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Fort Fisher Offers Authors, Local Literature, Cannon Blasts & More

KURE BEACH — Fort Fisher State Historic Site—the most visited historic site in North Carolina—will host “Exploring Local Literature: Recent Works of Fort Fisher History” on Saturday, July 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visitors can meet authors and explore Fort Fisher’s legacy with a look at some recent publications about the fort, both fiction and nonfiction.

Throughout the day, history will come alive with firings of the site’s 32-pounder rifled and banded cannon. There will also be costumed tours of Fort Fisher’s remaining earthworks at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. This free event is part of “2nd Saturdays,” a statewide summer initiative at the NC Department of Cultural Resources’ State Historic Sites and museums that combines arts, history, culture, and fun for all ages.

“We want to welcome visitors to come out and meet some accomplished authors who are very familiar with Fort Fisher’s history,” said Assistant Site Manager Amy Manor Thornton. “We’ll also have tours and heavy artillery demonstrations throughout the day.”

Fort Fisher, the largest earthen fortification in the Confederacy, once protected the port of Wilmington and the vital blockade running trade on the Cape Fear River. After two massive bombardments the fort fell to a Union infantry assault on January 15, 1865. With the capture of Fort Fisher, Wilmington’s port – “the Lifeline of the Confederacy” – was closed to foreign trade. All Fort Fisher programming is made possible by support from the Friends of Fort Fisher, a nonprofit group. Visit www.friendsoffortfisher.com for more information.

Fort Fisher State Historic Site is located at 1610 Fort Fisher Blvd S, Kure Beach, N.C. 28449. For more information on the site, call (910) 458-5538 or visit the web site www.nchistoricsites.org/fisher/. Fort Fisher State Historic Site is part of the Division of State Historic Sites in the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources, the state agency with the mission to enrich lives and communities, and the vision to harness the state’s cultural resources to build North Carolina’s social, cultural and economic future. Information is available 24/7 at www.ncculture.com.

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