

Spirit photography to haunt Burgwin-Wright House

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In creeping with the Halloween season, the Burgwin-Wright House presents “Between the Air and the Ether”, an exhibit by Harry Taylor of spirit photography, a popular genre of the 19th century that attempts to capture spiritual entities in tintype photographs. Taylor’s show will open with a reception on Fourth Friday Gallery Night, September 23, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and will remain on display until November 15.

Taylor is a Wilmington-based photographer who specializes in historic photographic processes. The photographs in “Between the Air and the Ether” have an eerie, other world quality that Taylor achieves through analogue techniques of the era, using large format cameras, one-of-a-kind antique lenses and the wet plate process.

Also on Fourth Friday Gallery Night, the Burgwin-Wright House will present “When Night Falls”, a pop-up exhibit featuring items from the museum collection that exemplify lighting technology from the 18th and 19th centuries. For example, round convex mirrors often were placed in the center of rooms to reflect and distribute candlelight. The mirror showcased in this exhibit was made in 1810 and was originally owned by Colonel William Washington, a distant cousin of the first President of the U.S.A.

In conjunction with his show, Taylor will offer tintype portraits in the gardens of the Burgwin-Wright House on October 22 and 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Taylor will create 5”x 7” portraits for \$80 for and 8”x 10” portraits for \$180. The Burgwin-Wright House will receive 30 percent of the proceeds. Advanced registration is required. For more information, contact Museum Director Christine Lamberton at 910-762-0570 or info@burgwinwrighthouse.com.

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 Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Visit www.burgwinwrighthouse.com to learn more about Fourth Friday, special tours and other events.

The Burgwin-Wright House is owned and maintained by the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of North Carolina, a non-profit organization founded in 1894.

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