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## **Old Baldy Foundation Announces 2017 Events Calendar for its 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

**Bald Head Island, NC** (November 19, 2016) - The Old Baldy Foundation (OBF) is pleased to announce their 2017 calendar of events on Bald Head Island marking the 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Old Baldy Lighthouse. Events are designed to celebrate the 200 years of rich Maritime History of North Carolina and the Cape Fear Region. Not only will the events focus on our state's history but they will also celebrate food, spirits, agriculture, literature, art, music and crafts.

This year long calendar includes the island's annual Memorial Day Service, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Golf Cart Parade, National Lighthouse Day Celebration and Light up the Holidays Open House. This will be a year to remember as Bald Head Island has been chosen for the 2017 Southern Living Idea Home and OBF has the honor of being named as the beneficiary. OBF will be co-hosting the Southern Living "North Carolina Treasures Weekend" and "Roast & Toast on the Coast" with Bald Head Island Limited, LLC and Southern Living. Other events include a Birthday Party on the grounds of the lighthouse, Quilters' Workshop, a progressive dinner gala, special culinary events with guest chefs and craft distillers, BBQ Cook Off, 5K/10K Night Run, lectures, book signings and art shows.

Old Baldy Lighthouse sees upwards of 28,000 visitors each year with no state or federal monies for upkeep. The Old Baldy Foundation relies solely on the generosity of private donors, admission fees paid by visitors, gift shop sales and funds raised through special events. A large-scale annual sponsorship campaign is being launched for the 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday with recognition included in all of the calendar of events and exclusive perks for corporate sponsors.

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Old Baldy Lighthouse was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1975. In 1985 a group of dedicated individuals founded the The Old Baldy Foundation, Inc., a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to the maintenance and preservation of Old Baldy.