

# @The Aquarium

## Volunteer Informational Meeting Scheduled

Share your love of North Carolina's waterways, beaches and the ocean with visitors at the North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores. The aquarium will offer a volunteer informational meeting on Saturday, March 15, starting at 9 a.m. The meeting includes an introduction to aquarium volunteering, followed by an orientation session on aquarium policies and procedures.

The aquarium offers continual training and education for volunteers—no experience necessary. Volunteers work at the River Otters, Skate and Rays Encounters, Tidal Touch Pool, Discovery Carts, Marsh Walk and Loggerhead Odyssey exhibits. They also offer visitors help at the aquarium's information desk.

"Thanks to the dedication of our volunteers, guests enjoy a 'hands-on' learning experience in which they can ask questions and share their personal experiences of the animals and habitats showcased in the aquarium," said Volunteer Coordinator Chris Carlin. "Aquarium volunteers are conservation ambassadors who share with our visitors a message of animal and habitat preservation."

In addition to educational opportunities, volunteers receive discounts on programs and at the aquarium gift shop and free family memberships.

No prior experience is necessary, and anyone with an interest in North Carolina's aquatic habitats and animals is encouraged to apply. For more information, call Chris Carlin at 247-4003, ext. 286, or visit [www.ncaquariums.com](http://www.ncaquariums.com).

## Invitation to Photographers

By Dan Law, *Shoreline* Photographer

With all the smart phones in use these days, it seems that everyone has become a photographer, so let me take this opportunity to invite (and encourage) Pine Knoll Shores residents to share your family events, vacations and around-town photos for potential use on *The Shoreline's* "Town Crier" pages.

Forward your photos, along with specific information on location, activity, those pictured, etc. to [dlaw2@ec.rr.com](mailto:dlaw2@ec.rr.com) and I will select some photos each month for inclusion in the paper. Be sure to be specific about the identity of the photographer as well. Deadlines for submission are listed on page 3 in *The Shoreline*.

Digital photos from any camera, iPad, iPhone or Smartphone are all welcome. I can enhance, crop and convert from any photo format to jpeg to meet our publisher's requirements. One thing to keep in mind: space is limited on the "Town Crier" pages, so some photos submitted may not be printed.

I am also looking for amateur photographers who would like to join me this year in covering several large neighborhood events, including the neighborhood Easter egg hunt, the Kayak for the Warriors races, Fourth of July events and a few others. I would like to have a small group of volunteers to call upon who own their own cameras and have time to help cover these large events. No experience is necessary.

## BHA Programs

### Program on Role of Quilts & Symbols During the Underground Railroad

The BHA's Living History Program will start the 2014 year with a program on the role of quilts and symbols used during the Underground Railroad. It will be held on Saturday, March 8, at 2 p.m. in the circa 1796 Courthouse on the Beaufort Historic Site, 100 block Turner Street.

Presented by BHA Education Committee members Alice Copes, Linda Ellis and Barbara Milhaven, the program will explore the history of the Underground Railroad and the signs, symbols and music that helped enslaved African Americans escape to the north before the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation by President Lincoln in 1863. There will also be a brief musical performance to go along with the presentation.

The program is free to the public and seating will be limited. Reservations are suggested and may be made by calling the BHA welcome center at 728-5225.

For dates, times and more information about the Emancipation Proclamation Commemoration and other Living History programs, please call 728-5225 or visit us online at [www.beauforthistoricsite.org](http://www.beauforthistoricsite.org).

### Volunteer Training at the Beaufort Historic Site

Volunteer opportunities abound at the Beaufort Historical Association, and there is something for every member of the family. All who are interested in sharing their time and skills are invited to attend the annual Volunteer Training Program, Thursday, March 13, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Beaufort Historic Site.

The one-day Volunteer Training Program offers an overview of every volunteer opportunity at the BHA. Whether you come once a year to demonstrate a 19th century craft or help with an enormous event like the Old Homes Tour, volunteer in the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery selling art or give tours of the Historic Site during the week, you would be a welcome addition to an ever-growing number of volunteers who assist with a wide variety of tasks.

Following a brief registration period, the trainees will tour five of the BHA's historic buildings and see how volunteer docents guide tours for the many visitors who come to the site. Next, the various educational programs will be discussed and volunteer opportunities at Harvest Time, Kindergarten Thanksgiving, the Living History series and school group tours will be shared.

Just before lunch, prospective volunteers will be treated to a tour on the 1967 English double-decker bus, giving them a chance to see the volunteer driver, narrator and conductor positions at work while enjoying a lively tour of Beaufort. At the end of the bus tour, the group will arrive at the Old Burying Ground, take a guided stroll through this landmark and observe the tour guide in action.

A catered lunch will be provided, during which prospective volunteers will have the opportunity to meet the BHA staff, hear about volunteer needs in the office, the welcome center and the Mattie King Davis Art Gallery and have a chance to ask questions about the vital role volunteers play in the daily functions of the BHA.

New and returning volunteers are invited to learn about this area's colorful history while finding the perfect volunteer opportunity at this training event. This one-day training program serves as an overview of the abundant opportunities available; and once a specific area of interest is selected, new volunteers will receive more in-depth training in their chosen field.

Due to limited space, those interested in participating are asked to register in advance and confirm the date and time by calling the Beaufort Historical Association at 728-5225, by stopping by the welcome center at 130 Turner Street in Beaufort or by visiting [www.beauforthistoricsite.org](http://www.beauforthistoricsite.org).

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