

# Local bards wanted for library's poetry reading set for Dec. 17

The Friends of the Library Book Club's December meeting will be a poetry reading on Thursday, Dec. 17, at 3:30 p.m. at the library. Interested people are asked to bring their favorite poems to share. The Friends are providing refreshments.

Spend the holidays with Kay Scarpetta and Pete Marino in *Scarpetta's Winter Table* by Patricia Cornwell. Kay's kitchen is not only where Christmas meals are prepared, but also the place where a lonely young visitor finds warmth. In Jerry B. Jenkins *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*, a cynical newspaper reporter's faith is restored while he is on assignment in Germany.

A murderous Christmas tale, *Midnight Clear* by Kathy Hogan Trocheck, is called "New South sassy" by one reviewer. A crime-solving cleaning crew has no time for holiday festivities until they can prove their friend did not kill his ex-wife.

Tom Wolfe takes on Atlanta in *A Man in Full*. The story set in this dynamic Southern city is told via several representative characters: football star turned executive, upscale black lawyer, and out-of-work young father.

David Baldacci is back. In his fourth novel he has focused his lawyer-turned-author eye



Check it OUT

Rosalie Boyd

on the Supreme Court and concocted a legal thriller that links a convicted murderer to the high court.

*The Evolution of Jane* by Cathleen Schine takes place in the Galapagos Islands where Jane is on a natural history tour of Darwin territory. There she has an unexpected reunion with her former best friend, forcing her to ponder the evolution, not just of species, but of friendships, too.

Rita Ewing, wife of basketball player Patrick Ewing, has written *Homecourt Advantage*, a novel about (you guessed it) the wives of professional basketball players. The team is headed for the NBA championship and personal and professional stakes are high.

The century is ending with an explosion of retrospective books. Two such are *National Geographic: Eyewitness to the 20th Century* and *The Ameri-*

*can Century*. One is reminded that this is the first entire century to have been documented by photographs and they are used to great advantage in both books.

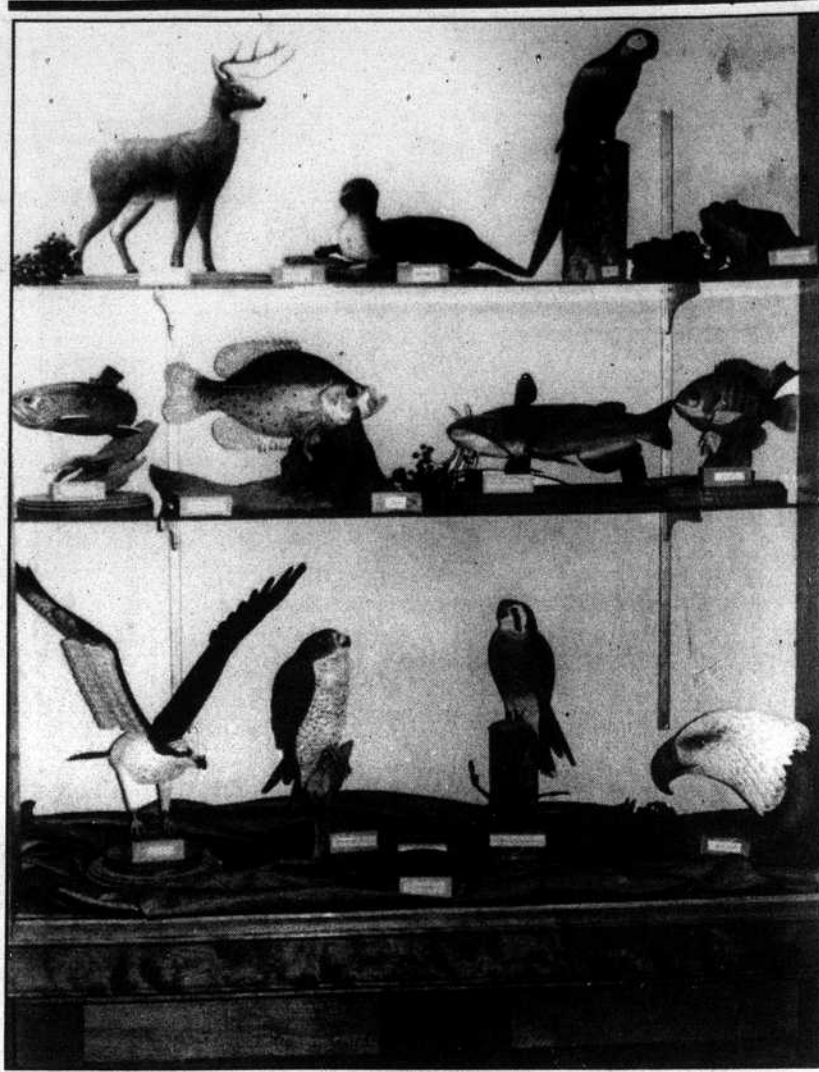
Keep an eye out for the movie version of Clyde Edgerton's *Walking Across Egypt*.

