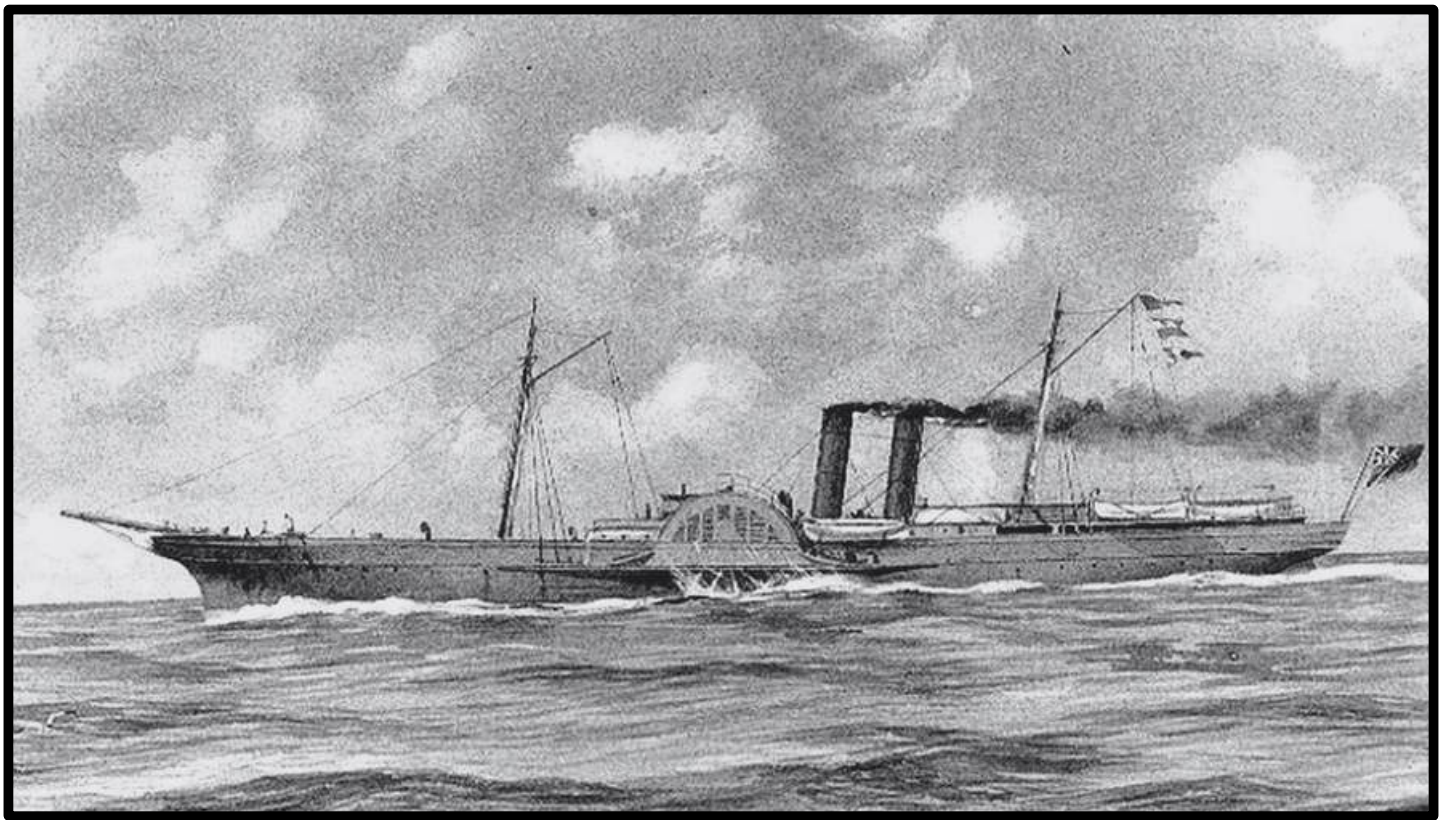


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Letter from the Editor

Dear Members of the CFCWRT,

As we enter a new month, I am filled with a profound sense of pride and gratitude. I am honored to have joined this wonderful organization, especially as we celebrate the significant milestone of turning 30!

