



Chincoteague Island, VA Oyster Bay II Community Newsletter August 2015

Greetings OB II POA,

I hope everyone is getting some time to kick back and soak in the scenery and the ocean!

Check out Kurt Jarvis's article about creativity. I took one of Kurt's classes and I was shocked at the results. I have a difficult time drawing stick figures, let alone paint a flower out of my imagination. Trust me, Kurt's instructions work.

Many thanks to Charlie & Lisa Harris for sharing their unique photos of a family of Bald Eagles.

Stay cool, keep hydrated and enjoy!

Neighborhood News ...

Congratulations to Elizabeth and Andrew Mierzwa on your new home at 5203 Wild Pony Ct. (lot #264). We welcome you to Oyster Bay II. And there's a new housing start on Lot #209. In case you're wondering, this lot is located on the OB I side of our community but it is a part of OB II.

And if that isn't enough news for you, there's this. While volunteering on behalf of the community, a member of our team lost a piece of jewelry that had great sentimental meaning. While her husband, Jim, agreed to take her back to Ireland for the replacement, we were totally psyched when after a determined search, Carol Smith found her trinity earring in the grass. A big shout out to St. Anthony!

Updates From The Board ...

As a follow up to last month's newsletter, you've probably seen that there's been activity on the parcel of land adjoining Oyster Bay II by N. Hibiscus Dr. at the community entrance. This land is called "Parcel E" as it was known on the original land plats. Currently, there's a disagreement between the OB II POA and the owner of Parcel E regarding access to Parcel E using OB II roads. Since some contractors have been using OB II roads for access, a temporary fence has been installed to get the point across that there's no agreement in place granting access. Representatives from OB II's Board of Directors plan to meet with the Chincoteague Town Council on Monday, 8/3 to review the Council's assumption of access when they approved a rezoning of Parcel E. Please note, the OB II Board may also have to resort to legal action if access rights are not otherwise determined.

An important reminder: Please be a responsible property owner and a good neighbor and check your Pine Trees for any signs of Southern Pine Beetle activity. All infected trees should be cut and removed from the property as soon as possible to prevent the beetles from moving on to neighboring trees and to keep the infected trees from falling on your own house or someone else's!

Unleashing Hidden Talent ...

By Kurt Jarvis

Many walk around Chincoteague to the shops and galleries on the Island and see beautiful hand crafted items and wish they could paint, draw or make some of those unique crafts themselves. The truth is, you can! I've heard many people say "I have no artistic talent." I love taking these people on and I offer them one class sessions on getting started in watercolor pencil painting as it's one of the easiest and lowest costs art projects you can begin with. And you can learn the basics in less than two hours.

You can buy a beginner's set of watercolor pencils from Michael's, the arts and crafts store, either online at www.michaels.com or at one of their retail locations in Salisbury or Ocean City. Watercolor pencils are not the same as colored pencils. The color in watercolor pencils melts and blends on the paper when a brush with water is applied. Next you will need a set of plain colored pencils. Dollar Tree has these for \$1 (of course). Your last item is watercolor paper (make sure you don't buy sketch paper). Watercolor paper is available at WalMart and it costs less than \$6 for a tablet of 30 sheets.

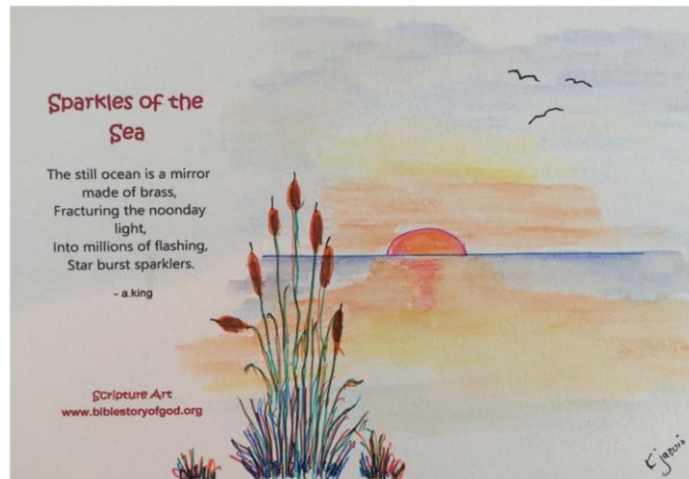


Once you have your materials, follow these steps ...

1. Find a simple picture you'd like to paint (flower, bird, boat, beach scene, etc.).
2. Outline your picture with a very light pencil, Using tracing paper, copy your picture. Rub the outline lines on the back of the tracing paper with the side of the pencil, lay the pattern on top of the watercolor paper and retrace the picture.
3. Outline, using medium strength, the main lines of the picture with a darker colored pencil of the same color tone as the pictured item.
4. Look at the drawing and determine where the light would be coming from (top, left, right) and then using at least three or more color tones or values of the same color, color each of the items in the picture, using watercolor pencil and color in the petals, the leaves, the driftwood, the shell etc. Use a darker tone color for the side with the shadow and the lighter tones for the brighter side. Also, consider white or no color at all as one of the tones.

5. Next, using a small paint brush and only water, dip your brush in the water, wipe it lightly on a paper towel and brush just a little water onto the pictured item, section by section, lightly blending the colors from light to darkest, not darkest to light. Repeat this step on the leaves, blooms, stems, branches, feathers, boat hull, etc.

Your picture should come to life with excellence. See? You had hidden talent you never knew!



