

AREA BRIEFS

Asian Games Club of New Bern. Sunday May 1, beginning at 2:30 p.m., at Trent River Coffee House, the featured game will be Shogi (Japanese Chess). As usual the game will be taught and English instructions will be distributed. Participants are free to bring other games they wish to play. There is No sign-up, no dues—just come and play. The Trent River Coffee House is located at 208 Craven Street, New Bern. For information, call TRCC at 514-2030 or Simon Spalding at 636-1256.

The Lusty Month of May. Come celebrate with the Craven Consort, at Trent River Coffee Company, on Thursday May 5, at 7:30 p.m. Music, both old and new, played and sung by the Craven Consort featuring Roger Bennett, Anne Courtney, Simon Spalding, Sara Spalding and Bob Hollatschak from Back to the Blues, with the emphasis on music that's fun to play and fun to listen to. Instruments include recorders, flute, violin and cello. Trent River Coffee Company is at 208 Craven Street in New Bern. The music begins at 7:30 p.m., and tickets are \$5, available at the door. Call 514-2030, for more information.

Irish Music Session. There will be an informal session of Irish traditional music at Trent River Coffee Company, Tuesday evening May 10. The session tradition is a vital part of the Irish musical tradition. You never know exactly who will be there or which tunes will be played on a given evening. The New Bern session, which 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 River Coffee Company is at 208 Craven Street in New Bern. The music starts around 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.

Tenth Annual Art Market. Original art spanning a range of media will be available for preview and sale during the Craven Arts Council's Art Market on Tuesday May 10, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., at the Bank of the Arts in New Bern. The Art Market is a one-day opportunity to purchase artwork from all artists who have entered the 10th Annual Juried Show hosted by the Craven Arts Council & Gallery and the Twin Rivers Artists' Association. "We expect artists in virtually every art medium, including sculpture," says Executive Director Carol Tokarski. "Visitors can expect to see painting, pastel, drawing, pottery, photography, fiber, fine prints, weaving, basketry, graphics, wood, glass and

more." The Opening Reception and Awards Presentation will be on Friday May 13, during the New Bern ArtWalk. The winning artworks will continue on exhibit at the Bank of the Arts from May 13 through June 25.

Submission for Art Market. All artists 18 years or older may submit works for the show. Only original works not previously shown at the Craven Arts Council & Gallery within the past three years are eligible. One to three entries per artist may be delivered to the Gallery at 317 Middle Street in New Bern on Friday May 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. or Saturday May 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A prospectus with more information on the Art Market and Juried Show can be downloaded from www.cravenarts.org or is available by calling 252-638-2577 or by e-mail to cravenarts@cravenarts.org.

What Happened to the Lost Colony? The New Bern Historical Society will present Dr. David LaVere, who will provide his answer on May 11, at Chelsea Restaurant, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Prepaid reservations are required. Tickets are \$17 or \$15 for society members. This event is sponsored by the North Carolina Humanities Council. For additional information, call 638-8558 or visit newbernhistorical.org.

New Bern Car Show. On May 14, 7 a.m. - 3 p.m., the Antique Automobile Club of America show will be held at the New Bern Mall. There will be close to 700 antique cars, each at least 25 years old. Car models range from 1899-1992. Come enjoy this classy antique car show in downtown New Bern. It's free and open to the public. For more information, contact Mike Marsh at 636-1257.

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