

Spring 2009

The Palace

TRYON PALACE HISTORIC SITES & GARDENS

Tryon Palace Turns 50!



Find Us on Facebook

By Philippe Lafargue, Deputy Director

What do you get when the 18th century meets the 21st century's hottest networking tool? A Tryon Palace Facebook page, of course!



Facebook is the internet's leading social utility: over 150 million users around the world are using it daily to connect with others. Facebook itself calculates that "if it were a country, it would be the sixth most populated country in the world."

What started out as an explosion on college campuses has now hit the outside world by storm. Businesses and non-profits are increasingly turning to Facebook to promote products, events, news, and services. Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens is no exception.

Facebook itself is geared to highlight new information as it happens, and the speed and the frequency with which that information is passed around is incredible. Already, a number of museums are maintaining Facebook pages to get their message out, and we've decided that Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens should join them.

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An entry into Facebook is important for interacting with visitors of all ages, but imperative for communicating with younger generations. Using Facebook can open up new avenues of communication for us and give us unique opportunities to quickly spread the word about events at the Palace, the Gardens, and the North Carolina History Education Center.

So check us out on Facebook! Just go to our website, tryonpalace.org, and click on the **Find Us on Facebook** logo – you don't have to be a Facebook member to access our page. If you're already a member, you can view our page by typing: **Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens** in the Search box on your own Facebook page. This will allow you to become a "Fan" and use some of the interactive features specially designed for members. 



Bright tulips mark the arrival of spring in the Latham Garden.

On the Cover – This Edition

Top left: Workers lay brick and maneuver wooden scaffolding with the Kitchen Office visible in the background.

Bottom left: Costumed hostesses welcome visitors to the newly restored Palace at its grand opening in 1959.

Top right: An early promotional photo of Tryon Palace features the Governor and family, as well as friends and servants. Horses were kept on the Palace grounds through the early 1990s.

Bottom right: A hostess ushers guests through the Council Chamber in 1959, paying special attention to the portraits and authentic furniture carefully acquired by members of the original Tryon Palace Commission.

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50th Anniversary Exhibit



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Celebrating

50 YEARS OF

Tryon Palace History

**HATS OFF TO THE DREAMERS:
REBUILDING AND FURNISHING
TRYON PALACE**



MR. AND MRS. JAMES EDWIN LATHAM AT HOME, 1937.

Exhibit Opens ~ Friday, April 24, 2009

Two new galleries in the Palace will exhibit antique furniture, paintings, and objects d'art from the original Maude Moore Latham collection and items bought to furnish the Palace for its opening on April 8, 1959. Many have not been on view for decades. Eighteenth century archaeological evidence found during the restoration will also be on display.

Visitors will be able to see the Palace evolve over time – from the furnishings of the 1950s to today's more historically accurate portrayal of eighteenth century interiors.

Admission is included with the purchase of an all-inclusive Governor's Pass ticket (\$15 – Adults; \$6 – Students). Special discounts are available to groups.



Seth Thomas Tower Clock

By Nancy E. Richards, Curator of Collections

When visitors enter the Grand Hall of the North Carolina History Education Center, the first artifact they will see is a 1910 Seth Thomas, Model 17 Gravity, tower clock. This magnificent clock, which was formerly housed in the tower of New Bern's City Hall, welcomed visitors to New Bern and kept local citizens on time. It will find new life in the Center, being totally restored to its original condition and installed above the main entrance to greet guests and usher them back in time as they come to explore North Carolina's past.

The City Hall clock tower was an afterthought to the original building occupied by the U. S. Post Office, the Court House, and the Customs House. It was added in 1909 by the King Lumber Company of Charlottesville, Virginia, to hold the seven-foot nine-inch clock mechanism weighing 2,800 pounds and the bell mounted above. A hand-written bill of sale dated November 17, 1909 describes the clock:

One 9.17 Hour strike Tower Clock with 1½ compensated pendulum rod arranged for four (4) skeleton dials 12'6" in diameter and to strike on an 800 lb. bell above.

The clock was manufactured by the Seth Thomas Clock Company of Thomasville, Connecticut and installed in New Bern in 1911. Seth Thomas is a name well-known to horologists and clock collectors. The firm has been in business since 1813 and over the years has produced a range of clock types from pocket watches and small box clocks to tall case clocks and large clocks for public buildings. Its tower clock division was established in 1872 when the firm, run by Seth Thomas' sons, acquired the A. S. Hotchkiss Company, a well-known tower clock manufacturer in Brooklyn, New York. The firm became one of the largest and most important manufacturers of tower clocks in America between 1872 and 1931.

By the 1970s, the clock mechanism in New Bern's timepiece had deteriorated to the point that it needed rebuilding. The Verdin Company of Cincinnati, Ohio was awarded the contract for its repair. At that time, it was converted from a manual crank eight-day clock to an electric auto-winding timepiece and reinstalled in the City Hall tower in 1974. Twenty-five years later, the clock mechanism was taken out of service due to continued maintenance problems and replaced by an electrical/digital system, which now controls the clock faces and the bell.

