

Sculpt for Wildlife

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of Swansboro for her "Bird Lady from Mary Poppins." Pagliughi also took the coveted People's Choice Award. Fun was had by all throughout the day as spectators came to see the progress made by the competing sculptors.

Sandy Feat, the professional sand sculpting team from Raleigh, made the trek back to our neck of the woods to judge the event and were on hand all day creating a sand sculpture to demonstrate different techniques, answering any questions for the contestants and just giving all-around tips to help everyone to show off their entries in the best possible way. Sandy Feat's theme this year was to honor the Carteret Chamber of Commerce's Reverse Drawing "Let it Be - Woodstock Reunion" with a "Hippie Owl" and his "Rolling Stones Buddy."

Throughout the day, as people came through to view the progress of the sculptors' work, we treated them to various visits from members of our education department. At different times, we scheduled up-close and personal viewings of "Pepper," an Eastern Screech Owl, "Gabe," an American Kestrel, "Dinah," and our resident Barred Owl. This year "Blue" made his debut. Blue is a Blue Jay that came in to the shelter last year with issues with his tail feathers that hinder his flight abilities enough that he will never be released. A grant received two years ago from the Carteret Chapter of the North Carolina Community Foundation allowed us to build a songbird habitat, which gives us the ability to provide housing for songbirds like Blue for the first time in our 20-year history. Presentations of our residents give people a chance to see a few of the animals that we provide homes for at the shelter, and although all of them are permanent residents, they represent many of the animals that we actually rehab and release, and they give us an opportunity to share with the public what we actually do. It's very exciting because for a lot of people, this is the only opportunity they have to see this kind of animal in real life.

Although we look at the Sculpt for Wildlife as more of an outreach opportunity, it is still a fundraiser for O.W.L.S. As long as we make a little money, it's a win-win situation. The only way for us to continue to be able to care for wildlife, which is our ultimate goal, is to continue to make our program known to the public and to continue to introduce ourselves to people who don't know us. Well, what better way to do it than by holding a totally awesome, fun day at the beach? We were able to meet a lot of new people, and hopefully by seeing what we do, they will in turn see the need for supporting our cause. The first step is to let them know who we are, and that's what Sculpt for Wildlife is all about.

The Outer Banks Wildlife Shelter would appreciate it if everyone would thank our generous sponsors who made this event possible, provided prizes for the 20th annual Sculpt for Wildlife and showed their support in our quest to preserve our native wildlife. Please visit their businesses and thank them: Bojangles, Buffalo Wild Wings, Cox's Family Restaurant, Dairy Queen, Dental Ceramics, El's Drive-In, Five Guys Burgers, Golden Corral, Golden Nail, Kurtis Chevrolet, Little Caesars, Olive Garden, Outback Steakhouse, Panera Bread, Snapperz, Strandz Salon and Teacher's Pet in Morehead City; Atlantis Lodge, Lost Treasure and the NC Aquarium in Pine Knoll Shores; Mac Daddy's and Dairy Queen in Cape Carteret/Swansboro; 2nd Go Round and Flowers by Renee in Newport/Havelock; and Red Lobster in Greenville. Visit the Outer Banks Wildlife Shelter at www.owlsonline.org, and see how you can help.

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New Crystal Coast Cancer Center

The Carteret General Hospital Foundation has recently launched a three-year, \$3,000,000 campaign to help construct a new Crystal Coast Cancer Center. The 23,000 square foot facility will be conveniently located near the hospital at the corner of Bridges Street and Penny Lane.

Upon completion, the patient-friendly facility will house a Rehab Oncology Clinic and the Coleman Radiation Clinic as well as various specialty services for a wide range of cancers and their treatments. The chemotherapy wing of the building will include both private and semi-private treatment areas overlooking a beautifully landscaped garden, featuring fountains and sculptures. The new Cancer Center will provide state-of-the-art cancer treatment in a convenient and comfortable setting.

The Atlantic Beach Shag Club is partnering with Carteret General Hospital Foundation to raise funds for the new Crystal Coast Cancer Center. They will hold a fundraiser at the Dunes Club on October 1—an evening of good food and beverages for a good cause. During the event, twelve corporate sponsors and representatives from the medical equipment industry will be displaying and educating attendees on technology, equipment and drugs to treat cancer.

Tickets are \$100 per person, which qualifies you for a \$10,000 raffle prize. Another \$5 enters you in a second raffle for a pair of David Yurman earrings donated by Bailey's Jewelry. All proceeds will go directly to the new Crystal Coast Cancer Center. Space for the Dunes Club event is limited. If you would like to participate, contact Frances M. Pittman, treasurer of the Atlantic Beach Shag Club, 342-0224 or e-mail her at francespittman@earthlink.net.

If you are unable to attend and would like to make a tax-deductible donation, please make checks payable to Carteret General Hospital Foundation, PO Box 1619, Morehead City, NC 28557. For more information about the Crystal Coast Cancer Center, please contact Susan Collins at foundation@ccgh.org.

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