



The Aquarium has been anxiously awaiting spring to get back outside! Tidal excursions, canoe outings, marsh and sound adventures, and trips to Cape Lookout and Hammock Beach are all on the April calendar. Now's the time for locals to take advantage of these exciting adventures and sign up before the tourists arrive and fill up all the spaces!

Other outdoor activities are in store, too. On April 14, Easter weekend, youngsters ages 4 to 6 can search the aquarium grounds to help Affie the alligator find her eggs. They'll also learn a bit about alligators, see a live alligator up close and make a craft souvenir to take home, Cost is \$4 and early registration is advised.

Don't be surprised on Saturday, April 21, if you see a fleet of runners zipping through town. That's when the Aquarium will stage its first Earth Day Fun Run. The run will begin at 9 a.m. and last until approximately 11:00 a.m. The course includes Roosevelt Dr., Pine Knoll Blvd., Ramsey and Arborvitae Drives, Ft. Macon Road, and Mimosa, Beechwood, Sycamore, Hawthorne, Oakleaf, and Loblolly Drives. A detailed map is available at the aquarium. For safety and convenience, local law enforcement has kindly agreed to assist with traffic. Consider signing on and trying your luck at winning some neat prizes.

Earth Day is April 22 and the Aquarium will celebrate the wonders of Mother Nature. Visitors will be admitted free and live animal programs, craft activities, games and other events will fill the day.

The Aquarium's spring calendar, listing all activities March through May, is now available. Stop by and pick up a copy, or call 247-4003 to request a calendar by mail. Aquarium activities are also available on our Web site at www.ncaquariums.com.



MEET YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS:

Mary Anne and Bill Hotham have just built and moved into their gorgeous home at 121 Oakleaf Drive. They moved here from Warminster, PA. Their friends, the Garrys, built their new home next door at 123 about one year ago but have only come down every so often. They will be retired the end of March and will become permanent neighbors then. They are from Buckingham, PA.

Mary Anne was born in Philadelphia and Bill was born in Willow Grove, PA. Bill was the maintenance foreman for Rohm & Haas in the Philadelphia area. Mary Anne worked for Semcore as a meeting planner. She is still doing consulting work for IMS Health in Plymouth Meeting, PA and Titan Systems in Havelock, NC out of an office in her home.

They have been coming down to Emerald Isle and Pine Knoll Shores about for the last 10 years with their friends Ron and Dot Manion. They enjoyed it so much that they decided to retire here.

They have three children. Donna is married to Ryan Shane and they live in Royersford, PA with their three children. Bill is married to Donna and they are living in Mechanicsburg, PA with their three children and one on the way. Jim is not married and lives in Montgomeryville, PA.

Bill was stationed in the Navy for a while at Duck, NC. He enjoys gardening, hunting and fishing and is learning to golf. Mary Anne enjoys reading, walking and travel. She is also learning to golf.

They have traveled extensively in Europe loving every minute.

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Quotes:

"It does not always pay to have a golden tongue unless one has the ability to hold it."

—Paul Johnson

"A closed mouth gathers no feet."

—Anon.