In 2007, a group of citizens joined together to rescue,

refurbish, repair, restore, and preserve the clock. Under the chairmanship of Dobert Owsley, the New Bern Tower Clock Restoration group included Ed Gray, Mike B. Hattem, Glenn Irving, Kenneth and Yvonne Johnston, Francis J. Murphy, Robert Papasodero, Fred Swartout, Robert Weeks, and Sid Weiner. The restoration was sponsored by the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, Eastern North Carolina Chapter 191, Swiss Bear Downtown Development Corp, 300th Anniversary Committee, and New Bern's Firemen's Museum. Additionally, the project received support from New Bern Public Works, Hatteras Yachts, Damco Inc, Precision Molding and Woodworks, the New Bern Sun Journal, and WCTI-TV (Channel 12).

The clock is a gift of the City of New Bern to the Tryon Palace Commission for the North Carolina History Education Center. Until this new building is completed, the clock mechanism is temporarily on static display in the Firemen's Museum. Plans are to install the clock mechanism above the entrance to the new building. It will have a bell and two working dials – one for the exterior and one visible in the interior of the Great Hall. It is anticipated that the clock will be fully operational for the grand opening of the North Carolina History Education Center as part of New Bern's 300th Anniversary Celebration in 2010. 

The author thanks Dobert Owsley for providing information for this article.



The restored clock mechanism and face reveal the complex inner workings of the device. Photo courtesy of Dobert Owsley, New Bern, NC



The Calendar Change of 1752

By Tiffany Yecke Brooks, Editor

Seventeen-fifty-two was a year of profound change. In Philadelphia, it saw the birth of Betsy Ross, it marked the opening of the first American hospital, and it ushered in the arrival of the bell that would become known as the Liberty Bell; in Halifax, Nova Scotia, it saw the launch of the first Canadian newspaper; and it witnessed Benjamin Franklin's famous electricity experiments – a lot of history packed into a short year.

In retrospect, those happenings are all significant ones for the course of national history and human progress, but their impact was not really fully realized until years later. There was one event from 1752, though, that would not have escaped anyone's notice if they were living in Britain or any of her colonies in September of that year: the loss of eleven days from the calendar.

The Julian Calendar, which had been in use throughout Europe since Julius Caesar established it in 45 B.C, had a minor flaw in that it slightly miscalculated the length of a solar year – a mistake that added one extra day every 128 years. This error was so miniscule that it was hardly noticed at first. But as the centuries passed and more and more days amassed, calculations for seasons and crop planting began to be off by significant margins.

In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII commissioned a more accurate calendar that would better track the solar year. Italy, Spain, and many other Catholic nations transitioned to this calendar over the next few decades. Orthodox strongholds in Eastern Europe and Protestant strongholds like England and some parts of Germany refused to abide by the Gregorian calendar, however, resulting in the misalignment of dates between various European countries.

Though the Kingdom of Scotland adopted the new calendar in 1600, England remained on the Julian Calendar until they were fully eleven days behind the Gregorian calendar by the middle of the 18th century.

Philip Stanhope, Fourth Earl of Chesterfield, proposed the Calendar (New Style) Act to the House of Lords in 1750. An intellectual and statesman, Chesterfield felt it was imperative that England coordinate with continental Europe and proposed a series of changes that were adopted across the British empire.

The first change proposed by Chesterfield's Act (as it came to be known) moved the beginning of the civil year from 25 March (Lady Day) to 1 January. Previously, if an event occurred between 1 January and 24 March, the year was recorded as what



*Philip Stanhope,
4th Earl of Chesterfield*

we would now consider to be the previous year.

For example, if someone was born on the date that would now be written as 5 February 1710, it was recorded as 5 February 1709. Dates from 25 March onward were ascribed to the current year.

This system led to a style of recording dates that sometimes referred to as "old style" and "new style." For instance, the date 15 March 1750 (by modern reckoning) might be recorded instead as "15 March 1750/1" or "15 March 1750 (OS)" to denote the old way of marking the start of the year versus the way now in practice.

The second change brought about by Chesterfield was an adjustment to the days so as to coordinate the English dates with the Gregorian Calendar. Thus, 2 September 1752 immediately preceded 14 September 1752, so as to compensate for the eleven-day-lapse between the two systems.

It may sound incredibly confusing to a modern reader, but British subjects had been used to dealing with any number of dating systems between correspondence with Scotland or France, or trade with the Netherlands or Portugal. The calendar shuffle, it seems, did not make too much of an interruption in their daily lives and may have even been a welcome change. There were a few reports of peasants rioting with the famous slogan, "Give us our eleven days!" But most historians now agree that those accounts are unsubstantiated, stemming from only two contemporary sources: a satirical painting by William Hogarth and a newspaper article in a farcical paper run by Chesterfield himself.

An interesting footnote to this story, however, is the fact that the Palatine region of Germany had undergone the calendar change in 1700. The city of Bern, Switzerland did so in 1701. Thus, the earliest settlers to New Bern would have already been operating under the Gregorian system, even though they were living in a British colony that was still officially under the antiquated Julian calendar. There does not seem to be any evidence that this difference caused problems in New Bern's early years, as the German and Swiss settlers probably eventually adapted to the British dating system for a few decades before the calendar transition took place in the colonies.

All told, 1752 was a remarkable year. While some of its happenings are celebrated even today, others had a lasting impact – but we hardly even notice them. And remember this: If it took a day or two to adjust to Daylight Savings Time in March, just be grateful that you only had to move your clock ahead by one hour rather than eleven days. 



