

## Roanoke Island Festival Park August 2010 Events

### Roanoke Island Festival Park

August 1-31

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 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 new 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 on-site Art Gallery, the Fossil Pit full of treasures, and the marsh-side Boardwalks that surround the site. Admission. (252) 475-1500 or roanokeisland.com

### Roanoke Island Maritime Museum

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This free attraction is a mistake to miss. Vintage boats at the museum educate visitors and locals alike about the craft and history of boat building on Roanoke Island. The boathouse that contains the museum is named in honor of George Washington Creef, the Roanoke Island native who designed the shad boat in 1883 for fishing the waters of the Albemarle and Pamlico sounds. One of his originals, Ella View, can be found on display at the museum. Today, a small permanent staff and a handful of volunteers preserve history in their practice of creating new boats from traditional techniques and repairing relics from the past. Volunteers also engage in educational and outreach activities that are provided free to the general public. Workshops, classes, and opportunities are available year-round. The Roanoke Island Maritime Museum in Manteo has hours that vary seasonally. For more information, call (252) 475-1750.

### Weather and Sky Photography by Michael Halminski, Eve Turek and Ray Matthews

August 1-30.

Art Gallery

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Mon-Fri) 10 a.m. 4 p.m. (Sat)

The three are well-known Outer Banks photographers with a passion for weather, sky and its moods. Exhibition: Reception: August 1, 2-4 p.m. During 2010 the gallery at Roanoke Island Festival Park will feature a group of exhibitions that give voice to the Earth. Earth Speaks will feature earth friendly mini quilts, beach glass art, nature and weather photography, watercolor collages of whimsical landscapes and wildlife, realistic wildlife paintings and prints, and bird and floral photography, natural material baskets, clay vases and more. (252) 475-1500 roanokeisland.com.

### Children's Performance Series

#### Bob Brown Puppets

August 3-5 at 10:30 a.m.

August 3 and 4 at 7 p.m.

Indoor Theatre

Bob Brown Puppets will give performances on August 3-5, at 10:30 a.m. and on August 3 and 4, at 7 p.m. The performances will take place in the indoor theatre at Roanoke Island Festival Park and are a part of RIFP's Children's Performance Series. Bob Brown Puppets is a children's theatre company that has provided entertainment for over fifty years. With these performances, Bob Brown Puppets continues the tradition of enriching and entertaining audiences with puppetry. Begun when Bob and Judy Brown created the Smithsonian Puppet Theatre in 1967, the programs perform to over 300, 000 children each year. Produced by DCA Productions, the theatre features whimsical characters that will continue to delight both children and adults. For the morning performances, admission is included in the general admission ticket to the park or free to Friends of *Elizabeth II* members. The 7 p.m. show is \$5 or free to friends of *Elizabeth II* members. (252) 475-1500.

### Bloody Mary and the Virgin Queen

August 3, 4, 5 at 2:00 p.m.

Indoor Theatre

The musical comedy *Bloody Mary and the Virgin Queen* will return to the Indoor Theatre at Roanoke Island Festival Park on August 3,4, and 5, at 2:00 p.m.

The production stars Miss Barbara Hird as Queen Elizabeth I, Marsha Booth Warren as Queen Mary, and Terry Edwards as the tour guide. Originally from Yorkshire, England, Miss Hird studied and performed at the Bradford Playhouse and Film Theater. She was also a recipient of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the highest civilian honor in North Carolina, for her work in Elizabeth R. Her versatile background includes theater, film, and television. Marsha Booth Warren studied music and vocal performance at Queen's College and does opera and musical theater with companies in North Carolina and Virginia.

The award winning play takes a comical modern-day look at England's Queen Elizabeth I and her sister, Queen Mary. It literally brings the rival sisters back to life as the "Virgin Queen" and "Bloody Mary" rise from their slumberous tombs. In this fifty minute production, the queen sisters engage in bickering and taunting that will enlighten the audience to the history of their tumultuous relationship with each other. The stage also becomes their post-mortem playground as they play games, sing, and joke. The production of Bloody Mary and the Virgin Queen gives a humorous look at two key participants of England's history. The admission price is included in the general admission ticket to the park or free to Friends of Elizabeth II. 252-475-1506.

### **Camp Smolkin Summer Camp**

Ages 10 and up.

