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Press Release

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Artists, Exhibitors and Entertainers Join Coastal Federation's Native Plant Festival

Ocean, N. C. – The N.C. Coastal Federation's Native Plant Festival is expanding this year to include an impressive lineup of artists, musicians, craftsmen and entertainment and environmental exhibitors.

The festival will take place Saturday, April 18, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the federation headquarters at 3609 N.C. 24 in Ocean. A special preview will be held for Coastal Federation members on Friday, April 17, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Memberships are available at the federation headquarters and online at www.nccoast.org

More than 3,000 native plants will be available for sale, and festival-goers can stroll among outdoor booths featuring coastal arts, crafts and environmental products and enjoy great entertainment.

Here is the two-day schedule.

Friday, April 17 3-7pm Members-Only Preview

(Memberships available onsite or online at www.nccoast.org)

Entertainment

3-5pm - Frank Gaines, Local Folk Musician

Featured Artist

3-7pm - Craig Gurganus of Fish Bouffant, surfboard art

Saturday, April 18 9am-6pm Open to the Public

Entertainment

9-10am - Frank Gaines, Local Folk Musician 11am-12pm - Molasses Creek, Ocracoke - Acoustic folk-fusion Band 1-2pm - TBA 3-4pm - Brad Spires, Local Folk Musician

Featured Artist

9am-6pm - Craig Gurganus of Fish Bouffant, Beaufort, Surfboard art

Art and Craft Vendors (9am-6pm)

Ruddy Chambers, Metal Yard Art: Wind Dancers
K.C. Cutney and Renee Olkowski - Flip Flop Stepping Stones
Emily Farmer, Jewelry
Scott Haines, Pottery
Pam Holliday, Pottery and Photography
Christine O'Connell, Pottery
Karen Rooney, Handmade Cloth Dolls & Critter Clay Pot Houses
Ann Saylor - Hand Knitted Items
Dee Edwards Smith, Sea Glass Jewelry
Ken Stone, Wooden Bird Carvings
Chris Wagner, Watercolors

Special Exhibitors (9 am –6 pm)

Barrier Island Kayaks
Carteret County Local Food Network
Crystal Coast Beekeepers
Gaskills Hunting and Hardware
Ted Miller, Fish Oil Supplements
Trinity Center, Wild Edibles

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The N.C. Coastal Federation is the state's only non-profit organization focused exclusively on protecting and restoring the coast of North Carolina through education, advocacy and habitat restoration and preservation. Its headquarters and central regional office are at 3609 N.C. 24 in Ocean between Morehead City and Swansboro. The federation also has a Northeast Regional Office in Manteo and a Southeast Regional Office in Wilmington. For more information or to join call 252-393-8185 or visit the federation's website at www.nccoast.org