

southport historical society

Whittler's Bench Summer 2020



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Bob's Briefing



This year the Society is participating in the Southport/Oak Island Chamber of Commerce's virtual North Carolina Fourth of July Celebration with a video of the 1921 Fourth of July Celebration, which features photographs by a young soldier stationed at Fort Caswell. The photos were donated to the Society by his son, Arthur Ferguson, from Carthage, North Carolina.

To celebrate 2020 as the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment and Women's Right to Vote the Society is also

staging a virtual video parade of suffragists. Several society members, including yours truly, will portray historical Southport characters, giving their views of women's right to vote in 1920. I will be using my dubious acting skills to portray J.W. Ruark, who was the mayor of Southport in 1920.

Helping Liz Fuller and Lisa Anderson plan the Women's Rights video caused me to think about my lifelong hero: Mrs. Charles R. Struble. Mrs. Struble, as she was known to anyone and everyone outside of our family, was my grandmother. I cannot answer the question as to whether she was a suffragist. However, I can tell you what I know about her and you can then help me answer the question.

Grandma Struble was born in 1884 and died in 1983. She was the youngest child of Aaron and Ann Gay, who immigrated in 1881 to the United States from Bristol, England. Aaron and Ann were both in their forties when they arrived in Scranton, Pennsylvania. My grandmother, Beatrice, was their only child to be born here in the United States. My great grandfather, Aaron, worked in the anthracite (hard) coal mines as a "shaft sinker" meaning that he dug the air shafts and the shafts that carried the miners down as deep as 1,500 feet or more into the earth.

In 1910, my grandmother married Charles R. Struble. Charles was an automobile mechanic and chauffeur. My mother, Lois, was born in 1911 and my Aunt Esther was born in 1916. In 1926, when my mother was fourteen years old, tragedy struck the family when Charles died from injuries suffered in an accident involving a runaway wagon. My grandmother never remarried and until her death at age 99 in 1983, she presented herself as Mrs. Charles R. Struble. In effect, she was a single mother for nearly 60 years.

Unlike many other women, Grandma Struble, had a trade. Overtime she gained a fine reputation as the milliner at the Globe Store, which was the major department store in Scranton. By the 1930s and through the mid-1960s, society ladies seeking new hats had to make an appointment if they wanted Mrs. Struble to design and make their new hat.

In addition to working and raising two children, Grandma was the caregiver for my great grandmother, Ann, who was blind. Fortunately, after clearing some debt, she was able to keep her family home. Shortly after, she had the house divided into two apartments. She lived with her daughters and her mother in the upstairs apartment. She then rented the downstairs. She also maintained four apartments (flats), which she had inherited from her parents.

Was she successful? Well, I believe her success is best reflected through her children. I once asked my mother how they lived during the Great Depression. She told me that she did not remember her daily life noticeably changing. She also said she and her sister never knew the hardships that so many other working families suffered. My grandmother was always proud that both of her daughters graduated from the Lackawanna Business School, which is now Lackawanna College. Each daughter graduated in the midst of the depression, my mother in 1931 and my aunt in 1936.

My grandmother will always be my hero. As only a misbehaving grandson can attest, she was very tough and very determined. Can you even imagine trying to tell the woman in this picture that she wasn't capable enough to be granted the vote? However, that right was denied her until she was 36 years old. Thinking of my grandmother's struggles and triumphs makes me truly sad that there are still reports that voting rights are being denied to Americans, who are just as tough, determined and capable as my grandmother.

So, was Mrs. Charles R. Struble a suffragist? Rather than trying to guess, let's agree that, regardless of whether she was called a suffragist, she most certainly was a suffragist in spirit!

Take care and be safe.

Bob Surridge, President



Mrs. Charles R. Struble

Be sure to watch **Parades of the Past: Looking Back at the 1921 Southport 4th of July Parade**

Starring **Bob Surridge**. July 4th 4 pm @nc4thofJulyfestival or on www.nc4thofjuly.com. Video presentation based on the photo collection of Sgt. Arthur "Red" Ferguson, donated to the Southport Historical Society by his son, Arthur "Happy" Ferguson.



