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## Bumblebee Buzz October 2024

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

### A Note From The President:

It was a busy and fun-filled summer for the Historical Society. There were 11 Bingo Nights, 6 Aquarium Programs, and 10 Turtle Talks! The Missiles and More Museum welcomed over 5,000 visitors! Thank you to all who worked to make these events happen and to the museum docents who gave their time and knowledge. We couldn't do what we do without you!

Now, as we are approaching fall, the Historical Society will continue to offer MORE exciting events:

- \* The Luncheon and Lecture series is held the second Thursday of each month. September through May.
- \* Autumn with Topsail Festival dates are October 18-20.
- \* The Ghost Walk of Pender's Past is October 26.
- \* The Jingle Bell Ball is December 7.

Come out and enjoy these events with us and bring your friends! Happy Fall!

Regards,

Cindy

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**Our 2024-2025 Membership drive is in full swing! Can't find our mailing?**

**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!

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## **HSTI Volunteers receive Governor's Service Award!**

Ten Historical Society of Topsail Island members were honored with Gov. Roy Cooper's Volunteer Service Awards. The HSTI members were presented lapel pins in honor of their dedicated service to preserve the past for future generations.



Honorees pictured l-r: are Gaylene Branton, Ed Broadhurst, Cecile Broadhurst, Gwen Ward, Ann Tumblin, Bill Tumblin, Larry Combs, and Butch Parrish.

not pictured: Edna Smith and Bobbie Morrison

photo credit: Tammy Proctor

Congratulations and Thank You for your dedication to the Historical Society of Topsail Island!

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Please join us for  
**The 18th Annual Jingle Bell Ball**  
December 7, 2024



# 6:30 in the evening

An Evening of Dinner, Dancing and Cocktails  
to benefit  
The Historical Society of Topsail Island

**Dance the night away in a winter wonderland  
created just for you!**

A marvelous evening with great food and friends  
to kick off the holiday season!

Sponsor a table of ten or purchase individual tickets\*.

**All seats are \$100.00 (ten per table)**

\*A limited number of individual seats are available.

Payment in full is required when you make the table reservation.  
For tickets information or to buy tickets contact: Michael Nelson by  
clicking the green button!

\*\*email address required to confirm all reservations\*\*

*Cash Bar available. Please-NO outside beverages.*

[Buy your tickets today!](#)

## Luncheon and Lecture News

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

**10 October**

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

Lauren McCoy, NCDCCR, Digital Archivist for Online Programming



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**14 November**

**History of Holly Ridge NC**

Jeff Wenzel, former Holly Ridge Mayor and Holly Ridge businessman



## 12 December The Osprey

Retired USMC LT. Col Matthew Emborsky

MV-22 Osprey Photo credit: Creator: Cpl. Kyle Chan | Credit: 1st Marine Aircraft Wing



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## The Missiles & More Museum is open!

- ☐☐ Missiles & More Museum Hours:
- ☐ 3-30 September Mon-Fri 10 am – 3 pm
- ☐ 2-11 October Wed-Fri 1 pm--3 pm
- Oct 12-March 2025 Closed for the Season**



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### In Memoriam

Steve Smith

Steve had a passion for serving his community and was an incredible supporter of the Historical Society. He



worked tirelessly on and off the HSTI Board over twelve years, always offering superb advice and kind encouragement. We miss our mentor and friend.



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**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!!

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***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!

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Corporate Retreats | Business Meetings | Workshops

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It was a beautiful wedding reception at the Assembly Building! Ceremony on the beach well within walking distance from the Assembly Building.

All of our brides are enjoying the new bridal suite at the Assembly Building. Looking for a last minute wedding venue? We have availability!

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 [#lilyandraephotography](#)  
Our bride getting ready in our new bridal suite. Make an appointment and come check it out!

Start Your Celebration  
Here!





## The Historical Society of Topsail Island needs YOU!

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. We received a grant and are ready to start our traveling display project!

Join HSTI as they take you on a *Journey to Democracy*. When are we us? 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.

Discover more about America 250 NC



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### Applications are out!

The Historical Society of Topsail Island offers a scholarship contest each year. Applicants must be graduating seniors within the Dixon High School or Topsail High School attendance areas with an earned GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Applicants must choose a historical event in Onslow or Pender County and present that information in a written essay of at least 500 words, an original piece of visual art, or through an original song or poetry. The work must demonstrate a complete understanding of the event and its historical importance. All genres require appropriate referencing.

All entries will be judged on content accuracy, material organization, creativity, and presentation originality. **Application Deadline: February 14, 2025**

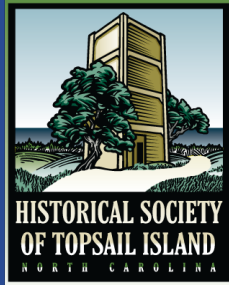
Scholarship Information



## 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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