

## Community Nights Continue

On January 17, the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center hosted the largest community night gathering since the program started in Sept-ember 2004!

More than 250 people attended "Salter Path" night to share food, fellowship and stories about the community of Salter Path, past and present.

Host Rodney Kemp gave the history of the area, which was a haven for residents of Shackleford Banks who migrated there after the hurricanes of the late 1800s. Many moved their entire house, piece by piece, on sail-



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skiffs and re-assembled them to make their new home on Bogue Banks. Many descendants of these "first families" of Shackleford Banks are still found in Salter Path today.

The Museum's Community night is held on the third Tuesday of every month. A covered dish supper is at 6:00 with the pro-

gram following at 7:00. The public is invited to attend.

Mark your calendar! The next community night is scheduled for Feb. 21st and will feature Ocracoke Island. Come join us!

## "Asset Mapping" Meetings Help Identify Our Community Resources

Communities Down East are being visited on a regular basis by Shawn Bates and Pam Morris from the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center. Each "asset mapping" session is helping identify important cultural and natural resources in our Down East area.

This project is possible due to a grant from the NC Rural Center and the Conservation Fund and will help direct future research, documentaries, exhibits and programs. Listings include historic structures (churches, home, businesses, fish houses), cemeteries, landmarks, traditional occupations still "living" in

each community, natural and scenic areas and especially our storytellers and historians.

Shawn Bates is a native of Harkers Island and is the Social Studies teacher at Harkers Island and Atlantic Schools, where he is working with his eighth grade students to do documentary projects of their own.

The Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center believes it is vital for each community to have a documented inventory of their heritage and is working to make that possible. If you would like to help, please call Pam Morris at the Museum.

## Earth Day Events Planned

Carteret County's Crystal Coast stretches along 85 miles of North Carolina's central coastline and is teeming with native plants and wildlife. The Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center cherishes this area's natural resources and is working with other agencies to help preserve, protect and restore the unique beauty of the Crystal Coast.

To celebrate, a three-day weekend of fascinating events is planned to highlight Carteret County's special natural places.

If you love beautiful places and

want to see them stay that way, please join the North Carolina Coastal Federation, Cape Lookout National Seashore, the Carolina Estuarine Reserve Foundation, the North Carolina Maritime Museum, the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust, the North Carolina Aquarium, the Outer Banks Wildlife Shelter and the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center for this weekend celebration.

At the Museum, we will be spearheading a tree planting project for Down East communities. If you can help, please join us!

## Membership Renewals (cont'd)

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Note: January - March membership listings will be included in the Spring newsletter, coming soon!



# Core Sounder

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Do you know anyone interested in being a part of our "Core Sound family?" If so, call us today!

## \$400,000 Grant Awarded to Museum



On Nov. 18, Senator Elizabeth Dole's office called to inform us that a \$400,000 grant had been approved to complete the main gallery of the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center. This funding will cover the completion of construction on the Exhibit areas of the facility.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this a reality. More than two years' worth of work went into this effort. A special thank you goes out to Ann Maxwell, Jimmy Broughton, Larry Chernikoff, Gen-eral Hugh Overholt, Jamie Norment and all of YOU who sent postcards, letters, e-mails and faxes to Washington on

our behalf. It is also important to remember the late Billy Smith, founding chairman of the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum, whose influence and leadership still lives and continues the work he helped begin more than 15 years ago.

Keep up with the progress being made on our Website at [www.coresound.com](http://www.coresound.com).

## Waterfowl Weekend Sponsors:

- BB&T
- Big Rock Blue Marlin Tournament
- Carteret County EDC
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- Wachovia

## A Successful Weekend!

Thanks to many dedicated volunteers, exhibitors, food vendors, musicians and visitors, Waterfowl Weekend was another smash hit! Thousands of people flocked to Harkers Island to experience down east traditions, a wide variety of food, coastal exhibits and lively folk music.

Decoy carving, boat building, hunting, fishing and more were all featured attractions for the annual event, held the first weekend in December.

A Friday Night Preview, held the evening before opening day, offered participants an opportunity to sample seafood, wild game and delicious desserts while pre-viewing the wide range of

exhibits to be on display.

Raffles were held to raise funds for the Museum, with prizes such as a handcrafted sailskiff built at the Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington, DC; a beautiful handmade quilt featuring the Portsmouth Island Life-saving Station; and the skiff built on site during the weekend event.

An auction was also held on Saturday night, with proceeds benefitting the Museum and its ongoing programs.

If you missed Waterfowl Weekend 2005, be sure to attend next year's event on December 1st, 2nd and 3rd! You'll be glad you did!

(See photos inside!)

## On the "Lookout!"

• On March 4, the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center will once again host the Ducks Unlimited Annual Lifetime Achievement Banquet. The Museum has a long history of working with Ducks Unlimited. Since the founding of the Museum, DU leaders have been part of the vision, mission and success of Core Sound's efforts to preserve waterfowling traditions, protect habitat and provide educational programs that are "good for ducks." A special thank you to NC Ducks Unlimited for selecting the Museum as "home" for the Lead Drake Society.

• On March 11, "A Taste of Core Sound" is scheduled. This brand new special event will feature a special guests, a seafood dinner with Core Sound favorites, music and a silent auction, all to be held at the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center. Tickets will be sold for \$75 per couple. For more details and a listing of auction items and guests, log onto the Web at [www.coresound.com](http://www.coresound.com).

• Join us at Portsmouth Island for a Homecoming celebration on April 22nd. "Dinner on the Grounds" and a special program will celebrate the island that was once a thriving seaport community. Round trip ferry service from Ocracoke Island is available by calling Rudy Austin of Portsmouth Island Tours. To make your ferry reservation with Rudy, call (252) 948-4361. For a ferry schedule or to make your reservation on the Cedar Island/Ocracoke ferry, call (252) 225-3551.