

Pirates Revenge

Bath High School Preservation
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Message from the President - Sandra E. Harrison

The Bath Community Library has moved into the renovated South Wing as of February 1, 2014. The first phase of an Art and History Gallery is completed in the corridor just off the Library. This marks the first occupancy within the BHSP building since the closing of the school in 1989.

Significant progress has been made since the purchase of the building in July of 2010. Many volunteers have contributed hours of hard work that has resulted in a first class Library. The committees and supporters of BHSP have much to be proud of. Improvements to the building are evident. In 2011 roof replacement began, it was completed in 2012; the Auditorium Portico was replaced in 2011; restoration of all window sashes that began in 2007 has been completed, and for the first time since 1989 the lights are on in the building and the sounds of life and learning fill the Library. How appropriate that the first Public Library in North Carolina is now at home in the first building built on the BHSP campus.

What's next? An assessment of where we are and where we are going via Strategic Planning is underway to capture the essence of opportunities that lie ahead to develop expanded services for the community. BHSP's Board is evaluating the potential of future projects in relation to what positive impact they can have on the long-term sustainability of the building, and to serve the greater Bath Community. The public will be hearing more over the next months. To all who have supported BHSP since its inception THANK YOU. THE BEST IS YET TO COME!

Building Committee Report

Extra, Extra! South Wing Occupied! As promised the **UGLY DUCKLING** is now a beautiful **SWAN!** The Library Project is completed! The South (Cafeteria) Wing and the adjoining corridor have been transformed. The photographs provided herein show the transformation. Folks who had never been involved in such an endeavor committed to save the buildings in 2005. They stopped the wrecking ball and their successors have stabilized the building. Trust me, this has been a tough road to plow! Each time it seemed the resources were exhausted perseverance won out. Thanks to all who have continued to support BHSP.

Sandra E. Harrison, Building Committee Chair

Supporting Preservation

Make your tax-deductible donation by sending a check to BHSP, PO Box 149, Bath, NC 27808 or visit us online to make a credit card donation at http://www.bhspreservation.org/membership_support.aspx.

Runnin' for the Booty!

On a crisp fall morning, runners participated in the 2013 BHSP 5K Pirate Run. The race was timed and managed by East Carolina Road Racing and the course USATF certified. The combined Pirate Run and raffle was a great success with the 5K raising over \$16,000 and the raffle over \$9,500. Over 40 sponsors, both individual and corporate, from Eastern North Carolina, Miami and Marco Island, FL, Red Hook, NY, and Mount Sterling, KY supported our cause. In-kind donations from Hibbett Sports, Texas Roadhouse, Bath Harbor Marina, and East Coast Wings provided our participants with "scallybags" loaded with treasure.

The raffle immediately followed the 5K Awards Ceremony. Tickets were \$50 each or three for \$100 and very generous individuals and companies donated plenty of pirate booty for the raffle -- a .22 Marlin rifle, a bicycle, a fishing rod, 25 bales of hay, fertilizer, mums, two 4 day/3 night getaways to Williamsburg and Table Rock Mountain, ECU tickets, a craft basket, a Halloween Express decoration, a Roy Williams & players signed UNC-CH basketball, a half-day fishing trip, a Google Tablet, a custom wreath, wine baskets, a hand painted nautical table, paintings, an aluminum Drop Rapid hitch, pottery by local artists, and gift certificates for oil changes, restaurants, and landscaping packages.

A tremendous thank you goes out to all of our race participants, our hard working volunteers, to John Taylor and the Bath Volunteer Fire Department, the supportive community, our fund-raising committee, and most of all our in-kind donors and corporate and individual sponsors, without whom we would not have been able to produce the two consecutive annual 5Ks.

Cori Fritz, Fund Development Committee Member

BHSP 5K Pirate Run/Walk

Thank You Event Sponsors!

2013 BHSP 5K Title Sponsor 3-B Farms, Inc.

Check out our sponsors at www.bhsp5k.com!