SHS Upcoming Events

All events are Free, Online, Open to All. Registration is Required.

Contact info@southporthistoricalsociety.org to register.

- [Southport's Colorful History](#). Hear stories behind iconic Southport landmarks based on [Color Me Southport!](#) designed and illustrated by Patt Carney. Wednesdays at 1 pm.
- [Southport Storyteller](#) with Mike Royal, "*Introduction of the Series*" Monday, July 13, 7 pm No registration required. Facebook live: @southporthistoricalsociety
- [Second Tuesday Talk](#) with Desiree Bridge, "*Medical Plant Lore of Early America*" Ever wonder what people used to use for medical treatment before modern medicine came about? Learn what humble plants you have in your neighborhood that were once regarded as the most powerful drugs available. July 14th @ 10:30 am - 11:30 am.
- [Southport Storyteller](#) with Mike Royal, "*Memories of the Moon Landing*" Monday, July 20, 7 pm No registration required. Facebook live: @southporthistoricalsociety
- [Armchair History Class](#) with Liz Fuller, "*WW1 on the Lower Cape Fear*" Hear the story behind the legendary "uboat gas attack" on Bald Head Island. Tuesday, July 28, 1 pm – 2:30 pm.
- [Second Tuesday Talk](#) with Tommy Harrelson, "*Southport's Art Newton*" August 11th @ 10:30 am - 11:30 am.
- [Southport Storyteller](#) with Mike Royal, "*Ramblings of an Old Clam Digger*", Monday, August 27, 7 pm No registration required. Facebook live: @southporthistoricalsociety
- [Armchair History Class](#) with Liz Fuller, "*Southport and the Women's Right to Vote*" Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Ratification of the 19th Amendment! Tuesday, August 18, 1 pm – 2:30 pm.
- [Second Tuesday Talk](#) with Scott Len "*CCC Camp Sapona*" September 8th @ 10:30 am - 11:30 am.
- [Armchair History Class](#) with Liz Fuller, "*Dunbar Davis and the 1893 Sea Island Hurricane*" Tuesday, September 15, 1 pm – 2:30 pm.
- [Southport Storyteller](#) with Mike Royal, "*One Fall Morning*", Monday, September 21, 7 pm No registration required. Facebook live: @southporthistoricalsociety

The following in-person meeting location is subject to change due to government guidelines:

[SHS General Membership Meeting](#) September 24 @ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Southport Community Building. No Registration, Open to All

DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY, THE SOCIETY IS NOT PLANING TO REOPEN THE BRUNSWICK COUNTY OLD JAIL MUSEUM OR OFFER THE CHRISTMAS HOME TOUR THIS YEAR. WE WILL CONTINUE EVALUATING THE SITUATION WITH THE EXPECTATION OF REOPENING THE OLD JAIL AND RESUMING THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HOME TOUR IN 2021.

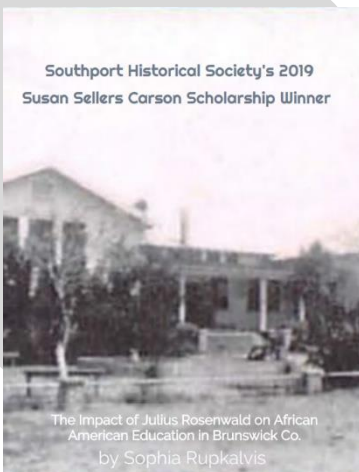
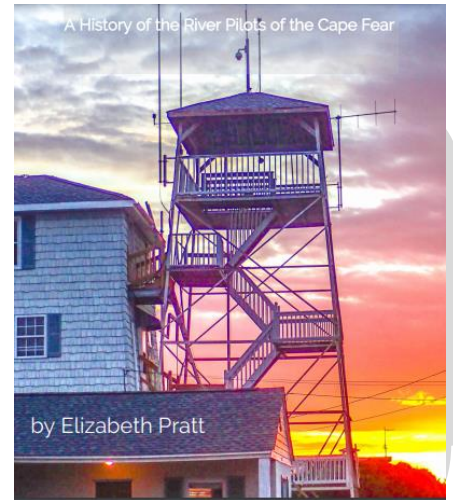
2020 Susan Sellers Carson Scholarship Winner

