



CHICAMACOMICO LIFE SAVING STATION



KEEPERS' LOG

NEWSLETTER OF THE CHICAMACOMICO HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Chicamacomico's 1874 Station Phase 1 Underway

Historical Contractor, Christopher Thompson



Attention to Details

When addressing a building that is 150 years old and still standing storm after storm it takes expertise for this type of restoration.



After exposing the decades of damage these carpenters are sealing her back up!

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**Plans to Open
Little Kinnakeet Station**
What exciting news!

Chicamacomico is partnering with the National Park Service to open Little Kinnakeet Station for weekly tours. More to come. We will keep you posted!

Work underway to repair the 1907 Midgett House after issues from a 2017 lightning strike resurface

Some of you might remember that approximately 7 years ago the Midgett House was struck by lightning. Now, since that time the home of Corneilius & Daisy Midgett has a few issues that require some serious TLC. We truly wish to keep the home as part of Chicamacomico's favorite buildings open for tour.



[Midgett House - Island Free Press Full Article](#) -click here

Volunteer assistance came from the modern-day lifesavers, Chesapeake Regional Chiefs Mess 2024 CCTI until it was time for them to join our surfteam. They spent the remainder of the afternoon learning the operations of the breeches buoy apparatus. The success of their visit to Chicamacomico Historical Museum and Life-Saving Station is a reflection of the ever-increasing dedication and enthusiasm they display on a continual basis. Because of this support we were able to begin the recovery process of one of our most popular exhibits,

A primary issue which was addressed was the flooring. In order to make the house safe for the public we hired local builder, Mike Beveridge, to oversee the project, Flooring supplies were ordered from Kellogg Building Supply. With the help of Ian Simmons the materials were donated to Chicamacomico. For such a large gift of approximately \$2,500 Kellogg Supply Company is considered a Gold Corporate Sponsor of Chicamacomico for our 2024 season. Once the floor is completed, however, there is other work that needs to be done, like more painting, plastering, or repairing windows. “The Midgett House really is an ongoing project,



**We were honored with a visit from
Commander Richard Lane & Fiona Lane**

Richard is the Asst Naval Attaché with the Canadian Defense Liaison Staff visited MAY 12, 2024.

Pictured with our guests is Executive Director,
John Griffin

Save the Date

THURSDAY September 18th . We will have a benefit concert on the lawn at the station from 4PM-9PM. Tickets will be available soon. Keep an eye on our website at www.chicamacomico.org or on our Facebook page.

Also, *Save this Date* for the 150th year of the Life-Saving Service in North Carolina

On **SATURDAY October 12th** there will be activities for the whole family!

Front Porch Talk

We have those sharing their skills and stories through our front porch presentations. Pictured here is George Butcher who offered his Knot Tying Class & Demonstration on May 29th along with CHA staff and GeeGee Rosell, our board member, owner of Buxton Village Books and George's sister.



Porch Talks have a variety of subjects and can be seen on our website



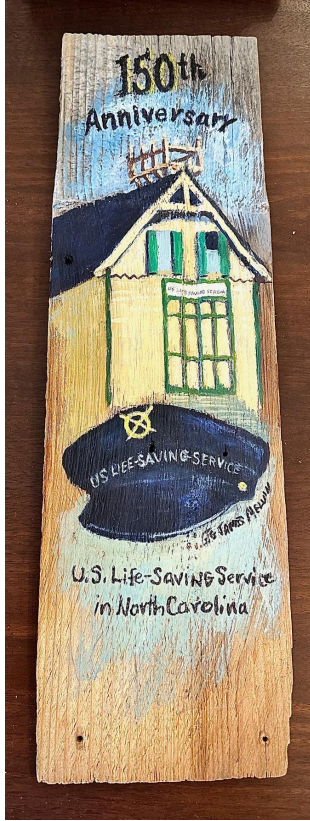
Thanking our volunteers

We are grateful for the help from our volunteers. Tom & Susan Brueckner, Margie Tillett -on right -and her sister Wendy. They stepped up with preparing the station for spring reopening to assisting with the seasonal activities, assessing areas for future repairs and renovations and interviews with reporters promoting volunteers.

volunteer sisters Margie and Wendy-
descendants of Little Banister Midgett

RAFFLE
Chicamacomico
Life-Saving Station

Salvaged Red Cedar Shakes



Artist James Melvin



Jen Carlson, CHA Secretary/Treasurer and our drill day safety monitor also volunteers her time and expertise writing articles, creating fun things to do at the station and more. We now have a treasure hunt and all visitors are invited to the challenge.

To honor the 150th Anniversary of the US Life-Saving Service in North Carolina these salvaged red cedar shakes were transformed into works of art by James Melvin and the other by Dave Roberts. A drawing will be held and the winners will own these pieces. \$10/ticket. No more than **150** will be sold for each shake. Need not be present: Item will be shipped to winner. Call Leandra at 252-987-1552 to purchase your ticket of choice.

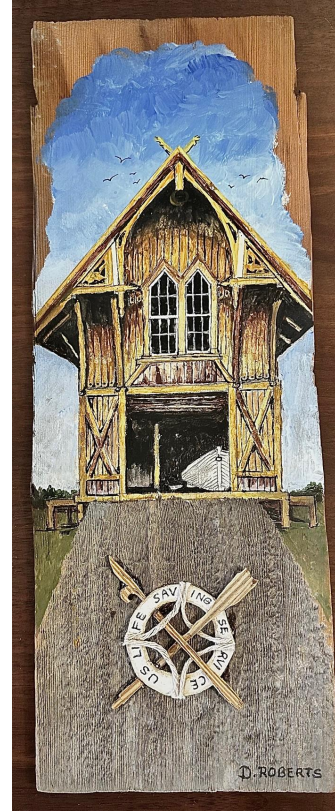


We have new tee shirts

This just in...USLSS in NC available for sale.. Interested? go to: sales@chicamacomico.org or call 252-987-1552

Volunteers can do many things for CHA

for example...



Artist Dave Roberts



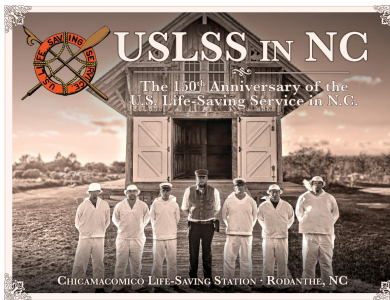
USCG Cutter Eagle

This model of the USGC Cutter Eagle is also available for purchase. It is approximately 1 1/2' by 2'



Jen Carlson

Jason Walsh, our IT expert" *to the rescue*" AGAIN! In this picture to the right he is installing the store's new iPad because the former one went *kaput!* Yes, he *Saves the Day* and keeps us up and running answering our call for help instantly on many occasions. And it goes without saying he's our awesome Surfman #8!



The Outer Banks[®]
VISITORS BUREAU

This group of volunteers in costume have been visiting Dare County Elementary Schools introducing the history of Chicamacomico Historical Museum and the United States Life-Saving Service. They are from left to right, Ramona & Capt Stuart Wescott, Margie Tillett & Juanita Wescott, Chicamacomico's Board Researcher.



Pictured above is Keeper Little Bannister Midgett with his surfmen when the 1046 Surfboat took her place at Chicamacomico Station in 1911



Be a part of our group!

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