Over three decades, we have built a vibrant community of history enthusiasts, educators, and advocates, all committed to the mission of honoring and exploring our past while inspiring future generations.

I am particularly proud of the appointment of our first female president, Yelena Howell. As her husband for 13 years, I have witnessed firsthand how truly amazing she is. Her passion for history and unwavering commitment to fostering a sense of community will undoubtedly help us continue to thrive and grow. I am excited to see her dynamic leadership in action!

I was also honored to celebrate our anniversary with you at Indochine. It was an evening filled with laughter, great conversation, and, of course, delicious food. It was a joy to see familiar faces and finally meet those I have heard so much about.

As we look to the future, let us remember the spirit of collaboration and passion that have brought us to this point. I invite you all to participate in our upcoming events, share your ideas, and continue to engage with one another. Together, we can honor our past while embracing the exciting opportunities ahead.

Thank you for being part of this incredible journey. Here's to many more years of exploration and celebration of our shared history!

Warm regards,

Matthew Howell
Editor

Cape Fear Civil War Round Table



President's Address

By Yelena Howell

Dear members and friends,

All the lonely people

Where do they all come from?

Some folks, it seems, are wired to be inveterate students of history. Each and every one of us is wired for sharing our interests with others and regular doses of companionship and camaraderie. A sting of loneliness can propel us to seek out meaningful social interactions. If the impulse for connection is not adequately met, loneliness can become a

chronic stressor that affects our sense of well-being, quality of life, and our very neurobiology, increasing our susceptibility to neurodegenerative changes. At times, I have felt the shadow of Eleanor Rigby (or Eleanor Vance—it is, after all, Halloween season), but allow me to try on Father McKenzie's ever-hopeful shoes as I conclude my homily on the importance of sustained fellowship. Our round table has entered its 31st year, providing a unique social circle where people from all walks of life continue to gather in the name of our esprit de corps: appreciation for American stories, history of the American Civil War, and lifelong learning.

It was such a joy to see some of you at our festive October get-together and to feel the goodwill of yet more of our hosts who were with us in spirit. In addressing you, I truly meant it: we embrace your diverse interests, viewpoints, life experiences, areas of expertise, abilities and varying capabilities to participate in our organization throughout your tenure. Civic engagement is a potent antidote to alienation; ongoing intellectual and social curiosity, to listlessness and apathy that have a way of aging us faster than hard work and the good sun on our cheeks can (though I do endorse regular use of sunscreen). We are finishing this year strong and heading into a bounteous 2025. See you in November and beyond!

Sincerely yours,

Yelena Howell

President, Cape Fear Civil War Round Table



View our live and recorded monthly meetings and more on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/@CapeFearCivilWarRoundTable>

Membership Report

By Kim Berger

This month may have been quiet on the Membership front, but there's still plenty to look forward to! We didn't gain any new members, and we had just one renewal by mail. If November marks your membership anniversary, don't forget to renew!

You can mail your fee to CFCWRT at **8387 East Highcroft NE, Leland, NC 28451**, pay Mike at our November meeting, or renew online. Check the bottom of your name tag for your anniversary month, or just ask me if you're unsure!

Our October meeting at Indochine was a wonderful gathering, with 51 attendees—including 30 current and inactive members along with their families. It was a fantastic evening filled with great conversation and delicious food. A big thank you to Yelena for organizing such a delightful event and for treating us to her amazing homemade chocolate cake!

Let's keep the momentum going—remember, we're all recruiters! Invite your family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors. We promise to make everyone feel welcome!

Money Matters

By Michael McDonald & Yelena Howell

We have decided to include a snapshot of our active membership numbers and finances once a quarter and annually. For the third quarter of 2004:

- We boast 97 members
- Our income was \$1,422.60
- Our expenses were \$425.10

*Please expect natural variation in income and expenses from quarter to quarter based on the number of renewals and our hosting costs that are lower during the summer months.

Thank you very much for joining us, renewing your memberships, and giving in numerous other ways that sustain our organization! For additional details, please contact Treasurer Michael McDonald or President Yelena Howell, and we will be glad to address your questions.

