

Soundside Learning

A New Year At Core Sound

Setting A Course For 2022!

Education Just Over The Horizon!

As a new year unfolds here at the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum & Heritage Center, we are excited to share with you the many exciting happenings just over the horizon!

After an extremely successful reboot of our education programs in 2021, we are eager to build upon that success over the course of the next year. In doing so, we will be rebooting our after-school education partnership with The Bridge Downeast in early January, once again welcoming Down East area students on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the museum. This program will continue to offer students heritage based education with lessons aligned with Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) learning objectives.

Since September of 2021, participating students have built and tested their own model skiffs and learned about Archimedes' Principle of Buoyancy (*EUREKA!*), learned about traditional Down East fishing methods by working as a team to pull nets onto the beach and identify various native marine species, and learned to identify ten different species of waterfowl via a museum-wide scavenger hunt!

In addition to continuing this heritage and STEAM education model, our program will be expanding to include time set aside for tutoring and study hall to assist students in their preparation for the end of the school year.



Students work to pull a net onto the shores of Harkers Island, Fall 2021

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Sound Reading Material For You & Your Child

The Mystery At Kill Devil Hills

By: Carole Marsh

A Complete Teacher Reading Guide Is Available!

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Four real kids attending the Centennial of Flight celebration in Kitty Hawk find themselves racing through aviation history to find a missing plane-but is it really missing?

This book, as a member of America's National Mystery Book series, includes factually accurate history with references to real people, places and events.

Tales From A Mullet Boat

“The whole ocean had turned to scales...”



Growing up on the shores of Core Sound is a special, even godly experience in many ways. This author’s family has lived along and worked the waters of Core Sound for many generations, my maternal great-great grandmother having been born into the now extinct community of Diamond City prior to the turn of the 20th century. Much of my upbringing centered around the water and I was always, as if by some mysterious force, naturally drawn to the Sound. Some of the greatest life lessons I have ever learned, were instilled in me on the deck of a mullet skiff. The following story, told to me by my great-uncle is unlike many fish stories in that it is a tale, not of a heroic catch, but an *almost* catch.

“We headed out to the banks one morning, around daylight. We were getting \$2.00 straight for white roe! (Note: “white” roe is the, usually, much less valuable male roe from the Jumping Mullet whose “red” or female roe can fetch high values at market. Typical white roe prices around .40 cents per pound). We saw three or four pretty mullets jump and started taking them in. As soon as the net started ‘a goin overboard the water went to flyin’ when they hit ‘er. We put six hundred yards of webbing around em’ and corkscrewed ‘er and as far as you could see was white water and fish a’ jumpin’. We figured we had about 70 or 80 boxes (Note: A “box” contains 100 pounds of fish). Directly, everything went quiet and they stopped...Every last one of those mullets was a little bit too small and had gone through ‘er. It looked like the whole ocean had turned to scales where they went through that net. We caught one mullet that day and we were so disgusted, we threw him back!”

As the new year approaches, and new resolutions are made, consider making one of your resolutions to support our local commercial fishing men and women as they work tirelessly to bring the best, freshest, local seafood to the docks day in and day out!



Core Sound Education Spotlight ~ Our Local Teachers!

Teachers around the world are now going on almost two years since COVID-19 first appeared on the scene and changed their profession forever. For teachers in Carteret County, Friday, March 13th of 2020 will forever be the mark of a turning point; a new meaning of the prefix “B.C.” in the world of education that only those who taught on either side of that now infamous date will recognize as “before COVID”. This author recalls vividly trying to calm a classroom full of high school juniors, who had begun to suspect that something was awry, at 3:00 PM on that day by saying “I will see you all here Monday, don’t expect any days off, and be sure to have your homework completed!” I ate those words only a few hours later when it was announced that students would not, in fact, be returning on Monday as the threat of a new and largely unknown virus had begun to spread across the globe.

Little did anyone know at that point, but that Friday, March 13th would be the last day that Carteret County students would attend school in person for the 2019-2020 school year. Teachers were expected to adjust quickly and successfully to a fully-remote learning landscape with little to no training in the usage of remote learning software programs that would soon become household names for parents, teachers, and students alike. The task assigned to our local educators was nearly an impossible one, but our remarkable teachers and administrators across the Carteret County Schools network more than prevailed over this tremendous hurdle. Teachers used the set of difficult circumstances to make innovative strides that have changed education for the better and are seemingly here to stay. Now, two years into teaching amidst global pandemic, our teachers continue to show why they are second to none, always going the extra mile in the best interest of our students! So, to all of our dedicated teachers and school staff, THANK YOU!