

Artist Edward Williams Jr. holds his sketch of the now departed tugboat, the Maryland

Artist says he'll miss sketching old tugboat removed from bay

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The half-submerged tugboat in Edenton Bay catches the eye of many artists. Local galleries have the image captured in an array of mediums: oils, water colors, photographs, pen-and-ink.

The old tug has now been removed from the bay, and the haunting image of the boat will be seen only on canvases and in prints.

"It's a piece that every artist would enjoy, just because you wonder what's going on with it-its history," local artist Edward Williams Jr. said. "It

makes a really good study." Since 1971 when the tug, called the Maryland, foundered and sank in high water and rough waves, it has resided in Edenton Bay. In the ensuing years, the boat became rusted and gradually deteriorated to a sorry condition. And to many, it was an eyesore and blight to the bay.

But to artists, the image of the old tugboat remains powerful.

Williams captured the tugboat in a pen-and-ink rendering in 1998.

"I just liked the way it looked," he said. "It's just one of the sights in Edenton that

everybody goes by and looks at and wonders why it's there. It just drew my eye to it."

Williams said the boat is unique, and that he'll miss it. "You don't see something like it everyday," He said. "I know some people don't like it, but I myself was drawn to it. Not only artists will miss it, but people traveling through expect to see it."

Williams drew the boat while living in Windsor.

"I had no idea they were going to move the boat when I

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Local recipe makes it into the Recipe Hall of Fame Cookbook

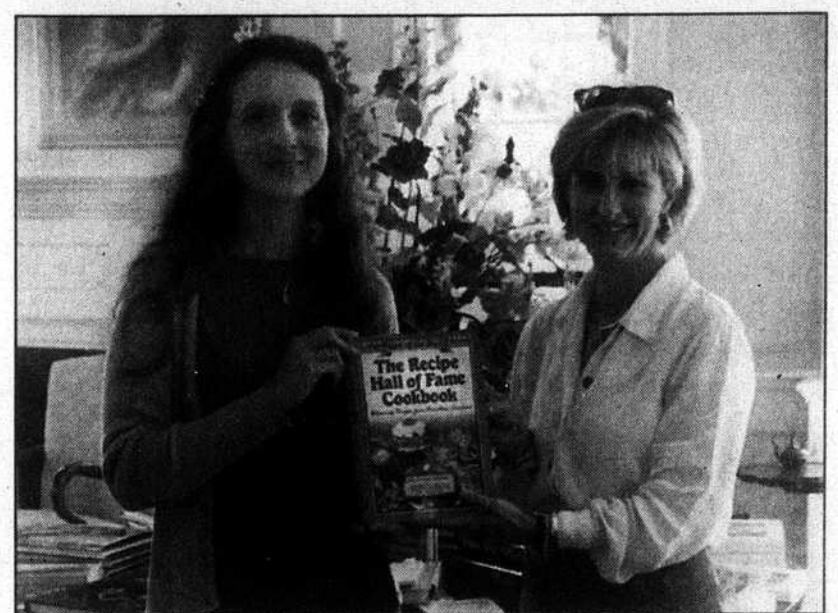
"Barbecued Chicken," a recipe from the cookbook "Queen Anne's Table," published by the Edenton Historical Commission, has been selected as a Recipe Hall of Fame winner, and has been included in the new "Recipe Hall of Fame Cookbook," a collection of the 450 most exceptional recipes selected from the over 11,000 included in all the volumes of the "Best of the Best State Cookbook Series."

Both books are available at the Barker House Book Shop in Edenton.

"We are really excited to see one of our fine local recipes chosen to be included in this prestigious cookbook. It is really an honor," said Ginny Culpepper, site manager for the Barker House.

Quail Ridge Press, headquartered in Brandon, MS, enters the new millennium and its third decade with the ultimate Best of the Best book, "The Recipe Hall of Fame Cookbook." Editors Gwen McKee and Barbara Moseley are particularly excited because it fulfills a promise they made to themselves 20 years ago and a commitment to readers all across America. "The Recipe Hall of Fame Cookbook" marks another giant step along the way toward their longtime publishing goal, they say - preserving America's food heritage.

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Susan Adams and Ginny Culpepper of the Barker House staff show off the newly published "Recipe Hall of Fame Cookbook" which includes a delicious barbecued chicken recipe that originally appeared in "Queen Anne's Table," a collection of recipes published by the Edenton Historical Commission. Both books are available for purchase at the Barker House Book Shop. (Staff photo by Rebecca Bunch)

all-eaten extraordinary dishes that shape the "personality" of virtually every area of the United States. After all, who can think of New Orleans without thinking of gumbo, Chicago and pizza, Boston and chowder, Texas and chili. And who wouldn't want the best recipes for these all-American classics?

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includes such winning recipes as Simply Scrumptious Virginia Bay Scallops, Texas Brisket, Traverse City Cherry Berry Pie, and Edenton's own Barbecued Chicken, all of which help to define the "food heritage" of their state or region.

"The Recipe Hall of Fame Cookbook" is available along with many other local and regional cookbooks, as well as books on a variety of subjects from history to Southern gardening, at the Barker House Book Shop on the Edenton waterfront. For more information, call (252) 482-7800.

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