The Susan Sellers Carson scholarship was established in 2003. It was named in honor of Miss Susie Carson, co-founder of the Southport Historical Society (SHS). For more than forty years, members of the SHS have worked to collect, preserve, and share the history of Southport. The SHS created this scholarship out of a belief that an understanding of the past is the best foundation for building the future. Since 2003, the Southport Historical Society has awarded \$30,000 in scholarship funds. This award is given annually to a graduating South Brunswick High School senior based on the merits of an original essay



Elizabeth Pratt, 2020 Scholarship Recipient

Elizabeth Pratt is the recipient of the 2020 Susan Sellers Carson Scholarship. She will attend Messiah College in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania where she will major in Applied Health with a Pre-Health Professions Concentration. She will receive \$2000 over the course of her first two years of study. Her essay was titled [A History of the River Pilots of the Cape Fear](#). Click the cover page photo to download a commemorative copy of her essay.



2019 Scholar winner, Sophia Rupkalvis recently completed her first year of study at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill where she is studying mathematics, secondary education. She will receive the second half of her Susie Carson Scholarship award to help fund her Sophomore year of study.



Sophia Rupkalvis, 2019 Scholarship Recipient

Sophia's winning essay was on the [The Impact of Julius Rosenwald on African American Education in Brunswick County](#). Click the cover page photo to download a commemorative copy of her essay.

All scholarship applicants receive a complementary membership to the Southport Historical Society for the course of their education.

100th Birthday of Miss Susie Carson!!! By Pat Kirkman

MAY 25 was the 100th anniversary of the birth date of Southport's best-known historian, SUSIE SELLERS CARSON. Born in Supply in 1920 Susie's parents, Ledrew and Lelia Jane Sellers, moved to Southport when she was a year old where she remained most of her 88 years.

She married Robert Carson during the WWII years and had a daughter, Kathryn. Pursuing a career as a legal secretary for many years, she also had a passion for local history which endeared her to so many and made her "famous" in that field.

Susie was co-founder of the Southport Historical Society in 1976 and a staunch supporter whose legacy lives on through her books and columns. Even though she's been gone almost 12 years (September 1, 2008), she is still thought of, referenced, and missed every day. Known as "Miss Susie" to those of us who sat in her classrooms and living room she was a friend and mentor whom we are privileged to remember on her 100th birthday!



Susie kept files, notes and clippings on everything pertaining to Southport and the surrounding area. Her home was a virtual treasure trove of information and she was seemingly on call to answer questions 24/7.



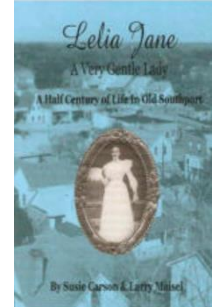
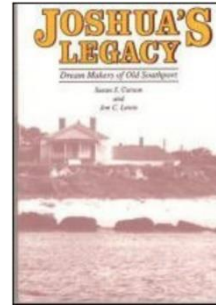
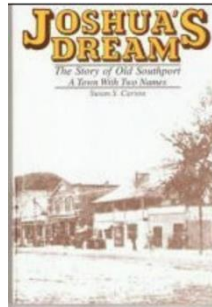
She once gave me permission to publish this 1940's photo of her giving a salute to those away in the service and I think she'd be tickled to see it again on her 100th birthday.



Susie and her daughter, Kathryn



Miss Susie was given an honorary degree from Brunswick Community College In 2005 after she had been teaching local history classes there for many years. She was pleased to be called "Professor Susie" too. We were all so proud of her.



Susie wrote three books that are available on our website. [Joshua's Dream](#), a history of Smithville/Southport was published in 1992. Her second book, [Joshua's Legacy](#), was written with contributions from many of her followers. It tells the stories of those who made "history" in Southport. [Leila Jane](#) is a little treasure. It's Susie's most personal book as she wrote about her family and life in Southport.

