

# The Volunteer

Spring 2007



**Museum of  
Coastal Carolina**



**Ingram  
Planetarium**

## *From the Volunteer Association President*

Hello, again! Winter is almost over and spring is almost here. It's time to start thinking about the upcoming season. Thanks to all the volunteers who attended the pot luck luncheon meeting in January. It was a very positive meeting and the food was great.

Since that meeting, the Volunteer Executive Committee met and discussed some ideas for the spring and summer seasons. In the last issue of *The Volunteer*, we mentioned that the volunteer information manuals at each station are being updated with a projected completion date in late March. We also are excited about a more user-friendly orientation and seasonal training programs that are in development. Many volunteers have requested individual training instead of group training. We will train docents in the near future who will then train all the volunteers who will work at stations in the summer and then update the volunteers at the beginning of each season. Docents and volunteers will have a worksheet and checklist for practice on the cash registers and other information for their station.

In the Changing Tides Gallery, a new shark's tooth exhibit, *Megabites*, will complement our present shark's jaw exhibit. Plans are also to have a new ceiling banner representing waves for this gallery. We'll call our sewers to help with the banner after Family Day.

Home School Day had good attendance on February 22. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with Home School Day. Our next BIG endeavor is Family Day on April 7 from 10 a.m.—2 p.m. Please help us if you are in town. There are many opportunities still available so check the Family Day article. Our sponsors this year are Salty McDoogie's, Ralph McClure Vacation Rentals, and Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation. Additionally, a special thank you goes to Odell and Virginia Williamson. Please extend your thanks to these sponsors for their support.

We look forward to seeing all of you at our next volunteer meeting on April 24 from 4-6 p.m. followed by wine and hors d'oeuvres. Please mark your calendars with the dates listed elsewhere in the calendar. We hope that the way we have scheduled the meetings at different times of the day and setting the dates well in advance will allow you to attend more meetings. Your feedback is greatly appreciated. I look forward to seeing you at Family Day and the April 24 volunteer meeting with information about an exciting spring and summer. HAPPY SPRING!  
--Marilyn Schenck



## *Volunteers Dig Fossils in February*

Volunteer leaders Will & Bethany Ouimet guided a fossil hunt to the Martin-Marietta quarry to dig for fossils to begin or add to these volunteers' personal fossil collection.

Attending were (L to R) Marie Geib, Will Ouimet, Sandy Cole, Bethany Ouimet, Arthur Jackson, and Kerry Kennedy. Not pictured are Dick Daniels and Allison Smith.

## Updates about the Museum and Planetarium

**Facilities:** The Museum has a much-needed new roof, thanks in part to the Town of Ocean Isle Beach. Roof repairs are also in progress at the Planetarium. The Museum was power-washed and painted this week and gutters will be replaced. Thanks to the Ocean Isle Property Owners Association for a donation for a handicap-accessible ramp and new exit doors also. The Planetarium carpet was cleaned and a portion of the Museum's carpet was cleaned.

**Education:** A new dome program, *Hubble II*, is sponsored by Sunset Properties for the Planetarium.

Transportation funds for field trips have been reinstated in Brunswick County Schools. The Museum is a second grade field trip and third graders visit the Planetarium. Alex Tempsick recently resigned as educational coordinator and is traveling quite a bit. Over the last year, Alex prepared lesson plans, discovery boxes, and other programs based on grade level. Thank you, Alex, for laying an excellent foundation to correlate our exhibits and programs with the NC & SC curriculum standards. Our new museum educational service coordinator is Allison Smith who worked as a volunteer for our children's programs at the Planetarium last summer. Additionally, some private schools and South Carolina schools visit both locations. The feedback has been positive and teachers are commenting that they plan return trips next year. Thank you to all of our educational volunteers that provide a positive experience for our local students and teachers. If you would like to serve as an education docent, contact Allison at the Museum at 579-1016 or Mark at the Planetarium at 575-0033. We wish Alex good travels and we welcome Allison onboard.

**Training Docents:** Marilyn Schenck will train visitor services (admissions) and gift shop volunteers at the Planetarium. Mary Ellen Berry and Laura Frye will train visitor services and gift shop volunteers at the Museum. We will miss our touch tank and bird training docent, Dwight Sellers, who is moving away. Jim & Marge Libby will train our docents for the touch tank and birds. Pat O'Neil will also be a bird training docent. If you would like to serve as a training docent, please contact Elizabeth at 579-1016.

**Volunteer Scheduling:** Lynn Wiedman is now scheduling volunteers at the Planetarium. With the change in the Planetarium's hours, more people are volunteering but we still have open spaces. Please call Lynn at 575-0033 to volunteer at the Planetarium. Call Elizabeth at 579-1016 to volunteer at the Museum. We have openings at the Museum also!

**Volunteer Hours:** In the previous 3 years, the following hours were donated by Museum and Planetarium volunteers: **2006** – Museum 4487.75, Planetarium 1099. **2005** – Museum 5123, Planetarium 1157.