2013 Overall Winners

Mac Jones of Washington in 19:20 &
Kay Evans of Chocowinity in 21:18

<u>Best Costumes</u> Geneva Woolard & Yvonne Waters

> BHSP 5K Sponsor A Runner Tanya Voth

Join us in 2014 for the 3rd Annual 5K Pirate Run!

The 2014 5K Pirate Run is tentatively scheduled for October 11, 2014. Mark your calendar and follow us on www.BHSP5k.com to stay updated. The registration fee is \$20 for children 12 and under and \$25 for adults. Registration on Active.com will be open in May 2014. Medals will be awarded to the top three overall male and female winners in each age group. The best-dressed pirate and the person raising the most money through our Sponsor a Runner contest will be awarded prizes as well. Our race is fun for the whole family and a great way to get everybody off the couch, away from the TV and computer, and out for a little fun and exercise! So ... put on your best pirate garb and come on out for our 3rd Annual BHSP 5K Pirate Run and see if you're worthy of the name Pirate or if you're just another Scallywag!

Grants Committee Update

Grants from the Golden LEAF Foundation, Historic Bath Foundation, Eddie & Jo Allison Smith Family Foundation, Marion Stedman Covington Foundation, NC Rural Economic Development Center. Josephus Daniels Charitable Trust, Jonathan Havens Charitable Trust, Preservation NC, the Town of Bath and the National Trust for Historic Preservation were instrumental in restoring the exterior of the historic Bath School and the interior of its South Wing, ultimately making the new Bath Community Library a reality!

The dedication of BHSP Building Committee, including David Johnston, Muriel Moore, Star Credle, Connie Bond, James Russell Boyd, John Baldwin and Sandra Harrison guided the effort to a February 1, 2014 opening of the expanded Bath Community Library in the south wing of the Old Bath High School. All of the hard work of the founders of BHSP to secure the building finally pays off.

If you haven't visited the new library, add a trip to it to your list. The new library is a bright, cheerful place, with lots of natural light. A highlight you don't want to miss -- all of the local history books! With the addition of our first tenant (the Bath Community Library, under the operation of the Beaufort-Hyde-Martin Regional Library System, this makes the restoration of the school a reality. Now, on to the next project!

Betsy Boxer, Grants Committee Chair

State's First Library Moves to BHSP







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More oysters, anyone?...

"No, thank you" was the reply from the 300 plus guests who filled Jerol Selby's Farm Shop on Saturday, February 22 for BHSP's 7th annual oyster roast with extras. Great conversations with neighbors and visitors, delicious oysters, soups, hot dogs and desserts were complimented by interesting silent auction choices.

The event takes several weeks of preparation and many, many hours of volunteer labor. Some 25 people set up tables, hung signs, iced beverages, cooked gumbo, steamed oysters and more.

Guests were invited to buy 50-50 raffle tickets to share the money pot and bid on a host of

interesting silent auction items.

At the end of the evening the guests, having eaten all they wanted, bid farewell with promises to return next year. And the volunteers got back to work in cleaning up and storing materials to put the shop back into its working environment.

The BHSP Fundraising Committee works extremely hard on this event and could not begin to complete such a gigantic task without the help of many people who support events and activities to support the preservation of the Bath High School. Thank you one and all!

If you missed it this year, mark your calendars and plan to join us for the 8th Annual Oyster Roast on February 28, 2015.

Claudia Alligood, Fund Development Chair

Annual BHSP Oyster Roast Nets Pearls



BHSP Participates in Paddle Bath Kayak Poker Run



Chicken Wing Cook-Off Benefits BHSP

Bath hosted its first annual chicken wing cook-off for a cause. The event was attended by 30 people who purchased tickets to sample 10 wings- fried, baked or grilled and flavored with a range of sauces from Buffalo style to teriyaki to a sweet creamy bacon sauce. A donation of \$655 was given to BHSP following the event as the recipients of this year's cooking for a cause proceeds.