1 Miss Susie receiving her honorary degree

*Rest in Peace and
enjoy heaven, Miss
Susie!*



Southport's Northwood Cemetery

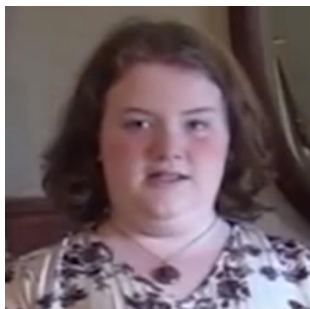
NC 4th of July Virtual Celebration



Be sure to check out the premiere of the Southport Historical Society's new video in honor of the NC 2020 4th of July Celebration. July 4th 6 pm @nc4thofJulyfestival or on www.nc4thofjuly.com

We will be telling the story of **Southport Women and the Right to Vote.**

Society members and local residents will be participating in the video. We're especially pleased to be introducing two new historical character performers in our video.



Evelyn Lee

Evelyn Lee, 14, 8th grade student at St. Mary's Catholic School in Wilmington, will be portraying her great-great-grandmother, Anna Miller Davis, the first woman in all of Brunswick County to register to vote.

Syrianah Reyna, 14, 8th grade student at Cedar Grove Middle School will be portraying Anna Clemons, a Southport woman who worked to get voting rights for African Americans.



Syrianah Reyna

Additional character portrayals by society members will be: (in order of appearance)

Pat Kirkman
portraying
Miss Kate
Stuart.



Lisa Anderson
portraying
Miss Kate Stuart.



Bob Surridge
portraying
Mayor Ruark.



Claire McNaught portraying
Miss Florence Price.

The video, written and narrated by Liz Fuller, will end with a virtual parade in support of the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment granting U.S. women the right to vote.



Music performed by Cindy Sellers.

Does this look like fun? Would you like to participate in historic character portrayals? Just contact us!
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Memories of the Wonder Years by Kathy Joyner Maland

Fourth of July 1967

Having moved to Southport with my family in 1963, I was well aware what the Fourth of July Festivities meant to the people of Southport. Art and antique shows, parades, Jaycee boat raffles and, of course, the FIREWORKS.

In 1967, however, a new event was added – the Miss Fourth of July pageant.

Since I was away at school when the planning sessions for the Fourth were taking place that year, I was in for a BIG surprise when I got home (we lived in the Garrison House from 1963 to 1968 since my Dad, Col. A.B. Joyner, was the Commanding Officer at Sunny Point at that time). My mother casually informed me that she told the Fourth of July Committee I would be a contestant in the Miss Fourth of July beauty pageant. REALLY? That sentence was a complete shocker and I did protest since I had never really thought of myself as a beauty queen. And I was squeamish at the thought of getting up on stage in the high school auditorium in front of everyone in town wearing a bathing suit (with 3-inch high heels, no less). My Mom reminded me it was my duty to support the town I called home and she encouragingly said, "it will be fun", so I agreed. Later that same day I learned from a few of my friends (some of whom had been away at college, like me) had come home to learn their mothers had volunteered them too. I am smiling now. Maybe this will be fun.



Kathy Joyner Maland, Miss 4th of July 1967



Miss 4th of July Float

So, on July 1st, in a packed auditorium at the still standing Southport High School, ten local girls vied for the title of the first Miss Fourth of July. It must have been 90 degrees in the dressing rooms and with 5 girls in each room, it was quite the scene. Two Tommy's, as I called them at the time, (Tommy Spencer and Tommy Gilbert) were dressed up like pirates (I guess their Mom's must have volunteered them too) to stand on either side of a very large treasure chest into which each contestant would "hide" until the Two Tommy's opened the top to unveil the "Treasures of Bonnet's Cove" which was that year's title theme of the pageant. We had drawn number to determine who would walk on stage when and to my dismay, I drew #1. Try as I might, not one of the other contestants would trade numbers with me. I did realize later, however, being #1 had its benefits. I did not have to crawl on my hands and knees behind the stage curtain and into the backless Treasure Chest. I could just step in and when the curtain went up, I could just arise from the chest when the lid was lifted. Contestants 2 through 10, however, were the remaining girls who had to crawl into the chest and arose with very dirty knees.