The Round Table's 30th Anniversary Bash

By Bill Jayne



Fifty-one members and guests of the Cape Fear Civil War Round Table enjoyed a festive and lively evening at Indochine, Wilmington's distinctive and popular Vietnamese and Thai restaurant on Wayne Drive near Market Street, on the evening of October 10. In attendance were officers President Yelena Howell, Secretary/Historian Fred Claridge, Quartermaster William Jordan, executive committee members Al Turner, Jim Gannon, Kim Berger, Roman Berger, Tom O'Connor and immediate past president Bill Jayne as well as other

past presidents Chris Fonvielle, David Norris and Bob Cooke and advisor Dr. Angela Zombek, Ph.D. Webmaster Richard Buggeln and newsletter editor Matt Howell also joined us.

We gathered in the banquet space in the garden to enjoy the banquet menu and then short reflections from our presidents. Newly installed president, Yelena Howell—our first elected president and our first woman president—began the proceedings by reading a gracious letter from George Slaton, our first president. The letter in full is presented in *The Runner* on page 5. George now lives in Davidson, N.C., and was unable to attend the festive event because of a recent operation.

The Cape Fear Civil War Round Table (CFCWRT) was established in 1994 and George led the organization until the year 2000. He recalls that an organization called the Civil War Round Table Associates met in Wilmington in the summer of 1993. The organization was founded and led by legendary battlefield preservationist and Civil War activist, Jerry Russell, and their primary purpose was to encourage Civil War Round Tables to get involved in battlefield preservation.

The Wilmington event included a workshop on “How to Start a Civil War Round Table.” That workshop motivated George and others to establish a round table in Wilmington. Contributing to the momentum was Civil War publisher Ted Savas and prospective authors Chris Fonvielle and Mark Bradley. Ted, then leading the publishing company of Savas Woodbury, first published Chris Fonvielle's *The Wilmington Campaign: Last Rays of Departing Hope*, and Mark Bradley's *The Battle of Bentonville: Last Stand in the Carolinas*.

The new club soon got rolling and the Cape Fear Civil War Round Table first met at the University of North Carolina, Wilmington (UNCW) in October 1994. The first speaker was Chris Fonvielle. Although he is a Wilmington native, in 1994 Chris was living in the Outer Banks but, fittingly, he spoke about the Wilmington Campaign.

The Round Table's 30th Anniversary Bash Cont.

Dr. Fonvielle, now retired, soon joined the faculty of UNCW and became more regularly involved with the round table. Professor Fonvielle led the CFCWRT from 2000 through 2006. At the commemorative dinner at Indochine, Chris reminded the audience of the atmosphere surrounding Civil War history in the 1990s. There was a great deal of interest sparked by mass entertainment such as Ken Burns' PBS documentary series on the Civil War and perhaps the nostalgia of those who recalled the Civil War Centennial from 1961 to '65 played a part. Noting that history tends to telescope time, he recalled the story of Lt. Col. John W. Taylor of the 36th NC who was served at Ft. Fisher and was badly wounded at Bentonville in 1865. Two of the colonel's grandsons were present to hear Chris's talk on the Wilmington Campaign at the first meeting of the round table in 1994.

Under the leadership of David Norris (2006-10) the round table moved several times but enjoyed several outings. David recalling Chris's point about nostalgia and the Civil War Centennial, said that he still thinks of the Civil War as having taken place 100 years ago. David, an artist and author of many historical articles for magazines and journals, noted that Civil War Round Tables like ours play an important role in encouraging writers and researchers who continue to advance our understanding of the Civil War.

Up next, our fourth president, Bob Cooke (2010 to 2018), told the audience that he moved to Wilmington in 1994 and joined the round table in 1995. He was the editor of the newsletter for many years and recounted the many steps necessary to prepare, print and mail a newsletter in those days and how thankful he was when the digital age allowed clubs like ours to send newsletters electronically. He compared our group—and most clubs such as ours—to a living organism that is born, grows, and matures. The president, Bob said, is the head, the members are the life blood of the organism and the “steering committee,” the cadre of leaders, is the backbone. Our round table is growing and set to remain healthy well into the future, Bob said, as he led the group in a round of applause for the round table.

