

Roanoke Island Festival Park July 2010 Events

Roanoke Island Festival Park

July 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

July 1-31

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.

Steve Alterman, Nature Photography

July 3-27

Art Gallery

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

Alterman is an award-winning artist and published photographer. Reception: July 11, 2-4 p.m.

Nature photographer Steve Alterman will showcase his work in the Art Gallery at Roanoke Island Festival Park from July 3 to 27. Alterman's nature photography highlights the Outer Banks, the Hawaiian Islands and the American West. Alterman creates his photographs from transparencies. His two published books of photographic art are Outer Banks Edge and Kauai Edge, with Hawaiian photographer Scott Hanft. His poster of the Currituck Beach Lighthouse interior is on display at Washington, D.C.'s Corcoran Gallery of Art. The exhibition is a part of the gallery's 2010 Earth Speaks, a focus on artwork that gives voice to the earth. 252-475-1506

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America Celebrates/July 4th Fireworks

With the Town of Manteo and Performance by East Carolina University

July 4 at 8 p.m.

Outdoor Pavilion

July 4th Celebration

Roanoke Island Festival Park will hold a July 4th celebration that will feature East Carolina University, performing music by George M. Cohan at 8 p.m. The celebration will also include fireworks provided by the town of Manteo. Held at the park's Pavilion, the celebration is free and open to the public. Gates open to the public at 6 p.m. After 5 p.m., only handicap parking will be available at the Park.

Due to the large crowds for this event and the loudness of the fireworks, pets are discouraged. Please note that once the fireworks begin, the Pavilion gates will be closed to create a safety zone, until the fireworks are complete. During this time, for your safety, no one will be allowed to enter or exit the Pavilion.

As the entire country commemorates Independence Day with patriotic songs, barbeques, apple pie, and community gatherings, Roanoke Island Festival Park invites visitors to participate in the community atmosphere of the festivities. Seating at the Pavilion is on the grass, so blankets and lawn

chairs will add to the relaxed holiday environment. Bring a picnic basket for all of your family and friends and join Roanoke Island Festival Park in a celebration of America. (252) 475-1500.

Team Green Summer Camp

July 5th – July 9th for children 10 and up
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Join Roanoke Island Festival Park's Team Green Summer Camp. Explore the Outer Banks and learn how to keep it Green through activities and field trips based on the preservation of our local environment. Younger campers will enjoy a canoe and sailing trip while, older campers will have an opportunity to hike in the Alligator River with an optional camp out at Pettigrew State Park. (Parents welcome at campout!)

Friends of the Elizabeth II Members \$150/week and non-members \$175/week

Special thanks to the US Fish and Wildlife Service and Kitty Hawk Kites supporting ECO Camp field trips!
(252) 475-1500 Ext 232 or email tracy.haerther@ncdcr.gov or visit roanokeisland.com.

Roanoke Island Festival Park Performance Series

Western Carolina Presents Sesame Street

Children's Show

July 6, 7, 8 at 10:30 a.m.

Indoor Theatre

The delightful characters of *Sesame Street* are on their way to Roanoke Island Festival Park. Western Carolina University's Musical Theatre will present performances of "Sesame Street Children's Show" on July 6, 7, and 8, at 10:30 a.m. The performances will take place in the indoor theatre at Roanoke Island Festival Park and are a part of RIFP's Performance Series. Come visit with some of the characters from the beloved television favorite *Sesame Street* as they host the show that will showcase songs from other children's learning musicals. The show will not only entertain young children but will also offer many engaging learning opportunities. The performances are free and open to the public. 252-475-1506

Roanoke Island Festival Park Performance Series

Western Carolina Presents Charlie Brown

July 6, 7, 8 at 8 p.m.

Outdoor Pavilion- in the event of rain, the performance will be moved to the Indoor Theatre

The comic strip "Peanuts" by Charles Schulz remains a beloved entertainment for both children and adults. Western Carolina University's Musical Theatre brings "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown," based on Schulz's legendary comic strip to Roanoke Island Festival Park on July 6, 7, and 8, at the Pavilion at 8 p.m. The performances are a part of RIFP's Performance Series and are free and open to the public. Originally debuted on Broadway in 1967, the current show was re-envisioned in 1999. It has also won two Tony awards and three Drama Desk awards. In the show, visitors will follow the antics of all the lovable characters, from Charlie to Linus to Lucy and others. The Charlie Brown shows will provide great entertainment for the whole family and community. Western Carolina University, located in Cullowhee, North Carolina, was established in 1889 to bring quality education to the people of Western North Carolina. 252-475-1500.

Rescue Men: The Story of the Pea Island Life Savers

July 10 at 2 p.m.

Indoor Theatre

Join us for 2nd Saturday's July 10 and August 14th for the documentary film *Rescue Men: The Story of the Pea Island Life Savers*. The film will be shown on those dates 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 2nd Saturdays: History, Heritage, Arts & Fun events. The event is free and open to the public. (252) 475-1500.