Kurt Jarvis is a new entrant to the watercolor and acrylic art field. His miniature Scripture Art works are on display at the local artists gallery in the Village Mall on Main St. (1st floor, back) and at Island Arts located on Maddox Blvd. Kurt teaches beginning watercolor pencil and acrylic painting in his permanent community at Cresswind Myrtle Beach, SC.

The Eagles Have Landed ...

By Dave Hudgins

Literally. And if you're lucky you may see them hanging around the Chincoteague Combined School one morning.



Eagle Photos Courtesy of Charlie & Lisa Harris

Most of us easily recognize the Bald Eagle, the symbol of the United States of America. Many of us see them soar overhead in the community or feeding at the wildlife refuge. And, it's always great to get a nice view of these majestic birds just hanging around on the light stanchions at the local school. The population was estimated to be upwards of 500,000 in the late 1800s. But, 40 years ago the population was threatened with extinction. Primarily due to hunting and poisoned food sources, the population had dropped to about 400 breeding pairs in the 1960s.



The Endangered Species Act of 1973 along with the banning of the pesticide DDT has lead to a resurgence to their population. By 1995, there were about 8,000 breeding pairs in the lower 48 states and their status changed from "endangered" to "threatened". In 2007,

with about 10,000 breeding pairs, the Bald Eagle was removed from the "threatened" list, though it remains protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

The recovery of the Bald Eagle is a great success story and we are fortunate to have several nesting pairs and their families in the area. In late winter to early summer, visit the Bateman Center at the Chincoteague NWR and enjoy the Eagle Cam, where you can watch as the eaglets hatch and the parents nurture them to fledglings.

All Around Town ...

The blueberries have bounced on to their next festival, most of the ponies have swum back to Assateague, some of them have even found new homes, and the beach has been perfect. So what's going on during August?

Sat., Aug. 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 2pm, Museum of Chincoteague Island Living History Series – The Museum of Chincoteague will host a speaker each Saturday who will discuss the history and heritage of Chincoteague Island. The Museum is located at 7125 Maddox Blvd. \$3 admission fee for non-members 12+ yrs. For info, visit www.chincoteaguemuseum.com.

Thurs., Aug. 6th & Thurs., Aug. 27th (approx 8:30pm) Movie Nights at the Robert Reed Downtown Waterfront Park. Bring a



chair or a blanket and enjoy a free film outdoors and on the BIG screen. **Aug. 6th will feature "Apollo 13";** the PG rated Hollywood drama based on the events of the Apollo 13 lunar mission. Everything's proceeding according to plan after leaving Earth's orbit until an oxygen tank explodes and the scheduled moon landing is called off. Subsequent

tensions within the crew and numerous other technical problems threaten both the astronauts' survival and their safe return to Earth. **Aug. 27 will feature "Moonstruck",** a quirky romantic comedy for all to enjoy. Loretta Castorini, a bookkeeper from Brooklyn, NY, finds herself in a difficult situation when she falls for the brother of the man she agreed to marry (the best friend of her late husband who died seven years earlier). Rated PG.

Fri., Aug. 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, 2pm - 4pm Friday Afternoons on the Porch – Join the folks on the Chamber of Commerce porch to meet local organizations and artists who will teach you about the history and wonder of Chincoteague and Assateague Islands thru interactive demonstrations. 6733 Maddox Blvd. For more details, call 757.336.6161 or visit www.chincoteaguechamber.com.

Fri., Aug. 7th, 8:30am - 11:30am, Chincoteague Bay Field Station Incredible Invertebrates – Attention Vertebrates! Did you know a stunning 97% of the world's organisms lack a backbone? Interested in learning about spineless marine creatures? If so, this event is for you.



Participants will learn about the remarkable life, behavior, and anatomy of the main phyla of invertebrates with a special emphasis on coastal Atlantic marine species. This program is best for ages 7+ but everyone is welcome. There is a tuition fee of \$15 per person. For more info, visit www.cbfieldstation.org/incredible-inverts-workshop.html

Thurs., Aug. 13th & Aug. 27th, 7:30pm, 2015 Night Sky Summer Series – Starting with an Astronomy 101 presentation at the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge Herbert H. Bateman Education Center and followed by viewings of the night sky using telescopes and binoculars at the end of the beach parking lot #1, participants will have a unique opportunity to view the night sky through



observations of Saturn, Jupiter, Earth's Moon, clusters and galaxies. These events are free and open to the public. The presentation will occur regardless of weather; however, the telescope viewing is subject to cancellation due to inclement weather. Park entrance fees will apply. For additional info, call 757-824-1344 or go online to www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter

Sat., Aug. 22nd, 7pm, Music at The Dock – Music at the Dock is a summer series of free live music concerts held in Robert Reed Downtown Waterfront Park. Bring a blanket or chairs, or dock your boat, and enjoy the music. The featured band for this event will be C.A.I.S.O. Steel drum Band. The Caribbean American International Street Orchestra is the hottest steel drum band in the D.C. area, playing festive music that draws from Calypso, Soca, Reggae and Latin Jazz. The show that C.A.I.S.O. put on was so well received last summer by everyone, it was a no brainer to invite this band back again.

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Please recycle whenever possible. The Center is located at 5073 Deep Hole Road and it is open every day, except Tuesdays, from 7am – 6pm. Additional bins have been added for donations of clothing and shoes as well as a dumpster for used auto and truck tires. Thank you for helping to keep our community clean.

If you have a Community concern that needs urgent attention, please call: Jack Keane or Kathy Bradley.

Attention OBII Members: Please help with our newsletter! Email your ideas, suggestions, articles, photographs, recipes, restaurant reviews, fishing and crabbing spots, favorite activities, places of interest, Jean Hubbard.