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At least 50 people attended a reception at the Perquimans Arts League gallery on Friday evening. The event opened the Members Show, which runs until April 15. Velvet Sanford, whose husband Edward Sanford exhibited his photography two months ago, and daughter Rachael Sanford view the current exhibit.

Artists noted at PAL Members Show

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The Perquimans Arts League's 11th annual Members Show opened on Friday evening with a reception at the Hall of Fame Square.

Kill Devil Hills artist and gallery owner Julie R. Moy juried works by 26 artists. Alexis Joyner's sculpture, Patient, was awarded Best in Show. Visitors at the reception voted Tina McClanahan's painting, In Full Bloom, as the People's Choice.

First place painting award went to Donna

Higgins Colson for her Giant White Heron. Second place went to Drusciano Scerbo for Chiesa di Campagna and third place was Lees Klemm's Field of Dreams.

Dolores Davenport won first place in drawing and pastel for Bergie's Last Stand.

In woodworking, Erik Van de Bogart won first place for Yellow Headed Blackbird and second place for Great Blue Heron. Jim Ingram won third place for Warbler.

Charlotte Bunch won first place for Color Improv

in the fiber art category. Al Gesler won second place for Cape Hatteras Lighthouse and Charles Winslow won third place for King.

Kimberly C. Modler won first place in photography for Reflections. John Matthews won second place for Arcade and third place for Sunset Symmetry.

Carlton Dozier won first place for Spring and second place for Secret Drawer in stained and cut glass.

Hermetic Season by David Modler won first place in the mixed media and multimedia category.

Douglas Patterson's pot-

tery won first place for 3 Fish and second place for Bunker.

Alexis Joyner's sculpture, Abena, won first place.

In decorative arts, first place went to Barbara Cipra for Lion King Chair and second place went to Doris Reinheimer for At Home on the Farm.

Other artists include Angela Burket, Elizabeth M. Cloutier, Janice Eure, Kathleen Ingram, Ray Meads, J.K. Oltman, Nancy Reighard and Mary K. Vidaurri. The exhibit is on display through April 15.

Commerce Centre road may be paved before April show

MARGARET FISHER

Commerce Centre.

With Perquimans County's first boat show coming next month, the county is anticipating that the road leading to the recreation center will be paved before the event.

The Northeastern North Carolina Boat Show will premiere on April 29-30 to benefit Communities in Schools of Perquimans County.

The event, sponsored by Sea Tow of the Albemarle, will be held at the Perquimans County Recreation Center in the

Chad Edge, traffic engineer with the N.C. Department of Transportation, said that the completion date for paving the roads in the Commerce Centre is September.

The contractor, Rose Brothers Paving of Murfreesboro, said they would try to complete the road sometime in April with weather conditions allowing.

"We'll try our best to get it done before the boat show," said owner Tim Rose.



PHOTO BY MARGARET FISHER

Job seekers can learn computer and job skills at Perquimans County High School's Community Technology Learning Center. Workshops are based on community needs and assistance is available by appointment. Antje Curphey (standing) is the center director.

PCHS center offers job skills training

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Internet and how to email. More advanced classes can be arranged, as well.

A new job skills resource became available after about 70 employees were left jobless when the textile firm Apricot closed in December.

The Community Technology Learning Center at Perquimans County High School recently added new resources to their center to help people create resumes and learn computer skills.

In addition, the center helps job seekers link up with other agencies, such as Job Link at Albemarle Commission, Department of Social Services and Inter-Agency Council.

"The most important thing is that we're here to assist," said Antje Curphey, site/program director for the center.

Curphey said that more than a few people who have been laid off from their jobs are needing to learn or brush up on skills, rather than needing resume help.

Workshops dealing with various computer programs are offered as the need arises. Some of these include a basic introduction to computer use, word processing, creating flyers and letters, using the

The email workshop is offered at Perquimans County Library because email is blocked at the high school, Curphey said.

Nettie Gordon of Harvey Point took the email class with about five other students after learning how to use a computer.

"I didn't even know how to turn (the computer) on when I started," Gordon said.

Shirley Mahler of Hertford Beach took the same courses as Gordon.

"(Curphey) is an excellent teacher," Mahler said. "She makes it very easy to understand."

Classes are generally held once a week on Tuesdays or Thursdays during after-school and evening hours. One-on-one sessions can be arranged, if needed.

Help is available for job searching and career assessment through Internet sites and reference books.

One-on-one assistance and workshops are by appointment only. For more information about the Community Technology Learning Center, call 426-5778, ext. 286.

Hertford Hardware robbed

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Two thefts within two days have occurred at a downtown business and the owner is offering an award to find the perpetrators.

Last Friday night, a break-in occurred at Hertford Hardware's showroom and shop that faces Grubb Street. A second break-in happened Sunday night.

The thieves broke two windowpanes in an alley

between the showroom and the hardware store. They climbed through a window approximately 18 by 12 inches, said owner Erie Haste.

The theft took place between 7 p.m. on Friday night and noon on Saturday, said Hertford Police Chief Dale Vanscoy.

In the first theft, six trimmers, four chain saws and a blower, all by Husqvarna, were stolen. On Sunday night or early Monday morning, a different window was broken and another chain saw and a gasoline hedge trimmer were stolen.

"They would had to have taken them out a window because the doors are locked - you have to have a key on each side," Haste said.

Haste estimates the value of the yard equipment at more than \$3,000.

He said that he is offering a \$500 reward to anyone that can provide information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible.

Anyone with information can call Hertford Police at 426-5587 or the hardware store at 426-5211.



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Susan Harris, Mary White and Diane Stallings were named Main Street Champions by Historic Hertford, Inc. in recognition of their work on the 2004 and 2005 Indian Summer Festivals.

Main Street Champs named

Three Hertford women were honored as 2005 Main Street Champions at the North Carolina Main Street Annual Awards Dinner in Salisbury last month.

Susan Harris, Diane Stallings and Mary White were selected for this recognition by Historic Hertford, Inc. in appreciation of their exceptional contributions to the downtown revitalization process.

The trio was nominated in recognition of their work on Indian Summer Festivals 2004 and 2005. Inaugurated by the

Chamber of Commerce in 1982, the festival had been organized by the Historic Hertford Business Association for about six years before the group disbanded after the 2003 festival.

With no group expressing an interest in sponsoring the festival, Harris and Stallings approached Historic Hertford, Inc. about becoming festival organizers in early 2004, and agreed to co-chair the event for two years. White, a member of the HHI Continued on page 5

WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY High: 59, Low: 42 PARTLY CLOUDY

FRIDAY High: 59, Low: 40 FEW SHOWERS

SATURDAY High: 57, Low: 40 MOSTLY SUNNY