



## 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Old Homes Tour Features Beaufort Artist

The brochures and posters for the Beaufort Historical Association's 45th Annual Old Homes Tour feature Beaufort artist Mary Warshaw's paintings of one of Beaufort's most distinctive old homes—the Thomas Duncan House c1790 (above).

Both paintings of the Duncan House, on the west end of Front Street, are views from the upper porch—one looking east toward the Beaufort harbor, the other looking west toward Piver's Island and Gallants Channel. These views allowed owners to have a front-row seat to centuries of Beaufort history.

The Duncan House was the first house to receive a historic plaque. It had been in the Duncan family for at least six generations, until recently purchased by Hubie and Alice Tolson and Eddie and Kay Coleman.

The artist, Mary Faith Milton Warshaw, originally from Monroe, North Carolina, attended Meredith College and graduated with a bachelor's degree in art.

*"Warshaw takes her inspiration from the houses and scenes of Beaufort—often drawing from the porches of the more than 100 homes built in the 18th and 19th centuries."* —North Carolina's *Our State Magazine*-March 2005

Warshaw comments, "Just as Beaufort's porches have always been a means of communication for its residents, they have become a special means of communication for me. I often find myself transported back in time—I find myself thinking of those who witnessed history in the making—pirates, Indians, soldiers—those who saw this 'fishtown' develop and grow. This has enabled me to more accurately portray the warm feelings and personalities imparted by the porches themselves."

## PKS Garden Club



New officers for Garden Club: left to right: President, Jan Corsello; Recording Secretary, Carol McVitty; Vice President, Shirley Schaeffler; Treasurer, Mary Ann Shapiro; Corresponding Secretary, Maureen Kocher; Second Vice President, Betsy McGibbon.

## PKS Women's Club Installed New Offices

By Beth LaBrie

The PKS Women's Club met for their spring luncheon and installation of new officers at the Coral Bay Club on June 3. A lovely lunch was enjoyed by about 50 women. John Loonam presented a very interesting program about pirates along the east coast.

Out-going President Mary Kanyha thanked all the officers and the many committee chairs for 2004-2005, giving each one a framed photo she had taken as a remembrance.

Joan Lamson conducted an installation ceremony

for the in-coming officers for 2005-2006. Kay Howe-president, Gail Halada-vice president, Barbara Gaunt-recording secretary, Kathy Kimel-corresponding



In-coming President Kay Howe, left, with retiring President Mary Kanyha

secretary and Ellen Huber-treasurer. Joan likened the club to a family and how we complement each other, work and grow together.

For member's names to be included in the membership book, dues for next year must be paid by the Sept. 23 meeting. A check for \$15.00 may be mailed to Ellen Huber before that date.

The organizational board meeting will be August 19 at the home

of President Kay Howe. The next regular meeting will be September 23, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. at the Pine Knoll Shores Town Hall. Enjoy the summer.

## Wimberley Writes Children's Book

By Allison McDuffy

Teddy Wimberley let her imagination soar one day on her way to work at Pine Knoll Shores EMS, and the result is a delightful children's book titled *Whiz and Whirl: A Cloud Family Adventure*. Wimberley says she was admiring some beautiful puffy clouds over our island when she noticed two little clouds that looked like they were being left behind. She named the little lost clouds Whiz and Whirl and then spun a story of their cloud family and other clouds they meet.

The book, dedicated and in memory of all lost children, teaches about family responsibility, safety, and weather, but is above all a lesson in returning to our childish flights of fancy. Indeed, Wimberley says the book is for children ages two to 100.

When the 17-year veteran of the EMS squad and local Realtor completed her book, it was accepted by several publishing companies but she found them to be too expensive. Luckily she approached the people at Eastern Offset Printing, who were excited to design and edit

her book, which is now available locally at DeeGee's and Teacher's Pet.

The ten-page book is printed on sky blue paper with illustrations and includes several spaces where children can draw their own pictures of the cloud characters such as the scary "Monster Cloud". Several schools are interested in using the book in classrooms, and Wimberley is also considering using the Internet to market it.

Although this is her first book, Wimberley says she has written stories all her life. Her writing style allows the reader to dart across the sky like a little "Free Willy" cloud or wake up "Thunder Cloud" to summon the rescuers. Of course, there is a happy ending to the adventures when the little clouds are reunited with their family and their tears of joy rain down on a drought-stricken North Carolina farm.

Read *Whiz and Whirl: A Cloud Family Adventure* to your grandchildren and they will surely spot the delightful characters in the sky for years to come.

