

BHA Membership Events

Annual Valentine membership drive and art opening

Each year on the Sunday before Valentine's Day, the Beaufort Historical Association welcomes the public to enjoy food, fun and fellowship as it opens the authentically restored homes and buildings on the Beaufort Historic Site during its annual Valentine membership party. This year's event will be held Sunday, February 12, from 2 to 4 p.m., welcoming current members and encouraging new members to join. Attendees will be able to see how the BHA uses membership dollars to preserve and promote the rich cultural heritage of Beaufort and Carteret County.

The Mattie King Davis Art Gallery will welcome talented artist Dan Nelson as the featured artist for February. His work can be viewed during the membership party from 2 to 4 p.m. and for the entire month of February.

For more information, please call the Beaufort Historical Association at 728-5225, go online to www.beauforthistoricsite.org or stop by the welcome center at 130 Turner Street in Beaufort.

Project Christmas Cheer 2016

By Phyllis Makuck

Project Christmas Cheer (PCC) makes Christmas merry for Carteret County families who may otherwise go without during Christmas. Thanks to all who helped in 2016—PCC staff and volunteers, churches, other organizations and hundreds of individuals who sponsored angels or donated money—the effort was a success. Christmas Cheer reached 446 families with a total of 867 children as well as 115 seniors.

Locally, for the 6th year, St. Francis by the Sea Episcopal Church and Shepherd of the Sea Lutheran Church co-sponsored a public Angel Tree site in Atlantic Beach. With the help of over 20 volunteers and 100+ individuals who sponsored angels or donated money, the Shepherd of the Sea site made Christmas merry for 180 children.



Project Christmas Cheer volunteers having some fun, testing out a few bikes. Clockwise from front: Jeannie Baxter, Ginger Fulcher, Karma Rodholm, Phyllis Makuck and Linda Davies.—Photo by Jeanette Youngblood

Great Backyard Bird Count

By Yvette Bannen

Attention bird lovers: it is time again to count the birds that you see in and around your yard.

Launched in 1998 by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society, the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) was the first online citizen-science project to collect data on wild birds. This is an annual snapshot of the distribution and abundance of birds in February.

This year the bird count will be from Friday, February 17, to Monday, February 20. Information is available online at gbbc.birdcount.org as well as instructions and a tally sheet for the most common species for the locality where you will be observing.

In 2016, participants in more than 130 countries counted 5,689 species of birds on more than 162,000 checklists.

This is a fun activity for all ages on a holiday weekend—so get your binoculars and bird book and start counting.

Note: We are interested to know how many people in Pine Knoll Shores participate in the bird count. Please send an email to shoreline@townofpks.com to let us know about your observations.—The Editors

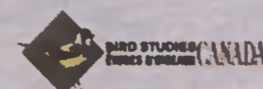
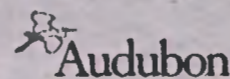
How many birds will you find?

20th Annual Great Backyard Bird Count
February 17-20, 2017

Join in! Count birds in your backyard, local park, or wherever you spot a bird, and submit your observations online.

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American Robin
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