Finally, immediate past president Bill Jayne thanked everyone at the event for all their support over the years when he was president from 2018 to 2024. Echoing the remarks of the previous presidents, he remarked on the importance of history as we continue to broaden our knowledge of the past and try to apply its lessons to the present. He noted his excitement over the adoption of bylaws and the election of officers and his optimism for the future with a great new set of leaders at the helm of our club.

President Yelena Howell closed the meeting portion of the event by thanking everyone for coming and inviting everyone to participate in the activities of the round table in any way they found interesting.

A Letter from Founding President, George Slaton

7 October 2024

Dear Round Table Members

I can't adequately express how gratifying it feels to think of so many of you gathered this evening to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Cape Fear Civil War Round Table!

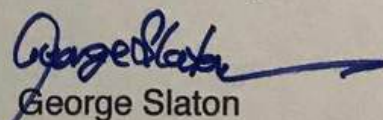
I recall the first meeting of the Round Table in October, 1994. The steering committee had sent out numerous invitations, but we had no idea what the turnout would be. We were both surprised and pleased that, in spite of a heavy rain, about 70 people attended that night to enjoy Chris Fonvielle's presentation.

From that initial meeting thirty years ago until now, the Round Table has hosted innumerable speakers, sponsored great battlefield tours and preservation projects, deepened the historical interest and knowledge of countless members, and provided enjoyable fellowship for so many.

Most recently I've been in touch with your former president, Bill Jayne, and your new president, Yelena Howell. I'm impressed with their enthusiastic and capable leadership and their ability to inspire participation in this organization.

My thanks to every one of you as you carry forward the traditions of the Cape Fear Civil War Round Table and as you lead others to the study of this momentous period in our American history!

With kindest regards



George Slaton

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1696952227331256>

CFCWRT November Meeting

By Bill Jayne



Kicking off our 30th “campaign,” the Cape Fear Civil War Round Table will feature a repeat appearance by John V. Quarstein, the director emeritus of the USS Monitor Center at the Mariners’ Museum and retired director of the Virginia War Museum in Newport News, Virginia.

As usual, the meeting of the round table will be held on Thursday evening, November 14, at centrally located St. John’s Episcopal Church in Midtown Wilmington near Independence Mall. Doors open at 6:30 and the meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Quarstein last spoke to us in September 2023, talking about the CSS Albemarle. He has authored 19 books and has written numerous articles, exhibits, essays, and documentaries. His titles include *A History of Ironclads: The Power of Iron over Wood*; *CSS Virginia: Sink Before Surrender*, and *The Monitor Boys: The Crew of the Union’s First Ironclad*. He is the winner of the 2012 Henry Adams Prize for excellence in historical literature.

Quarstein has also produced, narrated and written several PBS documentaries including the film series “Civil War in Hampton Roads,” a Silver Telly Award winner. Quarstein is the recipient of the National Trust for Historic Preservation’s President’s Award for Historic Preservation, the Civil War Society’s Preservation Award, and the Daughters of the American Revolution Gold Historians Medal. He has been a guest on C-Span multiple times and has served as an adjunct professor at the College of William & Mary.

John is one of the top experts on the Naval War and will speak to us about the legendary and furious battle of Mobile Bay in August 1864, pitting famous U.S. Navy Admiral David Farragut against Confederate States Navy Admiral Franklin Buchanan.

Born in Baltimore in 1800, Franklin Buchanan joined the U.S. Navy as a midshipman in 1815. He had a sterling record as a naval officer, including service in the Mexican War, becoming the first superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis and commanding ships in Commodore Perry’s missions to Japan.

CFCWRT November Meeting Cont.

As the Civil War began, Buchanan was commandant of the Washington Navy Yard. He thought of himself as a southerner because Maryland was a slave state. Nonetheless, he proclaimed that he was not a secessionist but sought an assignment overseas so that he would not be called upon to fight against family members and neighbors. U.S. Secretary of the Navy, Gideon Welles, responded by having Buchanan stricken from the U.S. Navy rolls.

