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July/August Heat Up for PRISC



The last two months have seen a lot of changes in our Rose Haven house.

- We have liberated the house from the clutches of overgrown shrubbery and have experienced our first “**demo day**” that Chip and Joanna Gaines would have been proud of.
- This summer has also seen **two social evenings** where Washington residents socialized and learned more about the PRISC, our mission and projects such as Rose Haven.
- Our fundraising efforts have begun to bear fruit and planning has stepped into high gear preparing for our **November 4 ribbon-cutting and fundraising barbecue.**
- Outreach continues with **presentations** this month at the Bath Episcopal Church and Cypress Landing.
- **Applying for grants** has also been a focus of efforts.
- And finally, our **research project** on social resilience and female Veterans nears its first stage of data gathering.

We will cover all of this in this issue of the Pamlico River News.

Robert Greene Sands, CEO



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First National Bank highlights a giving summer

PRISC announces a \$5,000 donation from First National Bank.

In their announcement, John Southern, Business Development Officer for FNB's Small Business Banking Department said,

"We are very impressed with your work thus far, your stated mission and your plans for moving forward. We are very proud to be a partner in this venture!"

ROSE HAVEN DONATIONS NEEDED
Help us preserve for those who served



PRISC thanks FNB for their generosity and support and intends to put their donation to good use immediately.

Several donations also rolled in from local Washington residents; we welcome all support especially as we work to rehab Rose Haven, but also build a stronger Washington.

This brings our current total toward Rose Haven's purchase and house renovation to approx \$25,000.



2017 Ribbon-cutting and Fundraiser

General Information:

- Our 2017 fundraising event and official ribbon-cutting celebrating the purchase and start at rehabilitation of Rose Haven, our re-integration home for female Veterans, will be on **Saturday, November 04, 2017.**
- The ribbon-cutting will be at Rose Haven which is located at **219 East 3rd Street in Washington, NC.**



- The fundraiser/barbecue dinner will be held at the **North Carolina Estuarium**, 223 E. Water Street following the ribbon cutting and will help raise funds and awareness for Rose Haven.

The ribbon cutting program will commence at **4:45 PM at 219 E. 3rd Street**. There will be a brief program featuring remarks by PRISC CEO, Robert Greene Sands, and other dignitaries. Off and on street parking is available.



The barbecue/fundraiser will begin immediately following the end of the ribbon-cutting. The Estuarium is four blocks south of Rose Haven on the Pamlico River. Dinner will be served at 6:45PM. The evening will include musical entertainment.

A silent auction will be included in the evening's festivities. Items in the auction will be displayed for those interested through the evening. **Bids will be accepted until 8:00 PM and winners will be announced at 8:15 PM.**

PRISC items such as coffee cups, tee-shirts, polos and other items will also be for sale through the evening.

Tickets for the barbecue/fundraiser will be \$25 per individual and \$45 per couple and can be purchased from PRISC staff and BoD members, by mail, PRISC, Box 264, Washington, NC or on the website at <http://www.pamlicorose.org/store/>.

All proceeds will go to Rose Haven. See more information on fundraiser:
<http://www.pamlicorose.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/2017-Fundraiser-1-Pager-170818.pdf>

For information on sponsoring/donating:
<http://www.pamlicorose.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/2017-Fundraiser-Sponsorship-1-Pager-170818.pdf>



Volunteers Needed!

To host a successful fundraiser, we will need a host of volunteers.

An e-mail call for help will be sent out to those on the PRISC list_serv and on our FB page along with the different areas of help that will be needed.

There are many areas where interested can volunteer: *ticket sales, sponsorships, soliciting and helping put on the silent auction, set up and take down at the ribbon-cutting and dinner, and others.*

DEMO DAY

Blue Hats initiate Work on Rose Haven – To build up, one often must first take down

Saturday, Aug 12 was a sticky and humid North Carolina Saturday morning. But that didn't deter a dedicated group of volunteers that call themselves the Blue Hats. Along with staff and several Board of Directors of PRISC, 13 'Hats spent all morning ripping down



paneling and plaster, antiquated ceiling tiles and taking up the start of three layers of flooring. In addition, some of the crew also spent time emptying out old construction material in the barn behind Rose Haven.

PRISC obtained a \$250 Action Team donation from Thrivent Financial which was used to provide supplies for the 12 August work party. We were able to purchase a tent canopy, table, face particle masks, drinks, ice, and a cooler to support our workers.

Each participant also received a Thrivent t-shirt.



Special thanks to PAK-R Disposal for not only providing the first dumpster, but being quick on the trigger to bring in a second AND third dumpster when the first two filled up and Washington Electrical, LLC for their donation of an outside power pole and box to provide electricity while we rehab the in and outside.