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In 2008, donors to the *Making History Capital Campaign* helped secure the continued progress toward the opening of the North Carolina History Education Center in 2010. The bustling pace and sound of over 550 pilings being driven on the site created great excitement in downtown New Bern and made a bold positive statement for the project. Thank you to the following 2008 donors, as well as earlier donors, who have provided the building blocks for the Center. A full list of donors may be seen at the building site.

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Special thanks to Jane Holding and Allan Gurganus for their presentation of *The Oldest Living Confederate Widow* as a benefit for the History Education Center.



Mrs. May Gordon Latham Kellenberger and Governor Luther Hodges stand ready for the ribbon cutting of the Tryon Palace restoration on April 8, 1959.

Mrs. Kellenberger and her mother Mrs. Maude Moore Latham were the first major benefactors for what has become Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens. They set the example for the generosity today of the donors for the Making History Capital Campaign and the next great era to build the North Carolina History Education Center.



Mrs. Latham's Garden Ornaments

By Lisa Wimpfheimer, Curator of Gardens

When Maude Moore Latham decided to leave a trust for the restoration of Tryon Palace, her daughter, May Kellenberger, was very supportive. She knew how much the project meant to her mother, who had dedicated the second half of her life to the effort. Thus, the Maude Moore Latham trust fund was established in 1944, and was first announced at the annual dinner of the Garden Club of North Carolina.

Mrs. Latham was a member of the Dogwood Garden Club in Greensboro and enjoyed her own gardens very much. After her death, the Dogwood Garden Club presented \$9,000 to the Tryon Palace Commission with which they purchased the front gates that all guests enter as they approach the Palace.

As Blackwell Robins writes in *Three Decades of Devotion*, "Mr. and Mrs. Kellenberger presented to the Palace gardens all of the statuary in her mother's garden which Mr. [Morley] Williams thought could be used. "The Boy with Grapes," her mother's favorite, was placed in the Green Garden."

Mrs. Latham's favorite statue still stands as the centerpiece of the Green Garden. This small, privy garden is part of the 50th anniversary exhibit in the Palace "Hats Off to the Dreamers." While this garden has been replanted with herbs and roses, it still maintains the original pattern designed by Williams.



The Boy with Grapes

The Latham Garden was also designed by Williams in the parterre style of European formality. It is intended to look like a garden room, complete with "furnishings" in the form of lovely plants and garden ornaments. Williams selected a pair of carved Bath stone baskets to flank the north entry into the floor of the sunken garden named for the Palace benefactor.

In the center of the formally clipped yaupon hedge is a low, concrete fountain which is also from Mrs. Latham's estate. It was electrified to keep the water circulating, with the peaceful sound of water flowing adding to the entire garden. Another of Mrs. Latham's garden ornaments maintains a prominent place in the Kellenberger Garden. The pink marble font stands as a focal point above the colorful array of flowers.

As we celebrate Mrs. Latham's birthday this April 8, we recall this date in 1959 when the Tryon Palace restoration officially opened to the public; and again in 1961, when the Maude Moore Latham Garden was dedicated. We remember fondly the woman who loved gardens and whose work was instrumental in bringing Tryon Palace back to the people of North Carolina. ✂

¹Robinson, Blackwell P. *Three Decades of Devotion*. Tryon Palace Commission, New Bern NC, 1978. (31)

²Ibid, 162

³Ibid, 147

Garden Events

Garden Lover's Weekend – Tulips Galore!

Friday-Sunday, April 17-19

Gardens open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. FREE Garden Admission, Interior tours require the purchase of a ticket.

Admission to the following events is free unless otherwise indicated.

- **Heritage Plant Sale:** Friday and Saturday on the Palace grounds, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- **Natural History Activities:** Friday-Sunday on the Palace grounds
- **Fife & Drum Corps Concerts:** Saturday and Sunday on the Palace grounds (In case of inclement weather, performances will be held in the Visitor Center auditorium.)

GARDEN LECTURES

Sponsored by The Harold H. Bate Foundation. Visitor Center Auditorium, FREE.

Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m.

Speaker: Dr. Bruce Williams, Gardening Consultant **"G.R.I.T.S. – Growing Right in the South"**

Bruce will share landscape and plant ideas that create sustainable landscapes which are attractive and eco-friendly.

Saturday, May 30, 10 a.m.

Speaker: Frank Hyman, Gardening Consultant **"Five Deer Resistant and Drought Hardy Gardens"**

Frank will share five garden designs using plants that grow well in drought conditions and are free of deer damage.

Saturday, June 13, 10 a.m.

Speaker: Cyndi Lauderdale, Horticulture Extension Agent **"English Rose Gardening, Southern Style"**

We all love English rose gardens, and Cyndi will share how to create a similar style in hot, humid Eastern North Carolina.



April

Saturdays, April 4, 11

Tryon Palace Theater:

Salute Mr. Washington

11:00 a.m., Visitor Center Auditorium
\$4 per adult, \$2 per student; FREE with regular admission.

A spirited young woman listens to her heart—and furthers the cause of liberty—in this short one-act play.

Wednesday, April 15

Spring Has Sprung!

10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., Program will begin in the Tryon Palace Visitor Center. \$4 per child, adults FREE

Ages 3-5, with parental accompaniment. Explore Tryon Palace's beautiful gardens in this special program for pre-schoolers and parents. Activities introduce using maps, measuring, symmetry, and basic plant science. Plant a seed to take home and start your own garden! Advance registration not required.

