

Book Clubs to Resume

By Jane Ashland

A new season begins this September for three book clubs in Pine Knoll Shores. Club members have been reading stimulating books over the summer that should lead to thought-provoking discussion this year.

'Between the Book Ends' will resume on September 14 at the home of Mary Greene. Their book is *Team of Rivals* by Doris Kearns Goodwin. 'The Beach Book Club' will resume September 10 at the home of Maureen Danehy. Their

book is *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski. These two book clubs are open to any woman in Pine Knoll Shores who is a paid member of the Women's Club.

A third group 'The Novel Ideas Book Club' will meet at Judy Henry's home on September 23 to discuss the novel *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows.

Carteret Arts Forum Presents

On October 20, Bryan Townsend will be the featured speaker at one of the Carteret Arts Forum (CAF) special events. Identified as one of the nation's "Hot 25 Speakers" in the July/August 2009 edition of *Speaker Magazine*, Townsend will present "A Celebration of Southern Humor." He is known as an effective motivational speaker who appeals to individuals who are active in their community regardless of their age. His use of humor when dealing with challenges facing students, business people and seniors helps him deliver a meaningful message.

The October 20 event will be held at the Glad Tidings Church on Country Club Road in Morehead City beginning at 7 p.m. At a cost of \$15, tickets are available at the Beach Book Mart in Atlantic Station or online at the CAF web site, www.carteretartsforum.com.

Since its founding in 1999, CAF, a

non-profit organization, has promoted the arts by inviting professionals to Carteret County to speak, entertain and perform in the fields of drama, dance, music, history and literature. Each year CAF offers its "Subscription Series" that is available to the public. Area students are provided opportunities to attend selected programs, and CAF also funds live events in schools of the county. In addition to the diverse programs included in the series, CAF offer special programs such as that provided on October featuring Bryan Townsend.

A number of Pine Knoll Shores neighbors annually join the "Subscription Series" and attend these programs. Others are quite active in the organization itself including board members Diane Donovan, Norton Howe and Marilyn Smetana. The CAF support group also includes PKSers Moni Bottlinger, Kay Howe and Ellen Marriott.

Last Chance

By Janet Grainge

The final "Dine in Fishtowne with Beaufort's First Citizens" potluck dinner will be held on Thursday, September 24th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the auditorium of the North Carolina Maritime Museum. Sponsored by First Citizens' Bank this event is a community potluck dinner featuring oral history panels comprised of long-time Beaufort residents. The price of admission is a covered dish

to share with others who will come to hear about Beaufort's history from those who have shaped it and experienced it first-hand. This last event features the history of area churches as discussed by pastors, Sunday school teachers, and members alike. It is one part of Beaufort's 300th Anniversary Celebration that will culminate with "Homecoming" in September.

Lobster Fest

By Phyllis Makuck

Live Maine lobsters are once again coming to Bogue Banks. From 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 10, St. Francis by the Sea Episcopal Church in Indian Beach is having its Annual Lobster Festival.

You can purchase live lobsters to cook at home or cooked lobsters to eat at home or enjoy a complete lobster dinner at the church or to go. Anyone who had one last year will tell you that they are large—at least 1 ½ lbs. each—and exceptionally good.

For those who do not eat lobster, the church will provide chicken dinners

upon request. So, if some of your friends or family members like lobster and others do not, festival planners will accommodate all. They do, however, request you preorder so they will know how many lobsters and how many chickens they will need.

Tickets are available from parishioners or from the church office, which is open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Thursday (telephone: 240-2388). A complete dinner is \$22. Live lobsters are \$17 each. Cooked lobster to go is \$18. The best way to ensure you will get one is to purchase tickets in advance.

Pam's Pick

By Pam Hanson

You can choose friends but you can't choose family. At least that's how the saying goes.

This month's pick for fun reading combines the frustration only siblings seem to be able to inspire with a vulgarly large inheritance of money and property. Now if that isn't a recipe for a battle royal I don't know what is! Money is such a funny thing. It can inspire people to great acts of charity and kindness and, at the other extreme, some purely evil actions. Somewhere in between lies our story, several belly laughs, and some serious soul stretching.

Will of Wisteria by Denise Hildreth presents the four headstrong, spoiled Wilcott siblings—Elizabeth, Jeffrey, Mary Catherine, and Will. Anticipating the reading of the late Clayton Wilcott's final wishes and dissemination of his worldly assets, the four are gathered together in a very unexpected manner and presented

with a "provisional" will. Expecting complete and total financial freedom, the four siblings are unpleasantly surprised to find themselves in a contest that challenges them in very surprising ways. To the winner go the spoils of daddy Wilcott's immense fortune. Losing is not an option.

The story grabs you by the throat right at the beginning with the most surprising set of circumstances that purely delighted me. Set in Charleston, S.C., the novel has mystery, humor and drama – all elements I demand from my southern inspired novels. It also has one of my favorite flowers featured, wisteria. I know this stuff is as close to kudzu as it can get, but the author really worked her symbolism by correlating the pernicious vine and family ties quite accurately, in this writer's opinion. You can't choose your family, but you can't get rid of them either.....

Downeast FolkArts Event

By Linda McGowen

Guitarist James Lee Stanley will be appearing at Trent River Coffee Company in New Bern on September 18 and at Clawson's Restaurant in Beaufort on September 19.

Stanley's genius couples a remarkable talent for composing and singing with amazing guitar work and a hilarious repartee. James Lee has been performing since he was 14 and has worked onstage with such diverse performers as Bonnie

Raitt, Nicolette Larson and Bill Cosby. He has been hailed as one of the few all-time greats of singer-songwriters and has over a dozen CDs to his credit. His first visit to our area will be in September. Shows begin at 8 p.m. Advance tickets are sold at both venues or can be reserved by contacting folkartsenc@gmail.com. General admission \$15, members \$12, students \$8. For more information, go to www.downeastfolkarts.org