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NEW BERN ACADEMY TAKES A RECESS

(NEW BERN, NC) --- The New Bern Academy Museum will be closed through February 2010. As part of the transition toward the completion of the North Carolina History Education Center, Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens has closed the New Bern Academy. This closure will allow for artifacts to be removed and replaced, and exhibits to be reworked. The anticipated reopening date is March 1, 2010.

The New Bern Academy will still be available to groups making reservations. It will also continue to be a stop on the New Bern Trolley Tour. In addition, the architectural walking tours (which start at the Academy building), will continue through the year. ###

Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens' mission is to engage present and future generations in the history of North Carolina from early settlement and development of statehood through the mid-twentieth century by collecting, interpreting and

preserving objects, buildings, landscapes and events that enrich understanding of the making of our state and nation. The North Carolina History Education Center complements and enhances this mission. For more information on this FREE lecture call: 1-800767-1560 or 252-514-4900.

Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens, located in New Bern, N.C., is part of the Office of Archives and History, an agency of the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources. The Department of Cultural Resources is a state agency dedicated to the promotion and protection of North Carolina's arts, history, and culture. For more information, visit www.ncculture.com.

Buildings currently open to the public include the reconstructed Palace, the John Wright Stanly House, the George W. Dixon House, and the Robert Hay House. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m, Sunday. The last tours of the day begin at 4 p.m. The New Bern Academy is closed and open by appointment only until March 1, 2010. Tickets and tour information are available at the Visitor Center located at the corner of George and Pollock streets. The Visitor Center and the first floor of the Palace are accessible to visitors with disabilities. The exciting new North Carolina History Education Center is under construction and is scheduled to open in July 2010.

For directions and further information about special events, programs or group tours, phone (800) 767-1560 or (252) 514-4900 or visit our web site: www.tryonpalace.org.