At any rate, the evening went on without a hitch. We made it through the swimsuit and even gown categories of the pageant and then it came to the question each of us would answer while the others were backstage. The question was, "What is your favorite activity during the Fourth of July Festivities in Southport?" For a split second I drew a complete blank --- but with 30 some US Naval Academy Midshipmen sitting in the first few rows behind the Judges, my answer came quickly, "the Midshipmen's Ball, of course". The Arts Show, Parade, Boat Raffle by the Jaycees, Fireworks, etc. were all covered in detail by the other contestants when it was their turn to answer the same question. And then it was time to announce Miss Fourth of July. To my surprise (and delight when I recovered myself), my name was called.



Crowning Moment

A whirlwind of "duties" as the newly-crowned Queen followed – dinners, appearances, riding a beautiful float with the other contestants in the Parade on the Fourth and assisting Miss North Carolina select the Boat Raffle Winner at the Whittler's Bench right before the Fireworks began kept me busy.

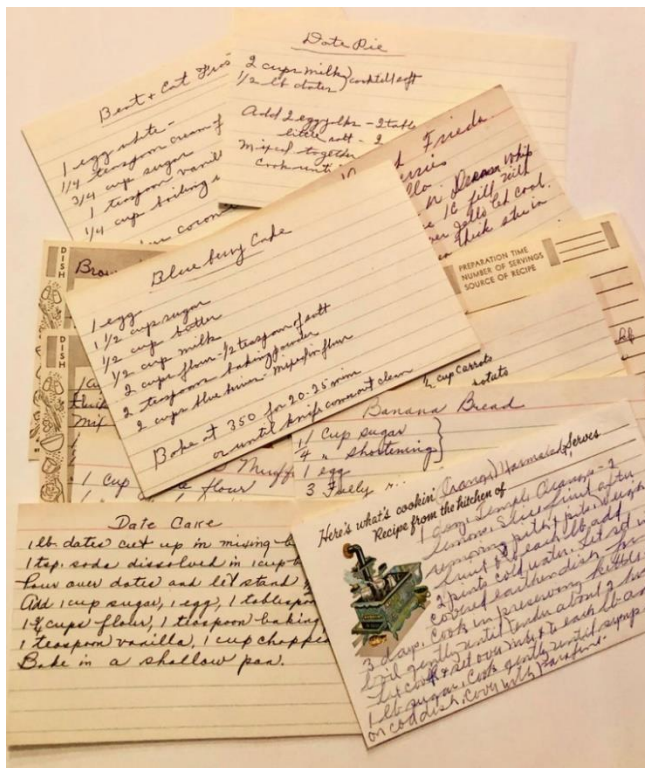
Throughout the next year I was thrilled and honored to represent our town at pageants, parades and even had the chance to meet a water ski team from Florida who passed through Southport while skiing the Intracoastal Waterway all the way to the Expo in Montreal, Canada that summer.

And in July 1968, I retired as Miss Fourth of July when I crowned Miss Helen Faulk.



Southport Beauty Queens

Send us your Recipes! We're making a cookbook!



Southport Historical Society is well-known for its decades of delicious potlucks. We know there are a lot of great cooks out there!

Since we can't gather together to share a potluck, we're hoping to make a Potluck Cookbook. Share any recipes that you and your family have enjoyed and like to share. If you want to share a short story or a reason why this recipe is popular with your family – even better!! Just think how fascinating it will be to future historians 50 or 100 years from now!!

Our goal is to publish the recipes in a cookbook this fall in time for holiday gift giving. We can't hold our normal fundraising event this year, so we're hoping this will be a helpful fund raiser for the society.

Send your recipes, photos and family stories to info@southporthistoricalsociety.org.

