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**A UNION CITY IN THE MIDST OF THE CONFEDERACY:  
NEW BERN OCCUPIED  
SATURDAY – SUNDAY - MONDAY, MARCH 13-15**

[NEW BERN, NC]--In remembrance of the anniversary of the Battle of New Bern, Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens is presenting a Civil War weekend concentrating on the Union occupation of New Bern and the civilian aspect of the Civil War.

Throughout the weekend, living history programs will highlight the lives of New Bernians under Union occupation. Tours of the historic houses will explain the role each house played during the Civil War, from a hospital to a jail for a female confederate spy.

Children's craft activities and interactive programs include nineteenth century games.

Tickets are valid for two days and are \$15 for adults; \$6 students. Military family discounts are available. All special events this weekend are included with the regularly priced ticket.

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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](http://www.ncculture.com)

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 scheduled to open in July of 2010 complements and enhances this mission.

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](http://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 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Last tours begin at 4 p.m. The New Bern Academy Museum is closed until March 2010, but is open for group tours. Tickets and tour information is available at the Visitor Center located at the corner of George and Pollock streets.

The visitor center and the first floor of the Palace and gardens are accessible to visitors with disabilities. The 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](http://www.tryonpalace.org).