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Turn-of-the-Century Murder Mystery to be Focus of Historic Ghost Walk in Elizabeth City, N.C. *More Ghostly Events, Fall Festivals and Fun Highlight October Events Calendar*

(Elizabeth City, N.C., Sept. 29, 2011) – Do *you* know what happened to lovely Nell Cropsey after she disappeared from her Elizabeth City home on a cold November night? History buffs may unearth a few clues to this real-life, turn-of-the-century murder mystery when they attend the **15th Annual Historic Ghost Walk**, Oct. 7-8 in Elizabeth City. Presented by the [Elizabeth City Historic Neighborhood Association](#), the tour directs visitors to historic homes and sites associated with Cropsey's life and death, including a stop at the city's oldest, active cemetery. At each stop, costumed actors piece together the chain of events leading to 19 year-old Cropsey's disappearance, the discovery of her body in the Pasquotank River and the trial of her beau, Jim Wilcox, the last person to see her alive. This year's [Ghost Walk](#) marks the 110th anniversary of the death of Cropsey, last seen on Nov. 20, 1901.

[The Center](#), at 516 E. Main Street, is the headquarters for the tours, which run from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Free transportation is provided to and from the Ghost Walk sites. Tickets, good for both nights, are \$12, or \$10 with a military ID, and are available at The Center, Muddy Waters, Page After Page and Puddleducks in Elizabeth City, and The Village Roaster in Camden County. In addition, a fried chicken and barbeque dinner will be served from 5-8 p.m. both nights at the Virginia Dare Arcade for \$8. Ghost Walk ticket sales benefit Elizabeth City

Historic Neighborhood Association programs. Visit www.HistoricGhostWalk.org for details or call 1-888-936-7387.

In addition to Historic Ghost Walk, Elizabeth City hosts a bountiful line up of fun fall events. From homecoming to Halloween happenings, the “Harbor of Hospitality®” beckons!

❖ **Pirates Jamboree’ at the Nags Head Casino, Oct. 1**

Dance the night away to beach-mix music on the Museum of the Albemarle portico from 7-11 p.m., while dressed in pirate attire! A re-creation of a night at the famous Nags Head Casino, the party is a benefit for the Friends of the Museum. Other activities will include games and the crowning of a pirate king and queen. Enjoy light hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar. Tickets are \$30. Download the [Event Flyer](#). Additional information is on the museum’s [Facebook](#) page or www.museumofthealbemarle.com. Call (252) 335-1453.

❖ **Wine Down in the Country, Oct. 7, 21 and Nov. 4, 18**

Sample a variety of European wines during these special fall wine-tasting events at Weeksville Vineyards & Cellars on special nights from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Enjoy light hors d’oeuvres as you relax on the porch, or take a stroll through the vineyards. \$10 per person; call for reservations at (252) 330-2622. Visit www.WeeksvilleVineyards.com

❖ **Getting Off the Ground Exhibit Opens at Port Discover Hands-On Science Center, Oct. 8**

Children’s imaginations will take flight when Port Discover opens its newest exhibit, *Getting Off the Ground*, Oct. 8. Made possible through a grant from Piedmont Natural Gas Foundation, the exhibit is an engaging and kid-friendly aviation exhibit that features a Port Discover Air Control Tower, Hot Seat Flight Simulator, Paper Plane Station, and “The Aviator I Can Be”, where children can dress up as various aviation-related professionals. For info and list of exhibit-related programs visit www.portdiscover.org or call (252) 338-6117.

❖ **Elizabeth City State University (ECSU) Homecoming Week Oct. 9-15**

ECSU students, alumni and fans gather for a week-long series of events to include campus tours, class meetings, concerts and the homecoming parade. A highlight of the week is the homecoming football game, featuring the ECSU Vikings vs. the Virginia State Trojans, Oct. 15 @ 1:30 p.m. at Roebuck Stadium. Visit www.ecsuhomecoming.com for details.

❖ **Haunted Albemarle, Oct. 14**

Prepare to be delightfully and frightfully entertained as the Museum of the Albemarle's Junior Docents present "A Night at the Museum," from 5-7 p.m. Characters from the exhibit will interact with guests giving them a glimpse of the story behind the artifacts. Additional information is at www.museumofthealbemarle.com or call (252) 335-1453.

❖ **53rd Annual Albemarle Craftsman's Fair, Oct. 28-30**

Bringing together craftsmen from North Carolina and Virginia, this fair features quality, traditional handcrafts for sale and demonstrations at Knobb's Creek Recreation Center. Choose from jewelry, pottery, fiber arts, ceramics, woodcarving, basketry, stained glass and more! Admission: \$4 for adults and a weekend pass; \$3 for seniors and full-time students. Café on site by Montero's Restaurant. Call (252) 338-3954 or visit www.albemarlecraftsmansfair.com

❖ **Fright Nights at the Planetarium, Oct. 28-31**

Come to the ECSU Planetarium for spooky laser shows, eerie live tours of the night sky and on Oct. 28 and 29 only—a special presentation of George A. Romero's 1968 classic, *Night of the Living Dead* (film not suitable for younger audiences). For times and details visit www.ecsu.edu/planetarium and call for reservations (required) at (252) 335-3759.

❖ **3rd Annual Harvest Festival, Oct. 29**

A celebration of the fall season is the focus of the 3rd Annual Harvest Festival. Join the fun with performances, exhibits, vendors, activities and contests on Main Street. Contests include: Dangling Donut Eating, Pumpkin or Apple Dessert Cooking, Scarecrow Stuffing, Pumpkin Seed Spitting, and a Costume Contest.

Food, drinks, games and more! The Elizabeth City Downtown Business & Professional Association hosts. (252) 619-4022.

❖ **First in Flight Festival, Oct. 29**

The First in Flight Festival will take off Oct. 29 at the Elizabeth City Regional Airport when retired U.S. Air Force Col. Gail Halvorsen, the famed “Candy Bomber” of the 1948-49 Berlin Airlift, returns for a special appearance. The event will feature Coast Guard and U.S. Naval aircraft displays, Berlin Airlift re-enactment and candy drop, free airplane rides for kids, a flight simulator, remote-controlled aircraft acrobatics and hangar tours. Starts at 9 a.m. and continues through the candy drop scheduled for 3 p.m. Details at www.ecfirstinflight.com

❖ **Downtown Waterfront Market, Saturdays through Oct. 31**

Check the fall market line-up where you’ll find a bounty of fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, cheeses and eggs, originating from local farms! You’ll also find organic foods, herbs, plants, pet foods and handcrafted ware, plus arts and crafts. Check the weekly vendor schedule at www.downtownwaterfrontmarket.com. Open Saturdays through October from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the green at Mariners’ Wharf.

About Elizabeth City

Elizabeth City is located in Northeastern North Carolina on the Intracoastal Waterway, halfway between Virginia Beach and the Outer Banks. Known as the “Harbor of Hospitality®,” the city has six National Register Historic Districts and is home to the Museum of the Albemarle, The Center at Arts of the Albemarle, Elizabeth City State University Planetarium, Port Discover Hands-on Science Center and the nation’s largest U.S. Coast Guard base. Nature-based travelers are drawn to the area’s proximity to Dismal Swamp and the abundance of outdoor recreational offerings. For additional information, call Elizabeth City Area Convention & Visitors Bureau at 1-866-ECity-4U (1-866-324-8948) or (252) 335-5330. Visit www.DiscoverElizabethCity.com



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