary of the Department of Cultural Resources, Linda Carlisle, all voting board members hereafter will be elected by the foundation membership for their regular term. Our by-laws were amended to reflect her recommendation at the general membership meeting in August, 2012. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Surry Everett
President/Chair

Foundation Activities and Accomplishments

Strategic Plan

The Foundation's strategic plan, which was established in 2011, is instrumental in sustaining the focus on goals and targets. Ongoing collaboration with the State Historic Site, BHSP, the Town of Bath, the Bath Business Alliance and other area organizations is essential in achieving our common goals. As we move forward, a synergistic framework should be developed with all Bath area organizations to optimize mutual goal achievement by the sharing of resources, personnel and fund raising opportunities. Review the details of the 2012 accomplishments in the accompanying sections of this newsletter.

– Director Jerry Waters

Collaboration/Successful Outcomes

HBF has been busy collaborating with other groups supporting the Bath area.

HBF board of directors worked tirelessly in support of and assisting with the GoldenLEAF application for Bath High School Preservation and the Town of Bath. They were both awarded \$250,000 for their projects which will be a big benefit to Historic Bath.



HBF volunteers assisted the Bath Business Alliance and the Washington-Beaufort County Chamber of Commerce with the Annual "Paddle Bath" event. This event showcases Bath from the water, as paddlers in kayaks and canoes traveled to spots on Bath Creek. HBF volunteers greeted paddlers and staffed stops.

HBF volunteers are also involved with Senator Stan White's efforts to secure a sign on Highway 17 directing motorists towards Bath as a unique travel destination. The concept has been approved by the DOT committee, and funding is being sought. And just this fall we made financial arrangements with the Washington Tourism Development Authority to include directions to Bath, as well as Washington, on two billboards that will go up in December on Highway 17.

– Director Betsy Boxer

Financial Report

The Historic Bath Foundation Inc. has had the best financial year since 2008. Income from memberships, fundraising events, and investment income will exceed \$36,000 in 2012. Unrestricted assets have grown from \$80,000 to \$100,000. Restricted assets for the Museum and one other project remain at \$127,098.35. If you would like to make a tax deductible donation in 2012, please mail your donation to PO Box 238, Bath, NC 27808 or go to our website at HistoricBath.com to pay electronically.

– Director Mariann McQueen



Small Grants

The Historic Bath Foundation, Inc. was organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes to serve the Bath area. Limited grants are offered by the Foundation to qualified applicants to assist in preserving, restoring and developing the historical culture of Bath. Program guidelines and applications will be made available for pick-up beginning February 1, 2013 at the Historic Bath Visitor Center or on-line at www.historicbath.com

Grant Projects

Lawson Walk - recreational components installed



Glebe House – exterior restoration underway



Bonner House Garden – reaching completion



Committee and Special Events News

Introduction of New Director

Jim Clement is a resident of Greenville and part-time resident of Bath since 1982. He is interested in serving on the board of directors because he wants to see the historic value of Bath preserved for many generations to come. He feels this is the primary purpose of the foundation. He is interested in serving on committees and possibly as an officer. He brings much experience related to accounting, financial and endowment planning, public relations, advertising and strategic planning. He has served on several non-profit organizations including being the President of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Pitt County, Treasurer of the Greenville Museum of Art, Current Board Member of East Carolina Vocational Center, and Boy Scouts of America.

Special Events

The first Reverse Raffle held on July 26, 2012, was a big success. Over \$10,800 was raised at this event with all of the tickets sold prior to the event. The raffle itself was exciting and fun. Special thanks goes to the Bath Volunteer Fire Department for their help and support. We would also like to thank the following sponsors who donated prizes: Old Towne Country Kitchen, Billy Byrd Nationwide Insurance, Wine and Word, and Steve and Sheri Griffin.

Historic Bath Awards Ceremony - January 26th, 2013

The Historic Bath Foundation is planning our 3rd annual Awards Ceremony to be held January 26, 2013 in Historic Bath. The continued mission of the Foundation is to encourage and promote the historic aspects of the Town of Bath. This ceremony is a time to bring our current members together while honoring those who have made notable contributions to our Town.