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Visitors will see the splendor of thousands of tulips in bloom. Garden Lover's Weekend is held in conjunction with the Spring Historic Homes & Gardens Tour, which is sponsored by the New Bern Historical Society and the New Bern Preservation Foundation. (A separate ticket is required for the historic homes tour. Please call (252) 638-8558 for more information.)

Admission to the following events is free unless otherwise indicated.

• **Heritage Plant Sale:** Friday and Saturday on the Palace grounds. Featuring perennials, herbs, annuals, trees, and shrubs grown in our greenhouse, the sale also offers the public a chance to own unique, rare, and historic plants. Master

gardeners will be on hand to answer your planting questions. Come early for the best selection! Sale hours are 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. both days.

• **Natural History Activities:** Friday-Sunday on the Palace grounds. Learn more about our gardens and North Carolina's natural history through a variety of hands-on activities for children including plant bingo, leaf rubbings, and more!

• **Fife & Drum Corps Concerts:**

Saturday and Sunday. Enjoy several performances by the Tryon Palace Fife & Drum Corps. Concerts take place outside on the Palace grounds throughout the afternoon. (In case of inclement weather, performances will be held in the Visitor Center auditorium.)

Sunday, April 19

African American Historic Downtown Walking Tour

2:00 p.m., Leaves from Visitor Center Lobby. \$4 per adult, \$2 per student
Learn about 300 years of African American history on a walking tour of New Bern's historic district. This tour lasts approximately 90 minutes and covers 16 blocks. Reservations required: 252-514-4935. (Minimum Enrollment: 10)

Friday, April 24

50th Anniversary of Tryon Palace Exhibit

"Hats Off to the Dreamers: Rebuilding and Furnishing Tryon Palace"

Exhibit Opens - Friday, April 24, 2009
Admission is included with the purchase of an all-inclusive Governor's Pass ticket (\$15 – Adults; \$6 – Students). Special discounts are available to groups.

Thursday, April 30

Parlor Talk

Speaker: Meghan Bishop, Tryon Palace Historic Interpreter

"Slave to Freewoman and Back Again: Kitty Payne and Antebellum Kidnapping"

12:00 p.m., Commission House Parlor
FREE, Bring Your Own Lunch, Beverages will be provided.

In 1843, an African American woman named Kitty Payne and her three children arrived in Pennsylvania, newly manumitted by their mistress in the South. Two years later, a gang of men burst into the Paynes' home, dragging the family back to slavery. The story of Kitty Payne echoed and replayed itself thousands of times in the years before the Civil War. Come hear the story of antebellum kidnapping in the American South.

May

Saturdays, May 2, 16

Tryon Palace Theater: Punch and Judy

11:00 a.m., Stable Office Carriage Bay
\$4 per adult, \$2 per student; FREE with regular admission.

Watch a real colonial puppet show, once performed in Governor Tryon's time. Our version is adapted for young audiences and brings Punch & Judy to America just before the American Revolution.

Saturday, May 2

Home School Day

"Discovering Our Past, Celebrating Our Future"

9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$10 per student, \$12 per adult (tickets valid 2 consecutive days).
Home-school families can enjoy interactive activities and tours of the Palace and three historic houses. Bring your picnic lunch. Planned for school-age children; some activities have a minimum age requirement. Space is limited; pre-registration and pre-payment required by April 17. Call (252) 514-4935 to register.



A truck and crane are part of the construction site at the restoration of Tryon Palace.

Saturday, May 9

Garden Lecture

Speaker: Dr. Bruce Williams, Gardening Consultant

“G.R.I.T.S. – Growing Right in the South”

10:00 a.m., Visitor Center Auditorium
FREE. Sponsored by The Harold H. Bate Foundation

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Saturday, May 9

Saturday Sampler

Blacksmithing for Beginners

10:00 a.m. – will end by 4:00 p.m.,
Blacksmith shop. \$20 per person,
materials fee included

Colonial blacksmiths made iron tools such as weapons, cooking utensils, horseshoes, and even cutlery for craftsmen and farmers in

the 18th century. This workshop provides an introduction to the basics of blacksmithing with hands-on instruction and completion of a sample project to take home.

Prepayment and reservations are required. Please call 252-514-4935.

Class size limited 10 people (minimum enrollment: 5).

Friday, May 15

Workshops

New Bern Literary Symposium

\$15 for one workshop, \$25 for two
“Writing Your Memoirs” – Joan Carris
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Tryon Palace
Commission House (610 Pollock Street)
“Developing your Characters” – Linda Bergman

1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Gertrude Carraway Library, Disosway House (608 Pollock Street)

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Sunday, May 17

South Lawn Concert Series: Craven Community Concert Band

Gates open at 5:00 p.m., concert begins at 6:30 p.m., South Lawn. FREE
Pack a picnic and join your family and friends for the first concert of our 2009 South Lawn Concert Series. Please bring your own chairs and blankets, but leave pets and alcoholic beverages at home.

