



Core Sound

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On the "Lookout!"

See inside stories for details!

- Week of April 17 Earth Day Celebration at the Museum. Trees available for planting
- April 18th, May 16th, June 20th Community Night at the Museum
6:00: Covered dish supper
7:00: Program (April Topic: South River, Merrimon and Silver Dollar communities)
- April 22 Portsmouth Homecoming Celebration (See story, right)
- May 4th Annual Reverse Drawing Crystal Coast Civic Center Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Drawing at 7:00 p.m. Tickets on sale now!
- May 6th Celebration of the life of David Yeomans Cape Lookout 11:00 a.m. (see story to right)
- June 3rd Ocracoke Storytelling Festival Come join us!
- June 24th Baseball Day and Family Yard Sale at the Museum Come enjoy baseball exhibits and bargains!
- August 31st Taste of Core Sound (Rescheduled from previous date.) Enjoy coastal cuisine and fellowship! Tickets on sale soon!

"Come Home" to Portsmouth Island

On April 22, Portsmouth Island will be the setting for a special Homecoming celebration, with music, food and lots of special memories. Sponsored by Friends of Portsmouth, this day-long celebration is a step back in time to a beautiful place where this Banks community was once an active seaport and home to families who will return again, generations later, to remember and renew their connections to this island community. Everyone who loves the Banks is welcome to come!

The day will begin with a community sing in the church, followed by a Homecoming Service at 11:00. Special guests will be Connie Mason, Rodney Kemp and others who will lead the program. A special tribute will be given to Jessie Lee Babb Dominique who passed away this past summer.

Rudy Austin of Ocracoke will provide



ferry transportation to Portsmouth. If not spending the night in Ocracoke on the 21st, participants will need to make reservations on the Ocracoke Ferry at Cedar Island for the morning of April 22nd. Rudy's ferry service will leave Ocracoke at 7:30, 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. so reservations on the 7:00 ferry to Ocracoke are suggested. (If coming by way of Cape Hatteras, please note that no reservations are needed on the Hatteras ferry.)

Ice, paper products and tables will be provided for the event. Everyone should bring food and beverages to share and enjoy. It is also suggested that you bring lightweight folding chairs, blankets, good walking shoes, sunscreen and bug spray (just in case!)

If you have attended in years past, we know you'll be there. If you haven't, it's time. For more details, see schedule and information box below or

Tribute to David Yeomans

1921 - 2006



An important icon in Harkers Island history passed away on March 1st. David Yeomans, friend to the Museum and to Cape Lookout, loved Harkers Island, the "Cape" and the people

of down east with a deep passion. He was a faithful volunteer at the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center as long as his health allowed, talking with visitors, students, writers and all who would listen to his ever-ready rendition of the "Booze Yacht," a favorite down east legend.

A celebration of David Yeomans' life will be held at Cape Lookout Lighthouse on May 6th at 11:00 a.m. All who knew and loved David are welcome to attend.

David will be sorely missed. May his commitment to the traditions that we treasure and the love we share for this sacred place live

Portsmouth Ferry Reservations:

Cedar Island/Ocracoke Ferry
7:00 a.m. departure - 2 1/4 hour ride
1-800-856-0343 or 252-225-3551

Ocracoke/Cedar Island Ferry
(Return Trip)
1-800-345-1665 or 252-928-3841
Ferry tickets from Cedar Island to Ocracoke are \$15 per car and \$1.00 for walk-ons, each way. Boats to Portsmouth load at the dock at Ocracoke.

Rudy Austin, Portsmouth Ferry
7:30, 8:30 and 9:30 departures
(252) 928-4361

(Portsmouth ferry is \$20. Reservations required)

Portsmouth Homecoming Schedule

7:30-9:30	Open House -Post Office, selected houses and public buildings open
10:00	Hymn singing, Methodist Church
11:00	Homecoming Service, followed by Dinner on the Grounds and continuation of Open House
2:00	Boats begin going back to Ocracoke Island. Will run until 5:00 p.m.

Welcome New Members!

