

Aquarium Posts Winter Schedule



Progress on the new Aquarium is moving along on schedule. There's lots of concrete, rebar and conduit on the construction site, with the focus being on building the forms that shape and support the new 306,000-gallon "Living Shipwreck" tank, the 50,000-gallon "Queen Anne's Revenge" tank, and the 32-foot waterfall.

Because so much new infrastructure is required, it will be a while before the actual walls of the building begin to go up. In the meantime, the aquarium is operating from its offsite location in Atlantic Station Shopping Center and offering winter programs and activities.

"Sea Squirts," one-hour classes designed to introduce four and five-year-olds to marine life, is set for Dec. 7 and 14. "Guest Chef's Succulent Seafood," spotlighting area chefs demonstrating the use of local species to create tantalizing seafood dishes, is scheduled Dec. 9. "Christmas Craft Week," featuring how-tos for nautical wreaths, sea shell ornaments, fish printing, seaweed marbling and nautical giftwrap, is planned for the week of Dec. 13. These activities require advance registration and a fee. To register or for more information, call the aquarium at 247-4003.

The nuts and bolts – or more aptly the silicone and fiberglass – of the work at the aquarium's offsite location involves the entire staff. With the help of the education and maintenance staffs, husbandry has completed assembly of two 8,000-gallon holding tanks for schooling fish, and is working on a 30,000-gallon holding tank for large specimens such as sharks and rays. They're

also collecting specimens for new exhibits. Numerous 300-500 gallon holding tanks now house bass, shiners, darters, yellow perch and other freshwater specimens. Black sea bass, pompano, sheepshead, jacks and other salt-water fish are in separate holding tanks, as are freshwater turtles, sea turtles and alligators. The aquarium's snake collection has its own enclosed, humidity-controlled room. Other aquarium staff members are working to research, design and review information for the many new exhibits and develop new program, activity and event ideas for the newly expanded facility.

The aquarium's winter/spring calendar of limited activities and events will be coming out soon. For updates on aquarium expansion, or for current program listings, visit www.ncaquariums.com.



Around Town...
with **Linda Stauch**

C-TV 10 - Community Television

Mondays at 4:30pm
Wednesdays at 8:00pm
Fridays at 10:00pm
Sundays at 9:00am

FOX - TV 8
Saturdays at 7:30am

The Topic for DECEMBER:
"A Season of Music:
The New Bern String Quartet"

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DECEMBER

By Gail Halada

Delightful Decorating for the season of December.
Eloquent Entertaining, Enjoying Mother and Brother.
Christmas Charm and Caroling and Cards, lots to remember.
Epiphany moments End the year like no other.
Melodic Music resounds the Manger, waiting for the
Birth of Jesus—and Believing in the Divine.
Enthusiasm and Excitement; we welcome the stranger.
Rejoicing; Reaching out; Remembering the sublime.

May the joys of Christmas be yours to behold!

CHS Holiday Dinner Theater Tickets on Sale Now

The choral and drama departments of Croatan High School will be performing The Search for Santa.

The White Oak Church of God (on Hwy 24 across from the Bogue airfield) will host the dinner theater shows on Monday, December 13th and Tuesday night the 14th starting at 6:30pm. Menu choices are either a stuffed chicken breast or roast beef entrée. Tickets for the performances traditionally sell out early, so call 393-7022 for more information or to purchase tickets.

Early Islander Dinner Specials

All Entrees Served with House Salad
OR Soup Du Jour. Coffee or Iced Tea
and Chef's Dessert Selection.

New York Strip Steak
A 6 oz. Choice Angus Cut, Char Grilled to your liking.

Liver & Onions
Pan Seared Calf's Liver Smothered with Sherried Onions.

Pork Chops
2 Four oz. Iowa Chops, Char Grilled & Topped with Fried Onions.

Sweet & Sour Chicken
A 6 oz. Boneless, Skinless, Grilled Chicken Breast with Savory Sweet & Sour.

Atlantic Salmon
A 6 oz. Cut Hand Fileted, Marinated & Pan Seared.

(formerly Paradise Restaurant)
Sunday - Thursday
5:00 - 7:00 PM

Shades Salisbury Steak
7 oz. Chopped Steak, Char Broiled & Served with Gravy & Fried Onions.

Fried Catfish
Pond Raised, Cornmeal Breaded & Golden Fried, Served with Hushpuppies.

Carolina BBO
Pulled Pork, Slow Roasted, Smoked & Vinegar Sauced with Hushpuppies.

Fried Chicken Livers
Fresh, Breaded in Seasoned Flour & Fried Golden.
PRICED FROM \$5.50 - \$7.50
All above served w/ your choice of Cole Slaw or Chef's Vegetable & Your Choice of Baked Potato, French Fries, Rice Pilaf or Garlic Mashed Potatoes.

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