



Arts & Entertainment

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Briefly...

Literary and art journal celebrates publication

"Atlantis," the student-produced literary and art journal will hold an event at Bristol Books tonight from 6 to 8 p.m. This celebration of the 2001 publication will feature readings by a guest writer and student writers whose works appear in the journal. During the event, the creative writing department will present the Jesse Rehder Prose Award and the Sam Ragan Poetry Award. The "Atlantis" is a collection of previously unpublished works of art, photography, poetry and prose submitted by UNC Wilmington students.

Brubeck Brothers to appear with WSO

On Saturday, the Wilmington Symphony Orchestra (WSO) will present its finale performance of the 2000-2001 season in Kenan Auditorium at 8 p.m. Special guest artists Dan Brubeck on drums and Chris Brubeck on bass will perform their father David Brubeck's composition, "Elementals," with soloist John Salton on piano and Frank Bongiorno on alto saxophone. Tickets for the show are available from the Kenan Auditorium Ticket Office at 962-3500 and are \$4 for students and \$16 for general admission.

Students to perform opera scenes

University voice students will perform scenes from various operas and operettas at 8 p.m. tonight in Kenan Auditorium. The concert will feature pieces from "Dido and Aeneas," "Die Fledermaus," "Carmen," "Magic Flute," "Mikado," "Hansel and Gretel," "Cosi fan tutte" and "Tales of Hoffman." Admission is free.

Brawdeville players perform this weekend

Women in Performance Art will present "We've Got Issues" this Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. at City Stage, 21 N. Front Street. Tickets are available for \$5 and can be reserved by calling the box office at 342-0272.

Education, entertainment good mix for Earth Day

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Environmental education and awareness were the primary functions for the Earth Day celebration at Hugh MacRae Park last Saturday.

Environmental groups and their affiliates came early to set up booths and displays before the crowds arrived for the celebration. Plenty of sunshine and warm weather brought many into the park for an educational experience under the sun.

This is the second year in a row that the Earth Day celebration took place in the park. The park seems to be the ideal location because people could relax in the grass, while listening to the sounds of live bands.

The Earth Day celebration many have enjoyed for the past two years is sponsored by the Earth Day Alliance.

"The celebration is a representation of over forty non-profit organizations who come together to sponsor educational events," said Della Dennis, who works for the City of Wilmington.

Many environmental organizations were



Lee Houghton/The Observer

Hugh MacRae Park was the site for the Earth Day Celebration held last Saturday.

present on Saturday to hand out brochures and answer question regarding their environmental projects. Among the many groups represented were the Cape Fear River Watch, Adventure Pathways and the Surfrider Foundation.

Medieval Festival offers fun history lesson

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Imagine being surrounded with images of knights clashing their swords and legal entrances to the tune of a bugle horn. The Medieval Festival at Poplar Grove Plantation is a perfect place to immerse oneself in the lifestyle and history of the Middle Ages.

The festival will be held this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The festival activities are sponsored by the Society for Creative Anachronism. This non-profit organization is devoted to recreating the Middle Ages through dress, sports, arts, literature, music and other social pastimes of the period. They strive to expose the public to the chivalric code of honor and the pageantry of the royal court.

"(The Society for Creative Anachronism) hopes to bring out the positive aspects of medieval society," said Wendy Bugboe, director of Public Relations for Poplar Grove Plantation.

Many of the recognizable figures from the Medieval Era will be represented at the plantation in realistic dress and activity. The knights, clad in authentic armor, will be in attendance for all to see. The tournament field on the plantation will be set up for sword fighting and fencing con-

tests. There will be strolling jesters to greet the visiting admirers with their magic tricks and balloons. Authentic music will accompany the event with harp, drum and pipe playing. Even the merchants set up for the festival will be in ancient dress.

Also available for tours during the festival will be Poplar Grove Plantation's feature attraction, the 1850 manor house. It was once owned by a successful farming family. There are craft demonstrations available, as well as a country store and restaurant. The grounds are also equipped with picnic areas to allow guests to enjoy the outdoors.

"The most rewarding thing for me is the people I meet and being able to share this history," said Nancy Kroeger, manager of the Poplar Grove Giftshop.

Animal lovers will appreciate this festival for its pony rides and petting zoo. Hayrides and a sheep shearing demonstration are also part of this festival.

Parents can treat their little ones to the Castle Balloon Bounce. Sheep rids and fencing tournaments should also prove to attract the attention of young children. Admission is \$5 and all proceeds go to Poplar Grove Plantation. For more information visit www.poplargrove.com.



Courtesy of Poplar Grove Plantation

The Medieval Festival has been held annually at Poplar Grove Plantation for more than ten years.

Although these groups target specific, yet different areas of the environment, they all exist to promote preservation through education.

Education and entertainment were equally represented at the celebration. Several live bands played during the celebration that was free to the public. Some of the bands and musicians were local artists and included singer/songwriter Nikki Talley.

"I just recently moved to Asheville from Wilmington but I keep coming back to play gigs. I like the crowds here, they know my music," Talley said.

All day long and into the early evening hours, people came into the park to enjoy this free celebration of music and environmental education.

The incorporation of music and education seemed to be a success at the end of the second annual Earth Day celebration at Hugh MacRae Park.