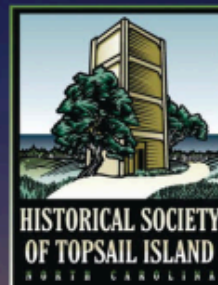


From Turtle Talks to Historic Walks... We Have Something for Everyone!

# Events Schedule



3 June-26 August

MONDAYS

9:00 AM



## Turtle Talks

OUTSIDE BEHIND THE ASSEMBLY BUILDING  
BRING A CHAIR, TOWEL, OR BLANKET TO SIT ON.

*\*WEATHER PERMITTING*

13 June-5 September

THURSDAYS

5:45 PM



## Bingo

FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!  
ASSEMBLY BUILDING

*\*CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE ON SITE*

SCAN ME



26 June-31 July

WEDNESDAYS

1-2 PM



## Aquarium Program

ASSEMBLY BUILDING  
PRESENTED BY THE NC AQUARIUM  
AT FORT FISHER OUTREACH.  
SPONSORED BY THE TOWN OF TOPSAIL BEACH

Year Round  
Self Guided



## Historic Top Secret Walking Tour

TOPSAIL BEACH  
FREE, ONE-MILE WALKING TOUR.

March-October  
HOURS VARY



## Missiles & More Museum

VISIT  
[WWW.MISSILESANDMOREMUSEUM.ORG](http://WWW.MISSILESANDMOREMUSEUM.ORG)  
FIND US ON INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK.

Rent the Historic Assembly Building for your next event!

[www.topsailislandevents.com](http://www.topsailislandevents.com)

720 CHANNEL BLVD. TOPSAIL BEACH, NC 28445

# Bumblebee Buzz July 2024

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

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

It is a busy summer here on Topsail Island. The Historical Society continues to offer fun and educational activities for our community. Take the opportunity to enjoy the programs offered at the Historic Assembly Building with your friends and family- Turtle Talks on Monday mornings, the Aquarium Program on Wednesday afternoons, and Bingo on Thursday evenings.

The Missiles and More Museum is always a wonderful place to visit and get out of the heat. It is open 10am - 3pm Monday through Friday and the first Saturday of each month. Come visit and see our newest exhibit - Ocean City. Many thanks go to Laurette Gordon, our museum director, and Gaylene Branton and Edna C. Smith, our editors, for a wonderful exhibit.

I would like to end with a BIG Thank You to all our volunteers. We need every one of you and appreciate the time and expertise you lend our organization. Have a wonderful summer!

Your President,  
Cindy

---

## **HSTI Welcomes New Luncheon Committee Chairperson**

Sam Pendzick is no stranger to HSTI. She has been a volunteer on the Luncheon, Jingle Bell Ball, and Bingo teams. Sam is retired and lives in Surf City with her husband of 36 years, Paul.



## **Coming to a mailbox near you...**

It's a new fiscal year and HSTI 2024-2025 membership letters are in the mail!  
**Skip the stamp--Click on the button below to become a member or Renew your membership today!**

Become or renew your membership here!!

We appreciate your support and participation.  
Every Membership and Donation helps us fulfill our Mission!

## **We are having a great time at the Aquarium Program!**

Presented by The Aquarium at Fort Fisher--Wednesdays from 1-2 pm!

Thank you, Town of Topsail Beach for sponsoring this program -- making this a fee-free activity!!

17 July: Sea Turtle 911 | 24 July: Fantastic Fish | 31 July: Awesome Amphibians



## **BINGO! FUN for EVERYONE!!**

Thursday nights until September 5th--

Doors Open at 5:45PM -- Early Bird Games at 6:30PM -- Main Games 7PM

Adult and Kids cards! We accept Cash or Credit/Debit Cards.

No outside food or beverages. Concessions available on site.





## 18 JULY Bumblebee Bingo

What's all the buzzz?

Bumblebees smiling happily, sipping soda pop, and dabbing their little wings on a giant bingo card. Instead of "B-9," it's "Bee-9!" Dress like a bee & Join the HSTI Bingo Bumblebee Bunch! Are you the Queen Bee with bragging rights as the best Bingo bee in the garden? Join the Hive Hilarity! Tag your bee buddies and let's get this pollen party started!



