



Tryon Palace



2012 Annual Report

From the Foundation

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to present Tryon Palace's 2012 Annual Report. We thank and recognize all of you who have invested in Tryon Palace with your generous contributions. Your financial support, like the challenge of our mission, continued to grow in importance over the past year.

Your support made everything possible – costumes for interpreters, theater and music performances, historic reenactments, educational materials, summer camps, the Fife and Drum Corps, Jonkonnu and many more programs and events.

Tryon Palace encountered both challenges and opportunities in 2012. Facing the possibility of additional and devastating reductions to state funding, the Palace began work on a five-year plan focused on increasing private funds through attendance, special events and donations.

Tryon Palace Foundation, formally known as Tryon Palace Council of Friends, recognized that we must step up to a higher level of financial support for Tryon Palace. This is the only way to continue the outstanding work Tryon Palace does to engage present and future generations in the history and culture of North Carolina.

We have begun an ambitious plan to improve and expand our fundraising efforts. There will no doubt be growing pains, but the Foundation is sure of its course and responsibilities to support Tryon Palace.

Looking into the future we see more challenges ahead in the form of uncertainty in state funding. The cuts so far have resulted in a significant reduction in the Palace staff and some limitations in programming. This places an even greater importance on your financial giving and political advocacy. Seek out your State Senator and your member of the NC House of Representatives. They need to hear how you feel about the importance of Tryon Palace.

In keeping with the increasing financial challenge at the Palace, we are changing our Foundation funding model. The annual membership and annual fund campaigns are being consolidated into an Annual Giving program. I ask you to please invest in Tryon Palace through Annual Giving to the Foundation and encourage others to do the same. Also, please visit and bring your relatives and friends. The Palace is a treasure for us to keep, but only with your support. Please give every year and make a difference every day.

I look forward to seeing you at Tryon Palace.

Patricia L Naumann
President, Tryon Palace Foundation



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About Tryon Palace

Tryon Palace, located in New Bern, NC, is part of the Office of Archives and History, an agency of the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources. Tryon Palace is one of North Carolina's most significant historic sites. It is the home of the Governor's Palace, North Carolina's first colonial and first state capitol, and includes historic buildings, gardens and the North Carolina History Center, which revolutionizes the visitor experience through use of the latest interactive technology. The History Center includes galleries, a performance hall, the museum store and a waterfront café. Tryon Palace's mission is to engage present and future generations in the history of North Carolina from early settlement in 1710, the development of statehood and into the mid-20th century. It is dedicated to collecting, interpreting and preserving objects, buildings, landscapes and events that enrich understanding of the making of our state and nation.

Tickets and visitor information are available at Tryon Palace, 529 S. Front St., New Bern. For directions and further information about special events, programs or group tours, employment and more, visit our website: www.tryonpalace.org or phone (800) 767-1560 or (252) 639-3500.

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From the Director

Every day, I remind myself how lucky Tryon Palace is to have a group of individuals who come together and choose to support its mission. During the past two years of unprecedented challenges I have been able to highlight, with pride and gratitude, the large number of dedicated contributors and the financial commitments made to Tryon Palace. What we do here at Tryon Palace matters to a lot of folks – and that remains an incredibly potent advocacy tool for us.

When I look at the photographs in this report, I see many individuals and families themselves making history and enjoying memorable moments throughout our unique venues. Tryon Palace is not only a first-class history museum, but we have also grown into a vibrant cultural institution in North Carolina, blending history and the arts in new and interesting ways. At a time when museums in general are facing serious challenges, it is particularly gratifying to acknowledge that with your support Tryon Palace has been able to continue to offer high quality educational and cultural programs for our students, our visitors, our community, and our state.



The past 18 months have been quite challenging to the core of Tryon Palace and its mission, but they have also underscored our resilience and perseverance. The future always demands changes and adjustments and there is no exception for Tryon Palace. It is clear to me that the Foundation will continue to play an ever more important role in Tryon Palace's success, and in helping pave the way for a Tryon Palace that is well-equipped to face the future – and to thrive. Our strength will come through the continued support of those of you whose names are already gratefully acknowledged in this annual report – and from many more individuals whose commitments we still need to inspire. Our future very much depends on it.