(Joined January, February, March 2006)

Individual

Larry Anito	Unita Hayden
Curtis C. Brewer, III	A. Mitchell Lamm, Jr.
Ellamary Cash	Smith McIntosh
Sally Clifford	Cherry Payne
John Crown	Charles Pulley
Sherry Flowers	Lynn Raeburn
Ellen Gould	Peter Sturgess
Sharon Hankins	Wayne Willis

Family

Carey Blount	Mary-Helen Goodloe-
Dale Lacy	Murphy
Jacob and Linda	Craig and Kay
Matthews	Richardson
Thomas Maynard	Bruce Styron & family

Business/Organization

The Virginian-Pilot

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Robert Smith
Jimmy Walker

Museum gets grant for Willow Pond



The Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center was recently awarded a grant of \$10,000 to post interpretive signs along the Willow Pond Nature Trail.

The grant was awarded to the Museum through "Tourism Cares for Tomorrow," a public charity for supporting the travel and tourism industry. The organization applauded the Museum's efforts to tie in the environment with its mission of preserving the coastal heritage of the area.

Once the signs are posted along the trail, nature enthusiasts will be better able to observe and enjoy the many varieties of waterfowl that can be seen there.

For more information about the Willow Pond Nature Trail, log onto the Museum's website at www.core-sound.com, or call us at (252) 728-1500.

Spring is here! Don't forget...

- Core Sound license plates are available! Reserve yours today and show your support "on the road!" We already have over 600 out there! Join in!

- Porch Planks at the Museum can be reserved in memory or in honor of someone special. For \$100, you can have a weather-resistant plate engraved for permanent display on the Museum porch, just in time for porch-sittin' on warm, sunny days! Call for details!

- The Museum is available for special springtime events. Reunions, weddings, receptions, parties or banquets can be accommodated, inside or out. To make a reservation or to get more information about available dates, call Lynn or Karen.

- Subscriptions to "Our State" magazine are still being taken through our gift shop. This beautiful, full-color magazine makes a great gift, or you can start a subscription for yourself! With every subscription sold through our gift shop, the Museum gets \$5.00 back from the magazine's publishing company. To start your subscription, call the gift shop today! (252) 728-1500.

Volunteer Spotlight: Master Gardeners Have "Green Thumbs"

If you visit the Museum in the next few months, be sure to note the beautiful landscaping! The "Master Gardeners" have been hard at work, fertilizing, planting and mulching to prepare the Museum site for warm-weather visitors.

The group has been volunteering its time and talents to the Museum for the past several years. With their "green thumbs" in tow, they have transformed our site to be welcoming and inviting for spring.

On April 12th, the Master Gardeners presented a "Nature Walk" at the Museum with a focus on identifying native plants. Special guest for the learning session was John Fussell. The public was invited to attend.

The Master Gardeners are led by Don and Carolyn Hoss of Straits. The



Museum thanks this special group of volunteers for their hard work and dedication.

(The camellias are now in bloom! Come see how beautiful the Museum is for spring!)

Celebrate Earth Day!

In celebration of Earth Day, 2006, the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center will be partnering with the N.C. Coastal Federation and other groups from across Carteret County to pay tribute to the environment, which is so important to our quality of life. Core Sound will be launching a "Trees for Tomorrow" project during that week with a display sponsored by the Tree

Awareness Club. We will be offering tree seedlings for the Down East communities in hopes that we can begin a regular tree-planting schedule to reforest much of the woodland that has been lost over the years. Anyone interested in helping with this new project, please call Karen Amspacher at the Museum. (252) 728-1500.

Reverse Drawing Tickets On Sale! You Can Win \$5000!

Want to win \$5000 in cash? Then get your tickets today for the Museum's annual Reverse Drawing, to be held on May 4th at the Crystal Coast Civic Center in Morehead City.

This event is a fundraiser for the Museum to help continue its efforts to preserve our coastal heritage.

A 6:00 dinner of Frogmore Stew will be following by the drawing at 7:00. The grand prize of \$5000 will be awarded, along with other prizes which will be announced.

Tickets are now available for \$100 each. Only 200 tickets will be sold so get yours while they're still available!