The foundation was founded in September, 2000 by a group of people who recognized Bath's unique and rich blend of history, legend and land. We are excited to honor that group of founding members at this year's Awards Ceremony...an event you won't want to miss!

- Director Robin Boyd

Long-term Planning

HBF Museum Committee

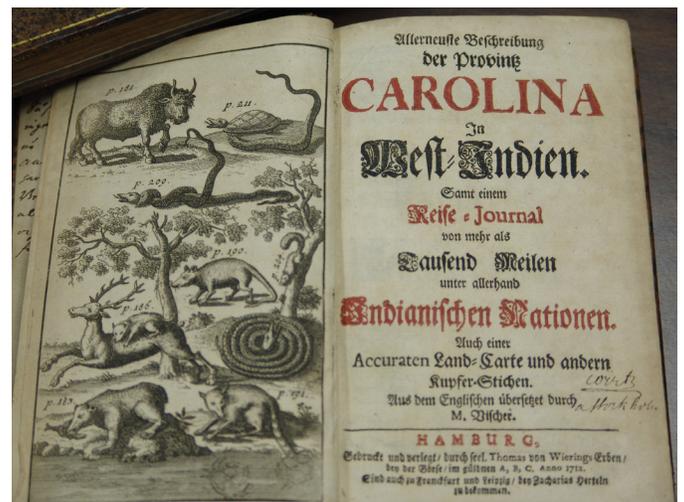
The foundation board has agreed in principle to joining with Bath High School Preservation in creating a gallery of history and art in the former high school as the first step toward a permanent museum in Bath. The gallery would be in the connector/hallway between the school auditorium and the former cafeteria, which is to be the new home for the Bath Community Library. The gallery would provide space for some permanent history exhibits and for revolving art displays such as photographs of Pamlico wildlife.

The Eddie and Jo Allison Smith Family Foundation and Grady White Boats are jointly contributing \$40,000, specifically for the gallery, in addition to contributing to the library.

Meanwhile, the HBF museum committee has continued compiling lists of possible gallery and museum displays from Bath area private collections. Among the artifacts that are available for display are artifacts from sunken Union and Confederate ships in the Pamlico and collections of North Carolina currency from the colonial and Civil War eras.

- Director Gene Roberts

Artifacts being accepted.



John Lawson's A Voyage to Carolina. 1st Edition English and German Editions.

The membership committee continues to work towards implementing our marketing plan, being more visible in the community, and keeping members up to date. We need you to help us help Bath. Please pass along the HBF newsletter to a friend and encourage them to join our efforts to preserve and promote Historic Bath.

- Director Karen Sayer

Community News

Bath Lions Club



The Bath Lions Club was chartered on May 24, 1950. The Lions Club is the World's Largest Service Club organization with a total membership of 1.35 million members worldwide. The primary goal of the Lions Club is to help the visually impaired in our community and worldwide.

The Bath Lions Club is a group of men and women who are interested in doing volunteer work to improve our community. While our main goal is helping visually impaired citizens with their needs physically or financially, we do other projects that are beneficial for everyone in the community. One of the best received in the community is the Vision Van. The Vision Van travels to our local area to offer free eye exams to people who otherwise may not be able to afford this service. Serious eye problems and diseases have been diagnosed early to prevent blindness. Our members participate in the Meals on Wheels program by delivering meals to people in our community. Ever year we donate to the Blind Center in Washington, monetarily and by purchasing the majority of our bingo prizes from the center. We collect eyeglasses to help people who can't afford to purchase new eye wear. You can always see us at Bath Fest selling our well known brooms to help our cause. Our main fund raiser is BINGO which we hold yearly in October.

Our club meets on the 3rd Tuesday at the Bath United Methodist Church at 6:30 P.M. Come and energize your life and have fun while making an impact on people's lives in our community. If you need a new broom or are interested in joining, please call Ken Lumsden @ 944-5462 or 943-8023.