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

August 9-13

Travel through time with our favorite mercenary soldier, Smolkin'. Luckily, Smolkin's been around for over 400 years so there are many more experiences to share. We will focus on the evolution of weapons, evolution of the army, Imperialism, women's roles in the military and specific battles that Smolkin enjoyed personally. A few activities we will explore are making your own catapult, build your own wooden sword and enjoy the modern marvels of laser warfare at Gearworks. Friends of the Elizabeth II Members \$120/week and non-members \$140/week

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### **Children's Performance Series**

#### **Wild West Show**

August 10 -12 at 10:30 a.m.

August 10 and 11 at 7 p.m.

Indoor Theatre

Chris McDaniel will perform his "Wild West Show" on August 10-12, at 10:30 a.m. and on August 10 and 11, at 7 p.m. The performances will take place in the indoor theatre at Roanoke Island Festival Park and are a part of RIFP's Children Performance Series. Chris McDaniel and his "Wild West Show" promises unique cowboy-themed entertainment suitable for all ages. With 30 years of experience, McDaniel offers a variety of entertainment, including bullwhipping, trick roping, and cowboy poetry. Similar in appearance to the legendary Buffalo Bill, Chris McDaniel's performance beckons to the past. He holds the world record for the most targets whipped from an assistant's hand at 61 in one minute. Produced by DCA Productions, Chris McDaniel's "Wild West Show" will bring the cowboy or cowgirl out in everyone. For the morning performances, admission is included in the general admission ticket to the park or free to Friends of *Elizabeth II* members. The 7 p.m. show is \$5 or free to friends of *Elizabeth II* members.

#### **Shepherd of the Ocean**

August 10, 11, 12 at 2 p.m.

Indoor Theatre

The Elizabethan-era comedy Shepherd of the Ocean will come to the Indoor Theatre at Roanoke Island Festival Park on August 10, 11, and 12, at 2:00 p.m. The event stars Miss Barbara Hird as Queen Elizabeth I and Chris Chappell as Sir Walter Raleigh. Terry Edwards plays the High Sheriff of London. Originally from Yorkshire, England, Miss Hird studied and performed at the Bradford Playhouse and Film Theater. She was also a recipient of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the highest civilian honor in North Carolina, for her work in Elizabeth R. Her versatile background includes theater, film, and television. For many years, Chris Chappell performed roles in The Lost Colony, including Ananias Dare, Sir Walter Raleigh, and John Borden. Currently, Mr. Chappell professionally acts in the Raleigh-Durham area, co-owns a dance studio, and is an instructor in dramatic art.

The production centers on the relationship between Queen Elizabeth I and Sir Walter Raleigh. In the final moments of Sir Walter Raleigh's life, audience members will watch a dreamlike encounter between him and Queen Elizabeth I. The dynamics between the two historical figures give a glimpse into their real lives from so many centuries ago. Through witty bantering, the audience will understand the real history, learn about

legendary myths, and speculate about the real story behind their personal relationship. Shepherd of the Ocean is designed to entertain, educate, and captivate all audience members. The admission price is included in the general admission ticket to the park or free to Friends of Elizabeth II. 252-475-1506.

**Rescue Men: The Story of the Pea Island Life Savers**

August 14 at 2 p.m.

Indoor Theatre

Join us for 2nd Saturday's on August 14<sup>th</sup> for the documentary film Rescue Men: The Story of the Pea Island Life Savers. The film will be shown at 2:00 p.m. in the Indoor Theatre at Roanoke Island Festival Park. The showings are part of the Department of Cultural Resources state-wide 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays: History, Heritage, Arts & Fun events. The event is free and open to the public. (252) 475-1500. [roanokeisland.com](http://roanokeisland.com).

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday @ 4 p.m.**

**The Ravel Trio**

August 22 at 4 p.m.

Indoor Theatre

The Ravel Trio includes pianist Daniel Lau, cellist Nancy Baun, and violinist Simon Maurer. Each member is an accomplished solo artist and chamber musician. Their past events include performing the Beethoven Triple Concerto with the Loudoun Symphony, presenting a series on Russian Chamber Music at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, preparing a performance of an amateur wind ensemble, and providing a workshop at Indiana University of Pennsylvania about combining dance and chamber music. Admission is included in the general admission ticket to the park and free to Friends of *Elizabeth II* members. 252-475-1506.