



## Bumblebee Buzz July 2023

*Preserving the Past, Enjoying the Present, Building the Future.*

### **A Note From The President:**

It has been a busy summer here on Topsail Island. The Historical Society continues to offer educational and fun activities for our community. I hope you have had the opportunity to take part in the programs offered at the Assembly Building - Turtle Talks on Monday mornings, the Aquarium program on Wednesday afternoons and Bingo on Thursday evenings. Also, remember that our Missiles & More Museum is OPEN Monday- Friday. Detailed information on each of these is given on our websites.

I would like to welcome aboard-Laurette Gordon-our new Museum Director. She is a real asset to the community and the HSTI team.

BIG Thank You to all the volunteers that make these programs happen. We could not do it without you!

Stay safe and cool,  
**Cindy Scaparrotti**

## Thank you to everyone who renewed their membership or became a new HSTI member for 2023-2024.

We appreciate your support and participation!

***Wait!! What??***

You didn't get your invitation to renew or become a member?

**Click on the button below to become a member or Renew your  
membership today!**

Become or Renew Membership Here!!

Every Membership and Donation helps us fulfill our Mission!

### Luncheon and Lecture News

Our new program chairman, Vicki Wiggins, has some dynamic and interesting speakers lined up for this season!

**September through May--*Mark your calendars for the 2nd Thursday of each month!***

**14 September:** Morton Blanchard, PT Boats of WWII

**12 October:** Kimberly Kenyon, Queen Anne's Revenge Project



### ***Meet our new M&MM Director...***

We would like to introduce our Director of the Missiles and More Museum, Laurette Gordon. Laurette hails from the green rolling hills of Pennsylvania. She and husband Steve have been in the Topsail area for 6 years and are the proud pet parents of 3 dogs and 2 cats! Please stop by and welcome Laurette!



The museum is open! July, August, September--Monday-Friday 11am-3pm

*We need you and your friends!*

We are looking for a few good men and women who are passionate about history and enjoy interacting with the public. Volunteer to *host* at the M&MM. No need to memorize Museum information. Our Museum tours are self-guided. Will train on site!

## **BINGO!! Come out and Join the FUN!!**



*Get out to the Historic Assembly Building  
Thursday Nights July 27- August 17th  
Doors Open at 6:00pm  
Fun For the Entire Family!!  
Pirate Bingo dates: July 27 & Aug 3*



HSTI Aquarium Program  
Presented by The NC Aquarium at Fort Fisher Outreach  
Sponsored by Town of Topsail Beach



Interactive and always interesting!  
It's all about the kids!



You don't want to miss the last 2  
programs this summer:  
**July 26 Changing Oceans**  
**August 2 Super Sharks**  
Thank you volunteer chairman, Sue  
Banks, for coordinating this program!!

Scaly Survivors was the July 19th program. Alligators, a northern pine snake named North, a glass lizard (legless lizard), and a semi-aquatic turtle named Periwinkle were the stars of the show! Photo credit: Gaylene Branton



**Autumn With Topsail 2023  
Arts, Food, & Beach Music!  
Come Join the Fun! - Oct. 20th, 21st, & 22nd**

This 3-day festival, started in 1988, features an Arts and Crafts Court with over 100 regional artists displaying and selling their work. Enjoy exciting live musical entertainment, a variety of amazing food with beer and wine, games, children's activities, and much more! AWT is HSTI's largest annual fundraiser. It takes over 300 volunteers to make the Autumn with Topsail Festival happen each year-from festival chairman to committee chairpersons to trash removal to ticket sales and logistics-we have a place for you! [chairman@autumnwithtopsail.com](mailto:chairman@autumnwithtopsail.com)  
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Visit AWT Website

**Volunteer Opportunities:  
Active Volunteers Build the Future!**

*How would you like to be involved?*

~Luncheons~Education~Bingo!~Autumn with Topsail  
~Fundraising~Engaging Speakers~Jingle Bell Ball~Museum Greeter

Do you have computer/online/virtual platform skills?

***WE NEED YOU!!***

I need more detailed information





I-r: Steve Gordon, John Morris, Vicki Wiggins, Sue Bankes



I-r: Kathy Hart, Joe and Patty Pfanzelter



Butch and Maggie Parrish



Gary Chadwell



I-r: Dave McCluskey, Laurette Gordon, Kim McCluskey



I-r: Rich Pollock and Steve Smith



Bill Tumblin

## Volunteers in Action!

Thank you to all of our volunteers! Without active volunteer members, we would not be able to fundraise for or present programs that carry out our mission of preservation, promotion and education!

Photo Credit: Edna C. Smith



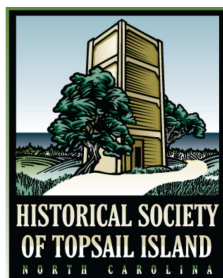
MissileTower #1

## Historical Walking Tour of Topsail Beach

Grab some water and a hat-- take a brisk walk through history!

Did you know.... Jet engine propulsion was tested on Topsail Island in 1946-48? This easy, free, one-mile walking tour will take you on a fun, historical adventure through the downtown area of the Town of Topsail Beach.

[More Info!](#)



## Mission Statement

The Historical Society of Topsail Island is dedicated to the collection, preservation and promotion of the history of the Greater Topsail Island Area.


[Visit our website](#)

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