Bath Community EMS

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P.O. Box 176
Bath, NC 27808

As members of Bath Community EMS we are grateful to serve our friends and neighbors. Bath Community EMS is one of only three volunteer rescue squads left in Beaufort County. We do not charge for these services. We are always looking for more certified Emergency Medical Technicians or Emergency Medical Responders to join us in serving our community. If you are interested in becoming an EMT and volunteering for our squad please contact Jean Hoagland (252) 402-9326 or Tammy Howard (252) 944-5712. We wish everyone a healthy and safe holiday season!!

Bath Volunteer Fire Department

Introduction

The Bath Volunteer Fire Department's mission is to protect the residents, visitors and property of the Bath Fire District. The district is approximately a 6-mile radius from the center of town. We also support other Beaufort County fire departments in a mutual aid capacity and with our Water Search and Rescue capabilities.

We currently have 33 members, 3 are Junior Firefighters and 1 is female and length of service ranges from 2 month to over 40 years. 5 members reside within the Town, 1 in the ETJ and 27 outside the ETJ

We have training every week, special weekend trainings and monthly business meetings. Areas of training include: equipment use, driving, live burns, boat operation, East Care helicopter support, LP propane fires, and many other areas.

Equipment

We have 4 fire trucks, a boat and a pickup truck used to tow the boat. Our newest vehicle, a 2011 Kenworth Hackney equipment truck, has our car accident extrication tools along with extensive support equipment. We spent a lot of time designing this truck and the size and organization will serve us for many years. In addition, we have up-to-date personal safety equipment (turnout gear, breathing air packs, radios/pagers) and support equipment (generators, lights, fans, accident tools, ...)

Funding

Our funding comes from the Northside Fire Tax, from the Town of Bath, donations and fundraisers. Our next fund raising event is May 19, 2013, 11am - 1pm.

Garden Club

The Bath Garden Club meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at the Bath Christian Church fellowship hall at 10am Visitors and guests are welcome. The January 14 meeting includes a lecture on "Plants Used in Native Ritual & Practice" by Sonja Christiansen and the topic for March is "Dyeing with Plants" by Bea Latham.

Members of the Garden Club just completed the design and landscaping of the welcome sign in front of the visitor's center. The ballast rock around the sign are arranged in the shape of the hull of a sailing vessel.

Two anchors, donated by the Beaufort Maritime Museum, are on display.

The HBGC continues to maintain the garden around the Marker and members are busy at Christmas making wreaths and decorating the historic homes for the Open House.

Messages from.... HBF Ex-Officio Directors

The Town of Bath has finally received all necessary approvals for the wastewater upgrades. The contracts, loan papers and grant papers have been signed and hopefully, within the next 3-4 weeks, we should begin to see signs of progress. This has been a long process, but the Town feels we are on the right road to begin moving forward. *Mayor of Bath, James G. Latham*

All of us at the Historic Bath Commission wish you a safe, happy and joyous Holiday Season. Speaking of the holiday season, please remember to come visit the State Historic Site which will be decorated in period, original décor and take one of our tours. While there, please visit our gift shop, and purchase some of the many items available. You will be pleased with selections for all ages and interest, and it is a great way to support the many programs of the Commission. 2013 will bring many challenges to the Commission, and once again, we are depending on the Foundation to help support these needs, as they have always done. With the change in our state political leadership, we are anticipating some changes which could affect us to some degree, and we are preparing to begin an awareness process of the historical significance Bath ensures to our region, State and Nation to these new leaders. While this will require much time and effort, we will do our best to accomplish this worthy task. Thank you. *W. W. Pruitt, Jr., Chairman, Historic Bath Commission*

Looking back on 2012 at Historic Bath brings many good things to mind – programs such as the 50th anniversary celebration on May 5th and the new Christmas candlelight tour, as well as the wonderful gift of 1st edition Lawson books and engravings of American Indians from Gene and Susan Roberts. Find upcoming events in this newsletter – come join us for fun and often free activities right here in your community – movies, lectures and more! You can also support us by “liking” the Historic Bath Site Facebook page and following events there; you will know us by the Palmer-Marsh House profile picture. Help make 2013 a successful year at Historic Bath! *Leigh Swain, Manager, Historic Bath State Historic Site*

Bath High School Preservation (BHSP) has been busy. Our Fund Raising Committee has had several significant very successful fund raisers: a 5k run, a yard sale, and a raffle, to name a few. Our Grant Committee has secured funding to complete the Library Project. Our membership committee has steadily increased our support base. Our Building Committee has overseen the completion of the South Wing roof, and begun architectural work for the library and adjoining corridor. We hope to have this work completed by the end of next year.