Thursday, May 21

African American Lecture Series

Speaker: Kenneth R. Janken, Ph. D.
“The Origins of the Civil Rights Movement in World War II”

7:00 p.m., Visitor Center Auditorium
FREE

Through the power of television, radio, and daily newspapers, Americans absorbed images of hopeful, disciplined, and dedicated young people shaping their destinies. But this drama of the mid-20th century emerged on a foundation of earlier struggles. The modern civil rights movement is rooted in the era of World War II and the black freedom struggle for victory over fascism abroad, and racism and white supremacy at home.

Saturday, May 30

Garden Lecture

Speaker: Frank Hyman, Gardening Consultant

“Five Deer Resistant and Drought Hardy Gardens”

10:00 a.m., Visitor Center Auditorium
FREE. Sponsored by The Harold H. Bate Foundation

Frank will share five garden designs using



Students practice writing calligraphy at Colonial Life Day Camp.

plants that grow well in drought conditions and are free of deer damage.

Sunday, May 31

Lecture

Guest Speaker: David Brook, Director – Division of Historical Resources, Office of Archives and History
“A Most Magnificent Spectacle: Hats Off to the Dreamers”

2:00 p.m., Visitor Center Auditorium
 Cost: TBA

Join David Brooks for a discussion of the early efforts to rebuild the Palace and the women who spearheaded the undertaking.

June

Summer Garden Hours

June 1-September 7, Gardens open until 7:00 p.m. Last ticket sold at 4:30 p.m.

Saturdays, June 6, 20

Tryon Palace Theater: The Making of a State

11:00 a.m., Visitor Center Auditorium
 \$4 per adult, \$2 per student; FREE with regular admission.

Don't just listen to history; take an active part in it! During this interactive program, the audience will participate in our First Provincial Congress and help determine North Carolina's course leading towards the Revolutionary War.

Monday, June 8

South Lawn Concert Series

2nd Marine Aircraft Wing Band

Gates open at 5:00 p.m., concert begins at 7:00 p.m. FREE. South Lawn

Come early to have time to enjoy the beautiful summer blooms with your family and friends before the concert begins. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets, but please leave pets and alcoholic beverages at home.

Thursday, June 11

Colonial Dance Revolution

6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

\$4 per adult, \$2 per student
Dance to some REAL oldies! Learn several popular dances of the late 18th century, including such hits as “Hole in the Wall” and “The Female Sailor.” Come in costume if you have one, and dance the night away with Governor and Mrs. Tryon.

Saturday, June 13

Garden Lecture

Speaker: Cyndi Lauderdale, Horticulture Extension Agent
“English Rose Gardening, Southern Style”

10:00 a.m., Visitor Center Auditorium
 FREE. Sponsored by The Harold H. Bate Foundation

We all love English rose gardens, and Cyndi will share how to create a similar style in hot, humid Eastern North Carolina.

Saturday, June 13

Saturday Sampler

Tea with the Stanlys
 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Stanly House
 \$15 per person

Mrs. Elizabeth Franck Stanly cordially invites you to join her for tea in her garden Saturday, the 13th of June, 1814. She will be serving tea, sandwiches, and desserts as guests discuss the latest literature and fashions of the day. Please join Mrs. Stanly for polite company, conversation, and entertainment in your best bonnet and gloves. RSVPs are required; please contact 252-514-4935. A minimum of 8 guests are necessary for tea; regrettably space is limited to 30.

Tuesdays, June 16, 23, and

30

July 7, 14, 21, and 28

August 4, 11, and 18

Time Travel Tuesdays: Ages 8-14

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. \$5 per student
 (Save \$10 and sign-up for the whole summer! \$40 must be paid first day of attendance; sorry no refunds)

Parents can enjoy a morning off while their children enjoy a “blast from the past.”

Kids will participate in popular games and activities from the 18th to 20th centuries. Come experience the lighter side of history this summer at Tryon Palace! Parents must register children first day of participation.

Thursdays June 18, 25

Tryon's Tales for Tots: Ages 3-5

10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. \$4 per child, adults FREE

Ages 3-5, with parental accompaniment. You're never too young for history! Pre-schoolers and parents will learn about life in the past through stories, objects, and crafts. Come listen, look, and learn about life in the past!

Monday, June 22

South Lawn Concert Series

North Carolina Symphony

Gates open at 5:00 p.m., concert begins at 7:30 p.m. FREE. South Lawn

Pack a picnic and come early to stroll in the gardens and stake out a good spot on the South Lawn for this thrilling performance. Please bring your own chairs and blankets, but leave pets and alcoholic beverages at home.

Monday, June 22–

Friday, June 26

Colonial Life Day Camp: Grades 3-5

9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. daily. \$75 per person (\$60 for Council of Friends members)

Step back into the past and experience life before ipods and the internet. At the Colonial Life Day Camp, students will explore how colonists lived in 18th century North Carolina. They'll participate in numerous hands-on activities that will give them a taste of colonial life, including: colonial cooking demonstrations, quill pen writing, colonial dress-up, 18th century games, cornhusk doll-making, natural history activities, and much, much more! So come join us this summer, and discover how Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens is making history fun! Advance registration is necessary: visit www.tryonpalace.org or call 252-514-4939 for more information. Registration closes Monday, June 8. Minimum Enrollment: 8



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By Karen O'Connell, Coordinator, Tryon Palace Council of Friends

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Outstanding Attendance for Bate Free Day

By Katie Brightman, Curator of Interpretation

There may have been snow on the ground earlier in the week, but you could not have asked for better weather for the eighth annual Free Day on Saturday, February 7. Almost 2,000 people came out to enjoy the free grounds, building tours, crafts, lectures, and presentations in the beautiful 60 degree sunshine.

