

2010 Historic Edenton Happenings

January

- 1 – 31 “Family Connections” themed tours of Iredell House & Cupola House Offered Monday – Saturday – fee – Historic Edenton State Historic Site, 108 North Broad Street – 252-482-2637; www.edenton.nchistoricsites.org
- 22 The Dixon Connection Exhibit Opening Reception – 5:30 – 7:30 pm at The Chowan Arts Council, 200 East Church Street – 252-482-8005 – No charge; www.chowanarts.org
- 18 Martin Luther King Celebration – Swain Auditorium, 200 East Church Street – noontime with reception to follow at the Chowan Arts Council

February

- 20 Best of Big Band Sound featuring Piedmont Jazz, Richard Satterfield - 7:30 pm – Swain Auditorium, 200 East Church Street – Chowan Arts Council – 252-482-8005; www.chowanarts.org
- 27 3rd Annual Polar Plunge – Colonial Park - \$25 to jump and free to watch With proceeds going to the Special Olympics – contact 252-482-4436 Linda Hobbs.

March

- 1 – 31 Women’s History Month – student bus tours featuring Slave, Abolitionist, Author, Harriet Jacobs – fee – Reservations required – Historic Edenton State Historic Site, 108 North Broad Street – 252-482-2637; www.edenton.nchistoricsites.org
- 15 The Edenton Historical Commission’s Speaker’s Forum at the old 1767 Chowan County Courthouse will feature Jim Horn, Author of Lost Colony of Roanoke at 6 pm with a reception following at the Barker House on the waterfront. Call the Barker House 252-482-7800 for details or check On-line www.edentonhistoricalcommission.org
- 29 Annual Celebration “Art of our Youth” Exhibit Opening Reception and Concert – Chowan Arts Council, 200 East Church Street – 252-482-8005; www.chowanarts.org

April

- 9 – 11 Cycle NC Spring Retreat – headquarters Colonial Park, 113 West Water Street; www.ncsports.org
- 9 The Power of Three Exhibit Opening Reception – 5:30 – 7:30 pm at the Chowan Arts Council, 200 East Church Street – 252-482-8005 – no charge; www.chowanarts.org
- 16-17 Rocky Hock Grand Old Opry at Swain Auditorium, 200 East Church Street – 7:30 pm – 252-340-3438
- 17 Dog Day Out with Destination Downtown Edenton, 252-482-2962; www.mainstreetedenton.com

- 22 “Celebration of Honor” – 1767 Chowan County Courthouse, 117 East King Street – 6 – 8 pm – Edenton Historical Commission – 252-482-7800; www.edentonhistoricalcommission.org

May

- 1 May Play Day – Rocky Hock Community Building, Evans-Bass Road Games, activities and great food enjoyed by all ages
- 1 4th Annual Hog Fest – American Legion Post 40, 1317 West Queen Street – 252-482-4057 – BBQ Cook-off sanctioned by Kansas City BBQ Society; Continuing events such as the Kids Pedal Tractor & Tricycle Drag Races, the Kids Obstacle Course and musical entertainment; www.chowanfair.org
- 2 Albemarle Chorale Annual Spring Concert- Swain Auditorium, 200 E Church Street – 4 pm – Free
- 11 National Tourism Day – Free Guided Trolley Tours from the Historic Edenton State Historic Site Visitor Center 10, 11, 12, 2, 3 and 4 pm – 252-482-2537; www.edenton.nchistoricsites.org
- 14 2nd Annual Art of a Woman Exhibit Opening & Reception at the Chowan Arts Council, 200 E. Church Street, 252-482-8005 – 5:30 – 7:30 pm – 252-482-8005; www.chowanarts.org
- 15 Historic Edenton in conjunction with Carolina Living History Guild presents a Civil War Maritime Living History Program conducted on the 1767 Chowan County Courthouse Green and in the Courthouse – 10 am – 4 pm – 252-482-2637; www.edenton.nchistoricsites.org
- 16 Music in the Parks Series, 3 – 5 pm, Colonial Park, 252-482-8595, listen to your favorite performers; www.visitedenton.com
- 26 – August 4 Coastal Plain League Edenton Steamers kicks off their 2010 Season at Historic Hicks Field – 252-482-4080; www.edentonsteamers.com
- 31 Memorial Day Parade – 10 am – North and South Broad Streets – Honor our Military – Bob Lawson – 252-482-5549 – sponsored by the American Legion Post 40 and the Chowan-Edenton Optimist Club

June

- 5 Open Bass Tournament – Bayside Marina & Grill – 6 am until – 252-482-5343
- 12 Hoe Down Barn Dance with Out in the Cold at the home of Lin and Amelia Bond sponsored by the Chowan Arts Council – 252-482-8005; www.chowanarts.org
- 18 – 19 Edenton Music and Water Festival – Friday evening – Guided Paddle for nature lovers with musical selections filtering through the air from Colonial Park; Saturday gets everyone on the water with paddle demonstrations, sailboat races, paddling with the Periauger, games and activities for children, artisans, food vendors and talented musicians of every venue throughout the day into early evening; 800-775-0111 – www.edentonmusicandwaterfestival.com