**2004** – Museum 3112, Planetarium 1053.. **100+ Hours** Mary Ellen Berry (227 hours!), Jodie Alexander, Elna Catselis, Laura Frye, Jo Hooker, Bethany Ouimet, Will Ouimet, Jackie Pickup, Carol Rankin, Dwight Sellers, Doris Shook, Pat Reamer. **75+ Hours** Carol Berryhill, George Fischer, Virginia Fischer, Patti French, Stan Tempsick. **50+ Hours** Joan Berhle, Bob Cox, Kurt Hugelmeyer, Lillian Hugelmeyer, Lois Huggins, Gayle Hughes, Jim Libby, Marge Libby, Sue McCann, Charlene McCloskey, Kathie Moore, T.K. Moore, Jane Parker, Peggy Payne, Marilyn Schenck, Judy Sobota, Dawn Thompson.

## Message From Executive Director

By now you are aware of the changing length of day. The shortest day of the year, the winter solstice has passed. We zip through space on our yearly orbit, ready to mark the moment when earth's tilt is exactly between the shortest and the longest days of the year – spring equinox.

We don't always notice change. Things happen all around us, sometimes fast and sometimes slow. If you've been by the Museum of Coastal Carolina lately, you noticed the new roof, fire doors and exit ramp. Thanks to generous contributions from the Town of Ocean Isle Beach and OIB POA we are protecting our exhibits and visitors.

Perhaps you did not yet notice the finishing touches to the new Legacy of the Loggerhead exhibit, the reorganized education files or the Planetarium Lobby telescopes. Progress is happening behind the scenes all the time.

The hardy and rugged species that hang around the beach through the winter – the brown pelican, herring gull, dolphin and fox squirrel will soon be revisited by loggerhead turtles, royal terns and monarch butterflies. The new spartina grass will spring out of the mud and turn the marsh from grey to green. The constellation Orion will drift below the western horizon, and Scorpius will soon shine overhead.

Things come and go. And some things come back again. Watch, listen and enjoy the new season of growth in coastal Carolina.

–Scott Kucera

# We Need You for Family Day!

April 7, 2007

10 a.m.—2 p.m.

Family Day is co-chaired by Allison Smith and Marilyn Schenk. There will be activities for the entire family such as face painting, duck pond, nature crafts, games, and Native American activities in the parking lot. Activities vary from free to small fee. Inside the museum there is a live snake program, touch tank, birds and scavenger hunt. Pay-what-you-can for admission to museum. When you get hungry, there's a bake sale, hot dogs, chips, sodas, slushes, and ice cream. Ingram Planetarium will be closed on Family Day.

The entire Museum is rented on Friday evening for a wedding party so all set-up for Family Day is scheduled for Saturday morning. We need volunteers to help set up tents and tables from 7:30-8:30 a.m., and more volunteers to set up each activity space from 8:30-10. Volunteers are also needed from 10-12 and 12-2 for ticket sales and for each activity in the parking lot and inside the museum. We need more volunteers to help take down the tents and tables and cleanup from 2-3:30. Please call Allison or Elizabeth at 579-1016 to schedule your volunteer time for Family Day.

Jo Lammonds is chairing the food committee and needs volunteers to help with the hot dogs, chips, & sodas. Please express your appreciation to Salty McDoogle's Restaurant for donating and cooking the hot dogs and condiments. We'll have the world's best chili made by Louise Ingram and Betty Coggins.

Dawn Thompson is chairing the volunteer bake sale. She hopes that all the volunteers will provide some goodies for the bake sale. Be sure to wrap your cakes and pies with transparent food wrap. Place your cookies, brownies, candies, and small items in small ziplock bags. Please deliver them to the Museum by 9:30 a.m.. Last year's bake sale proceeds purchased a changing station for the family restroom.

## 2007 Dates to Remember

Please note these dates on your personal calendar!

April 7            Family Day  
May 17           Chamber Business After Hours  
October 20-21   Oyster Festival

## 2007 Volunteer Meeting Dates

Please note these on your personal calendar.

April 24        4-6 p.m.    Wine and hors d'oeuvres  
October 4      11:30 a.m. Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

## Volunteer Information Sheets

Through the years, we have used various versions of volunteer information sheets. In April, we will mail a new volunteer information sheet for you to complete that will have all of the information on one form. The forms will be kept in Elizabeth's office at the Museum or Lynn's office at the Planetarium. You may update your preferences for emergency contact information, work stations, days, seasons, etc. Please return the form to the Museum or Planetarium by April 24 or you may bring it to the volunteer meeting that day.

## New Volunteers

We have a number of new volunteers and would like to take this opportunity to recognize them: Arthur Jackson, Beverly Davis, Gina Reeger, Rae Fulton, Marina Kesling, Susan Silk, Diane Kupstas, Grace Stallings, Terry Hunt, Eberhard Knuettal, Ilona Knuettal, Andrew Springer, Bob Janovik, Sue Janovik, Eileen Robertson, Martie Tittle, and Joe Walyus. Thank you for your time and we look forward to getting to know you as the year progresses. We certainly appreciate you and need you.



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**Museum of Coastal Carolina**  
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**Bake sale**

Hot dogs, chips, sodas  
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