The theme for this year's event was "Discovering Our Past—Celebrating Our Future!" in honor of the 50th anniversary of the restoration of the original Palace. There was something for everyone, ranging from scholarly lectures to a mock archaeological dig to craft activities including making time capsules and diaries.



There were also storytelling and music performances that introduced oral history as a form of historical memory. All of the events and activities were designed to give visitors a better understanding of how we learn about the past and

what we can do to leave a better record for future generations.

This event would not have been possible without the generous support of The Harold H. Bate Foundation, which is also providing funding for our popular Garden Lecture Series and African American Lecture Series, as well as the exciting new North Carolina History Education Center. Free Day and other Bate-funded programs help make it possible for Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens to make history relevant, accessible, and fun to all people. 

Tryon Palace Appears in Historic Inauguration Parade

By Rebecca Reimer, Curator of Education

The inauguration of Bev Perdue as the first female governor of North Carolina was historic in and of itself. Yet for Tryon Palace and the city of New Bern, the inauguration had a second significance – Bev Perdue is the first governor to call New Bern home since Richard Dobbs Spaight, Jr. served in the office from 1835 until 1836. Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens, which was constructed for royal governor William Tryon, also served as the home and state offices for the first state governor, Richard Caswell, starting in 1776. As such, it was only fitting to send a contingent of volunteers and staff to celebrate the 2009 inauguration of Governor Perdue.

Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens was represented by sixty-five people marching in the parade in Raleigh on January 11. Costumed interpreters portrayed the Governor and Mrs. Tryon, as well as surveyor and naturalist John Lawson. A group of other interpreters represented an array

of eighteenth-century personages. The Fife & Drum Corps provided a steady marching tune, while Tryon Palace's Jonkonnu troupe entertained the crowd with its re-creation of an early nineteenth-century African American celebration.

The historic occasion was marked first by a prayer ceremony held Friday morning, and Saturday's festivities included the inaugural ceremony, parade, and an open house at the Governor's Mansion. Despite dire forecasts early in the week, Saturday's weather held and allowed for large crowds lining the parade route.

Marching bands and an assortment of performers filled the parade's ranks, but Tryon Palace managed to make itself seen and heard. Jonkonnu and the Fife & Drum Corps were lively and inspired the crowd to celebrate. Governor and Mrs. Tryon saluted Governor Perdue with a deep bow and curtsy – which were happily returned. The inaugural parade was a unique way to honor North Carolina's past while looking forward to a bright future. 



Tryon Palace Volunteer Honor Roll 2008

THREE HUNDRED TO THREE HUNDRED NINETY - NINE HOURS

HERBERT BURTON	335
VICKI LINLEY	308
RALPH LINLEY	300

TWO HUNDRED TO TWO HUNDRED NINETY HOURS

Amanda Buffa	247
Jan Conaty	243
Linda Cummings	210
Josh Fleming	201
Juliette Lafargue	204
Hunter Langhans	208
Michael Stephens	263
John Tayloe	219
Lindsey Weatherington	236
John West	280



As Captain of a U.S. Submarine in World War II and now a volunteer gardener at Tryon Palace and History Teacher at the New Bern Academy Museum, Herb Burton is all about service to others.



Vicki and Ralph Linley are true history buffs – from hand-sewing petticoats to forging nails as a blacksmith apprentice, Ralph and Vicki make it all look easy as Tryon Palace volunteers.

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY TO ONE HUNDRED NINETY - NINE HOURS

Harriet Appel	146	Bob Eddings	146	Kelly Leonhardt	156	Kathy Russman	197
“B” Braley	157	Frank Fiederlein	178	Abigail Lorentzen	193	Jane Snider	124
Sarah Burke	133	Dottie Giersch	189	Amy Lunsford	168	Dick Stern	125
Cecelia Butchin	122	Lisa Gunn	134	Barbara Maurer	183	Gail Tilley	176
Charles Dettor	127	Ellen Herron	196	Helen Parker	164	Amy Weatherington	128
Betty Dunton	152	Jim King	193	Mary Rudbeck	157	Michael Zerby	132

SIXTY TO ONE HUNDRED NINETEEN HOURS

Jan Beijer	109	William Harwood	67	Joe Parker	60	Dottie Sylvester	98
Barbara Cornish	80	Al Hesketh	98	Mary Jean Peters	58	John Tattersall	103
Ruth Dettor	72	Miranda Hill	103	George Powers	82	Nancy Uhland	100
Peg Domaleski	67	Glenn Irving	68	Ruth Powers	100	Robert Week	65
Janice Dooley	91	Rachel Kwasnick	74	Cathy Rehrig	96	Sid Weiner	69
Pat Dunleavy	96	Richard Loveless	64	Charles Rehrig	112	Barbara West	92
Joan Fiederlein	116	Keith Martin	87	Mary Jane Robinson	112	Sally Whetstone	112
Gladys Frankson	87	Jerri Moore	71	Barbara Rohrbach	64	Bradley Williams	61
Frances Grubb	60	Francis Murphy	105	Jackie Sherwood	63	Arlene Yeager	112
Ludwig Hartung	114	Dovert Owsley	74	Alicia Stern	93	Frank Yeager	112