The Bald Head Moon Landing by Mike Royal



Mike Royal

On July 20, 1969 I was on Bald Head Island. In those days Bald Head was an unpopulated and undeveloped paradise for a playful 13-year-old kid. I had the fortune of being invited for a fun summer vacation by the Stiller family, Mr. Stiller (Skippy), Bonner (Skipper), Stephanie, Tim and Jeff. It was a chance to stay in one of the three light keeper houses still standing on the island. In fact, the house we stayed in was the same home that my Grandfather, Charlie Swan, had grown up in. His father, Captain Charles Norton Swan, was serving as the Lighthouse Keeper for the Cape Fear Light.

The houses were primitive, no running water and kerosene lanterns. If we fired up the gas-powered generator then we could have light from the single bulb light fixtures. They hung from the ceiling in the rooms and would pulsate with each ebb and flow of the generator engine. To any kid that loved the outdoors and the chance for adventure, Bald Head Island was a perfect place. Surely it was amazing and as I remember it, a place that felt enchanted and gave you a warm feeling as if you were tied to its past.

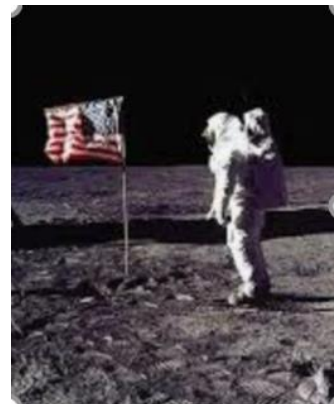
This trip just happened to converge with U.S. Army maneuvers on Bald Head Island. The Army used the island for training at various times in those days. This particular training was Green Beret survival training. These men had parachuted in and had some equipment dropped in by parachute as well. They were monitored by their command, which had set up headquarters in one of the three abandoned Light Keeper houses. The command Sergeant had taken a liking to us kids and was showing us around and pointing out camps as we drove around in his jeep. The various camps were indistinguishable from the regular foliage as we rode past them. They were designed to be hidden. We would not even realize we were passing a camp unless the Sergeant told us. These soldiers had to survive on their training alone. No food and no water is provided. In fact, one soldier gave me a little bottle of pills that could be dropped into risky water and would sterilize it making it fit for drinking. We were all amazed and in awe at their ingenuity. One soldier had fashioned a fish hook out of some material he found and had caught a large Drum fish. But, the most amazing part was yet to come.



On one of our trips back to the Green Beret headquarters house Sarge invited us kids into the house/headquarters. When we walked in, several men were gathered around a little black and white TV set. It was battery operated. This is 1969, I don't think my parents even had a color TV then, but a battery operated one was new to me. I had never seen or heard of one. We joined the men gathered around the TV set just in time to see Neil Armstrong step off the lunar module and quote those famous words "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind". I still get chills down my back when I remember the moment.



Light Keeper Cottages, BHI submitted by Debbie Mollycheck



Hear more of Mike's stories about growing up in Southport in our new Facebook Live Series "Southport's Storyteller". Mike will be telling stories each month on the third Monday of every month, at 7:00 pm. No registration required. [@southporthistoricalsociety](https://www.facebook.com/southporthistoricalsociety)

Discover Southport History!!

The Southport Historical Society has been working hard to provide classes and presentations to keep our community entertained and connected while we can't get together in person. Many of our programs have been recorded, and can be viewed to fit your schedule. Follow the links to watch, or to watch again!

We are grateful to all of presenters from the Southport community. Because our programs are virtual, we've even been joined by former residents who have moved out of Southport. Presenters include Desiree Bridge, Stuart Callari, Charles Christianson, Nancy Christianson, Becky Felton, Paul Fisher, Juli Ghiselin, Travis Gilbert, Joyce Grazetti, Tommy Harrelson, Kathryn Hufham, Shirley Johnston, Donnie Joyner, Pat Kirkman, Joe Loughlin, Kathy Joyner Maland, Debbie Mollycheck, Alexander Patterson, Bruce Pennington, Chuck Pollock, Mary Ellen Poole, Mike Powell, Linda Pukenis, Rick Pukenis, David Ratcliffe, Mike Royal, Sandy Spencer and Maria Swenson.