Although your financial contributions are critical, your support as volunteers or through attending the many programs and events we offer, is equally important to our mission and to securing additional supporters. When your friends see you having a lot of fun, they will want to join the party! In 2012, we increased our volunteer hours support by 8% over the previous year. We are well over the half a million dollar mark in terms of labor value received through volunteer work. It's exciting to think that in just in a couple of years we could reach the one million dollar mark in volunteer labor. This is a powerful indication of the commitment and support that Tryon Palace receives on an annual basis.

On behalf of all the staff at Tryon Palace, I thank you for all you do and for all that I am confident you will continue to do. But I need to ask one more favor: become our best ambassadors. Go out there, spread the word and recruit more supporters to become part of the Tryon Palace Foundation. They will be in very good company indeed.

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Sailing

Through History

Core Sound Boatbuilding Tradition Comes to Life at Tryon Palace

Tryon Palace was proud to host the exhibition, *Workboats of Core Sound*, at the North Carolina History Center's Duffy Gallery, with the help of major sponsor Jarrett Bay Boatworks, of Beaufort. The core of the exhibition was the collection of Lawrence Earley's evocative photographs of the wooden workboats built in the fishing villages of the Core Sound region.

For more than two centuries, the people of Core Sound have relied on their abilities to build wooden fishing boats that could navigate the region's shallow waters and exploit its rich fisheries. Confident of their skills, Core Sound boatbuilders use memory and experience to guide their hands, rather than plotting designs on paper. In fact, boatbuilding is among the most important of the many living folk traditions of the Core Sound area.

Lawrence Earley began photographing the wooden workboats of Core Sound in 1985. Earley, an author and the former editor of *Wildlife in North Carolina*, learned quickly that "when Core Sound residents look at photographs of workboats, they see many layers of history, stories and family connections. To them, a workboat was almost like a family member, emotionally charged with the names of individuals and families and communities associated with her."

For its installation at the History Center, Tryon Palace worked closely with the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center on Harker's Island to provide a rich and compelling understanding of these critical Down East traditions for visitors to the exhibition. Thanks to the Core Sound Museum, Tryon Palace was able to display three full-sized skiffs as part of the exhibition, as well as tools and artifacts related

to the boatbuilding and fishing traditions of the region.

The sponsorship of Jarrett Bay Boatworks was essential in bringing this important exhibition about one of Eastern North Carolina's oldest and most important living traditions to the North Carolina History Center. One of Eastern North Carolina's premier boatbuilders, Jarrett Bay represents the modern evolution of the fishing boat/pleasure craft that has emerged from the original native workboats that represent "many layers of history, stories and family connections," to quote Earley.

Jarrett Bay's support was also critical in helping generate more than \$10,000 in additional funding to support a unique demonstration in conjunction with the exhibition.

Throughout the fall of 2012, a 21-foot juniper dead-rise sail skiff took shape in the Carriage Bay at the Governor's Palace under the skilled hands of Gloucester, North Carolina boatbuilder Heber Guthrie and his son Clifford. The skiff, named in honor



of Tryon Palace's long-time director Kay Williams, was made possible by sponsors Bonnie and Dean Knight, Gregory Poole Marine Power, Overman Capital Management, and many other generous donors. Following her maiden sail in March of 2013, the *Miss Kay* was featured in a live auction, along with other maritime-themed items, that raised more than \$11,000 for future exhibits at Tryon Palace.

Workboats of Core Sound captured the community's attention and sparked interest in the Core Sound boatbuilding tradition and preservation of these unique watercrafts. Tryon Palace was thrilled, with the support of Jarrett Bay Boatworks, to be able to host an exhibit that speaks so strongly to the communities of Eastern North Carolina. To build on that excitement

by offering a demonstration that both preserves the unique boatbuilding traditions of Down East and disseminates the knowledge of that tradition to younger generations and visitors from afar, was a dream come true.