FORTY TO FIFTY - NINE HOURS

Trudy Ashbrook	40	Joseph Gawek	44	Walt Mesaros	48	Bob Sylvester	40
Dick Bailie	44	Jean Hawes	40	Ryan Miller	51	Dillon Thomas	42
Hazel Campesi	47	Theresa Hill	55	Bob Moore	45	Kristina Thomas	52
Chad Connor	46	Yvonne Johnston	42	Bob Paposodero	44	Rosa Weatherington	40
Barbara Daly	41	Dan Kent	43	Ken Sewell	50	Joseph White	54
Georgianna DelSoro	59	Pat Kruger	41	Johnnie Smith	41	Joy White	44
Katherine Fannin	52	Stephen Martin	50	Stella Smith	52		
Betsy Figueroa	50	Susan Mathes	53	Terry Startzman	45		
Ed Gray	48	Betty Mesaros	44	Frederick Swartout	44		



TWENTY TO THIRTY - NINE HOURS

Phillip Buffa	28	Debi Hill	21	Mickey Ostheimer	27	Betsy Sprague	20
Lois Calderaro	34	Kenneth Johnston	25	Margaret Pederson	24	Hillary Seybold	38
Kelly Caskey	35	Mae Kaseman	38	Brian Poppe	22	Paul Switzer	30
Rachel Davis	36	Linda Kerr	37	Ethan Poppe	27	Patti Urick	29
John Forrest	24	Louise Knight	29	Jenna Poppe	30	Phil Urick	29
Sherry Forrest	24	Andrew Matson	25	Lester Poppe	27	Vicki Vitali	33
Joseph Freiwald	23	Ginny Mattern	38	Paul Poppe	27	Dave Watrous	20
Stephen Gathercole	23	Buzz Mead	38	Seth Poppe	34	Dotti Webb	24
Mara Graves	29	Mike Miller	28	Linda Richardson	21	Celeste Wood	33
Karen Harper	21	Mary O'Neill	34	Brenda Rose	25		

Volunteer Call:

- The New Bern Academy is in need of volunteers, especially on Saturdays. The shifts are 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Winter) and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Summer).
- Volunteers are needed to work the two galleries hosting the 50th Anniversary Exhibit. Volunteers should be available to work a minimum of one full day a month or two half days.



The gardens boasted some unusual decorations in 1959.



Sunset illuminates the skies above Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.

Upcoming Events

Fourth of July Celebration. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE Garden Admission. Interior tours require the purchase of a ticket. *Visitors on this patriotic day will enjoy a dramatic reading of the Declaration of Independence at 11am, performances by the Fife & Drum Corps, free family entertainment including crafts and games for children, and have the opportunity to mingle and chat with colonial characters.*

Tryon's Tales for Tots. Thursdays through August 20. 10 a.m.-11 a.m. \$4 per child, adults free. Ages 3-5, with parental accompaniment. *You're never too young for history! Pre-schoolers and parents will learn about life in the past through stories, objects, and crafts. Come listen, look, and learn about life in the past!*

Fife & Drum Corps Recruit Camp. July (dates TBA). 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. daily. \$150 per student (\$120 for Council of Friends Members). Grades 6-10. *In this camp, participants will learn from experienced instructors the basics of reading music, scales and rudiments, marching, history, and tunes that will prepare them to join the Tryon Palace Fife & Drum Corps. Join this outstanding program and help bring history to life in a unique way. Advance registration is necessary. Minimum enrollment: 8. For more information contact kbrightman@tryonpalace.org or 252-514-4939.*

Tryon Palace Theater. \$4 per adult, \$2 per student; FREE with regular admission. Saturdays, July 18, August 1, and August 15: *Programs TBD.*



Our New Friends

The Tryon Palace Council of Friends welcomes the following members who have joined between November 7, 2008 and March 4, 2009.

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Friends Movie Series

Tuesday, April 7: *Pillow Talk*

7:00, Visitor Center Auditorium. FREE

This lighthearted romp stars Rock Hudson as a playboy named Brad and Doris Day as an interior decorator named Jan, the two have a case of crossed telephone calls on a party line and develop an incredible dislike for the other. When they meet in person and find themselves caught up in a whirlwind of mistaken identity, silly disguises, and practical jokes, romance is sure to follow.

Tuesday, May 5: *Imitation of Life*

7:00, Visitor Center Auditorium. FREE

A complex and cutting examination of parenting, responsibility, and race, *Imitation of Life* stars Lana Turner and Juanita Moore in an important examination of racial "passing" and domestic abuse, as these strong women find success, defeat, and a strong bond in this powerful film about regret, reconciliation, and relationships.

Tuesday, June 2: *Suddenly Last Summer*

7:00, Visitor Center Auditorium. FREE

Based on Tennessee Williams's one-act play, *Suddenly Last Summer* features Elizabeth Taylor as Catherine Holly, a wealthy and seemingly unstable New Orleans socialite, who is threatened with a lobotomy by her domineering aunt, Violent Venable, played by Katharine Hepburn. As Dr. John Cukrowicz (Montgomery Clift) treats Catherine, he stumbles onto a dark web of murder, cover-up, and family secrets.



