

southport historical society

Whittler's Bench

Fall 2016



Important Dates

September 13, 2016 - Second Tuesday Talk with Chuck Pollock, *Rev. Arthur Marshall- Preaching on THE BARGE*, 10:30 am at the Harper Library

September 22, 2016 - Membership Meeting with May and Jimmy Moore, *Southport's Wooden Boats* 6:30 pm at the Community Building

October 11, 2016 - Second Tuesday Talk with Joe Loughlin, *A Pilot and Blockade Runner*, 10:30 am at the Harper Library

October 29, 2016 - *Living Voices from the Past*, 2:00 pm at the Old Smithville Burying Ground

November 8, 2016 - Second Tuesday Talk with Don Parker, *Military Ocean Terminal at Sunny Point*, 10:30 am at the Harper Library

November 17, 2016 - Membership Meeting with Rick Pukenas, *Robert Ruark: The Man and the Myth*, 6:30 pm at the Community Building

December 13, 2016 - Second Tuesday Talk with Bob Surridge, *Gone and Sometimes Forgotten*, 10:30 am at the Harper Library

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Southport Historical Society is dedicated to bring together persons interested in local area history. SHS endeavors to do so by providing opportunities for learning through programs and special events; published articles and books; educational classes; and community projects that will both enhance and preserve the unique history and heritage of Southport and the surrounding area..

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Parker's Perspective

Greetings Society members! I hope everyone had a nice summer and you are now looking forward to some cooler weather in the coming months. The Southport Historical Society did not take the summer off. We have been engaged across our entire spectrum of projects and programs and I extend my sincere appreciation to those who supported our activities over the past several months. Whether it was a busy season at the Old Jail, a host of 4th of July events, Second Tuesday talks, Thor firings, or work at the Susie Carson Research Room, our Society was making things happen around the City. The relevancy of the Southport Historical Society has never been greater and our footprint continues to increase in the area.

Of particular note, we continue to strengthen our relationship with the City of Southport as we work to fully develop our partnership with the Department of Tourism. In that vein, effective the first of July, the Southport Historical Society assumed managerial responsibilities of the retail store in the Fort Johnston Garrison House that serves as Southport's Visitor Center and Museum. Debbie Parker (does anyone know her?) was appointed by the Board to lead this effort and interface with Sharon Venis, Assistant Tourism Director, to develop inventory unique to Southport and appropriate for sale in the store. Our Treasurer, Phil Fravel, did an outstanding job of transferring the financials from the City to the Society. All of the profit from the store will be held in a separate fund maintained by the Society that will go toward the care, maintenance, and development of Fort Johnston. This is an exciting initiative that will complement



our current footprint in the Garrison House while being able to “give back” to this historic property. So, please remember the Fort Johnston retail store when you are looking for birthday gifts or Christmas presents. You will be supporting the Society and Fort Johnston at large.

Additionally, the Board recently appointed Chuck Pollock to serve as the Southport Historical Society's representative on the City's Tourism Commission. He and the others on the Commission will evaluate and regulate those providing tours throughout Southport to ensure accuracy, consistency, and appropriateness. A recent City ordinance established the Commission, which will meet for the first time later this year. Thanks, Chuck!

Most of you have probably seen the various historical signs around town that depict and describe historical places and events. These were emplaced by the Society many years ago and are beginning to show their age. Therefore, the Board approved updating and replacing these signs this year. I'm pleased to announce that they were manufactured over the Summer and are scheduled to be delivered and erected in September / October timeframe. Our vendor is using more durable materials than were used on the current signs and should hold up to our “salty” climate better.

Our Board composition changed slightly over the past several months. Joni Schinske stepped down after a very productive two years. She was instrumental in advancing the Society's interests at Fort Johnston as well as developing innumerable posters, pamphlets, and flyers in support of our activities. Thank you, Joni!

We filled Joni's position by Board appointment of Dale Mullarkey, a strong supporter of the Society who has worked extensively with our book sales program. We welcome Dale and look forward to having her on the ballot for a full term later this year.

Vice President Pat Kirkman informs me that our membership rolls continue to increase. We're now a Society of 255 strong and getting stronger. I'm simply amazed at the scope and breadth of what the Southport Historical Society is and does. I thank you for your continued support and invite you to become engaged where you can.

I hope to see everyone at our next General Membership Meeting on September 22nd at 6:30 at the Southport Community Building when May and Jimmy Moore speak on Southport's Wooden Boats as a prelude to the annual Wooden Boat Show at the Old Yacht Basin on September 24th.