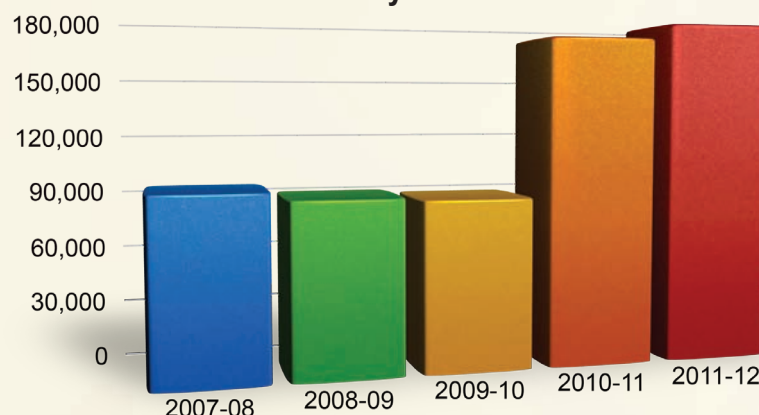
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From budget cuts and staffing reductions, to the passing of 30-year Director Kay Williams, Tryon Palace faced numerous challenges in 2012. Thankfully, Tryon Palace was still able to continue a mission of education and preservation through the visitors, families, school groups and dedicated supporters listed in this Annual Report. In fact, an increase in donors and volunteer hours in 2012 allowed Tryon Palace to support higher attendance and offer more programming than the previous year.

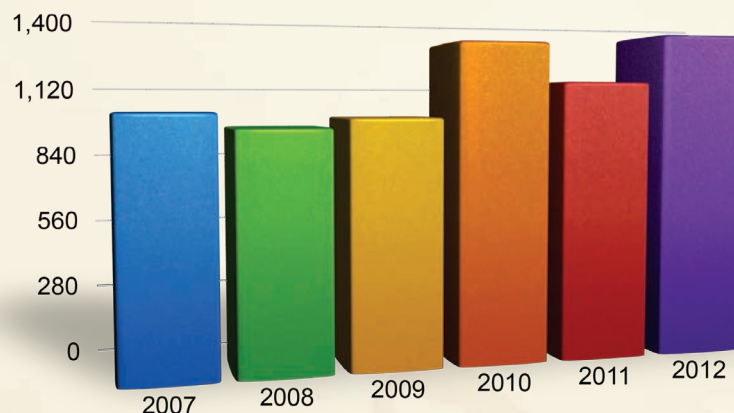
Tryon Palace continued to experience the North Carolina History Center's impact and growth opportunities for the second year in a row. More visitors came to Tryon Palace in 2012 to see exhibits in the Pepsi Family Center, Regional History Museum and Duffy Gallery. But the visitor spectrum also widened as more people were introduced to Tryon Palace through exhibit openings, partnerships with community groups, a diverse performing arts calendar at Cullman Hall, shopping at the Museum Store and dining at Lawson's Landing.

The North Carolina History Center has also opened new opportunities for programming and special events at Tryon Palace. Lines of elementary students can be seen moving through the History Center nearly every day of the school year, while younger children enjoy making crafts and learning in the Education Classroom. This expands even further to include a Core Sound Workboat exhibit that promoted North Carolina's coastal heritage, scavenger hunts that expanded across the Historic Site, and a first-hand look at an architectural design that helps protect sensitive marsh environments.

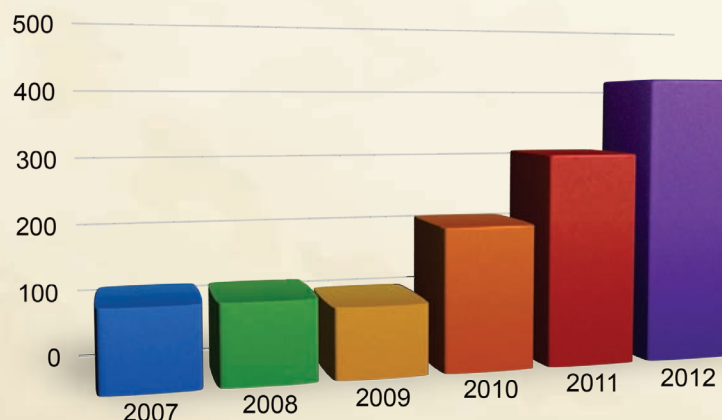
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Tryon Palace has enjoyed a consistent level of support from its donors over the years and 2012 was no different. With the exception of 2010, when the North Carolina History Center was completed, Tryon Palace has seen an annual increase in the number of donors. The Tryon Palace Foundation is now in place to help foster and grow that excitement for preserving Tryon Palace's legacy.

