

North Carolina's Crystal Coast - Events Calendar Events for March 1, 2009 thru March 31, 2009

3/1 – 3/16 Emerald Isle Youth Tennis Clinics The Emerald Isle Parks and Recreation Department will be offering a Winter Youth Tennis Clinic. The clinic will take place at the Emerald Isle Community Center on Mondays from 4-5:00pm, February 2-March 16, 2009. The six week session will be \$70 for ages 7-13. All levels are welcome. Registration is limited to 6 students. Must register by January 30, 2009. Forms can be picked up at the Community Center or downloaded at www.emeraldisle-nc.org/eiprd. For more information, please contact Brittany Wood, Recreation Coordinator, Emerald Isle Parks and Recreation, 252.354.6350 or bwood@emeraldisle-nc.org.

3/Behind The Scenes: The Aquarium at a Glance

3/5 Picnic Paddle-Canoe the Roosevelt Natural Area. Location: NC Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores- every Thursday in March Bring a picnic and enjoy a leisurely canoe trek to explore the mysteries of the salt marsh. Ages 6 and up; paddlers 12 and up. \$20 These programs repeat weekly. Advance registration is required. Call 252-247-4003 for more information or to register.

3/5 Dinner With The Critters 6-7:30 pm at the NC Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores, every Thursday in March Enjoy pizza, learn about animal care and see what it's like to feed the animals in the invertebrate touch pool. Ages 5 and up. \$15 These programs repeat weekly. Advance registration is required. Call 252-247-4003 for more information or to register.

3/6, 3/7, 3/8 Coastal Home & Garden Show Crystal Coast Civic Center, 3505 Arendell Street, Morehead City, (252) 247-3883 In it's 21th year, the coastal Home & Garden Show has been an avenue for new homeowners, established homeowners and those who want to remodel or do-it-yourselfers. Over 65 exhibitors marketing their business and services all under one roof. Great opportunity for a business and a great opportunity for the community to see all services available.

3/6 and 3/13 Fort Macon Fort Tour 11:00 am Meet at the fort entrance for a guided tour of Fort Macon. Call 252-726-3775 for more information

3/7 Down East Folk Arts Society Concert Award Winning songwriter Claudia Russell will be appearing at Clawson's in Beaufort on Saturday, March 7. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$12 for members, and \$8 for students. For more information, see www.

downeastfolkarts.org or call 252-504-2787.

3/7 Kayaking the Natural Roosevelt Area 9:00 am - 12:00 noon at NC Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores- every Saturday in March Explore tidal flats and quiet backwaters as you become aware of the intricate web of life thriving in this pristine natural environment. The Aquarium provides the kayaks. Ages 12 and up. \$20 These programs repeat weekly. Advance registration is required. Call 252-247-4003 for more information or to register.

3/7 Aquarium ABC's 10-11:00 am at the NC Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores- every Saturday in March Preschoolers spend an hour learning about aquatic species with live animals, crafts to bring home, storytelling and videos. Ages 3-5.\$8 These programs repeat weekly. Advance registration is required. Call 252-247-4003 for more information or to register.

3/7 Critter Class 1-2:30 pm NC Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores- every Saturday in March Creative art projects, games, videos and live animals introduce young children to marine life. Ages 6-8. \$8 These programs repeat weekly. Advance registration is required. Call 252-247-4003 for more information or to register.

3/8 Barrier Island Exploration NC Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores- every Sat in March Trek the maritime forest, the salt marsh and the shallow waters of Bogue Sound to learn about the fascinating creatures that live in these vital habitats. Ages 8 and up. \$10 These programs repeat weekly. Advance registration is required. Call 252-247-4003 for more information or to register.

3/8 Behind the Scenes: Aquarium Close Encounters 2-3:30 pm NC Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores Visit labs and holding areas, help with food preparation and feed the animals in this thorough behind-the-scenes adventure that includes an overhead view of the Living Shipwreck. Ages 8 and up. \$12 These programs repeat weekly. Advance registration is required. Call 252-247-4003 for more information or to register.

3/13 and 3/27 "Lunch with a Dash of History" The popular "Lunch with a Dash of History" series with storyteller Rodney Kemp is held at noon on Fridays at the History Place, 1008 Arendell Street, in downtown Morehead City. Tickets are \$10 for lunch and only \$4 without lunch. Reservations must be made and tickets paid for before Wednesday prior to each lecture by calling 252-247-7533 ext. 106, or stop by the

Museum Store. All of Rodney Kemp's past lectures are available on DVD in the Museum Store for \$8.95 each. Contact the History Place for more information 252-247-7533 or history place@starfishnet.com

3/14 17th Annual Emerald Isle St. Patrick's Day Celebration Emerald Plantation Shopping Center, 8700 N.C. Hwy. 58, Emerald Isle (252) 354-6350 A great day full of fun and games for the entire family, the event includes corned beef and cabbage, traditional beverages and music. Green is plentiful when it comes to attire and decorations. Sponsored by the Emerald Isle Parks and Recreation Department, the festival supports local craftspeople and civic organizations. It's free and loads of fun for the entire family. Event Times: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

