

Portsmouth Homecoming

Saturday April 24, 2010

Reservations to Portsmouth should be made ASAP
Call Rudy Austin at Ocracoke -- 252-928-4361
(\$20 per person, round trip)

If coming for the day on the 7:30 a.m. Cedar Island ferry:

You will need to make reservations with Rudy Austin for the 9:45 AM trip to Portsmouth. **NOTE:** Cedar Island/Ocracoke ferry reservations needed for cars only. (Ferry Number – 800-293-3779 or www.ncferry.org). The price is \$15/car and \$1 for walk-on's (each way). The boats to Portsmouth load at the NPS docks at Ocracoke. Park your car and follow the crowd! It is recommended that return reservations be made on the 5:00 Cedar Island ferry.

If coming from Hatteras, or if already on Ocracoke:

You will need to make reservations with Rudy Austin (see above) for the 7:30 AM or 8:30 AM trips to Portsmouth.

Schedule for the Day

7:30,8:30,9:45 a.m.	Boats to Portsmouth from Ocracoke
9:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.	“Open House”(Post Office, Selected Houses, Church, Porch Demonstrations, and new Park Exhibits)
10:30 a.m.	Ribbon cutting for new exhibits at Visitor Center
11:00-11:45 a.m.	Hymn Singing in the Methodist Church
11:45 a.m.	Group Picture in Front of Church
12:00-12:30 p.m.	Homecoming Program under Tent in Village
12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.	Dinner on the Grounds Immediately Following Program (Ice, paper products and tables will be provided. Everyone needs to bring FOOD and BEVERAGE to share. <u>Please label your food containers and coolers.</u>) ** Molasses Creek plays during the meal
1:30 p.m.	Hymn Singing in the church, visit to houses, and exhibits
2:00 p.m.	Boats begin returning to Ocracoke (Boats will run as long as needed to get everyone off Portsmouth)

- For the strong of heart and 4-wheel drive owners, Portsmouth Village is accessible by ferry from the beach. Round trip fare starts at \$75 per vehicle depending on size of vehicle. Contact Morris Marina at Atlantic for reservations at (252) 225-4261.
- Dress for the weather and for the boat ride, and bring bug spray and good walking shoes!

SPECIAL HOMECOMING EVENTS

This year we celebrate the life of Portsmouth Village. New National Park Exhibits in the Visitor Center, Post Office, School and Life Saving Station will be open. Demonstrations of quilting, boat building, net making and decoy carving will take place at various houses.

The Raffle drawing will be held during the program under the tent.

The Post Office will offer a one-day-only special "Portsmouth" stamp cancellation. In addition to the Post Office and the Church, the Visitor Center, School, and some of the privately leased homes will be open to the public.

Ocracoke Island Lodging

Anchorage Inn	(252) 928-1101	Pirate's Quay Condo Hotel	(252) 928-5711
Beach House B&B	(252) 928-1411	Pony Island Motel	(252) 928-4411
Blackbeard's Lodge	(252) 928-3421	Sand Dollar Motel	(252) 928-5571
Bluff Shoal Motel	(252) 928-4301	Silver Lake Inn Motel	(252) 928-5721
Captain's Landing	(252) 928-1999	The Castle on Silver Lake	(252) 928-3505
Crew's Inn	(252) 928-7011	The Cove Bed & Breakfast	(252) 928-4192
Edwards of Ocracoke	(252) 928-4801	The Pelican Lodge	(252) 928-1661
Harborside Motel	(252) 928-3111	Thurston House Inn	(252) 928-6037
Ocracoke Harbor Inn	(252) 928-5731	The Island Inn	(252) 928-4351
Oscar's House B&B*	(252) 928-1311	The Lightkeepers Guest House	(252) 928-1821

*Celebrating 27years- rates \$65.00 for two, \$60.00 for one

Special Note: *If you will be at Ocracoke on Friday, April 23, plan to visit the Ocracoke Preservation Society Museum to see Frances Eubank's Portsmouth Photo Exhibit. Please call or go by the museum to check the time.*

CONTACT NUMBERS FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HOMECOMING 2008:

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Visit our website at www.friendsofportsmouthisland.org for any updates after this mailing has been published.

NOTE: IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, HOMECOMING WILL BE HELD AT THE ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH AT OCRACOKE LOCATED ON LIGHTHOUSE ROAD.