

Sign Up for the NEW BERN NEWCOMERS

May Photo Walk

Tuesday, May 23, 4 p.m.
Downtown New Bern

All Newcomers Club (and Alumni) members are invited to our May 2023 photo walk, beginning at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 23, to photograph the many bears in downtown New Bern. **We will meet at the Cub House, next to the Newcomers Club Bear, located at 223 Pollock St, New Bern, NC 28560.**



The activity is lead by club member Rob Paine, a retired pro photographer. **If you plan on going, please RSVP to robertwpaine@gmail.com no later than Sunday, May 21nd. If the event is postponed, I will email everyone who has RSVP'd.** This group is open to all skills levels and cameras.

To download the entire downtown bear map, visit <https://visitnewbern.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/BTB-Brochure-V10.3.6-fix-3.pdf>

The History of Bear Town Bears

New Bern was settled in 1710 by Swiss and Palestine German immigrants led by Baron Christoph DeGraffentail. The new colonists named the settlement after Bern, the capital of Switzerland and hometown of their leader. Many years before New Bern was settled, Bern, Switzerland was founded by a group of hunters who named the city after the first animal they came upon on their hunting expedition... a bear. "Bern" is the old Germanic word for bear and the bear became the symbol of the city. The bear symbol was passed along to Bern's sister city, New Bern, and still serves as the city's mascot with bear flags and statues featured throughout the town.

New Bern celebrated its 300th Anniversary in 2010 by having a variety of festivities. In honor of the anniversary, over 50 fiberglass bears, sponsored and adopted by local businesses, were situated throughout the city. Once local businesses chose to sponsor and adopt a bear, a year-long process began which included selecting a local artist to design the bear's theme, and designating a display location for the bear. Originally 50 bears were erected and since then more than 20 additional bears have been created and positioned at various locations throughout the city.

Downtown Bear Town Bears

1. BEAR TOWN BEARS! CONVENTION CENTER 200 SOUTH FRONT STREET ARTIST: ANDREW SPANAWALDY	11. WATERVILLE BEAR WATERVILLE BARBERS 223 POLLOCK STREET ARTIST: ANDREW SPANAWALDY	21. BEAR AT BEATS BEAR PLAZA 300 NORTH WELLS STREET ARTIST: ANDREW SPANAWALDY
2. BEAR BEAR CONVENTION CENTER 200 SOUTH FRONT STREET ARTIST: SHARON BRADY	12. LA PINE PINEAPPLE BEAR & COMPANY 216 SILVERPOINT STREET ARTIST: MELBA HANCOCK	22. CLUBBER BEAR CLUB HOUSE 223 POLLOCK STREET ARTIST: DEE MACHANEY
3. BEAR ON CALIFORNIA LUNA PINE PUB 223 POLLOCK STREET ARTIST: SHARON BRADY	13. SILVER BEAR THE BEAR 216 SILVERPOINT STREET ARTIST: MELBA HANCOCK	23. NEWSPAPER BEAR BEAR TOWN 223 POLLOCK STREET ARTIST: SHARON BRADY
4. BEARBY LUNA PINE PUB 223 POLLOCK STREET ARTIST: SHARON BRADY	14. BEARBY CONVENTION CENTER BOARD 200 SOUTH FRONT STREET ARTIST: MELBA HANCOCK	24. BEAR BEAR BEAR TOWN 223 POLLOCK STREET ARTIST: DEE MACHANEY
5. BEAR BEAR BEAR CLUBHOUSE BARBERS 223 POLLOCK STREET ARTIST: SHARON BRADY	15. "BEAR" BEAR NEW BERN POLICE DEPARTMENT 114 WELLS STREET ARTIST: JONAS WAGNER	25. BEAR BEAR BEAR TOWN 223 POLLOCK STREET ARTIST: DEE MACHANEY
6. BEAR BEAR CENTRAL & COLUMBIAN LAWYERS 223 POLLOCK STREET ARTIST: SHARON BRADY	16. BEARBY BEAR NEW BERN POLICE DEPARTMENT 114 WELLS STREET ARTIST: JONAS WAGNER	26. BEAR BEAR BEAR TOWN 223 POLLOCK STREET ARTIST: DEE MACHANEY
7. BEAR BY LEGAL CENTRAL & COLUMBIAN LAWYERS 223 POLLOCK STREET ARTIST: SHARON BRADY	17. BEAR BEAR NEW BERN POLICE DEPARTMENT 114 WELLS STREET ARTIST: JONAS WAGNER	27. BEAR BEAR BEAR TOWN 223 POLLOCK STREET ARTIST: DEE MACHANEY
8. BEAR BEAR ICE CREAMING CENTER 223 POLLOCK STREET ARTIST: SHARON BRADY	18. BEAR BEAR NEW BERN POLICE DEPARTMENT 114 WELLS STREET ARTIST: JONAS WAGNER	28. BEAR BEAR BEAR TOWN 223 POLLOCK STREET ARTIST: DEE MACHANEY
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To view a gallery of photos taken at April's Photo Walk at Fort Macon, visit <https://www.smugmug.com/gallery/n-fkgfq2/>
Hope to see you May 23rd!