



**OBLHS Keepers' weekend 2010** itinerary----*subject to change*. Registrants will be contacted the week before the event with more details and driving directions. We have a very exciting and informative weekend planned and hope you can join us!

### **Friday, Oct 8th**

**10:00 AM** Meet at North Carolina Ferry Dock across from NPS Visitor Center (park in public parking near visitor center) for an exciting trip to Portsmouth Island. This was the largest settlement on the Outer Banks in the late 1700's as it provided a holding station for the cargo of large ships who were too heavy to navigate the shallow waters of Ocracoke Inlet. Here, cargo was transferred to lighter boats to traverse the inlet. A new inlet was formed in 1846 and shipping routes changed, and so did Portsmouth Island. Learn more at <http://www.friendsofportsmouthisland.org/index.htm>. A trip to Portsmouth Island can be strenuous and tiring. Visitors can expect a lot of mosquitoes at this time of year (mosquito hats and nets can be purchased at Wal-Mart) and may need to wade through calf-deep water in high tide. Getting to the dock can be challenging at times. Plan to do a lot of walking to visit the historic buildings: homes, community store, church, recently restored Life-Saving Station and more! Transportation is provided by Rudy Austin. The boat trip is ~ 20 minutes. Bring a picnic lunch or choose a sandwich from the Fig Tree Bakery & Deli: <http://www.ocracokeisland.com/figtree%20menu2.jpg> Add the cost of your sandwich plus 7.75% sales tax to the total registration fee below. We will place one order for the sandwiches and will pick up all orders and will provide drinks at Portsmouth Island. Plan to stay for several hours and enjoy a tour and presentation from Cape Lookout personnel and volunteers. *If this trip is cancelled due to inclement weather (decision made by the boat captain) money will be refunded.*

### **Saturday, October 9th**

**9:00 AM** Meet at the Pony pen at the north end of the island. Here we will have a fascinating talk by Laura Michaels, animal caregiver for NPS at Ocracoke Island. She will give a history of the ponies and other wildlife on the island.

**10:30 AM** Meet at the beach (TBA) for an informative talk about the beautiful and various sea shells found on the beaches of Ocracoke Island and the Northern Outer Banks. Ocracoke's unspoiled beaches were rated #1 in America in 2007 by Dr. Stephen P. Leatherman (Dr. Beach), Director of Florida International University's Laboratory for Coastal Research

#### **Break for lunch (YOYO—You're On Your Own)**

**1:00 PM** Meet at Ocracoke Lighthouse --- open for climbing for OBLHS members ONLY. Hear outstanding local historian Earl O'Neal explain the history of North Carolina's oldest operating tower!

**5:30 PM** The Keepers' Bar and store will open at the Ocracoke Community Center

**6:30** Welcome and introduction of Board members and special guests. Awards will be given at this time to those who have helped the Society and lighthouses of NC.

**7:00** Dinner which will be followed immediately by the raffle drawings and our lively

auction. This is the highlight of the year for many of us who have attended the Keepers' Weekend. Join us for our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Keepers' Dinner!

**Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 AM Photographic workshop by Bruce Roberts. This will be limited to the first 18 people who sign up for it and held at the Ocracoke Community Center and outdoors.** We all are familiar with Bruce's work and this is likely to fill up quickly! For over thirty years, lighthouses have become his favorite subject. Bruce's renowned lighthouse photography has appeared in hundreds of books. Roberts is also coauthor of the comprehensive guide '**NORTH CAROLINA LIGHTHOUSES: A TRIBUTE TO HISTORY AND HOPE**', now in its second printing. A 50-year photographic history of Bruce's work has been printed by NC Department of Archives and History in a book entitled '**JUST YESTERDAY**'. The Outer Banks History Center is featuring Bruce's dedicated and celebrated career in a fascinating exhibit which is free and open to the public until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010. This is a rare opportunity to study and learn from one of the best!

**PLEASE FILL OUT THE SEPARATE FORM AND SEND A SEPARATE CHECK FOR THIS WORKSHOP AS THIS IT IS LIMITED ON A FIRST COME BASIS**

A block of rooms has been set aside for us (\$79-\$100+ tax) at Blackbeard's Lodge, depending upon the room. Dogs are welcome for an additional \$20. Call **(800) 892-5314 or (252) 928-3421** and BE SURE to mention you are with OBLHS. Reservations need to be made by September 7<sup>th</sup>. Apartments for 6 people are also available. Check their website for more information:  
<http://blackbeardslodge.com/>

*Directions and driving times and changes in the itinerary will be included in the registration packets which will be mailed/emailed ~ one week before the event. A list of other available activities and sites for a self-guided tour will be included also.*

Please fill out the registration form below and mail to:

Bett Padgett  
1213 Dixie Trail  
Raleigh, NC 27607-6841 along with a check for your reservation made to OBLHS  
For more information please call Bett at (919) 787-6378 or email at [bett@bettpadgett.com](mailto:bett@bettpadgett.com)

***Deadline for reservations is October 1, 2010. This is going to be an exciting and memorable weekend! We are looking forward to seeing you!***

**OUTER BANKS LIGHTHOUSE SOCIETY  
FIFTEENTH ANNUAL KEEPERS' WEEKEND  
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, OCT. 8-10, 2010**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note the activities you wish to join and how many participants

Number of people	Friday's trip \$20/person; Add cost of lunch from menu + 7.75% tax	Saturday's events \$55/person	Friday and Saturday's events \$70/person (excluding Friday's lunch)

Sandwich order from Fig Tree \_\_\_\_\_  
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Non-members please add \$20 (seniors-65 or older); \$25 for others to include a membership if you wish-please indicate below.

Do you wish to become a member? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Is it alright to share your contact information with other attendees? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Special comments:

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**REGISTRATION FOR PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP WITH BRUCE ROBERTS,  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 10 AM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \$35/person \_\_\_\_\_

Please include a separate check for this registration since it is limited to 18 registrants on a first come first serve basis. If the workshop is full, your check for this portion of the weekend will be returned.