Welcome to New Members

New Members since May 2016

Perras Family: Tom, Jill, Alex and Bre
Nancy Cangelosi
James Hules (Life Membership)
Hadassah Poteet (Life Membership) (Summer Intern Comp)
Karen Mosteller (Life Membership)
Olivia Rupkalvis (2016 Scholarship Winner Comp)
Robert Adams, Natalie Flow, Samantha Tanck (Scholarship Applicants Comp)
Samatha Yost

Life Members-91 (including total membership)

Individual/Couples Members – 248
Business Members- 5

Current Membership – **253**

Prepared by Pat Kirkman



Message from the Old Baldy Foundation

In 2017 the Old Baldy Lighthouse will be 200 years old. As part of a year-long celebration the Old Baldy Foundation plans to honor the keepers of all three Bald Head Island Lighthouses and the Cape Fear Life Saving Stations who are buried in Southport.

We would like to place commemorative markers next to each grave similar to those used for WWI and WWII veterans. To date we have located the following twelve men: Henry Long, John Watts, Charles Swan, Henry Swan, James Henry Doshier, John E. Price, Joseph A. Bell, John Richard Newton, Peter Larsen, Dunbar Davis, Samuel Brinkman, and Lewis Bringloe.

We have already contacted descendants of Charles Swan, Henry Swan, James Henry Doshier, John E. Price, Dunbar Davis, Peter Larsen and Samuel Brinkman.

If you are related to Henry Long (died 1806), Joseph A. Bell (November 1838-November 7, 1914), John Richard Newton (1849-1928), or Lewis H. Bringloe (September 5, 1876-January 18, 1954) please contact Kim Gottshall at kimgottshall@aol.com as the Old Baldy Foundation would very much like to include you in the ceremony



Being Politically Correct in Southport - 1898

There's a lot of talk these days about being "politically correct" and in taking a look back at some of the city ordinances enacted over a hundred years ago you really had to watch your "P's and Q's" then too. No throwing pickles in the river! No offensive smelling privies! No wild-running hogs and dogs in the streets! Keep the bathing suit rules! No moving dead bodies without permission! Here a reprint of the minutes from the Aldermen's meeting and notice they gave the citizens only two days warning before it became law. I wonder if any of these ordinances still stand on our books today. Anyone want to do the research? Enjoy the read.

Pat Kirkman

THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SOUTHPORT, N. C., IN SESSION JUNE 28TH, 1898, ENACT THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF

THE CITY OF SOUTHPORT, N. C. TO GO INTO AND BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT, FROM AND AFTER THE FIRST OF JULY 1898.

Ordinance No. 1

Section 1. No person shall be allowed to fire a pistol, gun or any other piece of firearms, without first obtaining written permission from the Mayor; any damage arising therefrom, the parties obtaining permission are responsible. The using of sling shot, air or spring guns, or instuments (sic) throwing projectiles of any description, or throwing of missible or missles (sic) of any description by hand is forbidden.

Sec. 2. The playing of ball in the streets or public lots of the city are forbidden provided, however, permission may be granted by the Mayor for the playing of ball, subject to the supervision of the Marshall. No person shall deface, break or in any manner injure any of the lamps or posts, fences, shade trees or buildings by tying horses or mules thereto or otherwise. It is also declared a misdemeanor for any person or persons to rob bird nests or abuse dumb domestic animals in any way. **Sec. 3.** All persons are prohibited from emptying or throwing fish, beef or pickle, or placing any other offensive matter in the streets of the city or in the river within 300 feet of low water mark. It is further ordered that all citizens and agents for non residents are required to keep their yards, lots, houses, privies, pens or stables clean and disinfected. Upon

the complaint of any citizen that any yard, lot, house, privies, pens or stables or any other place are offensive, the city marshal shall notify the occupant owner or agent of the premises complained of that unless they have the same immediately cleaned, the city marshal shall proceed to have the same cleaned under his direction, and they shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. All privies shall be enclosed with a good fence. It is further ordered that all weeds, shrubbery etc. on vacant lots or gardens shall be cut down and removed when so ordered by the city marshal.

Sec. 4. No person shall allow his or her horse or mule to run at large on the streets of the city, all horses or mules getting loose, breaking out of enclosure or stables and running at a high rate of speed through the streets of the city the owners thereof shall be guilty of negligence and a violation of this Ordinance.

