



## 2008 N.C. HISTORIC SITES CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Admission is free to most events unless otherwise noted.** Donations are always accepted and appreciated. Please check this calendar regularly for changes, including additions and cancellations. For more information on specific programs, please contact the individual historic sites. Phone numbers for each state historic site, along with web page and email addresses can be found on this web site.

*January-December* **President James K. Polk.** Pineville. 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. The site will host a yearlong series of events commemorating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the James K. Polk State Historic Site. Details TBA.

*July-December* **Historic Bath.** Bath Exhibit. "The Language of Tombstones." View examples of and learn what can be revealed in tombstone symbols and wording. *Free of charge.* Visitor Center, 207 Carteret Street, Bath. Time TBA. For more information, call 252-923-3971 or email [bath@ncmail.net](mailto:bath@ncmail.net).

*November 21-January 16, 2009* **State Capitol.** Raleigh. *Raleigh's Own President: Andrew Johnson's Life in North Carolina* Exhibit. Too poor to attend school, Johnson was apprenticed at age ten to work for James J. Selby, a Raleigh tailor. In that shop, he learned two skills that would change his path in life—how to perform the tailor's craft and how to read. Discover Johnson's roots in N.C., his tumultuous presidency, and historic impeachment trial in commemoration of his 200<sup>th</sup> birthday.

*December 1-31* **Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** New Bern. Centuries of Celebrations at Tryon Palace. Daily tours and festivities are accented by holiday decorations in the Palace and four historic homes. For more information go to [www.tryonpalace.org](http://www.tryonpalace.org) or call 1-800-767-1560.

*December 8-29* **Roanoke Island Festival Park.** Manteo. Billy Brown: Local Color. Billy Brown is a long time Outer Banks waterman with a passion for North Carolina history. A former teacher, he loves to paint scenes from the area including Oregon Inlet vistas he's seen while fishing. His acrylics feature seasonal shots of area sunrises, sunsets and landscapes including Bodie Island. Art Gallery. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

*December 27* **Roanoke Island Festival Park.** Manteo. Elizabethan Christmas. Come join in the fun as Roanoke Island Festival Park celebrates the sixth day of Christmas. Visitors can get a taste of 16<sup>th</sup> century holiday traditions as they make decorations, learn special dances, sing songs, discover food and drink of the season, and indulge in merriment with members of the Guild of St. Andrew. Many events will be held inside and the celebration will go on, rain or shine. *General admission.* 12-5 p.m.

*December 27-30* **N.C. Transportation Museum.** Spencer. "Winter Fever" Train Rides. The museum will re-open from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday and Monday-Tuesday, with train rides running at 11 a.m., 1, 2, and 3 p.m.; and 1-4 p.m.; and on Sunday, with rides at 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m.