Books that reflect North Carolina history are *Southern Women in Revolution, 1776-1800* (several references to Edenton), and *Hurricane of Fire: The Union Assault on Fort Fisher*. Closing: *The Life and Death of an American Factory* tells of the effect of a buyout on a company town when White Furniture Company of Mebane shut down after one hundred eleven years of operation.

*Wild About Game* could be the solution for the what-to-do-with-this-stuff-he-killed dilemma. From "flying a duck through a hot oven" to rabbit loins stuffed with prosciutto and prunes, the recipes are approachable and conclude with marinades, rubs, and sauces.

New audiotapes: *Night Prey* by John Sandford, *The Incredible Inspector Poirot* by Agatha Christie, *Extreme Denial* by David Morrell, and *A Stranger is Watching* by Mary Higgins Clark.

New videotapes are *Braveheart* and *Midnight Cowboy*.



### A TREASURE TROVE OF CARVINGS

These wood carvings currently on display at Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library were created by Erik Van de Bogart, (see related story below), who will visit the library next Wednesday to discuss his craft. (Staff photo by Rebecca Bunch)

## Hometown HEROES

**LLOYD F. HOLBROOK**  
Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Lloyd F. Holbrook, son of Ruth and Lloyd F. Holbrook, Jr. of Edenton, is currently halfway through a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf aboard the attack submarine USS Atlanta, homeported in Norfolk, VA.

During the deployment, Holbrook participated in Sharem 125, a seven-day exercise held in the Central Mediterranean Sea. The operation was conducted to test and evaluate undersea warfare tactics, weapons, sensors and procedures. In addition to Holbrook's ship, 10 ships and 30 aircraft from Canada, Great Britain, Greece, Italy, Spain, and the United States participated.

Holbrook's ship also participated in Exercise Shark Hunt, an undersea warfare event held off the coast of Spain to train units in countering diesel submarines operating in shallow water.

A 1982 graduate of Mount Whitney High School in Visalia, CA, he joined the Navy in May 1987.

## Local wood-carver to visit library Dec. 16

Erik Van de Bogart can change wood into feathers with a few deft strokes of a knife. His accurately detailed carvings of fish, fowl, and mammals are on display at the library now. Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 3:30 p.m., he will demonstrate and explain his carving techniques at Shepard-Pruden Memorial Public Library in Edenton.

Van de Bogart and his wife Eda have lived in eastern North Carolina for the last ten years and are currently residing at Albemarle Plantation in Perquimans County. They

came to the area from Bangor, ME, where he worked in public broadcasting as a staff educator or, as he says, laughing, "doing everything no one else wanted to do that had to do with education."

He began to carve in 1985 after Hurricane Gloria knocked down a big white pine tree in his yard. He says he has "been trying to get rid of it ever since!" From that one pine tree he made a panel bed with relief carvings of oak, holly, magnolia, and dogwood leaves and fruit on the headboard. So far he has also made a couple

of hundred carvings, mostly loons, from the tree.

"As a rule he prefers carving on basswood and tupelo gum, but he still works with some of the original white pine that started it all," said Shepard-Pruden Librarian Rosalie Boyd. "He enjoys teaching classes and sharing what he's learned over the years. He has offered to teach a class at our library if there is sufficient interest. Please join us on Dec. 16 for a chance to see a skilled craftsman at work. Then, give it a go yourself!"

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## Survey: COA graduates are securing jobs

College of the Albemarle's graduates continue to find work or continue their education, according to statistics released Nov. 30 by COA's Placement Office.

Every year, Debra Williams, director of Cooperative Education and Job Placement, conducts a survey of COA's graduates to determine their progress. Of those who graduated last May and responded to the survey, 94 percent said they were either employed or continuing their education.

Of COA's vocational graduates, 100 percent said they were employed. Ninety-four percent of COA's technical graduates were either continuing their education or were employed and ninety-three percent of COA's college transfer graduates said they were continuing their education or employed.

Williams said the good statistics are due to the quality instruction provided by COA's instructors coupled with the willingness of local employers to hire new graduates.

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