Last year's event netted over \$12,000 for the Museum and its programs.

If you'd like to purchase a ticket for this year's Reverse Drawing, contact any member of the Museum's Board of Directors or call the Museum at (252) 728-1500. Remember, only 200 chances to win! Get your ticket today!

Get Set for Baseball Day - June 24th

Once again, the "boys of summer" will gather at the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center to tell the stories of Down East baseball.

Last year's event brought men from the Tidewater and Seashore Leagues, high school teams and fans to remember when Carteret County's baseball legends brought communities together to enjoy this great American tradition. From that gathering of stories, a website is now being developed (www.carteretcountybaseball.com) and another day of team memories will be shared on June 24th.

A special thank you is extended to Joe Willis who leads this event.

If you would like to take part in this celebration or would like more



Atlantic Baseball Team
1949 Champs

information, contact Pam Morris at the Museum, (252) 728-1500, or e-mail her at pam@coresound.com.

Community Nights Continue to Feature Down East People & Places



On March 21st, the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center presented "Davis Ridge" night as part of its continuing series of interactive community programs. Host Rodney Kemp was host for the evening, of food, fun and fellowship as visitors shared their

stories of this all-but-forgotten black community in eastern Carteret County.

Founded by slaves after the Civil War, Davis Ridge was home to many black families who fished, farmed and made their livings from the land. In the 1930s, a severe storm forced residents to evacuate their homes. None returned.

A few descendants of the original families of Davis Ridge were on hand at the Museum to share their stories and memories.

The Museum's "Community Night" is held on the third Tuesday of every month. The next one is scheduled for April 18th to share stories of South River, Merrimon and the Silver Dollar community. Covered dish supper is at 6:00 p.m. with the program following at 7:00. No reservations are necessary. For details, call the Museum.

Yard Sale!

(Don't Throw it Away!)

Yes, everyone has a yard sale but not like the "Great Core Sound Closet Cleanout!"

This yard sale is a community event and has netted more than \$25,000 over the past several years for Museum programming. This year, like last, we will hold the yard sale in conjunction with Baseball Day on June 24th. Donations are now being accepted, and if you have a truckload, we'll come and pick it up.

We are especially looking for folks who are moving, where we can gather furniture, used appliances, tools, household items, garden furniture and maybe even a boat, motor, lawnmower or anything that may be of interest to "treasure hunters."

A Down East Bake Sale will also be held that day, along with a garden shop, with plantings from our many gardeners.

So clean out the closet, the garage and your attic and help the Museum.

To schedule a pickup, call Lynn at (252) 728-1500.

What's Cookin'?

Beginning with this edition, a "down east" recipe will be featured in each Core Sound newsletter.

Clip and save them all!

Down East Light Bread

5 lbs. plain flour	1 cup Crisco
1/4 cup salt	2 pkgs. yeast
1 cup sugar	6 cups water

Mix yeast into warm water. Then add remaining ingredients except flour; mix well with spoon. Add flour; mix well with hands. Mix on floured surface until dough becomes smooth and elastic. Cover bowl and let rise to double in size. Mash down and put in refrigerator overnight or until completely chilled.

To make into rolls, pinch off small pieces, about 1/2 cup size, and roll into biscuits. Place in a pan and let rise. Bake in preheated 400 degree oven 20-30 minutes. Any remaining dough can be refrigerated up to one week.

Marlene Davis
"Island Born and Bred" Cookbook
Harkers Island United Methodist Women

Weather Talk

Have you ever wondered how fishermen of days gone by could predict the weather?

Harkers Island native and former Coast Guard member Ira Lewis shared his "down east" wisdom:

"A ring around the moon means bad weather is coming. And a red sky in the morning means bad weather, too. How do I know these things? That's what the old-timers used to say! My father told me and his father told him. That's the way it was. We could tell when high tides and low tides were going to be by watching the moon. We didn't need no weatherman. All we needed was the sun, the moon and the stars, the tools that God gave us. That's all we ever needed."

Welcome Home, Bob Vogel!

