

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

Fort Macon Musket Firing Demonstration. February 5, 12, 19, 26; 10 a.m. Learn about a Civil War-era musket's history, loading procedures and firing. Meet at the fort. Future dates: March 4, 11, 18, 25; April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Fort Macon Bird Hike. February 10, 9 a.m. Meet at the visitor center and take a leisurely hike to identify birds native to the area. Future dates: March 9, April 13, May 11

Merry Time for Tots. February 12, 10-11 a.m., at the NC Maritime Museum in Beaufort. Preschoolers and their caregivers are invited to take a look at a different nautical topic each month. Free. Register at 504-7758.

Monthly Poetry Class. February 12, 11 a.m., at St. Francis by the Sea Episcopal Church at 920 Salter Path Road in Salter Path. Classes are held once a month on Wednesdays and are designed for anyone who has wondered about poetry, how to read it and how it relates to our lives. Four to six sessions will be dedicated to each poet. Classes are free, and all are welcome. Please contact the parish office at 240-2388 for more information (including when new classes begin).

Down East Folk Arts Society Concerts. Aaron Burdette, February 13, 6:30-8 p.m., at Clawson's 1905 Restaurant on Front Street in Beaufort and February 14, 7-8:30 p.m., at St. Francis by the Sea Episcopal Church at 920 Salter Path Road in Salter Path; Wes Collins, March 12, 6:30-8 p.m., at Clawson's Restaurant and March 13, 7-8:30 p.m., at St. Francis by the Sea Episcopal Church. Concerts are free, but donations will be accepted for the performers.

30th Annual Art From the Heart. February 14-March 5. Artist registration for this show will be Friday and Saturday, February 7 and 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, February 9, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. This event will be held in Morehead Plaza in Morehead City, between Tractor Supply Co. and Big Lots. For more information, including the calendar of events, visit artscouncilcarteret.org. Sponsored by the Arts Council of Carteret County.

Missoula Children's Theatre Auditions for "The Emperor's New Clothes." February 17, 1:30-3:30 p.m., at West Carteret High School in Morehead City. Children K-8th grade are welcome to audition. Following auditions, rehearsals will be held in the afternoons through the week with a performance on Saturday, February 22. Call 252-726-1501 or visit CarteretCommunityTheatre.com for more information.

Community Lunch. February 18, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at St. Francis by the Sea Episcopal Church in Salter Path. All are invited to a free lunch and a time of friendship and fellowship on the third Tuesday of each month. Please contact the parish office at 240-2388 for more information.

The Coastal Antiques and Collectibles Club. February 19, noon, at Clawson's 1905 Restaurant on Front Street in Beaufort. Following a Dutch-treat lunch, Jerry Talton, vice president of the Core Sound Decoy Carver's Guild, will speak about Shorebird Decoys from Carteret County. A business meeting will follow Mr. Talton's presentation. Visitors are always welcome.

Natural Side of Fort Macon Hike. February 20, 10 a.m. Meet at the visitor center. The hike will cover both trail and beach. Future date: March 19, April 16

Astronomy at Fort Macon. February 21, 6 p.m. Meet at the bathhouse to view space through a telescope. Future date: March 13

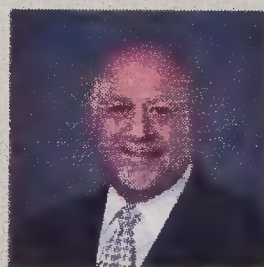
Escoffier Chef Dinner Series. February 25 (Chef Anthony Garnett) and March 24 (Chef Charles Park and Chef James Clarkson) at the Crystal Coast Civic Center. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; hors d'oeuvres until 6:30. Four-course French dinners are prepared by culinary students and top local chefs. Visit carteret.edu/foundation and click on Events to make a reservation.

29th Annual Emerald Isle St. Patrick's Festival. March 14, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., at the Emerald Plantation shopping center. This year's festival will feature over 75 arts and crafts vendors, food vendors, amusement rides, face painters and more. Admission and parking are free; presented by Transportation Impact.

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