



**VOLUNTEER MARY MAC HOLCOLME** captivates youngsters' interest with her explanation of why sharks always keep a fresh set of dental work.



**I'm just out of breath. I'll be fine in a minute.**

**It's stress, that's all. I just need to relax.**

**It's just indigestion. It'll go away.**

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Ignoring the symptoms of a heart attack -- chest pain, shortness of breath and weakness -- won't make them go away. In fact, time wasted on making excuses for what's "probably" wrong could be precious, life-saving minutes.

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Making excuses for chest pain puts the odds against you. Don't bet your life.

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## Art Loft Is Coming Soon To Ocean Isle Coastal Museum

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who worked with Louise Ingram to establish the loft. "Not necessarily nautical, but coastal. We'll have some tobacco barn prints, for example."

For now at least, the loft is accepting only wall-hung prints, which will be available for sale unframed at the gift shop downstairs. Space and supervision limitations make it impossible to accept three-dimensional work or to offer framed art for sale, said Adams, but that could change in the future.

As many as eight artists may have work on display initially, with the option of more, depending upon space available and the type of prints submitted for consideration.

"We realize we may have left someone out," said Adams. "It's a growing thing that will evolve over time."

Any local professional artist interested in having his or her prints included should contact Ingram or Adams. The museum receives a commission on each sale.

Starting in June, the museum will extend its hours for the summer to 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. except 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. It will also offer evening hours for the first time since its opening in spring 1991. Evening hours will be 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursdays during June, July and August.

Also in the works for summer are storytelling activities for children.

Also coming soon, or so Stuart Ingram hopes, are an American Indian exhibit, a Green Swamp diorama, a bird room, freshwater fish

## Want To Visit?

Planning a trip to the Museum of Coastal Carolina?

You'll find it on the island at Ocean Isle Beach, at the corner of Third and Laurinburg streets.

Through May 31, hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Sundays. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children age 12 and under. Bargain books of tickets are available for \$25.

Groups of any kind can book a tour or plan to hold a meeting at the museum; school groups are admitted at no charge. For more information call Martha Benton, volunteer coordinator, at 579-6995 or 579-1016.

exhibit, and a small auditorium.

Touring a partially-completed major space addition to the facility, Ingram's eagerness to keep the museum moving forward is evident. "If the funding we need were available now," he said, "we could have this thing open—I'll say in six weeks. We could go borrow the money, but it is our policy to operate debt-free, so it's not done yet."

Instead, work is proceeding slowly but steadily in \$1,000 increments. As soon as that much cash accumulates, the museum already has a project ready and waiting to be completed.

Meanwhile, the Museum of Coastal Carolina at Ocean Isle Beach still offers plenty to see and do, for visitors to the area and locals alike.

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