While many serving U.S. Navy officers resigned their commissions and joined the Confederacy, it should be noted that by no means did all southern born officers leave the U.S. Navy. Famously, Admiral Samuel Phillips Lee, born in Fairfax County, Virginia, and a cousin of Robert E. Lee, remained loyal to the United States, saying “When I find the word Virginia in my commission, I will join the Confederacy.”

Buchanan, barred from serving in the U.S. Navy, retired to his home in Easton, Maryland, where he remained until September 1861 when he accepted a commission as a captain in the Confederate States Navy.

Come to learn and be entertained by a world-class speaker who will tell about the life and times of Franklin Buchanan from the momentous battle of Hampton Roads between the USS Monitor and the CSS Virginia, to the desperate, close-quarters naval combat in Mobile Bay, Alabama, in 1864 where his opponent, Admiral David Farragut, USN, led his fleet into the bay. It’s a tale of great courage, drama and legendary leadership.

The meeting will be held in Elebash Hall of St. John’s Episcopal Church. Enter at the rear of the church, which is located at 1219 Forest Hills Drive. The church parking lot, close to the entrance to the meeting room, is easily accessed via Park Avenue off of Independence Boulevard. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and there is ample time to browse our used books table, talk to members of the round table and discover new interests. See you there!



Pictured right is Admiral Franklin Buchanan, in CSN uniform. Courtesy of F.B. Own, 1929, U.S. Naval History and Heritage Command.

To the left is a depiction of the Battle of Mobile Bay, courtesy of Mariners Museum and Park.



Notable November Events in the Cape Fear Region

By Yelena Howell

Friday, November 1 through Monday, November 18, 10 am – 4 pm. Burgwin-Wright House, 224 Market St., Wilmington. Artist, historian and CFCWRT member **Jim Horton's** exhibit "Journeys Near and Far" continues with familiar and new pieces on display. Info: (910) 762-0570. More events at BWH: <https://www.burgwinwrighthouse.com/>

Saturday, November 2 through Wednesday, November 16: City of Wilmington will host a variety of events across multiple venues to commemorate the 126th anniversary of the 1898 coup. Detailed calendar: <https://tinyurl.com/1898in2024>.

Saturday, November 2, 9:30 am – 12 pm. The Alliance for Cape Fear Trees. 900 tree give-away at Riegelwood Baptist Church, 103 NC-87, Riegelwood, NC. Info, including on volunteer opportunities: <https://www.allianceforcapefeartrees.com/events>

Cancelled: November 2, Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson State Historic Site. The Great Pumpkin Blowout. Please note this **important cancellation** due to impact of September's tropical event on the access road to the site. Stay tuned for announcements of restoration of public access to the grounds, anticipated in late fall. Info: <https://www.facebook.com/BrunswickTownFortAnderson/> or brunswick@dncr.nc.gov

Tuesday, November 5, doors open at 6 pm, program at 7 pm. Hatch Auditorium, Caswell Beach. **Brunswick Civil War Round Table** presents popular historian Will Greene with "The Beefsteak Raid at Petersburg", a discussion of the September 1864 Confederate bid for 3,000 heads of cattle to provision the troops. The visitor fee is \$10 and can be applied toward the \$25 annual membership dues, which can include a spouse. Info: <https://brunswickcivilwarroundtable.com/>

Thursday, November 7, 1:30 – 3:15 pm. NHC Public Library, Main Branch, New Hanover Room, 201 Chestnut St., Wilmington. Seniors Mental Health Awareness-Depression/ Socialization/ Purposeful Living in-person monthly gathering (different topic every month). Free registration: <https://libcal.nhcgov.com/event/13058656> Other events at all library branches: <https://tinyurl.com/NHCLibCal>

Thursday, November 7, 7 – 8:15 pm. Southport Historical Society, 203 E. Bay St., Southport. **Dr. Chris E. Fonvielle Jr.** will discuss his 2024 book with **Dr. Robert M. Browning Jr.**, *Fort Fisher Illustrated: Art of the Battle*. All are welcome. Info: <https://www.southporthistoricalsociety.org/>

Friday, November 8, 7 – 10 pm. Hannah Block USO, 120 S. 2nd St., Wilmington. Show and Dance in honor of Veterans Day. Relive the sounds of the 1940s! Info and tickets (\$20 ea.): <https://wilmingtoncommunityarts.org/>

Saturday, November 9, 10 am – 3 pm, North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport, 108 S. Davis St., Southport. "Deep Dive Into History: 18th Century Blacksmithing." Drop-in series for all ages. Info: (910) 477-5151.

