

BHA Events

The Beaufort Historical Association (BHA) is gearing up for a great spring and summer. Below are a few events to enjoy.

Pine Needle Basket Workshop. May 6, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Learn how to make your own pine needle basket with Penny Holland. Pine needle basket making dates back almost 9,000 years, and the baskets served as vessels for grain, crops and other essentials. All supplies are included in the \$50 class fee, and participants are invited to bring a bag lunch. Preregistration is required and ends a week before each class. The maximum participants per class is 10. Future dates: July 22 and September 16

Beaufort Paint Out. May 12. The BHA has partnered with Plein Air New Bern to host a free Paint Out all around town. Over 30 juried plein air painters will set up their easels around Beaufort during the day to capture the city's charm. All are welcome to watch these talented artists in action (and purchase work throughout the day). Artists will return to the Beaufort Historic Site for a meet and greet from 4 to 6 p.m. and will display their work in a pop-up art show and sale.

Beaten Biscuits. May 13, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., in the Carteret County Jail, c. 1829, at the Beaufort Historic Site. Join Sarah Smith for a special workshop to learn the lost art of making biscuits without yeast. The Old Beaufort Shop will feature a wide range of historic teas that pair perfectly with your biscuits. Free and open to the public.

Warren Bingham on George Washington. June 3, 5:30-7 p.m. Hear Warren Bingham, who has been featured in notable print as well as broadcast media, including PBS, discuss his book *George Washington's 1791 Southern Tour*. The event will take place at the courthouse on the BHA grounds and is free to all. Reservations are required due to limited space, and please note that all BHA events are subject to change. Signed books will be available for sale.

Old Homes Tour Kickoff Party, Bartender's Challenge and Hunter Stephenson Art Opening. June 4, 4 to 6 p.m. The 61st Old Homes Tour events kick off at 4 p.m. with a Bartender's Challenge on the Historic Site grounds and an art show for Old Homes Tour Featured Artist, Hunter Stephenson, in the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery. Stephenson will be the featured artist throughout June and July in the gallery. Tickets for the Bartender's Challenge are \$40.

61st Annual Old Homes Tour Events. June 22-26. On Wednesday, June 22, at noon, a literary luncheon featuring Kristy Woodson Harvey, best-selling author and design blogger, and Margot Show, editor-in-chief of *Flower Magazine* and author of *Living Floral*, will be held at the Coral Bay Club in Atlantic Beach. Attendees will enjoy lunch, a discussion with both speakers and the opportunity to buy books/magazine subscriptions (and get signed copies). Tickets are \$40 for this event.

Later that night at the Coral Bay Club, starting at 5:30 p.m., guests will have the chance to interact in a more intimate setting with Harvey and Shaw at The Joy of Living Floral event. This special event will include hors-d'oeuvres, fine wines and a flower arranging demo by Ms. Shaw. The final arrangement will be featured in one of the lucky Old Homes Tour homes. Tickets are \$45.

On Thursday, June 23, at 7 p.m., the Purvis Chapel Choir will hold a special concert at Purvis Chapel on Craven Street in Beaufort. This event is free and open to all.

The annual walking tour will take place Friday, June 24, and Saturday, June 25, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Old Homes Tour offers the perfect opportunity to explore the variety of homes, gardens, churches and art throughout Beaufort as well

as the authentically restored buildings and grounds of the Beaufort Historic Site. Tickets are \$20.

Wrapping up the Old Homes Tour events will be a Southern brunch on Sunday, June 27, at 11 a.m., at a private Beaufort home. Tickets for this special brunch, catered by Scarborough Fare and featuring live music by Blue Moon Jazz, are \$125.

For more information about these and other BHA events, please call 252-728-5225, visit beauforthistoric.org, or stop by the Safrit Welcome Center at 130 Turner Street.

A Special Little Butterfly

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ing Sparkleberry plants. However, on May 15 flowering of the Sparkleberry was almost over.

But maybe there is no need to focus on nectaring Sparkleberry or other flowering species. On May 27, 2021, Suzanne and I counted 54 Oak Hairstreaks at the Trinity Center, and these were all (or almost all) associated with low-stature Live Oaks between Salter Path Road and the ocean. (I don't know if they prefer the smaller Live Oaks, or if it was simply the case that they were easier to see than would be the case in the tops of taller Live Oaks.) The butterflies were seen resting on, or fluttering around close to, the oak leaves. This is one of the highest counts of this species ever recorded in North Carolina.

I am interested in hearing about any observations of Oak Hairstreaks in Pine Knoll Shores. Based on information gained so far, it seems that the best time to look for them is from about May 10 through the rest of the month, although perhaps some could be found in June. My email address is jofuss@ec.rr.com.

John Fussell is a biologist, with primary interests in birds and plants. For the last few years, he has been redoing biological surveys of the Theodore Roosevelt Natural Area that he did back in 1974 as an intern for Division of State Parks. Components of this work have included habitat mapping (at a much finer scale than in 1974, because of the availability of GPS), listing of all vascular plants found in the park and bird censuses/surveys. During the recent survey work, he has also searched for rare invertebrate species (such as butterflies and moths). Although Fussell confesses that he has difficulty identifying a lot of these species, and indeed, it is easy to completely overlook them. However, learning about them, and what ways they interact with the environment, can be very rewarding. Species such as the Oak Hairstreak are actually very attractive if you are fortunate to get a good look at them. For would-be butterfly enthusiasts, Fussell recommends the purchase of some good quality binoculars that can focus on objects as close as five feet away.

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bishing the shower area at Hammer Park, along with new motion lighting along the walkways. We also plan to clean and organize the contents of the Garner Park shed. Lastly, we hope to complete the new swing set project in Garner Park by finalizing the fall-zone parameters and installing the appropriate depth of cypress mulch.

Our PIKSCO annual meeting is tentatively set for Saturday, July 16, and will be held in McNeill Park. More information and details will follow.

PIKSCO contact. For questions, concerns, to express a willingness to volunteer or to offer feedback, please feel free to contact our Secretary/Treasurer Erica Reed by call/text at 252-247-4818, email at pikSCO@gmail.com, through our website at pikSCO.com or by mail at PO Box 366, Atlantic Beach, NC 28512.