

Roanoke Island Festival Park April, 2017 Events

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Roanoke Island Festival Park

April 1-30

Roanoke Island Festival Park is an interactive family attraction that celebrates the first English settlement in America. Visitors board and explore the park's centerpiece, a 16th Century representational ship, *Elizabeth II*. Climb aboard and help costumed 16th Century sailors. Try traditional woodworking, play Elizabethan games, and watch the blacksmith at the Settlement Site. Discover 400 years of Outer Banks history in the interactive Roanoke Adventure Museum. See *The Legend of Two-Path*, a mini-movie about Native Americans Manteo and Wanchese. Experience the American Indian Town exhibit that includes a wide variety of true-to-scale structures, role-play environments, and places to explore, plant, dance, build and play. The Museum Store offers historically themed gift merchandise and much more. Enjoy the Fossil Pit full of treasures, and the marsh-side Boardwalks that surround the site. November 22, 2013 marks the 30th Anniversary of the Christening and Launching of the *Elizabeth II*, the Parks 16th Century representative sailing ship. (252) 475-1500.

Dare County High School Annual Art Show

April 3- April 20 (Mon- Fri 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

Meet the Artist Reception- March 24 from 5-8- p.m.

Event room

The show features the works of Manteo, First Flight and Cape Hatteras High Schools. Come witness the passion, originality and promise in these youthful artists. The exhibition features two and three dimensional handcrafted art including: ceramics, stained glass, wood and fiber art, mixed media, digital art, printmaking, sculpture, paintings, drawings, and photography. The reception and show are free and open to the public. Visit roanokeisland.com or (252) 475-1500.

Digging for Answers

"The Continued Search for the Missing Colonists of Roanoke Island"

April 8 at 1 p.m.

Indoor Theatre

The event is in partnership with East Carolina University. Ask about our Park and Program Pass which includes admission to the attraction and the event or \$5 for a ticket to the program only. (252) 475-1500. Roanokeisland.com.

The event will be moderated by author Andrew Lawler who has written about archaeology for National Geographic, Smithsonian, Science, Discover and other publications. Mr. Lawler will discuss his recent National Geographic reporting on excavations related to the Roanoke Voyages. He will moderate a panel of experts including Mark Horton, PhD University of Bristol, who heads the Cape Creek dig on Hatteras Island; Guy Prentice, PhD, National Park Service Southeast Archeological Center, who oversees excavations at Fort Raleigh and Charlie Ewen, PhD East Carolina University, co-editor of *Searching for the Roanoke Colonists*. Artifacts from some of the digs will be on display. Says Ewen: "find out the latest on the Roanoke colonists by the archaeologists doing the research."

