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Boat model finds a home

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A periauger, a boat used by colonists of the area, will soon find a home on the banks of the Perquimans River.

The only factor left for consideration is the location and attributes of the periaugers mooring facility.

Perquimans Heritage, Inc., along with representatives from the Town Council and the Perquimans Restoration Association were designated to accomplish this task by the Hertford Town Council last week.

Hertford Town Manager John Christensen said the boat should be put in a "safe position." The periauger should be located where people can view and board it, but it also should be in a place where it will not be vandalized, said Christensen.

The periauger will be a highlight for visitors of the Newbold-White House, said Monty Spindler, a representative for the periauger project.

The constructor of the Newbold-White House, Abraham Sanders, was also an owner of a periauger, said Spindler.

Although many colonists owned periaugers, the only evidence of their existence is "through references in colonial documents."

Spindler said that this is a probable result, because the boats were "split dugout Cypress logs with plank keels inserted in the center."

A reference to a periauger was found in the diary of Colonist John Lawson. Dated 1709, Lawson wrote: "As we rowd up the river, we found the land toward the mouth, and for 16 miles up it, scarce any thing but swamp and Percoarson, affording vast ciprus-trees, of which the French make canoes, that will carry 50 or 60 barrels. After the tree is moulded and dug, they saw them into two pieces, and so put a plank between, and a small keel, to preserve them from the Oyster Banks. They carry two masts, and Bermuda sails, which makes them very handy and fit for their purpose."

The construction of the periauger will take place in the

PAL Show Displays Local Art



Photos by Sam Wolfe, The Daily Advance

REBECCA BUNCH
The Chowan Herald

Artwork reflecting the themes of hearth and home, friends and nature delighted visitors to the Perquimans Art League's Seventh Annual Members Show Friday night.

A small oil painting, "Hydra," by Lees Klemm, was named Best in Show.

Recipient of the People's Choice Award, chosen as the favorite by those attending the opening reception, was "Summer's Bloom," done in acrylics, by Spud Wallace.

Thirty-one artists contributed 58 entries to the show.

Ray Hershberger, a noted Norfolk, Va., artist and teacher, judged the juried exhibition, which will remain on display through April 19. Those participating artists recognized as ribbon winners, announced during the opening reception, were:

■ Painting - First Place, "Hog," Elizabeth Magee Cloutier, Oils; Second Place, "Pink Posey," Janice Eure, Watercolor; Honorable Mention, "Fall Showcase," Pat Burkett, Watercolor.

■ Drawing/Pastel - First Place, "Visual Paradise," Claire Lavalley, Pastel; Second Place, "Water Scene," Helen Piotnka, Pastel.

■ Graphic Art - First Place, "Snap To," Connie Stringer, Watercolor/Ink; Second Place, "Underwater Breeze," Nancy Reighard, Color-Ink Printing.

■ Wood Work - First Place, Tree Box, Ken Avery, Wood

■ Fiber Art - First Place, Hearts All Around, Ruth Kemp, Quilting; Second Place, Liberty's Torch, Paulette A. Lobdell, Quilt Art; Honorable Mention, Sneakers 1985-1999, Jimmie Hayes, Fiber Art.

■ Photography - First Place, Local Landscape, JK Oltman, Color Photography;



The Perquimans Art League's Seventh Annual Members Show opened last week at the PAL Gallery in Hertford. Among the art on display is "Camellias" by Caroline Gallimore (shown above).

Second Place, His Glorious Firmament, Sylvia Wyatt, Color Photography; Honorable Mention, Wisconsin Twilight, John Matthews, Color Photography.

■ Pottery - First Place, Primitive, Lisa Cipra Jordan, Stoneware Clay.

■ Artistic Jewellery - First Place, Dragonfly/Butterfly Bracelet Set, Lisa Cipra Jordan, Clay/Porcelain; Second Place, Multi-Layer Scattered Brooch,

Joanne Avery.

■ Mixed Media - First Place, Cherubino, Elizabeth Portier Jones, Calligraphy with Gouache; Second Place, Twenty-Four Carat, Gary Guth, Collage.

