

Christmas activities continue

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Feature Editor

Holiday happenings continue this weekend with the 200th Christmas Waterfront Celebration at Yuletide Harbor in Southport and other community activities.

Located at the corner of Bay and Howe streets, the festively decorated Yuletide Harbor will be the setting for a candy cane hunt beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 19. Santa is expected to arrive at 10:30 a.m. and at 11 a.m. John Snyder will entertain the audience with his storytelling. Linda Tronzo and Sea Clef Studios will be featured at noon.

Children of all ages are invited to dress their pets in holiday fashions and put them on parade at 1 p.m. The Southport Seacoast Cloggers will perform at 2 p.m., and the Southport Senior Citizens Choir at 3 p.m. And, at 5 p.m. the Southport waterfront along Bay Street will be aglow with luminaries.

More Christmas activities and entertainment are planned at Yuletide Harbor on Sunday, December 20, beginning at 1 p.m. with the arrival of Santa Claus. Other scheduled performances include the St. James Christmas Choir at 3 p.m., the Chanty Singers at 4 p.m. and the Oak Island Presbyterian Church choir at 5 p.m. The 200th Christmas finale will begin at 5:30 p.m. with an open invitation to what is being billed as a "sparkling sing-along".

The Sea Notes Choral Society will perform Handel's "Messiah" at 8 p.m. Thursday, December 17, at Southport Baptist Church. Cindy Sellers will be the director and Teresa Watkins Quintero the accompanist. Soloists include Carmen Coles, Cynthia Smith, Eleanor Potter Smith and Ed Hardin.

Dr. Robert Baxter, who played the leading role in "Christopher Columbus: His Story" and who last week was the bass soloist for "Walk in Messiah" with the Wilmington Symphony, will be a featured performer.

Other musical holiday programs will be presented on Sunday, December 20, at many area churches. All of the programs begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Southport Baptist Church will host a dramatic presentation of the Christmas story through monologue and dialogue. The adult choir of First Baptist Church of Boiling Spring Lakes will present a Christmas cantata.

The Ocean View United Methodist Church chancel choir will present its Christmas cantata "A Simple Christmas" by Lani Smith at the 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services. The choir will be directed by Beverly Fitzgerald. That evening at 7 p.m. the children's and youth departments will present their first Christmas play, directed by Wanda Wheeler.

The adult choir of First Baptist Church of Oak Island will present a Christmas cantata entitled "This Little Child" at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. The cantata was created and arranged by Don Hart and will be directed by Thom Clemmons.

The chancel and handbell choirs of Trinity United Methodist Church will join for the performance of four anthems at the 11 a.m. worship service and the Rev. P. D. Midgett will do a first-person characterization of "Amon the Shepherd". At 7 p.m. a Christmas pageant, including the Sunshine Puppet Co., the chancel choir, the children's choir, a band and traditional nativity is planned.

More information on these and other holiday events can be obtained from the Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce, 457-6964, or Southport 2000, Inc., 457-7927.

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Southport 2000 report

Luminaries a highlight of waterfront activities

By Joanne Wesson
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Saturday night the waterfront was one great, long avenue of twinkling lights. The luminary display started at Kingsley Street, curved around the Riverwatch subdivision, ran along the river past Waterfront Park, along Bay Street to Yacht Basin Street and on Brunswick Street to Short Street.

The magnificent display guided people as they walked the tour route, stopping at open houses along the way. The weather was perfect; a clear, calm evening with a winter chill. And did you see that full moon coming up over the river? It was like

"made to order" to hang over the twinkling display on the ground.

Our thanks to the families who opened their homes for the tour: Mr. and Mrs. Barry Callari, Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Sue, Tommy Doshier, Dr. and Mrs. Sidney Fortney, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Hutson, Mrs. Eleanor Potter Smith, Riverwatch subdivision developers and special thanks to Driftwood Shell Shop and the Southport Maritime Museum for opening their doors.

This weekend activities continue at Yuletide Harbor, the corner of Bay and Howe, with kids' activities on Saturday including a visit by Santa at 10:30 and a pet parade at 1 o'clock. Check *The State Port Pilot* for complete listings or call 457-7927.

And again this weekend the luminary display lights up the waterfront. Don't miss it!

Bridge results

Winners of the Oak Island Duplicate Bridge Club game for December 7 have been announced.

Winners were Bill and Bea Montross, first; Al and Caroline Woodruff, second; Dick and Pat Windon, third.

New Year's party

A New Year's Eve party for young people will be held from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. December 31 at the Boiling Spring Lakes Volunteer Fire Department.

Admission to the event, sponsored by the fire department, will be \$1.

Buckner-Ross vows are said

Pauline Ross of Caswell Beach and Eden and Earl Buckner of Graham were united in marriage November 14 at First Presbyterian Church of Eden. The Rev. Jay Click officiated.

The couple was attended by the bride's grandsons, Mike Heffinger of Orlando, Fla., and Greg Heffinger of Charlotte.

They received their guests at Meadow Greens Country Club and took a honeymoon cruise to the Caribbean.

The Buckners divide their time between residences at Oak Island Villas and in Greensboro.

VFW supper

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10400 and Ladies Auxiliary will host a Christmas buffet supper and party on Friday, December 18, at the post home on Highway 87, Boiling Spring Lakes.

The covered dish supper will be served from 6 to 8 p.m. The main course will be furnished by the post and members are asked to donate a dish or dessert of their choice.

All post and auxiliary members, their guests and friends are invited to attend.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Author will sign new book

C. H. Scott, author of *Tales from the Tropics*, will be at Little Professor Book Center Friday and Saturday to sign copies of his books.

Scott, the son of actor Randolph Scott, was born and reared in Beverly Hills, Calif., but relocated to Long Beach to write. His first book is a collection of seven short stories drawn from his 32 years experience as a sailor. They are sailing stories, "but a whole lot more than that," he said, describing them as "good stories ... designed to make people smile."

Scott will be at Little Professor from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, December 18, and from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, December 19.

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