A different kind of drive-in: The 1950s-style automobile parked on the front lawn gives some context to this photo of the nearly-restored Palace.

Members-Only Events

The Tryon Palace Council of Friends announces the following special events for members only:

- **Preview Garden Sale:** This "members only" special preview sale of Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens' annual Garden Lovers' Weekend Heritage Plant Sale takes place Thursday, April 16, 5 – 6:30 p.m. on the lawn outside the Garden Shop. Council of Friends members have the unique opportunity to shop early for the best selection of plants before the sale opens to the public on the following day. Your membership card is required for admission.
- **Annual Meeting and Luncheon:** The Council of Friends Annual Meeting and Luncheon on Saturday, May 2 is an opportunity to join your fellow members for an update on the Council of Friends and Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens as well as enjoying good company and good food. Invitations to exclusive events like this are just one of the many benefits of membership in the Tryon Palace Council of Friends.



Patricia Naumann Succeeds David Ward as President of Council of Friends Board

By Karen O'Connell, Friends Coordinator

At the February meeting of the Friends Board, Patricia L. Naumann was elected president to succeed David L. Ward, Jr. David's many years of faithful service have been instrumental in advancing the causes of the Council of Friends, most especially the building of the North Carolina History Education Center which is scheduled to open in 2010. Thank you, David, for your leadership in the past and for your continuing support of the Friends.

Patricia Naumann spent over 18 years in the private sector prior to her relocation to New Bern in 1998. Her professional responsibilities included manager of purchasing and production control for fishing equipment manufacturer Zebco and managerial assignments in customer service, marketing, sales, and operations planning at Inland Steel Company. Patricia has a BA degree in art history from Northwestern University and is a past president of the Craven Arts Council and Gallery. She has also served on the boards of Swiss Bear and the Craven Regional Medical Center Foundation and has been active in fund raising for the "Relay for Life." She has served on the Council of Friends Board of Directors since 2006. Patricia is a graduate of Leadership Craven and is married to William Naumann.

The Council of Friends Board of Directors welcomes the following new members:

Dr. Frank J. Eagles is President Emeritus of Wilson Community College where he was associated for 36 years, the last 21 as president until his retirement in 2003. He holds a BS degree from UNC-CH, a master's degree from ECU, and a doctorate from NCSU. He is a member of the board and past president of the East Carolina Council, BSA, past president of the NC Association of Community College Presidents, and has served on the boards of many civic and private organizations. In 2003, Frank was awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine. A native of Wilson NC, Frank and his wife Dorothy Poole Eagles, formerly of Charlotte, have two sons, two grandsons and two granddaughters.

Mary Silver grew up in a small town in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. After graduating from Elon College, she worked for Burlington Industries for three years, met her husband who is from High Point, and they moved to New Bern as newlyweds. Mary worked for Alltel for 11 years as a business sales consultant and is currently a sales consultant



Patricia Naumann (bottom left) and David L. Ward, Jr. (bottom right) are shown here with the Council of Friends Board of Directors at its February 2009 meeting.

with Etcetera Clothing, a line of quality clothing from New York City. Mary and her husband Art, son Beau, and daughter Ashley live in New Bern's Historic District.

Karen Skipper is a former principal of Brinson Memorial Elementary School. Most recently she was the interim Director of Curriculum and Instruction for Craven County Schools. Karen has her Bachelor of Music degree from Michigan State University, a Masters degree in Reading and Math Education from Wayne State University, and an Education Specialist degree in Administration from Oakland University. She is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, an honorary international, professional organization for women educators and the Craven County Water Conservation Task Force. Karen is married to Nathan Skipper.

Sallie Baxter of New Bern, **Judge J. Patrick Exum** of Kinston, **Karen Webb** of Greenville, and **Helen White** of Raleigh and New Bern are also new members of the Board and will be recognized in our summer issue. ☞



Springtime Selections

By Paul Brown, Retail Operations Manager

We proudly introduce from New Bern Candle & Soap Factory exclusive candles that portray the varied scents of Tryon Palace's gardens in bloom. The Museum Shop features three different candle pillar sizes in this unique gift.

Our Latham Garden Lavendar pillars are a fitting tribute to this formal garden of cutwork parterre named in honor of Maude Moore Latham, whose determined work was instrumental in the resurrection of Tryon Palace. The bayberry wax from the berries of the wax myrtle shrub has long been a favorite aroma for candles and was used in Colonial American candlemaking. We offer the Carraway Garden Bayberry fragrance named in honor of Gertrude Carraway, the first director of Tryon Palace.

Each candle comes with a card attached that provides information about the garden of inspiration and its fragrance. Prices range from \$6.99 to \$14.99.



Local potter Jim Bisbee has made available a wonderful selection of his custom work for sale in the Tryon Palace Museum Shop.

Jim has been making wheel-thrown stoneware pottery for 12 years. His designs are simple and call to mind pottery used in the 18th century. His work centers on functional household utensils and our exclusive selection includes ceramic pie plates, berry bowls, serving bowls, baking dishes, cheese keepers, and chip and dip sets.

Also available are copies of some of Jim's special recipes to try out with your new, handcrafted pottery. Prices range from \$28 to \$90, and all the pottery pieces are microwavable and dishwasher safe.

We've moved! You can now find the Museum Shop in the historic Daves House, to the right of the main gates on Pollock Street.



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