Alexander Patterson, South Brunswick High

We're particularly pleased to have Alex Patterson join us as a presenter. Alex participated in the tour of the Garrison presentation, discussing C.C. Morse and the Blockade Runners of the Civil War.

Alex is a student at South Brunswick County High School. He wrote, narrated, and produced a documentary "Blockade Runners of the Cape Fear". Alex placed first in the individual category at the Southeast Regional National History Day competition.

Alex gave us permission to show his documentary on our facebook page. We hope to make it a part of our blockade runner exhibit when we are able to re-open the Garrison. You can view Alex's video [here](#).

Armchair History with Liz Fuller

[Southport and the War to End all Wars](#)

Southport's population doubled overnight in 1917 when more than 1000 troops-in-training were sent to Ft. Caswell. Learn how the town adapted, and even thrived, in their sudden new role as a military support town.

[Southport and the 1918 Flu Pandemic](#)

The "Spanish Flu" pandemic killed more than 13,000 people in North Carolina. Find out how the citizens of Southport and the troops at Ft. Caswell fared during the crisis.

[Southport and Women's Right to Vote](#)

Southport women were committed to improving their city even before they had the right to vote. Learn about the women who sought political change and worked to help women get out the vote.

[Brunswick County Moonshining](#)

Moonshining was a way of life and a part of North Carolina's culture for over 300 years. Come hear the history and folklore of distilling whiskey in Brunswick County.

[Prohibition and Smuggling in Southport](#)

Prohibition began earlier and lasted longer in North Carolina than in the rest of the United States. Find out how this great experiment began and what caused it to end. And learn how it brought international smuggling to the shores of Southport.

The Story of Bald Head Island with Travis Gilbert

[The story of Bald Head \(Part 1\): Puritans, Pirates and Pilots](#)

[The Story of Bald Head \(Part 2\): Lighthouses and Lifesavers](#)

[The Story of Bald Head \(Part 3\): Bald Head at War](#)

[The Story of Bald Head \(Part 4\): Developing Bald Head – The Long 20th Century](#)

Southport Armchair History Tours

Tour the Exhibit “[Life in the Garrison](#)” with Debbie Mollycheck. Debbie will tell the story of her grandparents, Keeper Franto Mollycheck II, his wife, Lilla Mollycheck and their three children who lived in the Garrison House for 14 years. Keeper Mollycheck maintained the lights along the Lower Cape Fear between 1937 and 1951 and was responsible for the Bald Head Lighthouse. Learn about family life in Southport during World War II and the 1940s.

Step back in time to the [life of Robert Ruark](#) with Rick Pukenas, Robert Ruark Inn owner and former educator. Hear about Ruark's early life in Southport, his college and Navy years, his rise to success as a well-known columnist and praised author. Travel to Spain to see the City where he lived until his early death. Learn about the national brands that chose him as their spokesperson and tour the local Inn named after him. Robert Ruark was a celebrated writer and truly a “man of his time”.

Tour multiple exhibits in [Fort Johnston Southport Museum and Visitor Center](#) with Bob Surridge, President of the Southport Historical Society. See the artwork of Southport in the 50s and 60s by Southport artist Art Newton and models of Southport landmarks created by Lew Hardee, Jr. Plus, look for your favorite treats of the past at the Fullwood grocery store, and thrill to the exploits of Civil War river pilot C. C. Morse

Tour the [Old Jail Museum](#) with Nancy Christianson, Curator of the Old Jail. Hear stories of the men and women who worked (and lived!) in the jail and those who spent time incarcerated there.

2nd Tuesday Talks

[Southport Women at the Turn of the 20th Century presented by Bob Surridge](#)

[Like Mother, Like Daughter: Southport Women Across Generations presented by Liz Fuller](#)

[The Walter G. Curtis Family, Southport and Beyond presented by Pat Kirkman](#)

Bonus Talks by Mike Powell

Bonus! Mike Powell, President of the Brunswick County Civil War Roundtable has created two videos in conjunction with Oak Island Parks and Recreation that you can watch at your convenience. Be sure to check them out!