■ Fine Crafts - First Place, Rooster Chair, Barbara Cipra, Acrylic; Second Place, Morning Call, Doris Reinheimer, Acrylic.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by the Perquimans Pipers.

Hertford awarded \$320K in bonds

The state has awarded \$320,000 in water and sewer bonds for the Town of Hertford.

The bonds were offered through the use of a competitive bidding process coordinated by the state and local government finance division in the Department of State Treasurer.

First Citizens Bank and Trust Company submitted the most favorable bid at a net interest cost to the town of 1.95 percent. The bonds are being issued under the authority of a \$990,000 order for water bonds and a \$3.81 million order for sewer bonds approved by town voters at an election held on Nov. 3, 1998.

"I am pleased to see the financing for water and sewer in Hertford moving forward," said State Treasurer Richard Moore. "These systems will be critical as Hertford continues to grow. I commend the leaders and residents of Hertford for their efforts in this area."

Performers present 'Say it With Music'

REBECCA BUNCH
The Chowan Herald

"Say It With Music," a song-filled production featuring performers from several Albemarle area counties, including Perquimans and Chowan, will open at the Holiday Island Clubhouse March 21.

Directed by Juli Feeney, an accomplished actress and director, encore presentations are scheduled for March 22, 23, 25. Each performance begins at 8 p.m.

Feeney said that the musical revue, which will be narrated by area radio personality Frank Roberts, has been in rehearsal for the past two months.

"Frank, as the narrator, is the thread that ties the show together," she said.

Cast members include:

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Internet information offered by PCHS tech center

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There is finally hope for those people who dare not surf the Internet for fear of drowning in a sea of unknowns.

Whether you are a beginner struggling to find the "ON" switch, or a more advanced user wanting to construct a web site, Perquimans County High Schools Community Technology Learning Center has the answers for all your questions.

The Center offers residents of Perquimans County the opportunity to become technology literate, said Antje Yacono, site coordinator for the Community Technology Learning Center.

"It's really exciting," said Yacono as she described the progress that students and adults are making at the

Center.

Grandparents are learning how to send email messages to their grandchildren, said Yacono.

Currently, classes are available that cover: computer basics, word processing, desktop publishing, spreadsheets and Power Point.

Yacono said students will not have to face a pressured high-speed atmosphere, because the classes proceed with the students pace.

If you miss a class, you can catch up during the next class or repeat the class in the future, said Yacono. There is no limit to the amount of times a person can attend a class, said Yacono.

Classes that focus on web page design, video editing and the digital camera will be scheduled in the future.

"We are constantly putting on new

classes," said Yacono. People should contact the Center to find out what classes are being offered, said Yacono.

There is no fee for the classes, and they are open to all Perquimans County residents from ninth grade to adults. The Center is funded by the Community Technology Learning Center grant, said Yacono.

The Centers computers and printers are available to people with an "educational purpose," said Yacono.

High School students serve as Technology Assistants, and provide support to computer users.

Knowing how to use the Internet can open peoples horizons, said Yacono.

The Center will provide classes and workshops in the future that will benefit the business community, said Yacono.

Yacono said computer literacy is integral for todays job market.

According to a press release, the Center will: offer tutoring, remain open during the summer, explore distance learning through the North Carolina Information Highway and aid high school students technology needs.

The Center will also provide "a safe and welcoming after hours learning environment."

The Community Technology Center is located in Perquimans County High Schools Media Center, and it remains open until 8:00 Monday through Thursday, and 5:00 on Friday.

For more information, contact Antje Yacono at 426-5778 ext.286, or visit the Perquimans County Schools web site at www.perquimans.k12.nc.us <<http://www.perquimans.k12.nc.us>>.

WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY
HIGH: 60
LOW: 32
MOSTLY CLOUDY

Friday
HIGH: 45
LOW: 27
PARTLY CLOUDY

Saturday
HIGH: 52
LOW: 35
PARTLY CLOUDY