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Bumblebee Buzz January 2025

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

A Note From The President:

Happy New Year!

January is a time for reflection on the past year and planning for the year ahead. As I look back at the previous year with HSTI, I remember the various activities we organized, including the Luncheon & Lecture Series, Bingo Nights, summer educational programs, Autumn with Topsail, and the Jingle Bell Ball. These activities, along with the Missiles & More Museum, would not have been possible without the support of our resolute volunteers. We are incredibly grateful to those who contribute their time and energy to our efforts. Thank you!

As I look ahead to 2025, I anticipate another busy year for HSTI. In addition to our regular activities, we will participate in the [America 250 NC](#), "Two Lights for Tomorrow" event on April 18. We will also celebrate HSTI's 40th anniversary and the Missiles & More Museum's 30th anniversary.

We urge you to come out and participate in our activities! Visit our [website](#) and find us on Facebook and Instagram for the latest updates on our events. If you're looking to make an impact, we encourage you to volunteer by visiting the "[Get Involved](#)" tab on our website. Join us and be a vital part of our team!

Wishing you a healthy, happy, and prosperous year ahead. We look forward to seeing you in 2025.

Best regards,

Cindy

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!

Luncheon and Lecture News

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

9 January

North Carolina in the American Revolution

Retired USAF Lt. Col. Gary O. Green

Treasurer, Sons of the American Revolution,
Lower Cape Fear Chapter



13 February

Historic Ocean City Beach, NC

Kenneth S. Chestnut, Sr., son of founder Wade H Chestnut, Sr.
Treasurer, Ocean City Beach Citizens Council



13 March

By Hook or By Crook: The Stories of Anne Bonny and Mary Read

Christine Brin, Associate Education Curator,
NC Maritime Museum, Beaufort



**The Missiles & More Museum
is closed for the winter.**

☐☐ See you in April 2025!!





Above: Patty Pfanzeltzer and Cecil Broadhurst put the finishing touches on the tables for the Jingle Bell Ball. Photos provided by Laurette Gordon

Below: Joe Pfanzeltzer, Steve Gordon, Gary Chadwell and Michael Nelson decorate the Jingle Bell Ball Christmas tree.



**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!!

She Said Yes!!

Your wedding venue search starts and ends here!

The Historic Assembly Building is Where Memories Are Made!

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.

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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



NC DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES



Applications DEADLINE February 14, 2025!!

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**

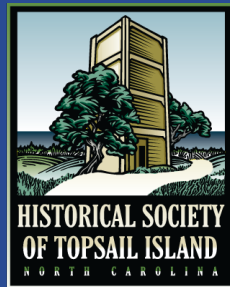
Scholarship Information



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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