

# Hope for the Warriors Bicycle Race

By Mike Hargett

On May 21, at 9 a.m., on a beautiful eastern North Carolina day, 58 riders participated in the first Pine Knoll Shores Hope for the Warriors Bicycle Race. Mayor Ken Jones served as the honorary starter by playing "charge" on his trusty bugle, sending those participating in the bicycle race out on a course starting at the Hampton Inn then west on Highway 58 to 25<sup>th</sup> Street in Emerald Isle and back.

The course was designed to cover 21 miles, but because of a small unforeseen problem, about 12 riders covered anywhere from 28 to 34 miles before they returned to the finish line. The mayor offered to fire the person in charge only to find out nobody actually could pinpoint who was in charge. Two of our volunteers are now in the witness protection program, but swear they were not at the race because they are not who they used to be.

The great news is the event raised \$8,000 for the Hope for the Warriors because of the generous donations provided by the riders, sponsors and others who support the cause. One donation made it an international affair as a Swedish citizen sent money from Thailand when he heard about the event.

A great time was had by all as evidenced by the photographs. Now that the secret is out, Pine Knoll Shores hopes to make this bicycle race an annual event. Please keep it in mind for next year.



## Miniature Art Show

The Carolina Artist Studio at 800 Evans Street in Morehead City will host a miniature art show in July. Everything small, tiny and teeny—paintings, sculptures, drawings, mixed media, glass and photographs—will fill the entire front of the gallery in July and August at the Miniature Show. Creative and unique – and no larger than 5" x 7"—the art will prove again that the good things in life come in small packages.

Open to all who have a statement to make, this show will include work by gallery members, non-member artists we know and new artists we look forward to meeting. It should prove to be an exciting show.

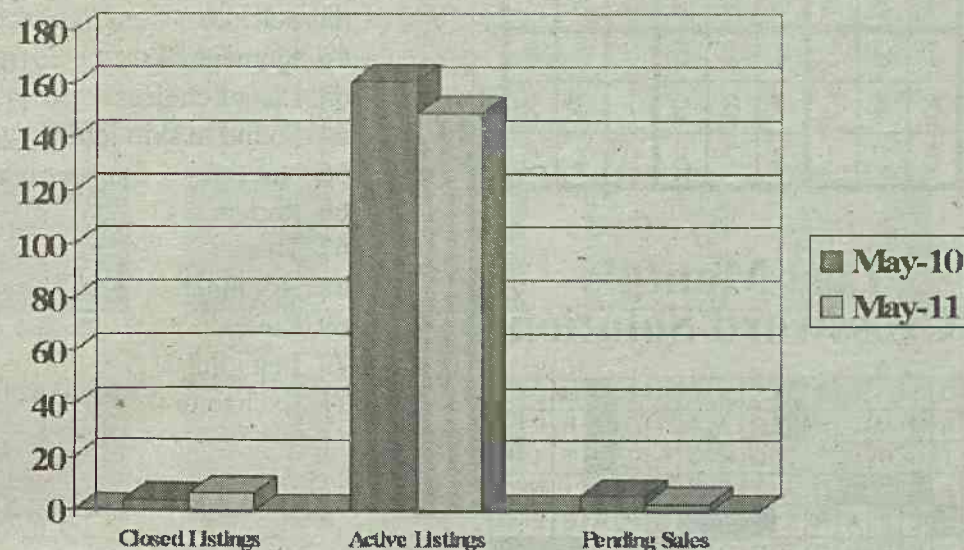
Please call or stop by the gallery for your entry form. A fee of \$10 for one piece of artwork and \$15 for two will make it official. The judge is Raymond Voelpel, founder and owner of Tidewater Gallery in Swansboro. Mr. Voelpel is a talented artist himself creating stone and bronze sculptures.

The Friday wine and cheese reception, July 8, from 5 to 8 p.m., is free to all. There will be cash prizes and gifts awarded after the judging on Friday 8. This is a gathering not to be missed!



## May Market Report for Pine Knoll Shores

Provided by Amy M. Hahn



When comparing closed listings from May 2010 vs. May 2011, the number of sales has increased 75%. The number of Pending Sales has increased 100%, year over year comparison. While there are still a great number of listings currently available, that number has dropped 7.5% year to date.

The average sales price year to date is \$392,257 (up 3.72% from 2010), and the average List Price in 2011 (year to date) is \$549,245 (down 6.23% from 2010).