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From Palette To Market

A large crowd attended a workshop and luncheon sponsored by the Coastal Arts Guild at the Sea Trail Links Clubhouse Friday, eager to learn the ins and outs of marketing print reproductions of their original artwork. Above an unidentified participant joins Edna O'Connell (center), Jackie Furr and local artist and

art instructor V.R. "Bunny" Lauzon in looking over one of Lauzon's prints. The featured speaker was customer service representative Judy James of Color O, a Dayton, Ohio firm that uses a computer-controlled laser method to create art prints.

Shallotte Aldermen Delay Action On New Fire Chief

BY SUSAN USHER

Shallotte aldermen delayed consideration of a chief for the town fire department last Wednesday night after discussing the item behind closed doors for approximately 30 minutes.

Action on the fire department's nomination for the office was delayed until the board's next meeting Wednesday, Dec. 4.

On Nov. 19, firefighters nominated Michael Arnold as their chief by a majority vote, subject to approval of the town board. Also nominated was the acting chief, David Moore, who took office following the retirement of firefighter Curman Arnold, Michael Arnold's father.

Until the board acts on the nomination, Moore will continue as chief of the department. According to town ordinances and the department's bylaws, anyone nominated to office must be an active member of the department and must have been a member for at least one year. Further, the chief "shall be technically qualified by training and experience and shall have the ability to command and hold the respect and confidence of the Department members and shall be capable of presiding over the fire department membership, and business and training sessions in an orderly fashion."

If Arnold's nomination is rejected by the town board, firefighters will be directed to select another nominee and submit the name.

In other business, the board:

•Approved a low bid of \$18,700 from Thomas Gray & Son for an expansion of the fire department. The other bid received was from South Brunswick Construction Co. for \$21,175.

•Set a Dec. 4 public hearing on a request from Emerson Arnold to rezone his 1.69 acres of property on Shallotte Avenue from residential (R-10) to commercial, as recommended by the town planning board.

•Heard the monthly report of the Shallotte Police Department. Officers drove 5,768 miles on 499 gallons

of gas and four quarts of oil, reported Chief Don Stovall. They made 16 traffic, three alcohol-related, two drug, and four criminal arrests and issued 47 warning tickets. They conducted 11 criminal and eight accident investigations, provided 74 public services and 38 motorist assists, answered 14 alarms, provided 18 escorts and assisted fire and rescue vehicles 11 times.

•Voted to hold the town Christmas party at the Islander Restaurant at Ocean Isle Beach.



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