Significant monetary contributions have been made by many, including The Golden LEAF Foundation, The Josephus Daniels Charitable Fund, The Marion Stedman Covington Foundation, The Historic Bath Foundation, The Jonathan Havens Foundation, Grady White Boats, and The Eddie & Jo Allison Smith Family Foundation, as well as individual donors who wish to remain anonymous. With the recent Grady White Boats - Smith Foundation donation we hope to further develop the adjoining corridor into a gallery display area. BHSP sincerely thanks those named above, and the many others who have donated money and time to help preserve the Bath High School. *President BHSP, Jimmy Edwards*

Calendar of Events

DECEMBER

December 23 – Bath Christian Church Christmas Cantata, 10am

JANUARY

January - December – *Our Golden Anniversary: Historic Bath State Historic Site*. This year-long exhibit will highlight Historic Bath's 50 years as a state historic site. Free. Visitor Center, 207 Carteret St.

January 17th – Historical Film Series *Mansfield Park*. (1999 PG-13 112 minutes). Free. Visitor Center, 207 Carteret Street, 7 pm

January 26th – Historic Bath Foundation Annual Award Ceremony, location to be announced, 6pm

FEBRUARY

February 1st – Historic Bath Foundation small grant applications available and may be found on-line at www.historicbath.com or at the Historic Bath Visitor Center

February 2nd – Lecture *Thomas Day, Cabinet Maker: Man in the Middle*. Laurel C. Sneed, film-maker, educator, and researcher, will lecture about Thomas Day, African-American artisan and businessman, (1801-1861) who had the largest furniture business in the state during the height of slavery. Free. Visitor Center, 207 Carteret Street, 10 am

February 21st – Historical Film Series *Red Tails* (2012 PG-13 125 minutes). Free, refreshments served. Visitor Center, 207 Carteret Street, 7 pm

MARCH

March 11th – Historic Bath Garden Club lecture: Dyeing with Plants, Bath Christian Church fellowship hall. 1000am

March 20th – Deadline for submitting Historic Bath Foundation small grants application

March 21st – Historical Film Series *The Iron Lady* (2011 PG-13 105 minutes). Free, refreshments served. Visitor Center, 207 Carteret Street, 7 pm

March 29th – Historic Bath Foundation quarterly board meeting – Bath Town Hall, 3-5pm

APRIL

April 18th – Historical Film Series *The Sound of Music* (1965 PG 174 minutes). Free, refreshments served. Visitor Center, 207 Carteret Street, 7 pm

April 27th – Lecture/Workshop *Preserving Family History Through Gravestone Preservation*. Bea Latham will present information on different styles of gravestones and the information they hold. Free. Visitor Center, 207 Carteret St., 10am.

MAY

May 18 – *Bath Fest*. This year's town-sponsored arts festival will have a patriotic theme and will feature arts and crafts vendors, music and theatrical performances, food booths, hands-on arts and craft activities for children. Free, scheduled tours of the Palmer-Marsh and Bonner Houses will be offered during the day. Free of charge. 11 am – 4 pm. For more information, call 252-923-3971.

May 18 – Annual Cut-throat Croquet Tournament. Join the Beaufort County Community College Foundation as a participant or spectator as it sponsors the tenth annual Cut-throat Croquet Tournament. Charge for players, free for spectators. 11 am – 5 pm. For more information, call 252-923-3971.

May 19th – Bath Fire Department annual chicken barbeque fund raising event, 11 - 1pm.

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would be the backdrop for this drama? Where else
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