Sec. 5. It is unlawful for any rider of bicycles to ride their bicycles on the sidewalks of the city without an alarm bell and sounding the same when nearing a person or a street corner, and at night without a lighted lantern.

For the violation of any part of the foregoing Ordinance any person shall upon submission of conviction pay a fine of not less then \$4 nor more than \$5, and costs.

Ordinance No. 2

Section No. 1. It is hereby declared unlawful for any person or persons owning or heads of families, maintaining or harboring hogs of any description, within the city limits, without paying a tax of 50 cents for each and every head. Said tax must be paid on or before July 20th 1898. Dogs brought into the city after July 1st will be subject to the above tax. It shall be unlawful for any owner or maintainer of a bitch to allow same to run at large while excited by animal passion, for the violation of the same the marshal shall kill or destroy said bith (sic) after the owner or maintainer is notified and refuses to secure the same.

Sec. 2. It is hereby declared unlawful for any person to bathe in the river or creeks within the boundaries of the city in the daytime without a suit covering their entire body from elbows and necks to knees.

Sec. 3. It is ordered that privilege taxes shall be collected for the year ending May 1899, to-wit: from each peddler offering for sale any description of manufactured goods, jewelry, tinware, dry goods of any description, gegaws, nick nacks \$15.00 a year or \$5.00 a week. From each shooting gallery, billiard table, bowling alley, pool table or any other game, with or without a name, run for hire, or in a house used for or connected with a hotel or restaurant five dollars a year or two dollars a week. For every company, troupe or persons giving entertainments other than for charitable or educational purposes and then at the discretion and under the supervision of the Mayor, a license of \$3.00 for each entertainment. On every book agent \$3.00 per week. The above taxes to be paid immediately upon demand in advance.

Sec. 4. Any person or persons being duly summoned to appear before Mayor's court at a stated time neglects to obey said summons shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 5. Persons congregating, loitering or using profane, vulgar or boisterous language upon the sidewalks or public places, shall upon order of the city marshal immediately disperse, and such person or persons not obeying said orders shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 6. It is unlawful for any person to tease, tantalize and incite to use profane, obsence (sic) language any person or persons.

Sec. 7. It is further ordered that all persons cleaning lots in the city Cemetery be required to remove all rubbish and litter outside of the City Cemetery.

For the violation of any part of the foregoing Ordinance, of any person shall upon submission or conviction pay a fine of not less than \$1, nor more than \$3, and costs.

Ordinance No. 3

Section 1. It is hereby declared a nuisance for any person or persons to be found in any of the streets or in any public place within the city limits intoxicated or making themselves a nuisance. The use of profane, abusive or vulgar (sic) language, the indecent exposure of their person, or being engaged in an affray or any other disorderly conduct is prohibited.

Sec. 2. It is further declared unlawful to interfere with the hook and ladder truck or anything pertaining to the same or the building in which the same is housed. Neither shall any person deface, injure or remove any of the benches in Franklin Square and the same apply to what is known as the "Garrison". It is further declared a misdemeanor for any person to carry concealed weapons of any description within the city limits.

Sec. 3. It is hereby declared a misdemeanor, for any person or persons to drive horses or vehicles of any kind, on part of the lot of ground known as "the Garrison".

Sec. 4. In order to secure accurate mortuary statistics of the City of Southport, N. C. it is hereby declared a misdemeanor for any person or persons to bury or carry off for burial the body of any person dying within its limits without first obtaining a burial certificate from the clerk of the board of Aldermen of the City of Southport, N. C., who shall keep a record of all deaths that may occur within the city, and who shall make report to the Board of Aldermen at their regular monthly meetings, and transmit a copy of said report to the secretary of the State Board of Health upon the first day of each and every month.

For the violation of any of the foregoing Ordinance, any person shall upon submission or conviction pay a fine of not less than \$1, nor more than \$10, and costs.

Why Smithville Changed into Southport

About 1900 a corporation was organized under the Laws of North Carolina styled THE SOUTH ATLANTIC AND NORTHWESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY FOR the avowed purpose of promoting the establishment of railroad trunk line from Smithville to Bristol, Tennessee. There to continue to Galaz and on to Chicago for the purpose of bringing coal for export at Smithville England and European ports.

Among the men of prominence who visited Smithville were several nationally prominent Individuals, such as Stuyvesant Fish and George Pullman, then latter a big factor In the Pullman Car Company. They contacted the prominent citizens of Smithville.

ALL ABOARD
FOR
SOUTHPORT!
NOVEMBER 23rd, 1911.

