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### Sister Cities Annual Meeting to Focus on the Carolinas and Barbados

Join us for the Sister Cities Annual Meeting on **Monday, September 14 at 6:00 PM** which will be a virtual meeting. This year commemorates the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Charleston, SC which also has a sister city in Barbados. We recommend you view the documentary film, “Beyond Barbados: the Carolina Connection” produced and directed by Sanford Adams in advance of the meeting - <https://www.sctv.org/beyond-barbados> The film and its underlying research is the result of collaboration between the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor, the Barbados Carolina Legacy Foundation, and South Carolina ETV. “Barbadian planters and enslaved people that eventually settled in what is now Charleston were the roots of the state’s political and social structures”, according to Rhoda Green, founder and director of the Barbados Carolina Legacy Foundation.

Jack Fryar, local historian and author of “Charles Towne on the Cape Fear”, will be the featured speaker. Jack will discuss the backdrop of the European settlement on the Cape Fear. Following some hardships experienced by the first arrivals that started the Southern plantation system, the colonists found a more hospitable location further south of present day Wilmington at the

junction of the Ashley and Cooper Rivers. In the seventeenth century there was one Carolina. The program will allow you to explore virtually a glimpse into how the fledgling Barbadian community built economic systems and a civic society that led to the prosperity and power of the Carolinas in the South. There will be a Q&A following the presentation. "Charles Towne and the Cape Fear: The Rise and Fall of the First Barbadian Settlement in Carolina" books are available for sale at Barnes & Noble (Mayfaire Center location).

There will be a brief business meeting at the beginning to install the new board members.

Please use the following meeting identification to join us on September 14 at 6:00 PM.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89733382855?pwd=cnd2eVlnaXN5UFhaVjMxVWpvYmFWUT09>

Meeting ID: 897 3338 2855

Passcode: 875963

The meeting ID and passcode will also be posted on the Sister Cities website's calendar page - [www.scawilmington.org/calendarofEvents.html](http://www.scawilmington.org/calendarofEvents.html)

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