## 8 AUGUST Pirates Plunder

Swashbuckling pirates had to work hard for their treasure, risking life and limb. Not so at HSTI BINGO! Shiver me timbers, you could win some of Cap'n Joe's treasure or his crew's booty taken on the high seas! Dress like a pirate, talk like a pirate! Will you win treasure at HSTI Bingo? Tag your friends and bring them along to plunder!

## Luncheon and Lecture News

**Our Luncheon and Lecture Series runs from September through May**  
***Mark your calendars for the 2nd Thursday of each month!***



### 12 September

#### **Moore's Creek National Battlefield**

Jason Howell, Park Ranger & Historic Weapons Supervisor

### 10 October

#### **Folktales & Spooky Stories from the State Archives**

Lauren McCoy, NCDCCR, Digital Archivist for Online Programming



NC DEPARTMENT OF  
NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES



## **The Missiles & More Museum is open!**

### **July - September**

Monday thru Friday 10 am – 3 pm

### **Closed Labor Day**

*The M&MM is open on the first Saturday of the month*

*June - September from 10 am--3 pm*

### **October**

Wednesday thru Friday 1 pm – 3 pm

### **Closed Oct 14-18 for AWT Set-up**

**Stop in to check out additions to the WASP exhibit donated by  
the family of Shirley Chase Kruse WASP Class 44-W-6**



IT'S A PIRATE INVASION!

MISSILES AND MORE MUSEUM

720 CHANNEL BLVD. TOPSAIL BEACH

10 AUGUST 10 AM- 2 P.M.

MEET AUTHOR  
ANNA MARIA  
SOPHIA CANCELLI

MEET CAPTAIN  
SALTY BEARD  
AND HIS CREW

PHOTOS WITH MERMAID  
SPLASH FROM 11 A.M. - 2 P.M.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
OF TOPSAIL ISLAND  
NORTH CAROLINA

DRESS IN YOUR PIRATE FINERY

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

***How would you like to be involved?***  
~Luncheons ~Education ~Bingo! ~Autumn with Topsail  
~Fundraising ~Engaging Speaker ~Jingle Bell Ball  
~Museum Docent ~Living History Demonstrator  
Do you have computer/online/virtual platform skills?  
Graphic Design?  
***WE NEED YOU!!***

Sign Me Up!!

## ***Endless Celebrations Happen Here!***

The unique and historic Assembly Building with its beautiful island setting, is located on the Sound front of Topsail Beach.  
Our location offers magnificent sunset views!

From an industrial vibe, Boho-style, or traditional style wedding, everything is possible at the Assembly Building! With a capacity of up to 250 people, we provide THE perfect setting for any occasion!  
Large or small.

From the most intimate celebration with your nearest and dearest to a grand affair with all your family and friends  
we provide THE ideal setting!

Family Reunions | Celebrations of Life | Birthdays | Anniversaries  
Corporate Retreats | Business Meetings | Workshops

[Click on the button below for more information about renting the Historic Assembly Building for your next event!](#)

Visit Website





**The Historical Society of Topsail Island (HSTI received a \$7,060.00 grant from North Carolina's America 250 NC initiative for a project to commemorate the nation's 250th anniversary in 2026.**

America 250 NC is North Carolina's commemoration of the United States' 250th anniversary and is led by the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

Join HSTI as they take you on a *Journey to Democracy*. In the years since our country's founding, it has undergone many changes and faced many challenges.

Explore with us the pivotal events and voices that helped shape North Carolina and our nation. Reflect upon our country's founding ideals, their impact and how they resonate today. When are we us?

The N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources' America 250 NC initiative recently dispersed nearly \$900,000 in grant funds across 34 counties in the state. The grant program is designed to spark commemoration programs and activities on a local level.

"These America 250 grants will serve as catalysts for local participation in the nationwide commemoration of our nation's founding," said DNCR Secretary



Reid Wilson. "We look forward to working with communities across the state to build a memorable and meaningful celebration for all North Carolinians."

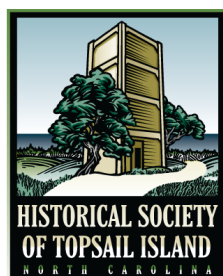
Discover more about America 250 NC



### 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.

[Visit our website](#)



Historical Society of Topsail Island, North Carolina, Inc. ©  
1985-2024. All rights reserved.

