

CORE SOUNDER

The Official Newsletter of the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum & Heritage Center Spring 2005

Community Nights – Food, Fellowship and History

Since Davis Night in September, more than 700 natives, newcomers, old-timers, youngun's, preachers and teachers have participated in the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum's new program, Community Nights. Bringing together the community for supper and a review of the characters, events and landmarks led by Rodney Kemp has proven to be one of the most successful endeavors of the Museum so far. Folks have come from Minnesota, Chincoteague, Los Angeles, Emerald Isle and all over Down East to share food and fellowship with friends, family and new folks from the communities of Davis, Sea Level, Marshallberg, Cedar Island, Stacy and Atlantic.

Each gathering begins at 6 pm with the Blessing, followed by a covered dish supper prepared by the ladies of the honored community and "the lies begin" around 7. "This project was Rodney's idea, and we give him all the credit for knowing how to put together just the right combination of fact and fish-house lying to make sure that everyone learns and has a good time!" Rodney's friends (folks like Sonny Williamson, Ed Pond, Esther Fulcher and Joe-Buck Daniels) make sure he tells it "right" and helps fill in details for Rodney. Ask Rodney and he'll tell you he has learned more than anybody!

This program is a great opportunity to not only enjoy the history, but record it as well. With the help and support of Amanda Dagnino at the Carteret County News-Times, a feature story from the community is shared each month in the local paper. We are especially pleased to announce that the Museum has received a special gift to purchase a digital camcorder to record future programs as a testament to the community spirit and pride that can be found "alive and well" in every neighborhood. Museum staff are also making plans to develop oral history recordings for each community as part of the long-range documentary work.



The Gaskill's of Stacy were one of Amanda's great interviews for Community Night.

Upcoming Community Nights for 2005

May 17 – Straits / Gloucester

July 19 – Smyrna / Tusk

September 20 – Salter Path

June 21 – Williston

August 16 – Promise Land

October 18 – Harkers Island

November 15 – Portsmouth

CALLING PHOTOS, STORIES, CLIPPINGS FROM THE PAST:

And don't forget ... anyone with photos, newspaper clippings and/or artifacts from Otway or Bettie history is invited to bring those to the Museum for inclusion in the Museum community history website www.downeasttour.com.

Good News

The CSWM has received an Economic Innovations Grant from the NC Rural Center to help develop Heritage Tourism programs featuring traditional occupations, such as boat building, hunting guides and decoy carving, commercial fishing and traditional cooking.

"We believe the talents and traditions of Down East are best preserved by sharing with folks eager to learn more about our rich occupational heritage."

The Carteret Community Foundation has awarded the CSWM a grant for purchase of a laptop computer for educational programs and statewide events for membership development.

The CSWM has received an NEA Programming Grant for expanding the traditional music and arts area of the Education Tent for Waterfowl Weekend this year.

Special thanks to board member **Purcell Jones** for bringing back to the Museum our very own long-bed golf cart! What a great surprise for working on site and all over Shell Point. We've named it the "Shell Point Express."

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Reliving the Dream --- Baseball: More Than a Game

Do you remember the Tidewater League? Does the name Jake Wade ring a bell? How about the Seashore League? How many Sunday afternoons have you spent “under the pines” at Smyrna School listening to the crack of the bat and the rattle of baseballs in the woods below center field? Were you there when the Blues were young?

If you know what we’re talking about, we are looking for you!

The Core Sound Waterfowl Museum & Heritage Center is pulling together photographs, newspaper clippings, interviews and players spanning 40 years of baseball in Carteret County, from 1940 through the 70s, with a documentary and reunion entitled **Reliving the Dream Baseball: More than a Game.**

Throughout my life, I have often gone back to the basic fundamentals that I learned growing up in Carteret County. I was one of many that have been influenced by the game of baseball, and the people associated with it. This event will not only give us an opportunity to have fun reminiscing with old friends while we re-live our “Field of Dreams” all over again, but it will also allow us to document our history and the significant impact that baseball had on both the County and the lives of the young men growing up here.

Joe Willis, former Eastern Blues player, coach at ECHS and Harkers Island native.

On Saturday, May 21, former players, coaches, fans and the sons and daughters of all these generations will gather on Harkers Island to share their memories and remember those who gave so much to the communities of Down East Carteret County and beyond.

In preparation for this Baseball Reunion, the Museum is asking all who have photos, newspaper clippings, uniforms, bats, gloves, interviews, stories and anything from these teams, to come and share them with Museum staff and volunteers. Any artifacts or memorabilia that you are willing to loan will be collected for a large display on May 21. Photos and newspaper clippings can be scanned for use in the display and in publications now being gathered to mark the day.

A special day Saturday, April 30 --- has been set as “Collection Day” and we invite you to come and talk to the planning committee to share your memories. (If you cannot come that

day, you may call the Museum to set another time.)