Increases in programming, events and attendance are all directly connected to Tryon Palace's steady increase in supporters. It is only through maintaining that support that Tryon Palace will continue forward as it does today. But for Tryon Palace to thrive and deliver the programming that North Carolina's first permanent state capitol deserves, that support will need to grow even larger.



The success of the Foundation is vital to the long term wellbeing of Tryon Palace. We are fortunate to have a dedicated, hardworking board. In difficult times they have stepped up and provided needed support that keeps the Palace moving forward.

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Tryon Palace lost one of its greatest advocates in the fall of 2012 with the passing of Kay Phillips Williams. As Tryon Palace's director for more than 30 years, Kay was a dedicated and respected friend to the New Bern community and to the state she loved so well.

When her retirement was announced, state and community leaders, friends and colleagues, came together to honor Kay with a tribute ceremony on Oct. 4 – just a few short weeks before her passing. A fund was also created at that time, allowing all those who had been touched by Kay's lifetime work and dedication with an opportunity to give something back in her name. The Tryon Palace staff, Foundation, Commission and Kay's friends and family, are deeply grateful to the individuals and businesses below for contributing to that fund in 2012.



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Volunteers can be found working in the gardens, maintenance, accounting, event management, fundraising, education and every other department within the Palace. The Autism Society of North Carolina, which has offered their services to help their clients become more integrated into the community, also brings young men each week to help clean the windows in the History Center. All combined, Tryon Palace's 355 volunteers worked 24,978 hours in 2012, an increase of about 8% over the previous year.

"We're very lucky to have such a dedicated group of volunteers," said Philippe Lafargue, Acting Director for the Palace. "All together this comes out to a savings of about \$544,271 for Tryon Palace. But the greater value is how engaged our community continues to be with the programs, exhibits and overall mission of Tryon Palace."

Interested in becoming a volunteer? Visit www.tryonpalace.org/volunteer_opportunities.php.



Jan Conaty, left, and Joey Carlton were honored during a ceremony on April 24 for having the highest number of volunteer hours for Tryon Palace in 2012. Carlton topped the list with 645 hours, followed by Conaty with 617 hours.

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Saturday, Aug. 31

Watch the drama of an 1802 duel unfold before your eyes in a gripping reenactment. Come early and enjoy a special performance by Tryon Palace's Fife and Drum Corps.

FAMILY DAY AND TEACHER DAY

Saturday, Sept. 28, 2013

Enjoy interactive crafts and activities with a day dedicated to families and teachers. In addition to free admission for teachers, visitors may also purchase discounted tickets for tours of the NC History Center, Governor's Palace, and historic homes.

MUM'S THE WORD

Friday, Oct. 11 to Sunday, Oct. 13

Enjoy the beauty of thousands of chrysanthemums in the Palace gardens during MUMfest Weekend in New Bern. Enjoy free garden admission all weekend (interior tours require ticket purchase) and our Fall Heritage Plant Sale on Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.

CIVIL WAR WEEKEND

Saturday, Nov. 16 – Sunday, Nov. 17

Step into the Civil War as Tryon Palace remembers the birth of James City and the participation of Colored Troops in New Bern. Includes costumed interpreters, rare exhibits and more.

SEASONS OF DELIGHT: A CANDLELIGHT MASQUERADE

Saturdays, December 14 and 21, 2013

Be carried away with costumed performers, magicians, daring feats of skill and agility, dancing and a rare glimpse of the Governor's Palace by candlelight. Tour through rooms in-



spired by each of the four seasons as Governor Josiah Martin welcomes guests to a grand masquerade ball, complete with Jack Frost and the Queen of the Harvest. The celebration comes to a spectacular end each night with black powder fireworks on the South Lawn.

BLACKBEARD'S QUEEN ANNE'S REVENGE 1718

Friday, Jan. 3, 2014

Get your hooks into North Carolina's pirate history! This traveling exhibit, complete with gold treasure and a cannon ball from Blackbeard's ship, will be on exhibit at the NC History Center.

AW SHUCKS OYSTER ROAST

Friday, Jan. 31, 2014

Oysters galore, music and a beautiful setting combine for a great evening to share with friends on the New Bern waterfront. All proceeds benefit the Tryon Palace Foundation.