



Bumblebee Buzz January 2024

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

A Note From The President:

Happy New Year!

The Historical Society of Topsail Island is always striving to do our best to support our community. Here are a few ways we have done that in 2023:

- Nine Luncheon and Lecture events were held.
- Four educational scholarships were awarded.
- A new Civil War exhibit named Raiders and Runners opened in the Missiles and More Museum.
- Ten BINGO Nights were held over the summer with 2,000 players attending in all.
- Six Aquarium programs were presented by NC Aquarium at Fort Fisher Outreach.
- Four months of Turtle Talks were presented by the Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Rescue and Rehabilitation Center at the Historic Assembly Building.
- The Autumn With Topsail Festival was held with over 10,000 people participating.
- We were a partner in Ghost Walk of Pender's Past presented by Pender County Tourism.
- Four Guided Historic Topsail Beach Top Secret Hikes took place.

- The Jingle Bell Ball completed our event year with a marvelous evening of fine dining and dancing!

As you can see, it has been a busy year for our organization. We expect 2024 will be just as busy and fun filled. We would love to have you join us at any, or all, of our activities. Please go to our website topsailhistoricalsociety.org to get the latest information on events. If you have some free time and would like to volunteer with us, please go to the [Get Involved tab](#) on our website. We can use you on our team!

We look forward to seeing you in 2024. I wish you all good health and blessings in the new year.

Regards,
Cindy

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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!

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Luncheon and Lecture News

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

8 February: Cliff Tyndall, Greetings From Camp Davis

14 March: Caroline Lewis, Poplar Grove Plantation

11 April: HSTI Scholarship Awards Presentation



APPLICATION DEADLINE FEBRUARY 15, 2024

The Historical Society of Topsail Island offers a scholarship contest each year. Applicants must be graduating seniors within either the Dixon High School or Topsail High School attendance areas with an unweighted GPA of 2.5 or higher. Early College and homeschooled seniors must live in the Dixon High School or Topsail High School attendance area.

Scholarship Information



The museum will open March 1st !

Volunteers-- Keep your calendar open--We will schedule Museum work days in February!

Stay tuned for new exhibit opening soon!

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



Vicki Wiggins, Steve Smith, &
Dave Miller



Jeff Wenzel and Kids



Steve Gordon, Stuart
Gordon, Laurette
Gordon, Sam Pendzick

**Volunteers setting up and breaking down for the Jingle Bell Ball
held December 2, 2023.**



Cecile Broadhurst and Gaylene
Branton

Lindsay Wenzel



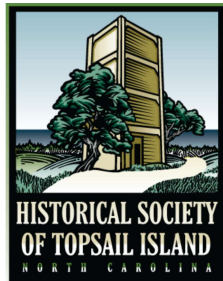
Ed Broadhurst, Mike and
Cindy Scaparrotti, Cecile
Broadhurst



Historic Top Secret Walking Tour of Topsail Beach

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. This hike will accommodate strollers and folks with limited mobility.

[Learn More!](#)



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.



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