Historic Day at Fort Fisher as New Visitor Center Opens

By Matt Howell



After years of anticipation and a month-long delay due to severe weather and flooding, Fort Fisher celebrated the opening of its new Visitor Center with a memorable ribbon-cutting ceremony. The event drew local and state historians, elected officials, and history enthusiasts who gathered to mark this landmark moment for our community and state.

Set to open to the public on October 30th, 2024, the new Visitor Center replaces the original facility, which was designed for just 25,000 annual visitors—a number far exceeded by last year’s record-breaking one million visitors. This new center not only meets the needs of Fort Fisher’s growing popularity but also serves as a space dedicated to telling the site’s story in a more comprehensive, inclusive way, celebrating the diverse groups that helped shape its history.

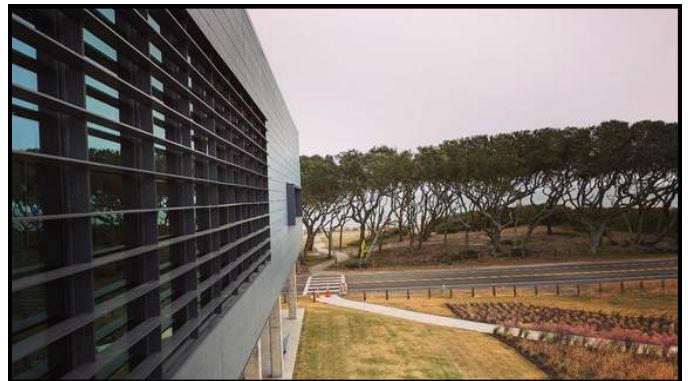
Speakers at the ceremony emphasized this commitment to inclusive storytelling, highlighting the contributions of people of color to Fort Fisher’s past and the importance of preserving Indigenous perspectives. Representatives from the Lumbee tribe were on-site to help commemorate the occasion, sharing insights into Fort Fisher’s cultural significance for Indigenous communities across North Carolina.

A cherished landmark, Fort Fisher has long drawn those interested in the region’s past, and this new Visitor Center will allow an even wider audience to engage with its layered history. From its critical wartime role to its enduring cultural impact, Fort Fisher’s story resonates with countless visitors each year. This facility now stands ready to deepen our connection to that history and ensure it endures for generations to come.

With updated exhibits and a strong focus on representing diverse voices, the Visitor Center invites everyone to experience Fort Fisher’s past in a new light. This state-of-the-art addition honors Fort Fisher’s legacy, celebrating its impact on our community and preserving its stories for generations to come.

Historic Day at Fort Fisher as New Visitor Center Opens

Event Pictures by Matt Howell



Opinion

By Roman Berger

Could the Round Table Influence Development of NC History Museum?

The North Carolina Museum of History, located across the street from the Legislative Building in Raleigh, is one of the most important attractions for anybody interested in the development of and culture within the Tar Heel State. As the museum undergoes a major renovation that will see the building close down for the next two years, it has sought out feedback and recommendations from the state's academics and citizens – pivotal in any event, especially so given North Carolina's brisk growth.

Who better to provide such feedback than members of historical roundtables?

On October 3rd, at the New Hanover County Main Library in Downtown Wilmington, members of the Cape Fear Civil War Round table participated in a conversation with North Carolina Museum of History staff members, and Brocade Studio, a Richmond-based planning firm that has worked on the American Civil War Museum in Richmond and Dix Park in Raleigh. Round table members who participated in the meeting included President Yelena Howell, Immediate Past President Bill Jayne, Professor Emeritus and former President Dr. Chris Fonvielle, Membership Chair Kim Berger, former president David Norris, Audio-Visual Coordinator Roman Berger, Quartermaster William Jordan, Executive Committee member Tom O'Connor and Pat Garrow, retired archaeologist and program committee member – a sample size spanning age groups, birth locations, and careers.

