

## **Roanoke Island Festival Park October 2010 Events**

### **Roanoke Island Festival Park**

October 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.

### **Duane Raver: Wildlife illustrator**

#### **Jeff Lewis: Flora and Fauna Photography**

Oct. 3- November 29

Art Gallery

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

Raver has done more than two hundred Wildlife in North Carolina cover illustrations. He illustrated the Fisherman's Guide: Fishes of the Southeastern United States by Charles S. Manooch. Jeff Lewis is the Gardens and Nursery Manager of The Elizabethan Gardens in Manteo and an avid birder and amateur naturalist. He's had more than 1000 photos published in books, magazines, newspapers and a variety of other media. Reception is October 3 from 2-4- p.m. It is free and open to the public. (252) 475-1500.

### **Roanoke Island Festival Park Performance Series**

#### **UNC NC Central Presents a Jazz Combo**

October 16 at 2 and 7 p.m.

Indoor Theatre

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

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

#### **The Conner Miller Duo**

October 24 at 4 p.m.

Indoor Theatre

The Conner Miller Duo combines the playing and singing talents of Mike Conner and John Miller. The duo performs traditional renditions of Old-Time, Brother Duets, and American Roots, but they also perform original songs. Founding director of Fiddlefest in Roanoke, Virginia, Conner's musical experience includes working with Herschel Sizemore and The Hearts. A guitarist and mandolin player/ instructor for the Eastman Guitar Company, John Miller's touring experience includes the Lonesome River Band and Doyle Lawson. Combining the tradition of Appalachian melody with the experiences from their bluegrass careers, the Conner Miller Duo introduces a fresh sense of "acoustic americana" to their listeners. (252) 475-1500

### **RIFP Performance Series**

**A& T Presents**

**Dancing & Drumming of Africa & the Caribbean.**

October 30 at 2 and 7 p.m.

Indoor Theatre

Dance to the Beat of Africa and the Caribbean:

The E. Gwynn Dancers of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University will transport you to the exciting world of African and Caribbean dance. These energetic and skilled performers dance with authority, enriching audiences as they entertain. The driving rhythms of the drums, vibrant costumes and emotional performances allow audiences to truly connect with another culture. The E. Gwynn Dancers have studied, taught and performed locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. The performances are free and open to the public. (252) 475-1500 [roanokeisland.com](http://roanokeisland.com).