[North Carolina in the Civil War](#)

[United States Lifesaving Service on the Cape Fear – OKI and Bald Head](#)

Southport's Colorful History Series

Wednesdays 1 pm – Register at info@southporthistoricalsociety.org

Southport History Enthusiasts have been having a fun time the past couple of months learning about the Colorful history behind some of Southport's iconic landmarks. Local presenters have provided stories and memories about the landmarks. The Series is based on Patt Carney's book, [Color Me Southport!](#)

Coloring is a known stress reliever and a useful memory aid. So, some of our more creative participants are coloring along during the presentations, reducing their stress and retaining more of the great history. Completed coloring pages are displayed on the Society's facebook page.

Due to the informal and conversational format of these presentations, they are only available in real-time. But don't despair – there are seven more presentations still to come, discussing: Fort Johnston, Chapel of the Cross, the Old Catholic Church, Provision's Restaurant, Alex's House (from Safe Haven), Crimes of the Heart house and the Old Brunswick County Jail.

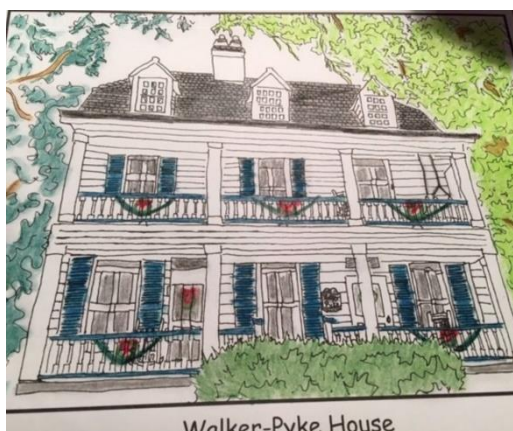
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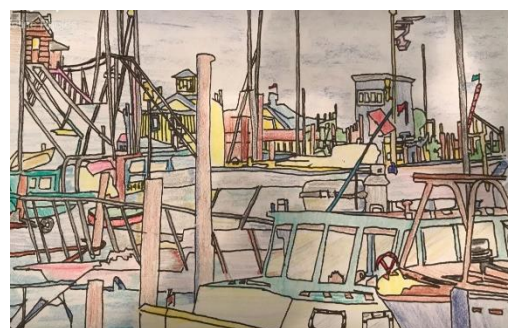
Robert Ruark Inn by Carolyn Tabarini



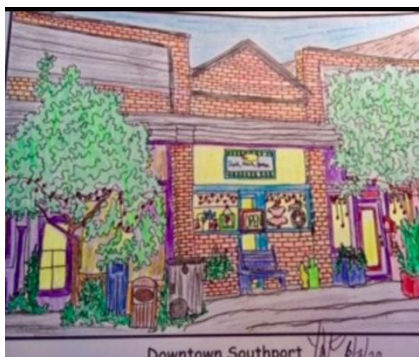
Franklin Sq Gallery by Mary Ellen Poole



Brunswick Inn by Beverly Jones



Yacht Basin by Pat Conklin



Downtown Southport by Pat Kirkman

Volunteer Opportunities

Contact us at info@southporthistoricalsociety.org

Would you like to get more involved with the Southport Historical Society?

We have volunteer opportunities you can do from home. Training will be provided.

- **Get the word out!** – help us promote our classes and events in newspapers, newsletters and in social media
- **Write for us!** - we're always looking for articles for our blog and newsletter
- **Capture history!** – we need interviewers to help us conduct online oral interviews of community members
- **Update the archives!** – add digital pictures and documents to the Susie Carson Research Room
- **Share history!** – Present topics in local history based on your personal experiences or research
- **Portray historical characters!** – participate in videos, conduct tours and take part in special events
- **Create exhibits!** – Use your creativity to help us present online and in-person exhibits in eye-catching ways
- **Special projects** – help with fund raising events and activities



WE WANT YOU!

During these challenging times, your support through Membership and Donations are appreciated more than ever.

Annual Membership:

Individual - \$15

Couple or Business - \$25

Life Membership:

Individual \$150

Couple/Business \$200

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