No one will be happier to welcome Bob Vogel back to Shell Point than the folks at the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center. Bob Vogel, superintendent of Cape Lookout National Seashore, has been in Washington, D.C. for the past six months, serving in the Director of Park Services office.

Although we are sure this was a wonderful opportunity for Bob, we have missed him greatly and are glad to know he is home to stay.

The Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center looks forward to getting back to work on many of our partner projects including Willow Pond, the Jean Dale boat shed (now almost complete) and programs and events throughout the year.

Bob's leadership and commitment to the Down East people have been key to many of the initiatives that we are now working on, including the Outer Banks National Scenic Byway, the new Maritime Heritage Tourism position, the Friends of Cape Lookout organization and all the important work at Cape Lookout and at Portsmouth.

Welcome home, Bob!

Maritime Heritage Officer Has Been Appointed For Our Region

Connie Mason is pioneering an undiscovered territory. Connie has left the North Carolina Maritime Museum after eighteen glorious and productive years to be the first in a permanent and beneficial new position as the Maritime Heritage Tourism Officer with the Department of Commerce. This state position will be working primarily with Carteret and Pamlico Counties as well as parts of Dare, Hyde, Craven and Onslow Counties, which have similar concerns and opportunities.

Connie will be working with non-profit institutions, county govern-



ments and many other civic organizations in the researching and planning of maritime tourism sites, events, publications and products which help document, preserve and present for natives and tourists alike.

"I look forward to working even more closely with Core Sound's talented and culturally enriched staff," says Connie. "We will be working together on a subject we love best, eastern North Carolina."

The Museum staff welcomes Connie to her new position.

North Carolina State University Documenting Down East

Working on behalf of North Carolina State University, videographer Neal Hutchinson has been spending a lot of time listening to Down East stories over the past several weeks. He is working on a documentary on the area, including its history, traditions and the changes taking place in our communities.

Called the North Carolina Language and Life project, the documentary centers around fishing communities of eastern North Carolina, including Ocracoke, Wanchese and Down East Carteret County.

According to Neal, the purpose of the project is to support the communities' efforts to document their own heritage and keep a permanent record of local fishing cultures. So far, Neal has interviewed Ira Lewis, Ann Rose, Sandra Gaskill, Linwood Hancock, Owen Fulford, Capt. Jim Willis, Milton Styron, Dot Willis and the Lewis Brothers of Carteret County. Tapes of these interviews will be made available to the Museum.

The Museum is very proud to be working with Neal and N.C. State

What's New with Carteret Catch?



The Carteret Catch seafood initiative is moving forward with the development of the draft business plan, by-laws and membership applications. There will be a combination membership/informational meeting to be held in May at "Bistro by the Sea" restaurant in Morehead City.

There are five membership categories within the Carteret Catch organization: commercial fisherman, seafood dealer, restaurant, seafood retailer and

associate member. If you would like to help in this project, please join us.

Pam Morris of the Museum staff was one of the committee members representing Carteret Catch at the Rural Community College Initiative National Conference in Fort Worth Texas in early April. The Museum supports Pam in these efforts to help our local fishermen.

For more information about Carteret Catch, contact Barry Nash at

Down East Students Take Field Trip to Ocracoke Island

To compare the coastal traditions of Down East Carteret County to those of Ocracoke Island, approximately 90 eighth grade students from Harkers Island, Smyrna and Atlantic Schools traveled to the island community of Ocracoke on March 17th.

This field trip was organized by Shawn Bates, social studies teacher at Atlantic School and Pam Morris of the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center.

Serving as tour guides for the Down East group were students from Ocracoke School, who had documented important places for the visitors to see and learn about. Members of the Ocracoke community were then teamed with students to demonstrate traditions such as folk music, commercial fishing, decoy carving and others.

As part of the cultural exchange program, Ocracoke students will travel to Core Sound to take a tour of Cape Lookout on June 7th.



Pictured here is a group of Down East students in front of the Ocracoke Preservation Hall.

For more details, about this educational program, contact Pam Morris at the Museum, (252) 728-1500, or e-mail her at pam@coresound.com.

