

Pat Ramsey of the Shade Tree Gallery helps sixyear-old Amy Townsend pick out the right mat for her artwork that is now hanging in the Blue Dolphin Gallery. The exhibitors, who are all age 14 and under, are members of the Brunswick County

Home Educators Association and the Franklin Square Gallery children's art class, both taught by M. E. West, who is exhibiting some of her porcelain dolls.

The chamber report

By Karen S. Hope Executive Vice-President

(This is a report on the activities of the Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce that appears and Gift Shoppe, Carolina Cape weekly in The State Port Pilot.)

Things are really buzzing around the chamber office this week getting ready for the big weekend of the Christmas-By-the-Sea Festival.

Last week we kicked-off the Christmas-By-the-Sca Festival with "Merchant Open House Weekend". Ten area businesses participated by greeting shoppers with great sales and refreshments. The chamber coming weekend.

would like to thank the following businesses for being such gracious hosts and holding open houses:

Christmas Pelican/Pelican Station, Edna's Kitchen, Elizabeth's Florist Divers Gift Shop (at Local Call Surf Shop), Lynne's Hallmark and Treasure Room, Century 21 Gordon Realty, Good Vibrations, SeaWay Printing/Blue Dolphin Gallery, Nice 'n' Pretty and Flashback One-Hour Photo

We hope you ate plenty of turkey last Thursday because you're going to need your strength to keep up this

march in the set

We begin bright and early Saturday at 10 a.m. in Middleton Park, Long Beach, with a silent auction. The silent auction will benefit the Christmas-By-the-Sea Festival and the merchants have donated some ton, S5 gift certificate to Edna's wonderful items for the sale. Bids Kitchen; Nancy Main of Caswell will be awarded at noon by auction chairman Anne Watson.

The Fraternal Order of Police barbecue will begin at 11 a.m. in Middleton Park with serving all day. The FOP also has planned entertainment by an Elvis impersonator, a McDonald's of Southport; Rachel bike rodeo, child I.D. fingerprinting, Tuttle of Southport, \$5 gift certifiand a display of department vehicles.

At 3 p.m. the sixth annual Christmas-By-the-Sea Festival parade will step-off in Yaupon Beach and travel down Yaupon and Oak Island drives to Middleton Park. A reviewing stand will be set up in front of Red Carpet-Dorothy Essey and Associates Realty and Woody Woodward, director of the Long Beach Parks and Recreation Department, will narrate the parade. By the entries received so far this parade

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Shop-at-Home prizes awarded by drawing

Home" campaign conducted by the Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce

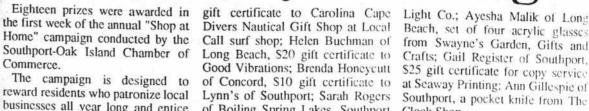
The campaign is designed to reward residents who patronize local businesses all year long and entice those who may tend to do their holiday shopping elsewhere. Each week in December gifts donated by local merchants will be awarded in random drawings. Hundreds of dollars worth of prizes including merchandise, services and gift certificates will be given away.

To participate, shoppers must complete entry forms to be eligible for that week's prizes. Entries are discarded after each drawing. Winners are randomly selected from all entries received at weekly drawings. Drawings are scheduled for December 7, 14 and 21 at the chamber of commerce office.

Entries can be dropped off at boxes located at most participating businesses. The winners are listed in The State Port Pilot and will be officially notified in writing by the chamber of commerce, which sponsors "Shop at Home" in conunction with the Christmas-By-the-Sea Festival.

This week's winners are: Leigh Morrison of Long Beach, \$50 gift certificate from C&S Jewelers; Jerri King of Yaupon Beach, stuffed animal from Lynne's Hallmark and Treasure Room; Ellen Parker of Long Beach and Barbara Jenkins of Long Beach, collector's Christmas ornaments from Century 21 Gordon Realty; Frieda Gregory of Burling-Beach, \$10 gift certificate at Nice 'n' Pretty Resort Interiors; Jack Cook of Caswell Beach, one-year subscription to The State Port Pilot; Jennifer Billmyer of Woodbridge, Va., \$5 gift certificate to cate to Elizabeth's Florist and Gift Shoppe; Barb Hobby of Long Beach, \$5 gift certificate to Lucky Fisherman Restaurant;

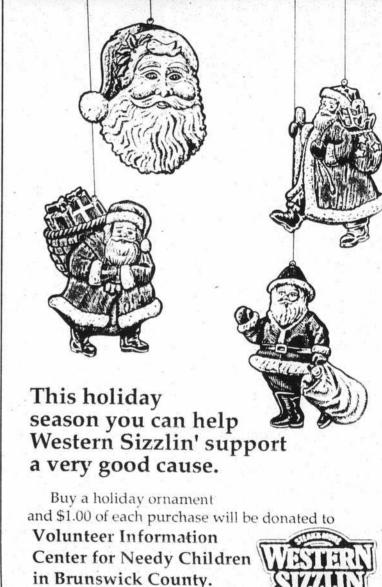
Glenda Caylor of Southport, S10



of Boiling Spring Lakes, Southport Marina T-shirt; Teresa Ward of Southport, gift certificate for a copy of Joshua's Dream by Susan Carson courtesy of Carolina Power and

Beach, set of four acrylic glasses from Swayne's Garden, Gifts and Crafts; Gail Register of Southport, at Seaway Printing; Ann Gillespie of Southport, a pocket knife from The Clock Shop.

Entry forms for this week's contest appear on page 6 of this edition of The State Port Pilot.



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