Roanoke Island Festival Park Performance Series

Western Carolina Presents Sesame Street

Children's Show

July 13, 14, 15 at 10:30 a.m.

Indoor Theatre

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Roanoke Island Festival Park Performance Series

Western Carolina Presents I Love a Piano (Irving Berlin Review)

July 13, 14, 15 at 8 p.m.

Outdoor Pavilion- in the event of rain the performance will be moved to the Indoor Theatre.

Western Carolina University's Musical Theatre brings three performance of "I Love a Piano" to the Pavilion at Roanoke Island Festival Park on July 13, 14, and 15, at 8 p.m. The events are a part of RIFP's Performance Series and are free and open to the public. Celebrating the classic works of Irving Berlin, "I Love a Piano" is a tribute to America in song. It follows one piano's journey throughout America and its people from the turn of the nineteenth century to today. The cast will perform many of Berlin's songs, including "I Love a Piano," "Blue Skies," "How Deep is the Ocean," and "God Bless America." This event provides great family entertainment as the performers weave together a musical journey of America and one of its most beloved entertainers, Irving Berlin. Western Carolina University, located in Cullowhee, North Carolina, was established in 1889 to bring quality education to the people of Western North Carolina. 252-475-1500.

Children's Performance Series

Tarradiddle Players Presents

"The Commedia King Arthur",

July 20, 21, 22 at 10:30 a.m.

Indoor Theatre

Everybody's favorite troupe of traveling players is back, and this time they dare to take on a literary classic: The Tales of King Arthur. Never have the Commedia players been so audacious... or quite so silly, as when trying to pull this one off. It all begins when the bedraggled young squire Arthur, forgets his master's second sword and has to find a substitute, fast, or risk losing his job. What is a young squire to do? What would you do? He grabs the nearest sword he can find, never mind that it is embedded in a rock, and the rest, well, you know, is history. Or at least legend. Fortunately Merlin is always there to guide our young hero to greatness. This fast moving story features a sprinkling of well known stories, making it a perfect introduction to a unit of King Arthur, Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, Sir Lancelot and the Ogre, and King Arthur and the absolute most adorable little dragon you have ever seen. What? No adorable dragons in Tales of King Arthur? Are you sure about that? See for yourself, decide for yourself

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Children's Performance Series

Tarradiddle Players Presents

Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel

July 20 and 21 at 7 p.m.

Indoor Theatre

Top of Form

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Mike Mulligan and Mary Ann, his beloved Steam Shovel, have been together for many years. They have dug holes for famous canals, mountainous railroad beds, superhighways, airports, and tall skyscrapers. But times have changed and newer, fancier shovels have become fashionable. There just isn't as much work for old steam shovels... and Mike and Mary Ann are down to their last dime. Yet there is one final possibility... the little town of Poppersville needs a foundation dug for its city hall and Mike and Mary Ann are determined to get the job. Only they first have to out bid the Diesel Shovel, the Electric Shovel and the fancy schmancy cappuchino making Nucleonic Diggatron. Are they up to the job? Not if Henry B. Swap has his way! Virginia Lee Burton's 1939 classic tale of hard work, determination and love comes to life in Eric Lane Barnes delightful musical. For the 7 p.m. show, admission \$5 or free to Friends of Elizabeth II members. (252) 475-1500 roanokeisland.com

Laura Long Recital

July 25 at 4 p.m.

Indoor Theatre

This talented musician presents her annual concert.

Jr. Mercenary Summer Camp

July 26-30 for ages 7, 8 and 9

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A military history camp for those too young for Camp Smolkin. Learn about Smolkin's favorite moments in history and a week long experience of games and activities. Camp events will include a treasure hunt at Jockey's Ridge, constructing the Tower of London, creating personalized suits of armor and more. Friends of the Elizabeth II Members \$120/week and non-members \$140/week (252) 475-1500 Ext 232 or email tracy.haerther@ncdcr.gov or visit roanokeisland.com.

Children's Performance Series

Flow Circus

July 27-29 at 10:30 a.m.

July 27 and 28- 7 p.m.

Indoor Theatre

Paul Miller will present his Flow Circus program on July 27-29, at 10:30 a.m. and on July 27 and 28, at 7 p.m. Using hands on activities and presentations, Flow Circus promotes creativity, inspiration, and active learning in both children and adults. Since its establishment in 1999, Miller and Flow Circus has attracted a diverse interest group, visiting schools, libraries, festivals, and corporate events. The program enriches the learning and entertainment experiences for all participants through balloon sculpting, puppetry, and juggling. As a part of RIFP's Children Performance Series, the morning performances are included in the general admission ticket to the park or free to Friends of *Elizabeth II* members. The 7 p.m. shows are \$5 or free to Friends of *Elizabeth II* members. 252-475-1500.