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## Earth Day 2012

Earth Day is a bit like New Year's Day because it's a time to reflect and make new resolutions. Join in some of the local or global events to celebrate our fragile environment, learn more about positive "green" initiatives in our community and think about ways we can each be more environmentally conscientious.

**Crystal Coast Earth Day Celebration at Fort Macon State Park—April 14, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Celebrate Earth Day at the beach, and party for the planet. The North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores teams up with other organizations for an enjoyable day all about the environment. See what's happening with local conservation efforts and how you can help. Enjoy art by area artists and live music. Activities are at the Coastal Education and Visitor Center at Ft. Macon State Park.

**Party for the Planet—April 15-22.** The aquarium celebrates the spirit of Earth Day with a weeklong Party for the Planet. This year's theme, Animals on the Edge, spotlights imperiled species and how to protect them. The aquarium's daily programs focus on amphibians, sharks, alligators, birds and turtles. Enjoy related crafts and activities in Discovery Classroom, and sign the pledge wall indicating how you will help these animals.

**Earth Day Cakes for Conservation—April 12, 3:00-5:00 p.m. and April 13, 8:00-10:00 a.m.** Compete for sweet rewards in the Earth Day Cakes for Conservation contest at the aquarium. Bake your best confection depicting an animal species at risk. Include a list of organic, local and sustainable ingredients used on a display card that identifies the theme and why it was chosen. Cakes will be judged for creativity, taste, portrayal of the theme and use of organic, local and sustainable ingredients. There will be cash prizes in three divisions (professional, amateur, and junior amateur) with a taste testing at 3:30 p.m. on April 13.

**World Earth Hour 2012— March 31, 8:30-9:30 p.m.** World Earth Hour is the largest call for action on climate change in the world and continues to grow. Hundreds of millions of people from over one hundred different countries will switch off the lights to bring awareness to global environmental issues.

**A Billion Acts of Green.** With hundreds of millions of actions to date, Earth Day Network's A Billion Acts of Green® campaign, the largest environmental service campaign in the world, is steadily building commitments by individuals, organizations, businesses and governments in honor of Earth Day. A Billion Acts of Green® inspires and rewards both simple individual acts and larger organizational initiatives that reduce carbon emissions and support sustainability. The goal is to register one billion actions in advance of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), happening in Rio de Janeiro in June.

## Beaufort Historic Site Publick Day

By Lindsay E. Parker

On Saturday, April 21, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the grounds of the Beaufort Historic Site will become an old-fashioned marketplace. It's Publick Day in Beaufort, which kicks off the summer season for the Beaufort Historical Association.

As in years past, the grounds of the historic site, 100 Block Turner Street, will recreate publick times, when colonial merchants set up shop outside during court sessions. Vendors will be selling antiques, collectibles, arts and crafts, wood crafts, furniture, hand-made jewelry, baskets, pottery and much more. Fashioned after Williamsburg of the 1700s when the General Court was in session, Publick Day gave visitors from far and wide an opportunity to come to town to see and be seen, conduct court business, shop, gossip, dine and dance. Just as it was years ago, today's visitors will also be treated to shopping and food.

While on the Historic Site, be sure to go in the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery, Carteret County's oldest art gallery, to see the beautiful artwork by Beaufort Wine & Food featured artist Kevin LePrince. LePrince's impressionistic art can be found in collections all over the world and was recently featured in magazines such as "Art Lover's Guide to Collecting Fine Art in Charleston & Vicinity" *Art Lover's Guide to Collecting Fine Art in Charleston & Vicinity* and *Charleston Style and Design*. His work will be featured in the Mattie King Gallery through April and May and will include the painting "Cooking Crew," which will be the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Beaufort Wine & Food Weekend limited edition poster. This original painting will be available as an auction item at the Beaufort Wine and Food Celebrity Gala on April 27. Images from this painting will be used for all the advertising and brochures for the weekend. The Mattie King Davis Art Gallery will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Vendor space is still available for Publick Day. Applications are being accepted to rent a 10' x 10' space for \$25 if you are a BHA member and \$40 for non-members. Space is a first come, first served, rain or shine and non-refundable. Vendors must supply their own tables and tent if needed.

All proceeds from Publick Day go towards the ongoing restoration efforts and educational programs of the Beaufort Historical Association. For more information on Publick Day, call 728-5225 or 800-575-7483 or visit [www.beauforthistoricsite.org](http://www.beauforthistoricsite.org).



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