

Events Calendar

For a list of ongoing activities and events offered at our major attractions, please contact them directly or go to crystalcoastnc.org/events.

- Beaufort Historic Site, 728-5225
- Cape Lookout National Seashore, 728-2250
- Core Sound Waterfowl Museum, 728-1500
- Fort Macon State Park, 726-3775
- History Museum of Carteret County, 247-7533
- North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores, 247-4003
- North Carolina Maritime Museum, 728-7317

The Croatan Group of the Sierra Club. March 8, April 12, 6:30-8 p.m., at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Morehead City. All are welcome. Please contact CroatanGroupSierraClub@gmail.com or visit croatangroup.wordpress.com prior to the meeting to be sure that there are no changes.

25th Annual Emerald Isle St. Patrick's Festival. March 12, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., at the Emerald Plantation shopping center in Emerald Isle. Admission and parking are free for the festival. This year's event will feature over 75 arts and crafts vendors, amusements, a climbing wall, face painters and more family-oriented activities. This year's festival is sponsored by Transportation Impact.

Carteret Antiques and Collectibles Club. March 16, 11:30 a.m., at Circa 81 in the Carteret Village shopping center, 4650 Arendell Street in Morehead City. Attendees will enjoy a Dutch-treat lunch, and the club will recognize its 30th anniversary. Following lunch, the group will tour Seahorse Cove Antiques in the same shopping center, and enjoy Shirley Schaeffler's presentation, "Glass." Visitors are welcome.

Carteret Community Foundation 2016 International Film Series. March 18, April 29. Dinner/movie option or movie only. A cash bar opens at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 at the Crystal Coast Civic Center. The movie starts at 8 p.m. in Joslyn Hall. Movie only is shown at 6 p.m. at Joslyn Hall. Reservations are required for the dinner and movie option, and tickets sell out quickly. Call Tiffany Taylor at 222-6056 for reservations. Individual dinner/movie tickets are \$40 per person. There is no charge for the movie-only option, but a \$5 donation is suggested. Visit carteret.edu/foundation for movie information.

Get Hooked Fishing School. March 19, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (check-in is at 7:30 a.m.), at the NC Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores. Participants will hear experts in a variety of techniques present workshops throughout the day. Four sessions of instruction, plus drawings, giveaways and a catered lunch are included. Advance registration is required. Call 247-4003, ext. 257, for more information or to register. \$60 for non-members, \$54 for members.

Carteret Community College 2016 Escoffier Dinner Series. March 22, featuring Chef Anthony Garnett of the Coral Bay Club, 6 p.m. at the Crystal Coast Civic Center. Escoffier luncheon on April 14 at noon. Proceeds from these events help send culinary students to France. Dinners are \$60 individually, and the lunch is \$30. Contact Tiffany Taylor at 222-6056 or [taylor@carteret.edu](mailto:taylor@taylor@carteret.edu) for tickets.

Pine Knoll Shores Easter Egg Hunt. March 26, 10 a.m., at Garner Park. Children 12 and under are invited to bring their own basket and enjoy a fun time with friends and neighbors.

Bites and Blues. April 2, 5-8:30 p.m., on the Morehead City Waterfront. Try samples from participating restaurants while enjoying the sounds of blues music. A portion of the proceeds benefits the Carteret Community College Culinary Arts Program. Tickets are available at 412-D Evans Street in Morehead City or by calling 726-6273.

Carteret Arts Forum Program. April 7, 10:30 a.m., at the Elks Lodge, 400 Miller Farm Road, Morehead City. Author Robert O'Connell will discuss his book *Fierce Patriot*. Visit carteretartsforum.com for details. Tickets are available at the website or at the door.

PINE KNOLL SHORES

Women's Club

By Michelle Powers

She was described as a woman of contrasts and a New York City socialite who hobnobbed with European royalty and challenged Salter Path fishermen. She was raised in luxury, yet she yearned for the "primitive life." She traveled around the world in sumptuous style but preferred the remote wilderness of Bogue Banks. Who was this woman who so captures our imagination and who plays such a prominent role in our life today in Pine Knoll Shores?

Heiress Alice Green Hoffman purchased 2,000 acres on Bogue Banks in 1917 and changed the traditional way of life for the local inhabitants, setting in motion the eventual birth of a new Carteret County town—Pine Knoll Shores.

At January's meeting of the Pine Knoll Shores Women's Club, local author Kathleen Guthrie of Salter Path shared her unique perspective of Alice Hoffman as presented in her recently published book *Alice Hoffman, Queen of Bogue Banks*. The book is an adaptation of Ms. Guthrie's 1994 ECU master's thesis, which relied on prodigious research of primary sources, including 44 boxes of letters, bills, legal documents and memorabilia housed at ECU's Joyner Library as well as first-hand accounts from Carteret County residents who knew Ms. Hoffman during the time she lived on Bogue Banks from 1938-1953.

Alice Hoffman's story is a complex one, filled with contradiction, intrigue, legal battles, bankruptcies, recklessness and adventure. Ms. Guthrie's book views Alice in the context of the impact she had on the local inhabitants of Bogue Banks and the clash of cultures that occurred. Women's Club members were fascinated by this account of an important figure in Pine Knoll Shores history from an author whose family and friends grappled with the changes that Ms. Hoffman brought to their community. Ms. Guthrie's book is available at local booksellers, the History Museum of Carteret County or by contacting the author at 247-3536.

Ms. Guthrie's talk creates an excellent backdrop to the March 15 opening of a new exhibit at the History Museum entitled "Beach Town in a Forest—The Story of Pine Knoll Shores." The exhibit is a collaboration between the Carteret County Historical Society and the Pine Knoll Shores History Committee, and includes a section on Alice Hoffman and her prominent role in the town's development. Further reading about Ms. Hoffman can be found on the History Committee's blog at pineknollhistory.blogspot.com, which includes a series of articles on specific aspects of Alice Hoffman's life and times.

A short business meeting followed the presentation. Club members were reminded of upcoming special events and Special Interest Group activities, including Cook's Night Out, Supper Club and the three Women's Club-sponsored book clubs. New members are encouraged to consider participating in the special interest groups, as they provide an excellent way to meet new people and become more involved in the community.

The March 18 meeting of the club will feature a presentation by club member Susan Toms entitled "Insights into Family, Culture and Love." Meetings are held at the Pine Knoll Shores town hall, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Guests are always welcome.

American Music Festival Presentation. April 9, 8 p.m., at the History Museum of Carteret County, 1008 Arendell Street in Morehead City. Featuring Grammy Award-nominated Enso String Quartet. Visit americanmusicfestival.org or call 728-6152 for details.

Senior Life Expo. May 6, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Leon Mann Jr. Senior Center, 3820 Galantis Drive in Morehead City. Save the date for this once-a-year event which brings county-wide resources for older adults under one roof. Meet with local government representatives, private companies and non-profit organization to learn about services and programs available in Carteret County. There will also be seminars, demonstrations and door prizes throughout the event. For more information, contact Carol Neglic at 247-2626.