NOAA/Museum Receive Funding

As part of the NOAA Preserve America Initiative, the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and NOAA of Beaufort were awarded a \$25,000 grant in a partnership project to document, preserve and interpret work practices and knowledge in the Down East communities of Carteret County.

This grant will be used to provide heritage tours and interactional educational exhibits that showcase the

knowledge Down East people have of the commercial fishing industry.

The Museum is proud to accept this monetary award and is pleased to partner with NOAA for this important work of documenting our commercial fishing traditions.

For more information, contact Gretchen Martin of the NOAA Fisheries Service or Karen Amspacher at the Museum.

Museum to Participate in Ocracoke Festival

On June 2nd, 3rd and 4th, the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center will participate in this year's Ocracoke Opry and Storytelling Festival by sharing one of Down East's famed traditions - boatbuilding.

Volunteers Jim Briley and Jimmy Amspacher will be building a flat-bottomed skiff under the cedars of the United Methodist Church on Ocracoke Island, with proceeds from the silent auction going to support Museum programs.

Look for us there. For more details on the weekend, go to www.ocracokefestival.org.



Membership Renewals

(January 1 through March 30, 2006)

Individual

Casey Amspacher	Cary Savage Ingram
Katie Amspacher	Richard Lewis
Gail Barnes	Jonathan Livingston
Clive Bigsby	Michael D. Martin
Stanley Bird	Geraldine Mines
Gary Bohnert	J.T. Morgan
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Thanks again to our Waterfowl Weekend sponsors for making our annual event possible:

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- Carteret Community College MARTEC Program
- Carteret News-Times
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- National Endowment for the Arts
- North Carolina Arts Council
- Progress Energy
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- Sound Bank
- Wachovia

Meet Anthony Brooks, the Museum's Featured Carver for this Quarter

Featured carver in the gift shop for this quarter is Anthony Brooks, Museum Volunteer and gifted Harkers Island carver.

An avid hunter and seasoned outdoorsman, Anthony carves decoys the traditional "Core Sound" way, roughing out the shapes with a hatchet, then refining his work to make them look more like the real thing. But they're not too realistic.

According to Anthony, the Core Sound way is to make them just believable enough to fool the experts... the waterfowl themselves. The result of his work is the rough, "folk art" look you can find here at the Museum gift shop.

"There's a difference between 'working decoys' and other decoys," explains Anthony. "Working decoys are what they are - they're used to attract birds. They weren't meant to put on a shelf and admire. But if people today want to collect them to look at and display, that's all right by me."



It must be "all roight" because Anthony's primitive style of carving is featured in the new Ducks Unlimited poster, "Harkers Legacy," by artist Mike Helsabeck. The poster features one of Anthony's decoys, perched on a Down East windowsill, and will be available this summer. As a special feature, one of Anthony's signed decoys will accompany the first 130 posters sold this year.

To prove his dedication to the craft, Anthony has been hard at work at the Museum, demonstrating the time-honored tradition of decoy carving while making the 100+ decoys that will be offered with the Helsabeck poster. He has also taken many special orders for people who would like to own a sample of this work for themselves.

You can visit Anthony here at the Museum in "David's Room," where he can be observed carving almost every day of the week. His work is also featured in the Museum gift shop.

Membership Renewals

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Karen and Jimmy Amspacher

Note:

April through June membership listings will be included in the Summer Newsletter, coming in July!

Attention Members

If you recently became a member of the Museum or renewed your annual membership in January/February and have not received your membership card and decal, please contact Lynn Allred at (252) 728-1500. You can also e-mail her at lynn@coresound.com

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The Museum is always exploring ways to improve our services to you!

If you would like to receive your quarterly newsletter by e-mail, we are now offering this option to our members.

To be included in this digital service, please fill out the form below and return it to the Museum. We will add your e-mail information to those already signed up.

In addition, we need to know if your address has changed. If you had previously sent in your information and have a new e-mail address, please let us know.

Members who had already signed up for this service should soon be receiving an electronic version of this newsletter. Be on the lookout!

Thank you for your patience and your interest in this new communications project.

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