

Roanoke Island Festival Park December 2010 Events

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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.

Kitty Dough Botanical Drawings and Nature Art

Jim Fineman- Clay Vases and Basketry

Dec. 4-29

Art Gallery

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

Enjoy botanical drawings and nature art by this certified botanical illustrator, Kitty Dough and stoneware vases and basketry by Jim Fineman. Fineman gathers vines on Roanoke Island and combines them with reeds and sea grass to make the baskets. Reception: Dec. 5, 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.

Roanoke Island Festival Park Performance Series

Elizabeth City State University Presents Christmas at the Park

December 4 at 7 p.m.

Indoor Theatre

The performances are free and open to the public. (252) 475-1500 roanokeisland.com.