We welcome information, artifacts and memories from all the county teams – Beaufort, Newport, Salter Path, Morehead City, Croatan and all the teams Down East. Mark your calendar now for May 21. The days activities will include a history of Carteret County baseball presented at 1 pm by Rodney Kemp, Joel Hancock, Joe Willis and

others, followed by a ballgame at 3 and other baseball honors now being planned. Activities for children, a yard sale / bake sale early that morning and food throughout the day will make it a true family day Down East style!

If you would like to help find these team members, have photos and/or artifacts to share, or have suggestions for the event, please call the CSWM at 728.1500.

Speaking of Yard Sale!

May 21 activities include a return of the “Great Core Sound Closet Clean-Out” at 8 am, along with a Bake Sale and hopefully an AUCTION at 11! Those of you who remember our past year’s yard sales will know they are worth the trip!

Donations are now being accepted, and if you have a truck load, we’ll even “come and get it!” So - CLEAN OUT THOSE CLOSETS and bring us your extra’s. Over the years, the Museum has made lots of new friends, garnered special treasures - like the Baby Grand in the Education Hall - and raised more than \$15,000 for our year-round education programs.

Volunteers are now being organized so that work can begin in the next few weeks gathering, organizing and pricing. If you can help and/or if you have good stuff to give, CALL US. 728-1500

NC Junior Duck Stamp 2005

The 2005 North Carolina Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contest was again held at the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum. Over 1200 pieces of artwork submitted by students from across the state were judged on March 24. This year's winning entry — Jessica Roush, 17 "Two Teal In Flight" from Leesville Road High School, Raleigh, is shown here.

"We are very proud to exhibit this year's winners at the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum's Community Education Hall." said Core Sound Waterfowl Museum & Heritage Center's Education Coordinator Pam Morris. "This is the fifth year we have hosted the N.C. Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contest and each year the quality of the artwork and number of entries have increased. The exhibit moved to the NC Museum of Art as part of the museums Greenway Park Opening Celebration on April 16th.



More than 1200 students representing 20 North Carolina schools participated in this year's competition. The Federal Junior Duck Stamp Conservation Design Program is an integrated art and science curriculum developed to teach environmental science and habitat conservation. The first place national winning design is used to create a Federal Junior Duck Stamp each year. Proceeds from the sale of Junior Duck Stamps support conservation education by providing awards and scholarships for students, teachers, and schools that participate in the program. For further information on the program visit <http://duckstamps.fws.gov>.

CSWM hosts

DU LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT Banquet

The CSWM was proud to host the first ever DU Lifetime Achievement Awards on March 12. Close to 100 people came from across NC to honor this first year's inductees to the DU Hall of Fame.

Those receiving this honor included Dr. Ray Minges of Greenville, Mr. Jack Bailey of Rocky Mount, Mr. Stuart Paine of Southern Pines, Mr. Herman Moore of Charlotte and Mr. Reid Jones of Carthage. A special thanks to Don Manley for making this a reality for DU and the CSWM.

Again – the CSWM Volunteer Kitchen Crew did an outstanding job! Folks have been calling every since for recipes!

CSWM Program Partners and Projects

Carteret Community College's Microenterprise Development Center is holding a 12-week Small Business Training project at CSWM for Small Boat Builders in the county. These workshops include Small Business Accounting, Marketing, Insurance and Liability, Business Plan Development and other topics relevant to small businesses. The CSWM is proud to help keep our boat building traditions strong as successful family businesses.

State Director for Tourism Lynn Minges visited the CSWM and Cape Lookout Lighthouse in January and is working with our organizations to develop a strong heritage tourism program for Down East Carteret County, Ocracoke and other areas along the proposed National Scenic Byway.

Representatives from the CSWM, Carteret Co. EDC, Cape Lookout National Seashore, the Maritime Museum, the NC Arts Council and NCCAT - Ocracoke, participated in the **Traditional Fishing Communities Symposia at East Carolina University** on March 18. Led by sociologist and author, Dr. John Maiolo, this excellent conference addressed many issues facing commercial fishing communities including increased regulation, coastal development, environmental issues and the economic challenges facing the commercial fishing community.

The **Park Scholars from NC State University** will visit the CSWM on April 16. This distinguished group of young NC leaders are being led by Dr. Carmine Prioli and will include one of Carteret County's own, Billy Arrington of Beaufort.

The CSWM will be participating the **NC Junior Historian Program at the NC Museum of History** on April 30. Board member, carver and collector Roy Willis, along with Pam Morris and Karen Amspacher, will present decoy carving as one of the state's most important folkart traditions.

The CSWM and Cape Lookout National Seashore will host the **NC Center for the Advancement of Teaching Fellows** on May 15-16 for an overnight trip to Cape Lookout to plan future seminar, workshop, field trip and programs for the new Ocracoke Center. The CSWM is very proud to be part of this new educational facility. A special thanks to Alton Ballance for his leadership in bringing this project to our area.

