

'Politics Unusual' Exhibit at the Burgwin-Wright House

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With Election Day quickly approaching, the Burgwin-Wright House will present a pop-up exhibit, "Politics Unusual," for Fourth Friday Gallery Night, 6 to 9 p.m. Oct. 28. The exhibit showcases rare objects reflecting the political realities of the colonial era and early republic.

Lotteries in colonial America played a significant part in the financing of both private and public ventures, such as roads, libraries, churches, canals, and bridges. "Politics Unusual" features a 1768 lottery ticket signed by George Washington.

The exhibit includes two hand-drawn prerevolutionary maps, literally illustrating the 18th century political landscape of North America. A 1746 map delineates territory owned by the French and a 1776 map depicts the British colonies.

Other items include a letter signed by British General Cornwallis and an oil painting copy of a portrait of William Hooper, a signer of the Declaration of Independence for North Carolina.

In addition, Harry Taylor's show, "Between the Air and the Ether," will continue to be on display until Nov. 14. Taylor uses historical processes to produce spirit photographs.

Taylor will offer tintype portrait sessions in the gardens from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 22-23. Portraits are \$80 for 5x7 inch and \$180 for 8x10 inch. Reservations are required, and can be made by contacting Christine Lamberton at 910-762-0570 or info@burgwinwrighthouse.com. The Burgwin-Wright House will receive 30 percent of the proceeds.

Located at 224 Market Street in downtown Wilmington, the Burgwin-Wright House was built in 1770 and offers guided tours interpreting colonial history on the hour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Visit www.burgwinwrighthouse.com to learn more about Fourth Friday, special tours and other events.

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