

The Council of Friends has a free movie night (open to the public) the first Tuesday of every month. The movies are at 7pm in the visitor center auditorium.

Saturday, September 27

Garden Lecture: “Destination Hellebores”

Speaker: Barry Glick, Plant Breeder and Owner of Sunshine Farm & Gardens

10:00 a.m. Free. Sponsored by the Harold H. Bate Foundation.

Visitor Center Auditorium.

Barry will present a humorous yet factual talk on the popular genus, Helleborus. He shares current plant breeding strategies which have selected many new plants with larger flowers and more colors, which add to the range of winter blooming plants. Come be inspired to plant your winter garden.

Civil War Weekend: September 26-28

Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens presents a Civil War weekend with special programs and tours highlighting New Bern’s rich Civil War History. Except for the September 26 benefit performance, admission is free or included with the purchase of a Governor’s Pass ticket (\$15 adults; \$6 students).

Friday, September 26

Special Performance: Oldest Living Confederate Widow: Her Confession.

A benefit event for the North Carolina History Education Center.

Tickets: \$25 includes reception following performance.

7 p.m. Visitor Center Auditorium.

Jane Holding brings the title character of Allan Gurganus’ 1989 novel, *Oldest Living Confederate Widow Tells All*, to life in this special adaptation. Gurganus describes the play as Lucy Marsden’s “conversation with the audience and with herself, with almost a hundred years in the world, to try to justify her kindnesses and her crimes and honor her dead.” Reservations required – 252.514.4956.

Saturday, September 27

Dixon and Stanly Houses – Civil War Focus and Encampment

9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Included with regular ticket purchase.

An interpreter in Civil War-era dress will be available at both the Dixon and Stanly Houses to discuss the significance of each residence during the occupation of New Bern. Reproduction photographs will help capture this period of New Bern’s past. Finally, learn more about soldiers and military music at a small encampment of Civil War musicians, located behind the Dixon house.

Special Film Presentation: *Glory*

2:00 p.m. Visitor Center Auditorium. Free.

This Academy Award-winning epic is based on the true story of the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Regiment, one of the first US Army units made up entirely of African

American troops. It tells the story of their challenges in training and earning respect as a unit, as well as their bravery in battle in a poignant film that honors the 54th's sacrifice and important place in American history.

Sunday, September 28

Dixon and Stanly Houses – Civil War Focus and Encampment

1:00-5:00 p.m.

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Southern Women, Southern Voices: Civil War Songs by Southern Women

3:00 p.m. – Free. Visitor Center Auditorium.

Mary Cook, an accomplished soprano from Charlotte, will perform a collection of Civil War-era songs all written by women of the Confederacy. She will be accompanied on the piano by New Bern artist and educator, Lorraine Robinson.