

Roanoke Island Festival Park September 2010 Events

Roanoke Island Festival Park

September 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 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.

Petra Schmidt: Mixed Media Artist

Sept. 7-28

Art Gallery

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

Petra Schmidt is a mixed media sculpture artist from Pennsylvania. Her work combines musical instruments and natural materials. She taught herself this art and has created mixed media pieces since 1980. Petra's work speaks to two art forms: visual arts and music. A native of Solingen, Germany, Petra resides and creates in Charming Forge, Pennsylvania. 252-475-1506.

Alzheimer's Awareness Walk

September 11 at 8 a.m.

Pavilion

The event is sponsored by Gem. Contact Gail Sonnesso at 252-480-3354 or gsonnesso@gmail.com. or Emily Karr at ekarr@darenc.com.

Pirates Invade RIFP

September 17 from 3- 9 p.m.

Entire Site

Pirates will invade Roanoke Island Festival Park on Friday, September 17, beginning at 3 p.m. in the sites venues. The annual event is in partnership with the Kitty Hawk Kites and their Annual Pirate Festival. The vicious and motley crew will begin the event with dueling, fighting, singing, storytelling, autograph signing and more (remember to bring your camera) as they wander throughout the site. At 5 p.m., they will then move to the Outdoor Pavilion where the festival will continue. Free activities will include Kitty Hawk Kites rock wall; kite making; face painting; and toy demos. Pamlico Jack's will be offering food for sale which will include chicken fingers; hamburgers, soft drinks and popcorn- something for the entire family. They will also be using their air cannon to shoot free promotional items to the guests! The free movie **Pirate's of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl** will start at 7:00 p.m. and will be shown on Kitty Hawks Kites big inflatable screen. Gather up the neighbors and bring a blanket or lawn chairs and settle back for a great night of family and pirate fun! (252) 475-1500

Roanoke Island Festival Park Performance Series

UNC Greensboro Presents Gilbert & Sullivan

September 18 at 2 and 7 p.m.

Indoor Theatre

University of North Carolina at Greensboro's Opera Theatre will present two performances of "A Celebration of Gilbert and Sullivan" on September 18, at 2 and 7 p.m. The performances will take place in the indoor theatre at Roanoke Island Festival Park and are a part of RIFP's Performance Series. Showcasing the works of W.S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan, the shows will bring pirates, sailors, fairies, ghosts, geishas, and more to the stage. Presented works during the productions include *The Mikado*, *H.M.S. Pinafore*, and *The Pirates of Penzance*. "A Celebration of Gilbert and Sullivan" and its twenty member cast will delight fans and newcomers to the charming lyrics of Gilbert combined with the memorable tunes of Sullivan. All performances are free and open to the public. 252-475-1506.

4th Sunday @ 4 p.m.

Lyric Brass Quintet

September 26 at 4 p.m.

Indoor Theatre

Formed in 1998, the Lyric Brass Quintet is one of the premier chamber groups in the Baltimore and Washington, D.C. area. The quintet includes trumpet players Bob Couto and Kevin Dines, horn player Larry Williams, trombone player Brandon Rivera, and tuba player Andrew Spang. After winning the 2000 Baltimore Chamber Music Competition, they performed at ARTSCAPE, Baltimore's Festival of the Arts. The Lyric Bass Quintet currently serves as artists-in-residence at Carroll Community College in Westminster, Maryland. Admission is included in the general admission ticket to the park and free to Friends of *Elizabeth II* members. 252-475-1506.