

AREA BRIEFS

St. Francis by the Sea Episcopal Church Gallery.

The gallery's March show will feature metal sculpture by Dennis Chapman as well as collage and acrylics by Tim Bradford. Thirty percent of the proceeds from the sale of their artwork will benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of Coastal Carolina. The reception will be Friday March 4, from 5-7 p.m. All are welcome free of charge. The gallery is also open Monday-Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Sundays before and after the 10 a.m. service. (Regularly, on the first Friday of each month, St. Francis by the Sea celebrates a new art show with an opening reception from 5 to 7 p.m.)

Spring Comes Early. March 4 to 6, the Crystal Coast Civic Center of Morehead City features the 23rd Coastal Home & Garden Show. The show opens at 4 p.m. and closes at 8 p.m. on Friday. Saturday hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$3 both days. On Sunday, the hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at no cost to U.S. military families. This show is designed for homeowners in all stages of remodeling, landscaping and decorating. There will be more than 60 exhibitors with merchandise, samples of interior and exterior products and services, beautiful ideas for landscaping. There will be new products, expert advice from the pros and demonstrations. You will have the opportunity to bid to own toward your favorite custom

designed doghouses built by students from local high schools (proceeds going to P.A.W.S.), and there is a chance to win fabulous services throughout the week-end. In addition, on Friday and Saturday, Discovery Channel's #1 Reality Show "Swamp Loggers" crew will be here in person. For information call 247-3883 or visit www.crystalcoastcivicctr.com.

Looking for Spring? It's at the Carolina Artist Studio Gallery at 800 Evans Street, Morehead City. Break out of the winter doldrums and see Spring unfolding through the eyes of up to 25 member artists working in oils, watercolor, metals, pottery, etc. Each will provide a fresh and unique interpretation of the long awaited, season and it is all new work. Make this a special outing by meeting the artists at the opening night reception on March 4 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Irish Music Session. The Trent River Coffee Company in New Bern is the site for the Tuesday March 8 informal session of Irish traditional music. The session tradition is a vital part of the Irish musical tradition. You never know exactly who will be there or which tune will be played on a given evening. The New Bern session that has been held monthly since 1998 usually includes such instruments as button accordion, fiddle, guitar and flute. The repertoire includes Irish

jigs, reels, hornpipes and songs. Audience members are welcome to sing along and sit in. This month a slow-play session will be offered for beginners at 7 p.m. followed by the regular session at about 7:40 p.m. Trent Ricer Coffee Company is at 208 Craven Street. The music starts about 7 p.m. and the venue will close at 9 p.m. There is no door charge though donations for the musicians are always welcome. Call 514-2030 for more information.

Entering the White Profession. On Wednesday March 9 the New Bern Historical Society and the North Carolina Humanities Council is sponsoring a Lunch and Learn session at New Bern's Chelsea Restaurant beginning at 11:30 a.m. Dr. Todd Savitt of East Carolina University will present the story of Black physicians in the turn-of-the-century. Prepaid reservations are required. Tickets are \$15 for members and \$17 for non-members.

Return of the Global Village Garage Band. The Interfaith Refugee Ministry (IRM) is hosting its second annual "Share the Journey—Introducing Refugees and Their Stories" at Garber United Methodist Church on March 12 beginning at 1 p.m. The program includes colorful and exciting entertainment by the refugees, educational demonstration, personal conversations

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Discovery Channel's #1 show, Swamp Loggers will be making their special appearance on Saturday.

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March 4 thru 6, 2011

Friday March 4 : 4pm to 8pm
Saturday March 5 : 10am to 5pm
Sunday March 6 : 11am to 3pm

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