First Passenger Train over the Wilmington, Brunswick & Southern Railroad into the Historic Capital of Brunswick.

Take a day off and ride through the vast domains of undeveloped country lying at our doors and which is destined to early become the trucking paradise of the Old North State.

Patriotic Speeches by Statesmen and Orators, Boat Race and Parade, Grand Display of Battleships, Foot Races, Base Ball, Military Drills, Free Dinner and an Old Fashioned Barbecue of Beef, Pork, Mutton, Venison, Possum, etc., including all the good things grown and produced in Brunswick County.

A GOOD TIME GUARANTEED EVERYBODY AND PERFECT ORDER INSURED.

Southport is full of historic interest, while Fort Caswell just across the bay is one of the finest on the South Atlantic Seaboard. Boats will run between Southport and Fort Caswell every fifteen minutes during the day, thus furnishing the public an opportunity to visit this interesting harbor of defense such as no other occasion will ever offer.

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RIDE ON THE FIRST PASSENGER TRAIN THROUGH BRUNSWICK COUNTY.

into the City of Southport; Meet Old Friends and renew the acquaintances of by-gone days

TRAINS LEAVE UNION STATION, WILMINGTON, AT
8.00 A. M. and 8.30 A. M.

FARE FOR THE ROUND TRIP AS FOLLOWS:
Wilmington, \$1.00; Navassa, \$1.00; Jackey's Creek, \$1.00;
El Paso, \$1.00; Town Creek, 75 Cents; Brunswick, 75 Cents;
Bolivia, 50 Cents; Page, 1.12; Am. 12 Cents; G. O. will 50 Cents;
Coolvale, 40 Cents; Atwood 25 Cents.

Two years after the organization of the South Atlantic and Northwestern Railroad Company, the Southport Construction Company was chartered under the laws of North Carolina with the authorized capital of \$25,000 and with the following listed as charter Stockholders: W.H. Pike, H.H. Daugherty, and William Weeks. At this time "Mister Mike" Guthrie suggested that the name of Smithville be changed to Southport, claiming such a name would indicate that it was the most southernmost port in North Carolina. Then the old town of Smithville surrendered the individuality of its name by adopting a name that had no connotation for the marine villagers other than their desire that Southport, North Carolina, would become as important as the port of Southport, England.

But the projected railroad "died a-borning" shortly after Miss Laura Weeks, daughter of William Weeks, dug the first shovel of dirt, the project having been killed as a result of The Great Depression in England, as it was reported that several English financiers were interested in the trunk line project. While Southport never did get a trunk line railroad, the town did become the terminal for a short line with a long name. The Wilmington, Brunswick and Southern Railroad, which began operations on a thirty-mile railroad line in November, 1911, from Southport to or at least to Wilmington via a junction at Navassa.

From the August 1984 issue of the Newsletter of the Brunswick County Historical Society



Cannon Thor

Thor has been busy the past few weeks. We have fired for multiple weddings in the past three months. Once again we were invited to participate in the **Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point** Change of Command Ceremony along with ECHO BATTERY, 3d U.S. LIGHT ARTILLERY, Commanded by Brevet Captain Jim McKee. As part of the ceremony, outgoing and retiring Colonel Chris Hart and incoming Colonel Marc Mueller fired the McKee and Thor cannons respectively. In closing the ceremony, we did a Battery firing (both cannons) under command of Brevet Captain Jim McKee. We were honored to be included in the MOTSU Change of Command ceremony once again!

By Phil Fravel



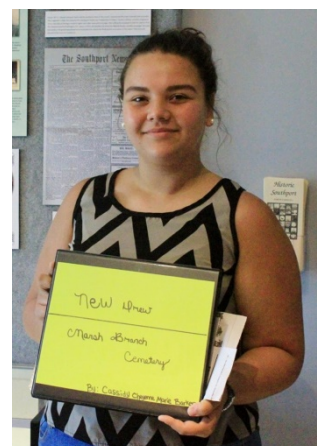
New Drew/Marsh Branch Cemetery

Southport resident, Cassidy Barker, won the Girl Scout Gold Award for her "Take Action Project." Her project involved the honoring of a family friend, John "Mutt" Smith, by restoring the New Drew Cemetery where he was buried. When asked why, Barker said that in the summer of 2001 her family's car broke down in front of Smith's house. Smith then came out and offered them his porch to sit on and Pepsi to drink.

