



North Carolina Coastal Federation

Working Together for a Healthy Coast

Coastal Happenings

March 2014



North River Farms Tree Planting

A total of 129,000 trees, including bald cypress, swamp black gum, water tupelo, green ash and a variety of oaks, were planted on 442 acres at the North River

Farms wetland restoration site. The project is converting agricultural land back to wetlands with the goal of reducing runoff and reopening shellfish waters. It is one of the nation's largest restoration projects.

Dear Friend of the Coast,

About every three years we ask our members what they think about key coastal issues, our membership program and benefits. This insight helps us fine-tune our programs as well as better understand our members so we can engage more people in our work.

As you've probably heard us say before, the basic premise for the Coastal Federation is that the best management of our coastal resources will result with the greatest participation.

So far more than 400 people (thank you) have responded to our online survey and we've learned a great deal...like our members really value the issues that we prioritize and they're pretty happy with their member benefits. But several of you told us that you weren't aware of all the benefits that membership offers. With that in mind, we've provided a listing of your benefits (in order of your ranking) in this e-

Coastal Review Online

Monthly Summary

Here is your [Monthly Summary](#) of articles from our online news service that you may have missed. Sign up for daily email alerts or email [Frank](#), our editor, for weekly summaries.

March

- 12
Planned Giving Workshop
Raleigh
- 14
Landscaping Friday
Wrightsville Beach*
- 16
White Oak River Birding Cruise
Swansboro
- 26-27
N.C. Low Impact Development Summit
Raleigh
- 28
Landscaping Friday
Wrightsville Beach*
- 31
Shored Up screening
Morehead City

newsletter. Please make your membership valuable by using these benefits that are created to educate and engage people like you in coastal conservation.

Thank you for your membership, for caring about our coast and for responding to our survey.

Sincerely,
The N.C. Coastal Federation Staff

Membership Benefits

Monthly e-newsletter (Coastal Happenings)

[Our Coast](#) magazine

[Volunteer](#) opportunities

[Coastal Review Online \(CRO\)](#)

No Wetlands No Seafood bumper sticker

[Social media](#)

Annual photo wall calendar

Discounts on [events](#), workshops, programs and gift shop [merchandise](#)

Discounts from [Business Friends](#)

Use of the Nature Library (located at Ocean headquarters)



April

13
White Oak River Birding Cruise
Swansboro
19
Crystal Coast Earth Day Festival
Atlantic Beach*
26
Native Plant Sale
Ocean*
26
Cape Fear Earth Day Festival
Wilmington*



May

3
Center Grand Opening
Wrightsville Beach
4
Work on Wilmington
School Rain Garden Maintenance
Wilmington*
6 & 7
Shoreline Planting
Swansboro*
8
Wine, Dine and Learn about Blue Crabs
Nags Head
8 & 9
Shoreline Planting
Swansboro*



Wow! The first Oyster Shellebration was a huge success. More than 1,000 guests gathered in Hatteras,

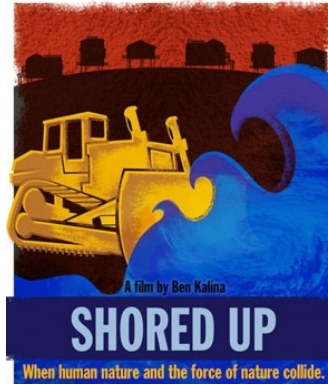
Swansboro, Wilmington and Raleigh to celebrate oysters and raise more than \$10,000 for our restoration and education work. Thank you to all who attended. We'll be back bigger and better next year.

CRC Removes Inlet Hazard Designation

The Coastal Resources Commission (CRC), a governor-appointment commission that provides guidance for coastal management, met in Nags Head on Feb. 26 and 27. It voted to remove the inlet hazard area designation for [Mad Inlet](#) over the objections of the Town of Sunset Beach and the federation.

Shored Up
March 31
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

The award-winning documentary is coming to Joslyn Hall in Morehead City. Free and open to the public.



Coastal Education Center Opening May 3

After months of renovation, the Palmgren-O'Quinn house is almost ready to be called the federation's [Coastal Education Center](#) and Southeast Office. Later this month staff and volunteers will begin moving furnishings from the rented space to the new center in the Wrightsville Beach Historic Square. April will be a month of finishing touches, landscaping, signage and preparing to launch a suite of new programs. On May 3, the doors will open and members and guests will get the first look at the new center.

There are still some items needed to furnish the center. Here's our [wish list](#). Please contact [Tracy Skrabal](#) if you have items in good condition to donate. Thank you.



Congratulations to Bob Mattocks of New Bern who joined and won a week in Florida during our Join and Win contest. Special thanks

- 14 Coastal Topics Speaker Series
Wrightsville Beach
- 16 Director's Luncheon
Raleigh
- 17 Charity Yoga
Nags Head
- 18 White Oak River Birding Cruise
Swansboro
- 20 & 21 Shoreline Planting
Swansboro*
- 20 TouchTank Tuesdays
Wrightsville Beach
- 27 Marsh Cruise
Swansboro

*** Volunteers Needed**



[North Carolina Low Impact Development \(LID\) Summit](#)

**March 26-27, 2014
Raleigh Convention Center**

Join stormwater managers, policy-makers, engineers, land use planners, academics and interested citizens at the North Carolina Low Impact Development (LID) Summit.

to Angela Faison for providing the vacation for our contest.

LID is a stormwater management approach that is gaining popularity across the country. The approach mimics the natural hydrology and reduces polluted stormwater runoff. Federation members may register at the non-profit rate (\$100.00 early bird/ \$150 after March 10) for the two-day event.

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