

LOUISE BAKER has given us this material about BICENTENNIAL HERITAGE WEEK, September 20 - 28;

Hear ye! Hear ye! Heritage Week is coming! Ushering in this special event, September 20, will be an Arts Festival held on the Historical Restoration Grounds, Turner Street, Beaufort and sponsored by the Carteret Arts Council. The festival will encompass a variety of art forms, including dancers, actors, photographers, craftsmen, and artists.

If an old-fashioned picnic complete with band concert is "your thing", hie yourself to Morehead City Park on Sunday, Sept. 21. An added attraction from September 19 through 21 will be a Jamboree by the Citizens' Band Club in Pender Park.

On Sept. 22 and 23 the Wachovia Bank will exhibit colonial coins, while Robert and Fair Wright will have a showing of crafts and handwork at their shop, The Craft Cupboard, in Morehead City. (Fair, you may remember, is the daughter of Esther and Harris Kirk here in PKS).

There will be a program "Observance of Our Religious Heritage" at the First Baptist Church, Morehead City, Sept. 24 sponsored by the Carteret Ministerial Assoc., and on Sept. 25 the Bicentennial Youth Council will present a program, "Our Constitutional Heritage and Freedom of Speech", at the Carteret Technical Institute.

An impressive show and sale by the Antique Dealers' Convention will be held Sept. 26, 27, 28 in the Whaler Inn, Pine Knoll Shores. On September 27 at the Morehead Plaza there will be a classic car show and a Benjamin Franklin Kite Flying Contest. (contact the Zepher Kite Shop, Atlantic Beach for information).

A display of special interest to boatmen will be a traditional boat show on Saturday, the 27th at Tony's Waterfront, Morehead City.

Another event will be a Fish Fry on Sept. 28 hosted by the Beaufort Jaycees at the Bicentennial Headquarters, Beaufort. Proceeds will benefit Virginia Nance who was recently crippled.

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GARDEN CLUB -- ELIZABETH AMES, assisted by GERT WARNER, entertained the Garden Club at her home on Monday, August 25. DORTHA HALL, President, reported on the budget for this year. She also appointed a committee to revise the by-laws. The club heard a report on the Clean-up Project at Davis Landing Park the preceding week. Elizabeth Ames reported that the Marine Resources Center will probably not be ready for use in November as had been planned. VIVIAN MACDONALD gave a short talk with demonstrations of different ways of propagating plants.  
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BATH and BELHAVEN are two nicely contrasting towns to visit in one easy trip from PKS: Historic Bath (as they say in the folders) and Surprising Belhaven.

BATH, the oldest town in North Carolina, founded in 1705, has been lived in since the first days of exploration. What you do there is go directly to the little visitor center, a modern structure, and put yourself in the hands of the ladies who do the tours; this building and the tree houses being preserved are owned and administered by the State Dept. of Archives and History.

First they'll show you a film about Bath; this puts you in the right mood for history, sitting there in the dark letting the feeling of early times in Bath and its surrounding waters sort of seep into you. Then you go through the two houses that are restored. One is the Palmer-Marsh house, built before 1764. The thing that will intrigue you most is the double chimney and the tiny rooms with windows that are part of it. No one has been able to figure out what the rooms were used for though you can imagine that speculation is booming.

The other house is the Bonner House, just across the street from the water, Back Creek, built around 1832. From the porch you can see where Blackbeard is rumored to have lived for awhile, on a point of land sticking out into the water.

Being restored now is a third house, moved within the past few years from its original site to the historic area; this is the Van Der Veer House. There is also St. Thomas Church which you may wander through by yourself.

Now from Bath, drive about 17 miles on Highway 92 to Belhaven. Try to get there at meal time because you will love the River Forest Manor, a Victorian mansion, built in the early 1900's, now transformed into a lovely hotel and restaurant (incidentally, water people, you can reach River Forest Manor by boat, 58 miles from Morehead City; get out your boat maps!) and serving magnificent buffets both at noon and at night. We especially loved their clam fritters. The antique furnished rooms look most inviting. The hotel offers hunting "packages" as well, including meals and guides.

(Space does not permit the continuing story of Belhaven -- however more tidbits will be included in our next issue)