The meeting concerned the artifacts that the Museum was looking to include in their collection. Over-arching that, museum representatives were seeking ways to attract larger and newer crowds and spark interest in history from a younger age. Members of the Civil War Roundtable encouraged the museum to research North Carolina's role in the epochal conflict. Ideas proposed included the Piedmont Quaker Belt, the role of Women on the Homefront, the coastal operations at Fort Fisher, money's role in crafting and preserving power, an exploration of Governor Zebulon Vance, the Native American Experience in the Conflict, and the exploration of pension records. The veteran experience, including USCT veterans and white North Carolinians who served in U.S. units, and the power of community in motivating Confederate soldiers were also brought up.

Meeting participants, however, also thought in the long term. How can the Museum ensure that interest in history is grown for all visitors of all ages across this state?

Opinion Cont.

By Roman Berger

Multiple ideas were suggested to ensure the museum's longevity and reach, maintain continued interest over the next quarter-century, and increase the impact on visitors. These ideas included:

- displaying multiple perspectives to try and get into the minds of the citizens at the time, all to explore how perspectives evolved and gain new insight from state residents who had been overlooked;
- trying to decode propaganda and the rationale behind the messages, so we can see how messages are applied today and with what strategies and appeals;
- unearthing and purchasing rare artifacts such as old battle flags, to construct more authentic and striking exhibitions that make the museum unique;
- expanding educational outreach beyond the 4th and 8th Grade visits;
- and establishing a traveling museum, so students who would not normally take trips to the museum (particularly in under-served communities and those further away from the museum) can explore this cross-section of North Carolinian life and history.

Indeed, the end goal of all involved in the meeting is to invigorate that interest in local and regional history. North Carolina has a rich historical tapestry, with impacts both positive and negative, and a well-curated and unique museum is pivotal to introducing and explaining the past. The Museum Representatives appeared cognizant of such an ethos, and that made the feedback and response from these experts highly valuable. It helped that the CFCWRT participants were experts in varied fields from academic history, archaeology, and education to graphic art, genealogy, reenacting, veterans affairs, and well-informed devotees of history.

As a member of the Cape Fear Civil War Round Table, my suggestions naturally centered on the impact of the Civil War within the state. And while it should not be the exclusive domain of the museum – the history of North Carolina spans centuries before and after the four-year war – surely the Civil War will have a significant presence in the museum. Its impacts on the state's society, economy, and political scene not only reverberate over the next 160 years from 1865 to today, these effects yield lessons that are just as relevant for citizens young and old today. The Civil War and the study of the conflict is almost certainly the most important story in American history, and a vibrant exploration of the conflict is absolutely necessary to understand the story of the state.

Opinion Cont.

By Roman Berger

Further, it's my belief that should the Museum take up on the suggestions to expand their educational outreach, the dividends will be evident in a more historically astute and intellectually curious student population. That investment will prove to be very wise for both the Museum and the state's culture, and may ensure that interest in this most fascinating of conflicts persists in the general public well after our lifetimes.

Of course, there is bias in this analysis, but I'm sure that the round table member suggestions could only be of positive impact for the museum's redevelopment and for Civil War roundtables across the state. By providing our input to museums such as the State Museum, the benefits are shared far and wide.