Blackbeard's Slices and Ices Chef, Byrd Tyson won the event and landed the unique Best Wings in Bath trophy donated by Claudia Alligood of Nameplates.





2014 BHSP Board Meetings

7:00 PM, Bath Christian Church Fellowship Hall

> March 4, 2014 May 6, 2014 August 15, 2014 October 7, 2014 November 4, 2014

Mark Your Calendars - Local Events

May 17 – Bath Fest & BHSP Yard Sale

June 21 – Alumni Reunion

Fall – Paddle Bath Poker Run

October 11 - 5K Pirate Run & Raffle

December 7 - Christmas Parade

BHSP Membership Update

Welcome New Members! Join us in June!

A big thanks to each member who has joined BHSP in the last year! We are happy to report that as of February 4, 2014, the total membership is now 470. Because of our increased membership vital funds were available to complete the new library. Membership fees starting at \$25 at the Swashbuckler level are tax deductible and contribute to the many efforts underway to bring the Bath High School back to life. Members receive two newsletters a year, are invited to special events and more.

If you or someone you know has not yet joined BHSP, we welcome your support! The BHSP membership year begins again on June 1, 2014 through May 31, 2014. Reminder letters will be sent out to current members in early April. To access the membership application, please visit

http://www.bhspreservation.org/PDFs/ Membership/MembershipForm.pdf.

So mark your calendars and plan to join efforts to restore a national historic site!

Nelda Ormond, Membership Committee Chair

You Can Help Pave the Way!



BHSP to launch brick walkway naming opportunity soon!

Become a BHSP Member

BHSP Membership Form (Annual Membership runs from June 1 to May 31). Yes, I (we) want to make a special tax-deductible contribution to restore the BHS building.		
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Click, Read, Share -- "The Pirate's Revenge" Online!

This is the first edition of the electronic edition of "*The Pirate's Revenge*". Those without email will continue to receive a copy via USPS. Please send your email address to membership@bhspreservation.org so that you can be put on the list. A reduction in the cost of printing the Newsletter would be most helpful as we move forward with future work on the building. Your Board is committed to making prudent decisions with available funds while providing the membership with pertinent information.

Membership Notes and Reminder

- Membership/Donor Level information will be included with the membership renewal mailing in the future. Additionally plans are to also provide membership on the BHSP website which is currently undergoing redesign. You will be informed when this occurs.
- Donations/Contributions/Grants will continue to be in each edition.
- Membership renewals are due before June 1st of each year. Membership runs from June 1 until May 31st. You must pay your renewal before November 30 to have your name included in the next Fall/Winter newsletter.

The Queen Anne's Revenge Traveling Exhibit is coming to Bath!

Bath will be hosting the Queen Anne's Revenge (OAR), one of Blackbeard's ships that sank off the coast of Beaufort, N.C., as a traveling exhibit. The public exhibit will be located at the Visitor Center across the street from the BHS

buildings for a six week run arriving June 13 through July 27, 2014.



It started in

Asheville and is going across the state with interactive displays. There will be a ribboncutting with the QAR Opening Ceremony on June 13, a Pirate Encampment July 12 & 13 and special Pirate Thursday activities for children. The Historic Bath Commission is especially pleased to host a Blackbeard Art exhibit in the BHSP Gallery space adjacent to the Bath Community Library. Since we are close to the ECU Conservation Laboratory in Greenville, we would like to consider a Behind-the-Scenes Tour and other special events that are still in the planning stages.

As a community, every organization is encouraged to share the opportunities to welcome visitors, host events and deliver Bath's special touch with the QAR traveling exhibit. After all, Blackbeard spent a lot of time in Bath and we hope to see many of you BHS Pirates returning. As you read this edition of *Pirate's* Revenge, we celebrate the transformation of the BHS buildings and new life that comes from being open to the community once again. Come enjoy the Summer events at your home port-Bath! If you want more information, call 252-923-3971 or see us on Historic Bath Site.

> Peggy Daw, Chair Historic Bath Commission

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June 13 - July 27, 2014

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