3/14 Emerald Isle St. Patrick's 8K Road Race It's not too late to register for the Emerald Isle St. Patrick's 8K Road Race! T-shirts are awarded to the first 100 registrants, and we have more to give away. The race begins at 8:00am at the Eastern Ocean Regional Access at 2701 Emerald Drive. Registration forms and information about the race are available online at www.emeraldisle-nc.org or by contacting Brittany Wood at 252.354.6350 or bwood@emeraldisle-nc.org. Registration and packet pick-up for the race will begin at 6:45am at the access and will end promptly at 7:30am. Fees for the race are \$15 before March 10th and \$20 thereafter. Please make checks payable to St. Patrick's Festival. Contact Brittany Wood for more information, bwood@emeraldisle-nc.org or 252-354-6350.

3/21 N.C. Seafood Festival- Funfest Crystal Coast Civic Center, Morehead City Great music, great food and great people join to have the best fundraiser of the year for the renound NCSeafood Festival held the first weekend in October.Call 252-726-6273 for more information

3/21 Slavery Story Quilt at the Beaufort Historic Site 2:00 pm Beaufort Historic Site, 100 block Turner Street To celebrate the history of the local African American community, the Beaufort Historic Site is hosting a special living history program in the historic Carteret County Courthouse of 1796 on their grounds. The program will include an American Slavery Story Quilt presentation, music by the Inspired Voices and a special presentation by Nannie Haley, wife of "ROOTS" author Alex Haley. For more information and for the full BHA Living History events calendar, call 252-728-5225 or visit the website www.beauforthistoricsite.org.

3/22 Tea With Emeline- Kid's Program The History Place, Morehead City Learn about Carteret County's infamous woman spy. Crafts too. Call 252-247-7533 X 101 for more information

3/25 Digital Scrapbooking Workshop 7:00 pm Interested in learning more about digital scrapbooking? Emerald Isle Parks & Recreation will sponsor a free digital scrapbooking workshop on Wednesday, March 25th at 7pm withinstructor David Sabotta. The workshop will provide a broad view of how to get photographs

and slides from the shoebox to a CD-ROM, DVD, or the web. Each participant is welcome to bring a photo. Additionally, there will be a discussion of digital cameras, movie cameras and printers for digital photographs. A short movie of the participants' photos will be made. Each participant will leave with a DVD that has copies of some simple movies and slides shows including the Emerald Isle Holiday Parade. Participants will learn about Flickr, Picasa and a number of other programs and by the end of the hour should understand the options for preserving their photos digitally. To register, contact Laura Lee Davis at 252-354-6350 or ldavis@emeraldisle-nc.org. Class size it limited to 12 persons. Workshop takes place at Emerald Isle Parks and Recreation Community Center, 7500 Emerald Drive, Emerald Isle.

3/28 American Music Festival Concert Series The History Place, Morehead City 252-247-7533 Alexander String Quartet Program Highlights: Quartet, 1: Music of Haydn, Mozart, Brahms

3/28 and 3/29 Crystal Coast Wedding Salon Sheraton Atlantic Beach The Crystal Coast Wedding Salon is North Carolina's Crystal Coast premier wedding showcase, featuring sophisticated products and services for the destination bride and groom. Meet outstanding area wedding vendors, including caterers, coordinators, photographers, floral designers, and more in a relaxed reception setting. Take a chauffeured limousine tour of the area's best wedding venues, from historic sites to palatial vacation homes. And enjoy lots of fun, food, prizes, and more all weekend. Tickets and registration available online or by calling 800-624-8875 x7126. Contact: Amy Andreola brides@ crystalcoastweddingsalon.com

3/28 and 3/29 Carteret County Showcase of Homes Sat-9 am-12 noon & 1-4 pm, Sun-1-4 pm The Carteret County Association of REALTORS is hosting the 2nd Annual Showcase of Homes on March 28th and 29th. Information on featured homes is available on the website, www.crystalcoastshowcaseofhomes.com or contact Brenda Roney, BrendaRoney@ccrealtors.org

3/28 Creative Watermedia Workshop with Georgia Mason 9:30 am - 4:00 pm Have fun exploring new approaches to painting while tapping into your creative spirit. Putting aside preconceived ideas and subject matter, you will experiment using different types of paper and varied techniques for fresh and loose paintings. The emphasis will be on creativity, spontaneity and paint play in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Some painting experience is helpful, in either watercolor or acrylics. Materials will include watercolors, acrylics, ink, watercolor crayons, gesso, and paper such as watercolor paper and Yupo paper. Workshop fee is \$85 and a \$25 deposit is required. Space is limited. To register, contact Georgia Mason at 252.354.5020 or bluecrab@ec.rr.com. Workshop takes place at Emerald Isle Parks & Recreation Community Center, 7500 Emerald Drive, Emerald Isle.