NEWS FROM THE CSWM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In 2004, the CSWM underwent its first "Strategic Planning Process." This work continues in 2005 with implementation of priority needs and planning. Notes from the Feb. 23 Board Meeting include:

- Expansion of the name of the Museum: Roy Willis, founding board member of the CSWM summed it up in this motion by saying, "This Museum is about all of it, all the heritage of Down East, the communities, hunting and fishing, all of it. We need to put that in the name." Based on his (and other founding board members' recommendation), the expanded name of the Museum is the **Core Sound Waterfowl Museum & Heritage Center**. This is a much truer reflection of the work going on at the Museum, and also makes grant writing for community-based programs and projects more feasible. Once the Museum facility is complete, the two wings of the building will be in-line with this name, with the Education Hall (the section now open) being the Heritage Center and the Exhibits & Galleries being a true "museum" experience for visitors. Thank you Roy for your leadership and understanding of the vision of the CORE SOUND WATERFOWL MUSEUM & HERITAGE CENTER.

- Establishment of **Lifetime Founding Board Members**: In honor and appreciation for the long-term leadership and commitment of several board members, the board proposed in Nov. and approved in Feb. this designation for those board members (or their representatives) who have served continuously on the CSWM board since its founding in March 1992. With unanimous support from all board members, these individuals will serve as Lifetime Charter Board with full board responsibilities and voting rights. Members include: Janice Smith (for Billy Smith), Corey Lawrence (for David Lawrence), Diane Davis (for James Davis), Purcell Jones, Guy Tucker, Roy Willis, Jim Phillips, Carl Huff and John Civils. The entire membership applauds and appreciates the continued commitment of these individuals.

- **New Board Members** approved: With the designation of the Lifetime Founding Board Member category, this opened several seats for the board of directors. These individuals were elected and have agreed to serve: Heber Guthrie of Gloucester, Louie Piner of Davis, John Eagen of Wachovia Bank, Russ Hults of PCS Phosphate, Susan Hancock of Harkers Island, Bill Lathan and Jim Briley of New Bern, Mac Wells of Morehead City, Gene Barrett of Smyrna and Beth Garner of Morehead City. Thank you for joining our "working family" of board members!

- **Board Training Program** now underway: The Conservation Fund Community Program is working with Board Training Committee Ted Haigler and John Civils to work with board members (new and returning) on issues of board structure, organizational planning, committee work and fund raising. A Board Agreement has been established that outlines the responsibilities of board members to the Museum and a committee framework is now being implemented. Our goal is to have more involvement from all board members in the work of the Museum.

* If you would like to review a copy of the Strategic Plan, please email or call the Museum for a copy. We are very eager to share this important planning document with our members. A special thanks to all Museum members who have participated in this effort including community meetings, committee work, returning the member survey and in helping when called upon. **The CSWM is making great progress in all areas thanks to YOU.**

CORE SOUND VOLUNTEER LANDSCAPING PROJECTS

Special thanks to the **Carteret County Master Gardeners** for their commitment to the Museum's landscaping needs. Their work, expertise and time, along with Cedar Point Nursery's donations of trees and shrubbery and the NPS' help with equipment, has made a beautiful difference to the Museum grounds. Thank you Carolyn and Donald Hoss for leading this effort and for the work of all their volunteers!

The **Marshallberg/Down East Garden Club** continues to help with landscaping needs also. They have been working for years and have their own special area of focus. Thank you! We are looking for other groups who may want to "adopt" a section for special care.

Congratulations to **Nathan Richards** from Lynchburg, VA who completed his Eagle Scout project at the CSWM. His family, who are former Camp Morehead campers, museum members and summer-home owners on Harkers Island, brought his troop down to Harkers Island during Easter break and added more than 100 camellias around the Museum grounds. Thank you Nathan, and dad Bob and Uncle Ed for your great contribution!

Legislative Post Card Campaign:

YOUR signature will make a difference!

Did you send in your Legislative Postcard? If not, its not too late! **Every member's show of support is important.** Our goal was to have as many as possible in the mail by April 11, but postcards can still be sent and will be continually added to our file. This grassroots show of support is VERY important.

We will be carrying out a similar postcard effort at the state level in early May. Be on the lookout for this mailing and help us present a statewide show of support on this important request also.

Our ask for help at the federal and state level comes after years of trying to secure funds for completion of the Gallery wing of the museum. We have realized that private funds alone cannot meet this need. However, we are working with several foundation resources that will help match funds. So, our request for public support is primarily to help leverage these foundation funding. **With this partnership of public and private dollars, along with our continued capital campaign giving at the local level, we can meet the \$1.7 million needed for the galleries, exhibits, library and archive areas of the CSWM.**

If you can help, have questions, suggestions or concerns, please call the Museum. WE welcome your help and support. **THANK YOU to all of you who are working everyday to see this Museum at its fullest potential as a Museum and a Heritage Center.**