



Clara Freeman, Dane Freeman, and Sara Beck Pruitt.

Following judging, awards in all categories will be announced. From 7 - 8 p.m. on Friday evening there will be a reception with light refreshments for judges, entrants, Pine Knoll Shores elected officials and Garden Club members as well as members of the press. On Saturday the public is invited to view the show from 9:30 - 3:30 p.m. Attendees may vote for a special People's Choice Award on Friday and Saturday until 3:15 p.m. The award winner will be announced Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

After the show, award winning birdhouses will be displayed at various sites around town. Contestants who wish to donate their creations to the town are encouraged to do so. Donated birdhouses will be used for fundraising purposes or mounted at various sites around town. If planning to donate for outdoor use, make sure your birdhouse is weatherproof and fully functional.

Reminder: The contest rules and category choices will be listed on flyers and entry forms at the town hall and the Bogue Banks Library. If you have any questions, please contact JoAnn Shallcross 247-6356 or [jshall@msn.com](mailto:jshall@msn.com) or Gini Stambaugh 726-9043 or [dstambaugh@ec.rr.com](mailto:dstambaugh@ec.rr.com).



## Don't Forget April 30!

This year the Tree City Fair will take place on Saturday April 30, from noon to 5 p.m. at Veterans' Park behind town hall. If you have any questions, please contact Martha Edwards at [edwardsmartha@hotmail.com](mailto:edwardsmartha@hotmail.com) or call 726-7429.



## VIPS Program

By Bill Matthias

The Atlantic Beach-Pine Knoll Shores Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS) pro-

gram provides an opportunity for citizens who wish to volunteer their time and skills with the Pine Knoll Shores Public Safety Department and/or the Atlantic Beach Police Department. Incorporating volunteers into a law enforcement environment allows the departments to achieve the best possible public safety service, beyond what a department's budget can provide.

Citizens belong to one VIPS team but can volunteer for either or both towns. Volunteers can help with administrative work, patrolling, traffic control, residential and business checks, beach checks and in any fashion they feel they can assist. Currently in Pine Knoll Shores, VIPS volunteers assist with administrative duties and residential checks. All volunteers must go through a background check and training for their particular duties. So when you see the VIPS vehicle driving through town, stop and wave; it's one of your neighbors helping keep the town safe and secure.

For citizens interested in donating volunteer time with the Pine Knoll Shores Public Safety Department, there are volunteer positions open in VIPS, the Fire Corps, CERT and firefighting. Just give Pat Forbes a call at 247-2268 or e-mail at [pforbes@townofpks.com](mailto:pforbes@townofpks.com).



The Red Hat Ladies of Pine Knoll Shores met for a delightful lunch at Carlton's Restaurant at the Ocean Club in Indian Beach on Saturday, February 26, 2011. For more information about the PKS Red Hat Ladies, please call Pauly Brown at 247-2959.