- 25 2010 People’s Choice Opening Exhibit and Reception at the Chowan Arts Council, 200 East Church Street – 5:30 – 7:30 pm – 252-482-8005; www.chowanarts.org

July

- 4 Celebrate in Colonial Park with entertainment, food, crafts and a wonderful fireworks display at dusk – Optimist Club – 252-482-2323
- 9-10 Edenton Bay Challenge Sailing Regatta - Sunfish, Tanzers, Lasers, Optimist, Flying Scots, and Windmills compete in this one-design class race annually, Edenton Harbor, West Water Street, 9 am registration; 252-482-3400
- 18 Music in the Parks Series, listen to your favorite performers, Colonial Park, 3 – 5 pm, 252-482-8595; www.visitedenton.com

August

- 1 – 31 Beat the Heat – Colonial Coping Strategies with Guided Tours of the Iredell House with emphasis on these methods – Historic Edenton State Historic Site, Fee, 252-482-2637; www.edenton.nchistoricsites.org
- 15 Music in the Park Series at Colonial Park, listen to your favorite performers, 3- 5 pm, 252-482-8595; www.visitedenton.com

September

- 10 “Taste of Edenton” 6 – 8 pm, on the Barker House Lawn on the waterfront, 252-482-7800, www.edentonhistoricalcommission.org
- 11 Annual Shrimp Feast, American Legion Fairgrounds, 252-482-4057; www.chowanfair.com
- 16-22 Constitution Week. Celebrate the 223rd anniversary of the signing of the US Constitution. Exhibit, Tours emphasizing Edenton residents who were a part of this historic event, fee for tours, 252-482-2637; www.edenton.nchistoricsites.org
- 20 Music in the Park Series at Colonial Park, listen to your favorite performers, 3 – 5 pm, 252-482-8595; www.visitedenton.com
- 28 – Oct 2 63rd Annual Chowan County Regional Fair, Amusement Rides, entertainment, exhibits, and great food, American Legion Fairgrounds, 252-482-4057; www.chowanfair.com

October

- 1 – 31 Historic Edenton State Historic Site offers hands-on experiences for 4th grade students with games, chores and domestic skills of the Colonial Era with an opportunity to make and take home their own handiwork, supply fee, reservations required, 252-482-2637; www.edenton.nchistoricsites.org
- 2 7th Annual Peanut 5k-Run or walk through the beautiful surroundings of Edenton Bay and Hayes Plantation, registration 8 am-Queen Anne Park, Phone 252-482-8595

- 35th Annual Peanut Festival – parade and festivities throughout the day with band competition in early evening at John A. Holmes High School, Joyce Lassiter - 252-312-4448
- 21 Speaker's Forum at the 1767 Chowan County Courthouse followed by a reception at the Barker House on the waterfront 6 pm, 252-482-7800; www.edentonhistoricalcommission.org

November

- 1-30 Walking Tours featuring Edenton's diverse architectural styles each Wednesday, fee charged, 252-482-2637; www.edenton.nchistoricsites.org
- 6 Open Bass Fishing Tournament at Bayside Marina and Grill, 6 am until, 252-482-5343

December

- 3 Tree Lighting Ceremony, Destination Downtown, Kick off the joyous season with goodies, train rides and of course the lighting of the Town Tree with Santa, South Broad Street at 6 pm, 252-482-2962; www.mainstreetedenton.com
- 9 The Albemarle Chorale Annual Christmas Concert, Edenton United Methodist Church, 7 pm, 252-482-5891
- 10-11 **29th Annual Christmas Candlelight Tour** in Historic Edenton, make the holidays extra special by stepping inside some of the most beautifully decorated homes in Historic Edenton from 4 – 8 pm, Headquarters: The Barker House on the waterfront, Edenton Historical Commission, 252-482-7800; www.edentonhistoricalcommission.org
Other Weekend Events:
Holiday Repast at the Barker House, 1- until with special eggnog and refreshments; 252-482-7800
Annual Groaning Board at the Iredell House, 1- 5 pm, so many treats the table 'groans' and entertainment; 252-482-2637
Annual Wassail Bowl at the Cupola House, 1 – 5 pm, treats surrounded by period decorations; 252-482-2637
Confection Perfection at the Chowan Arts Council 4 – 9 pm, sweet treats in a holiday setting; 252-482-8005
- 10 Caroling in the 1767 Chowan County Courthouse, 6 pm; 252-482-2637
- 11 Edenton-Chowan Christmas Parade, Floats, Boats, Horses, Marching Bands & holiday fun, 11 am, Broad Street; 252-482-3400
- 13 Period Holiday Decorations Workshop, Reservations required, Historic Edenton State Historic Site (Visitor Center); 252-482-2637