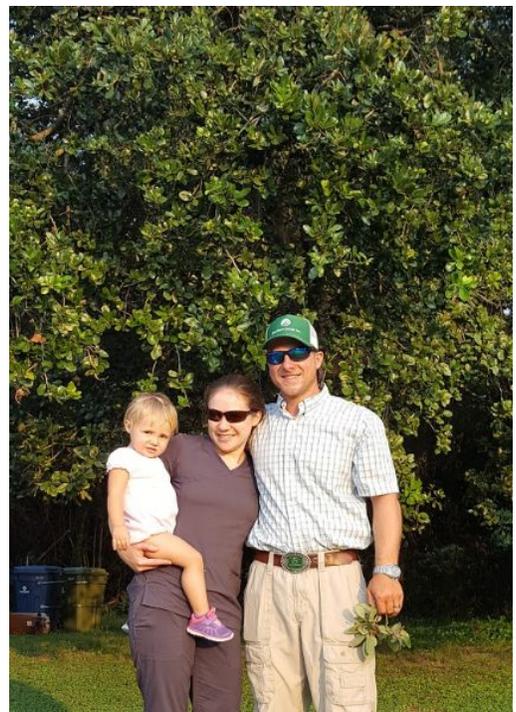
After three hours, two dumpsters and lots of sweat (equity), the crew took one final shot to commemorate the day and experience! The next inside demo day will be coming in September. Stay tuned for details!

A sweaty, tired but satisfied crew



TREE INSPECTION

We invited an arborist to come and offer his thoughts on the health of the live oak that like an umbrella, drapes her branches over Rose Haven's backyard. On July 25th, Certified Arborist Michael Turner and his family visited Rose Haven to give our swamp laurel oak tree (*Quercus laurifolia*) a good "once over". After relaying advice on its care, he gave it a good bill of health. Since it's now a member of the PRISC family, we'll definitely be nurturing its growth. He pronounced the tree healthy and sound and very verdant.



OUT OF THE SHADOWS AND INTO THE LIGHT

Trees grow quickly and abundantly in Washington, NC. Over time, if not tended and managed they sprawl and encompass all that is around.

Shrubs and the pesky vines that have giant thorns outpace trees in their growth and before you know it, if left to their own fortunes, have taken over and suffocated that which is close by and obscures views from afar. The last month has seen us focus on the outside of the Rose Haven.



[The work team after 2 days of fence clearing]

We have been joined by a team of volunteers and have worked hard to liberate Rose Haven from the clutches of octopus-like branches of trees and other growth that have over time closed in around her. Indeed, the plucky and resilient house once again comes to life.



[Rose Haven, June 1, 2017]



[Rose Haven, Aug 9, 2017]

PRISC GOES ON THE ROAD

PRISC CEO Robert Greene Sands presented our mission and projects twice in August.

On **Sunday, August 13**, Sands talked to the Bath congregation at **St. Thomas Episcopal Church**, the oldest church in North Carolina.



On **Sunday evening, Aug 27**, Robert will be presenting to an audience at **Cypress Landing**. The Cultural and Education Committee is sponsoring the talk:

<http://cypresslandingnc.com/announcement.asp?id=1579>

PRISC also put on **two social/outreach events** in Washington in July.

The first one was at the home of Robert Greene Sands and Allison Greene-Sands:

<http://www.thewashingtondailynews.com/2017/07/12/pamlico-rose-hosts-open-house/>



The second social was hosted by Virginia Finnerty and the Pamlico House.



UPCOMING WORK DAY - Expose the Fence Line

On **Saturday, Aug 26**, PRISC will sponsor the **“Expose the Fenceline”** Work Day. Work will start at **8:30AM and go until Noon**, or thereabouts.

Drinks and snacks will be provided, volunteers are asked to bring gloves, hedge clearing tools such as clippers, snips, and rakes. Also jeans, long sleeved shirts and work shoes are highly suggested.

Volunteers will work to complete the brush clearing along the fence line that runs the depth of the property. It is not the easiest of work, thorny vines, thick shrubbery **and** poison ivy lurk in the brush, but it is also very gratifying work as the final stretch of vegetation that has held Rose Haven captive is removed. For those interested, please contact Robert Greene Sands, robert@pamlicorose.org by Aug 24.



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Pamlico Rose Institute for Sustainable Communities (PRISC) is a North Carolina 501(c)(3) nonprofit institute, located in Washington, NC whose mission is to grow community by preserving history.

PRISC promotes projects and programs and research that feature historical preservation and reutilization as a primary means to help foster community development and sustainability.