Barker came into the Visitor's Center on June 23rd to give a small presentation of what she did and a binder containing her official paperwork to be posted to the SCRR website. In her proposal, Barker writes that her goals with this project are to address "the old Jim Crowe era South, how to forgive others, how to show God's love, and how to pull together and get the job done." Starting with a survey of the New Drew Cemetery, Barker got right to work.

Though there were set-backs, the growing involvement of her community showed her goals in progress and the impact they were creating. In the end, Cassidy Barker proved her strength and worth of the Gold Award she received. New Drew Cemetery is now cleaned up, only 13 tin markers remaining, only 6 graves missing, and a fence around its perimeter. Inspired by an old man's kindness, this young woman has shown that same kindness by providing a community an outlet to forgive and come together.

By Hadassah Poteet



Mrs. Dunbar (Frances Price) Davis 1850 - 1949

Frances Price Davis was born in Southport in 1850. Her parents were Jacob A. Price and Catherine Crapon Price. Before the Civil War she attended the Glen-Anna Young Ladies School in Thomasville, North Carolina. At the end of the Civil War, a family story tells of Frances' encounter with a Union officer. When the officer came to the Price home looking for Frances' older brother, young Frances bravely told the officer that her brother had done nothing wrong. She further suggested, in the politest manner possible, that the officer should kindly leave and not bother her brother again.

In 1868, she married river pilot Dunbar Davis. Sergeant Davis was a veteran of the Civil War. In 1882 he became the Keeper of the Cape Fear Life Saving Station and in 1891 he was transferred to the Oak Island Station. He served in the Life Saving Service well into his 70's. Dunbar Davis was known for executing many difficult rescues at sea. In 1893, he and his crew rescued men from four different ships over two days.

In 1910, the Davis' resided in a home on Lord Street in Southport. They had eight children. Three of their children, Jack, Cassie, and Decator died before their third birthdays. Daughter, Frances, married Samuel Brinkman from Southport. Their daughter Martha married Charles Aspinwall from New York. Martha met Charles when he came to Southport from New York to install machinery at the Southport Quarantine Station. Son, William Dunbar Davis, married Annie K. Pearce from Southport. Son, Jacob, married Florence Keen from Wilmington, North Carolina.



Frances Davis and four generations of off-spring. L to R. Danny Harrelson, Frances Davis, Fanny Davis Brinkman, Norma Brinkman Loughlin and Elizabeth Loughlin Harrelson.

Like her mother, Catherine Price, Frances Price Davis lived to know four generations of her offspring. She died on June 25, 1949 just a few months shy of her 100th birthday. The day before she died her daughter Frances Davis Brinkman died at age 78. Immediately prior to their deaths, mother and daughter shared the same hospital room.

By Bob Surridge

Information and photos courtesy of Joseph Loughlin and Thomas "Tommy" Harrelson".

Old Jail Report

The Old Brunswick County Jail is now open to visitors on Fridays as well as Wednesday and Saturday for the months of July and August. We have had robust attendance from the public with 50, 60, and 70 visitors per day, which keeps our docents hopping.

A special visit was arranged through the Southport Visitor Center and Director of Tourism, Randy Jones, on July 25. The visitors were wives of North Carolina Sheriffs. The Sheriffs were invited by Brunswick County Sheriff, John Ingram V for a conference, so the wives enjoyed a brunch in Shallotte and a boat ride to Southport, and a tour of the Jail. Docents Dottie Capriotti, Sue Bailey, and I gave the ladies a tour before they left on their bus.



Photo by Morgan Harper
About half of the wives who accompanied their husbands to the 94th convention of the North Carolina Sheriff's Association, held this week in Sunset Beach, took a day-trip to Southport on Monday, taking advantage of the opportunity for shopping and a guided trolley tour of the city, including a stop at the Old County Jail at Nash and Rhett streets.

By Nancy Christianson

Photo: Morgan Harper, The State Port Pilot



Joshua's Dream: A Review by a Lowly Intern

When I was assigned *Joshua's Dream* as a part of my internship, I wasn't exactly thrilled to be spending time on a historical piece that had no elements of fiction to it. I was pretty much expecting it to be a dry, slow read that took up my time when all I wanted to do was read my Rick Riordan novels. I'm sure my facial expressions gave my thoughts away since my supervisor said to me, **"It doesn't read like a textbook,"** to which I silently prayed to myself that he wasn't overselling the book. However, here I am with the last page finished about twenty minutes ago.

