Tis the season for sweet tea, sunshine, and drama in the Poe House garden. Sweet Tea Shakespeare will kick off their Poe House shows with a Honey Series production of *Maid Marian* in May. The Honey Series focuses on stories by and about women. The Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex is excited to partner with Sweet Tea Shakespeare for the 6th season of shows at the 1897 Poe House. Experience the magic of live theater amid the springtime blooms and twilight ambiance of the Poe House garden.

*Maid Marian* is a new twist on a familiar tale of adventure, bravery, and friendship that explores what happens when a group of resourceful women take arms against greed and injustice in a time of war and unrest. Come fall in love with the new faces in this never-before-told Robin Hood tale.

The latest taste in the Honey series, written by local playwright Jessica Osnoe, blends the familiar, spirited notes of the classic legend of Robin Hood with a zing of salt and sweetness from a new voice in the narrative. Tart hints of bitterness and justice balance the finish of this premiere adaptation, complete with an element of adventure.

Jessica Osnoe is the director; Heather Eddy is the musical director. The cast includes Jen Pomerenke, Laura Voytko, Linda Flynn, Evan Bridenstine, Arlyn Slade, Lee Jean, Michaela Kroll, Gabe Terry, Nelson Soliva, and Karen Messaras.

Food will be available for purchase, as will Winterbloom tea, beer from Hugger Mugger brewery, seasonal cocktails, and wine. Outside food and drink are not permitted.

**Sweet Tea Shakespeare to Present**

**Maid Marian**

May 2-5 and 9-12, 2019 at 7:30pm

1897 Poe House at the Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex

What You Will Preshow

45 minutes prior to curtain

Click here to purchase tickets: Advance tickets for Poe House Performances

$17.50 general admission, $15 seniors/military, $10 student

Tickets at door: $25
Explore NC Mysteries at Summer History Camp

MCFHC will host its annual Summer History Camp on June 24-28, 2019. This week-long history camp for children aged 9-12 years engages them in life-enriching activities that teach about the past and its influence on the present. The theme for 2019 is “Mysteries of NC’s Historic Sites.”

Campers will become a history detective and uncover the mysteries of NC’s historic sites. This camp will focus on the lesser known events, stories and places in NC history. Campers will hone their detective skills with assistance from guest historians and archaeologists, through hands on investigations, and a field trip to Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site.

Hours for the camp are 9am to noon Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday; while Wednesday is 8:30am to 2pm to accommodate the field trip. Registration opens May 1, 2019 at 10:00 am. Parents must register in person and present proof of the child’s age along with registration fee to reserve a space. The cost is $30 per child. Scholarships are unavailable this year. Registration for camp is on a first-come, first-serve basis to the first 30 campers with returned completed application and fee. Applications will be available online at museumofthecape-fear.ncdcr.gov on April 15, 2019.

In Memoriam of Jody Fraser

Long time volunteer Jody Fraser passed away on March 7, 2019 at the age of 56. Many of you will recognize him as a fixture of the Festival of Yesteryear event, where he interpreted many different historical trades over the years. Jody also assisted with other special events and projects, providing history talks and demonstrations for summer camp, researching and creating reports on the Fayetteville Arsenal, and even collecting visitor surveys for the Halloween night tours. His expertise and enthusiasm for history will be greatly missed by us all.

“He served 21 years on active duty in the U.S. Army and retired from service in May 2006 as a Master Sergeant out of Fort Bragg. After retirement, Jody transitioned into Civilian Service for the Department of the Army as a historian of U.S. Army Special Operations. He was a primary advisor on historical and archival matters, which included artifact preservation, research, and display and served in this role for over 12 years. Jody’s dedication to preserving military and American history was boundless. His selfless service ensured the accuracy of historical events for record keeping and future study. He also closely collaborated with North Carolina museums to ensure that pertinent artifacts and historical context could be enjoyed by military veterans and the civilian public.” (Obituary, Fayetteville Observer, 3/12/19)
This is an exciting time to be a part of the Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex. Whether you are a visitor, staff member or board member there is a lot going on at 801 Arsenal Avenue. Programs are offered year-round and you can tour the Poe House daily or stroll along the grounds of Arsenal Park.

On behalf of the foundation we appreciate your attendance at our events, as well as your financial and in-kind support so we can continue to offer outstanding programs. As the regional branch of the North Carolina History Museum we would like to introduce you to the region through our exhibits and tours. Kudos to our dedicated staff and volunteers who work so hard to bring you NC history every day.

If you would like to discuss sponsorship opportunities, weddings, rentals or the MCFHC Foundation programming, please contact Museum Administrator David Reid at 910-500-4242 or david.reid@ncdcr.gov.

Again, thank you for your continued support.
Kelli C. Walsh, President
MCFHC Foundation, Inc.

Behind the Scenes at Biltmore House

Staff member Megan Maxwell, volunteer intern Brittani Boothe, and former collections intern Jessica Brabble got a behind the scenes look at Biltmore House at the NC Museums Council conference in Asheville on March 24. Associate Curator Lauren Henry provided a special tour for 20 conference attendees. As part of the tour we viewed collections storage, learned about how and where exhibits are staged, and glimpsed rooms and locations normally closed to the public.

Photos: Top Left—The “Mirror Room” where various mirrors not on display are stored. Top Right—Servants Rooms hallway and collections storage. Bottom Left—New exhibit “A Vanderbilt House Party.” Bottom Right: View from the organ balcony in the dining hall.
The Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex consists of a NC southeast regional history museum, the 1897 Poe House, and Arsenal Park. Two floors of exhibits present the rich history of southeastern North Carolina, from the Paleo-Indian period to the first decades of the 1900s in the Museum of the Cape Fear. The fully restored and furnished 1897 Poe House, home of E.A. Poe, a Fayetteville brick maker, offers a glimpse of early twentieth-century life and the changes that defined this era. Finally, Arsenal Park marks the site commissioned in 1838 by the federal government to manufacture and store arms. The arsenal was used by the Confederacy during the Civil War, and it was destroyed by Union troops under the command of General William T. Sherman in March of 1865. Admission to the Museum Complex is free, but donations are appreciated.

Upcoming Events

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Click Here for Tickets: www.sweetteashakespeare.com/tickets/

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Richard III
June 4-22, 2019
7:30 pm

This twisted tale of a malcontent’s rise to power features strong notes of vengeance and manipulation. A flavorful assault on the palate finishes with the bitter aftertaste of the consequences of betrayal and an element of evil.

The Merry Wives of Windsor
June 5-23, 2019
7:30 pm

This light-bodied production begins with hazy notes of marital mistrust, which introduce tantalizingly audacious and cheeky flavors of intrigue. The approachable notes of humor, blended with hints of equitable reprisal, make it the perfect sip on a summer evening. You may even detect an element of mischief.

Bring in the May at the 1897 Poe House

May 5, 2019
1:00-3:00 pm

Join us for a spring celebration on the grounds of the 1897 Poe House. The event will feature a traditional May Pole with dancing and songs. Make your own May baskets and crowns and dance around the May Pole to bring in the May. FREE!

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The Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex is part of the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources/Division of State History Museums.