

Relive History Here

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of St. Phillips Episcopal Church.

The earth mounds of the Confederate Fort Anderson are also included in this site. Brunswick town is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. till 5 p.m. and there is no admission charge.

Just up the road from this attraction is another that offers the blazing beauty of formal and informal flower gardens, as well as historic interest. Orton Plantation Gardens feature magnificent cypress and pine trees, azaleas, camellias, annuals and flowering plants.

Strolling among the formal gardens surrounding the manor, bird lovers will find unusual species here, too, and, of course, the stately manor house itself is unique. It has been featured in motion pictures, notably "Firestarter," filmed in Wilmington.

Orton opens March 1 for the spring and summer season and \$7 admission is charged for adults, \$6 for seniors and \$3 for children 6 to 12.

Should the craving for history remain unsatisfied, you can board the next ferry leaving the Southport dock and, 30 minutes later, find yourself on the Fort Fisher end, with that important fort close at hand.

The Fort Fisher Visitors Center offers, through film and dioramas, the startling realism of Civil War battles, decisive defeats for the South, in which this fort played a critical role.

Outside the Visitors Center, you can tour the remains of earthwork fortifications, made primarily of earth and sand, that became the last stronghold of the Confederacy.

Fort Fisher is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 1-4 p.m. Sunday, with no admission charge.

Across the road, fronting the Cape Fear River, is a picnic area nestled among Spanish Oak trees that is picturesque and cool. After a day of historic research, you'll need this peaceful setting to reflect on all you've learned about the past.



ELEGANT ORTON PLANTATION gardens adds glamour and the lure of nature to Brunswick County history. The plantation sits back from Hwy. 133 near Southport.

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Church Women Plan 'Make It, Bake It, Sew It, Grow It' Auction

St. James the Fishermen parishioners are planning something new and different to replace their annual craft fair Nov. 5—a "Make It, Bake It, Grow It, Sew It" auction to follow the church's annual fall lobster sale fundraiser.

Members of the congregation have been working on individual projects for the auction since the spring. Items to be available include wood crafts, paintings, quilts, needle crafts, wall hangings, refurbished bicycles, handmade dolls, topiaries, gift baskets and Christmas items.

Bi-weekly workshops have been held to produce craft items, and some completed auction items have been displayed at the church on Sunday mornings.

Some parishioners are also offering services for auction.

Proceeds of the fundraiser will go toward raising the debt on the new worship space at St. James, which was dedicated on Easter Sunday 1993.

The "Make It, Bake It..." auction is the latest in a series of fundraising activities to benefit the new worship space. Others have included annual crafts fairs, spring and fall lobster sales, rummage sales, bake sales and booths at numerous festivals.

Supplementing individual pledges by members, friends and relatives was a large grant by the Diocese of East Carolina.

At 2 p.m. Nov. 5 the activities will commence with a wine and cheese tasting party featuring North Carolina wines. During the tasting period, craft items, baked goods

and white elephant items will be available for purchase, and those attending will have an opportunity to view the auction items.

Following the tasting, the auction will be conducted by two parish members. Names will be drawn every 15 minutes for door prizes donated by local merchants.

Drawings will decide the winners of a hand-quilted king-size bedspread and a four-day vacation package for two to the Bahamas Princess Resort and Casino in Freeport, including air fare.

Auction tickets will be available beginning Oct. 1 at \$2 per person. Tickets will cost \$3 on the day of the sale. For more information or to donate items, call Loraine Babcock at 754-8044 or Cookie Minton at 579-5523.

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