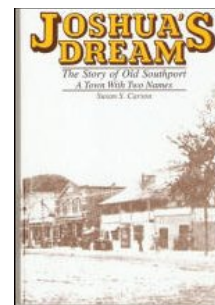
Susie Carson, a native to Southport and a descendant of the Sellers family, wrote *Joshua's Dream* after many years of perseverance and positive feedback. While she was not a historian by degree, Susie Carson has been awarded by various organizations for her dedication to the history of Southport. **And no, she does not write dry, slow reads!**

When I started reading, I was intrigued by how fast the pages flew by. Normally, when I'm reading about dates, streets, and historical persons...it kind of flies over my head. Not because the writing doesn't make sense, but because I have no sense of direction with the place that I am reading about. Therefore, **I would strongly recommend a map** when reading *Joshua's Dream* if you're not familiar with the layout of Southport-Smithville. OR, a better recommendation would be to just walk the streets! With your map handy and your tennis shoes tied, you're ready to be engulfed into the historical world of 1792 when the town of Smithville began its climb to fame.

Joshua Pott's dream, for a town off the Cape Fear River, began in 1792. Already a military base, Susie Carson weaves in glowing images of how the town looked making her reader's imagination venture past the tourist spots of the present and to what the founders of Southport-Smithville saw. It really is a magical ride as Carson transports us from the early 1800s to the end of World War II. The beloved town of "salubrious breezes" that we all know and cherish is depicted with grace and love as the town of Southport goes back in time to its humble origins.

So as not to give any spoilers for those that don't know the history of Southport, all I will say is that if you love this town as much those multiple vacations in the beach houses on Oak Island, the trips into town, purchasing *Safe Haven*, and watching the 4th of July parade multiple times have proven, you'll enjoy *Joshua's Dream*.

By Hadassah Poteet



Susie Carson Research Room (SCRR) **southporthistoricalsociety.org/research-room**

SCRR Intern


Samantha Yost who recently received her Master's Degree in Secondary Education from West Virginia University is doing a post graduate summer internship at the SCRR. In September, she will take a new position at West Brunswick High School teaching World History. During her internship she is serving as a guest editor of the Whittler's Bench newsletter; and setting up a video monitor to display photos and videos about Southport's history.



SCRR Website


We have added a collection of material about Robert C. Ruark Jr. to the website. Materials were provided by the Robert Ruark Society of Southport. You can view this information through the following link:

southporthistoricalsociety.org/research-room



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Robert C. Ruark, Jr.
 December 29, 1915 - July 1, 1965
Journalist and Novelist

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Visitors to Southport can find more information about Robert C. Ruark, Jr. at the following

locations.

- Southport Visitor's Center and Museum at 203 E. Bay Street, Southport, NC
- Robert Ruark Inn (Bed and Breakfast) at 119 North Lord Street, Southport, NC.

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Volunteer Opportunities

Old Jail Docents - Serve 3.5 hours a month as a guide at the Old Jail. The Old Jail is currently open from April through October for two afternoons a week. Anyone interested will be trained on docent procedures and the stories and information given to the jail's visitors. Interested persons are asked to contact Nancy Christianson at christianson@juno.com.

Pot luck Setup/Cleanup - Volunteers needed to assist with the preparation for and cleanup after the SHS general membership meetings. The "crew" arrives a half hour prior to the meeting start to set and decorate the tables for the pot luck dinner, make coffee, etc. After the meeting, a quick cleanup is performed. It's an easy job with big benefits - those on the crew get to sit at the table closest to the desserts! See Scott Len or Nancy Caves during the May meeting if interested in helping out.

Susie Carson Research Room Assistants - Work at the SCRR or at home organizing and cataloging holdings such as newspaper clippings and periodicals. Please contact Bob Surridge at bobsurridge100@gmail.com.

Facebook Assistant - Help maintain the Society's Facebook page. Experience using the WWW and Facebook would be helpful. Please contact Bob Surridge at bobsurridge100@gmail.com.

Newsletter Editor - Compile and edit the newsletter using Microsoft Word.

Book Sales - Help sell Southport Historical Society books at events like the Spring Festival, the Waterfront Market, Fourth of July, Christmas Home Tours, and First Fridays. Volunteers selling books will not be responsible for carrying the books, tables, chairs to and from an event. Sales shifts will be less than 2.5 hours. Please contact Bob Surridge at bobsurridge100@gmail.com.

Book Sale Setup - Volunteers are needed to transport books and setup and tear down book sale tables at events. Please contact Bob Surridge at bobsurridge100@gmail.com.

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