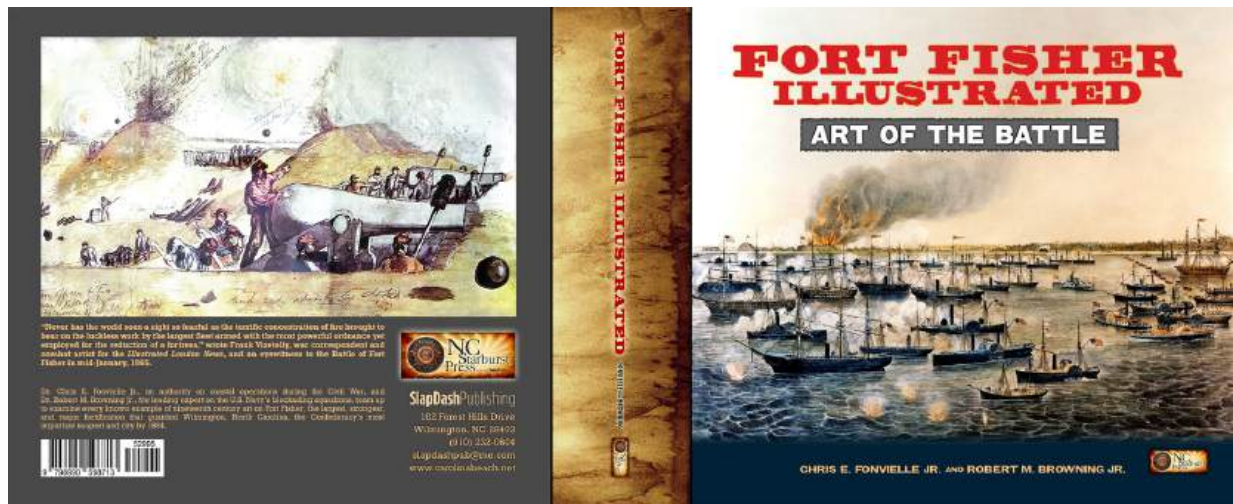
Following the conversation, Brocade Studio told the CFCWRT, "Thank you so much for hosting us last Thursday for a really insightful and dynamic conversation. We were struck by the thoughtfulness of the group - it was one of our favorite conversation groups all week."



Roman Berger, a member of the CFCWRT Executive Committee, is the Audio-Visual Coordinator at the Cape Fear Civil War Round Table. A lifelong American History buff, he possesses a Bachelor of Arts in History from Stony Brook University.

Spotlight on *Fort Fisher Illustrated*

By Yelena Howell



On Monday, October 21, 2024, Dr. Chris E. Fonvielle Jr. premiered a conversation about *Fort Fisher Illustrated: Art of the Battle* at Federal Point Historic Preservation Society.

Co-authored with Dr. Robert M. Browning Jr., the book focuses on nineteenth-century art that brought the terrible grandeur of the First and Second Battles of Fort Fisher to American and European audiences.

With jewel-like vividness, reproductions of an estimated 99% of extant paintings, drawings, and lithographs are set amid the expert historians' commentary on sources, context, and veracity of images shaping public perception of the events of Christmas 1864 and mid-January of 1865 that effectively ended blockade running and ushered in the fall of Confederate Wilmington. Likewise, Fonvielle's talk on *Fort Fisher Illustrated* masterfully sets a sequential show of images in the volume amid facts and evidence, enabling listeners to reconstruct a coherent, lurid timeline of war and art. Comprehensive compilation of material along with analytical consideration of its pedigree and historical accuracy echo the spirit of *Curious Tales from Old Wilmington and the Lower Cape Fear Region: The Truth Behind the Legends* which also aims to preserve fully, appraise, and engage.

Copies of *Fort Fisher Illustrated: Art of the Battle* are expected to be available for sale by November 12, with a more detailed look at the contents to follow. Stay tuned for more upcoming talks and book signings, starting with a reprise on November 7 in Southport (refer to the November area events section of *The Runner*).

Visit <https://www.chrisfonvielle.com/> for updates on Dr. Fonvielle's books and events and to get in touch with him.

Brunswick Civil War Round Table



The Beefsteak Raid, or Cattle Raid, was part of the Siege of Petersburg in September, 1864, when 3,000 Confederate troops trekked 100 miles to attack 3,000 head of cattle. Why? They were running out of food.

This incredible phase of the war entitled “The Beefsteak Raid at Petersburg” will be discussed by popular historian, author, and lecturer, **Will Greene**, at the Tuesday, November 5th meeting. Registration begins at 6:15PM. The program starts at 7:00PM. The visitor fee is \$10, and can be applied toward the \$25 annual membership dues, which can include a spouse.

For more information, email president John Butler at Brunswickcwrtable@gmail.com or call him at (404) 229-9425. Visit BCWRT online at <https://brunswickcivilwarroundtable.com/> or <https://www.facebook.com/brunswickcivilwarroundtable>





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