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# Press Release

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## Coastal Federation's Native Plant Festival Set for Saturday

**Ocean, N.C.** – The N.C. Coastal Federation is bursting at the seams with recent deliveries of native plants, shrubs and trees. Copper irises, spiderwort, blue star, red buckeyes, Carolina allspice, hibiscus, Virginia blue bells, blueberry bushes, witch hazel, cardinal flowers, persimmon trees and hundreds more will highlight the sixth annual Native Plant Sale – which has turned into a festival.

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](http://www.nccoast.org)

While the more than 3,000 native plants remain the focus of the festival, arts, crafts, vendors, entertainment and food will expand the annual popular event.

The two-day schedule includes:

**Friday, April 17**

**3-7 p.m.**

**Members-Only Preview**

(Memberships available onsite or online at [www.nccoast.org](http://www.nccoast.org))

### Entertainment

3-5 p.m. - Frank Gaines, Local Folk Musician

### Featured Artist

3-7 p.m. - Craig Gurganus of Fish Bouffant, surfboard art

**Saturday, April 18**  
**9a.m.-6p.m.**  
**Open to the Public**

Entertainment

9-10 a.m. - Frank Gaines, Local Folk Musician

11 a.m.-12 p.m. – Molasses Creek, Ocracoke - Acoustic folk-fusion Band

1-4 p.m. – Brad Spires, Local Folk Musician

Featured Artist

9 a.m.-6 p.m. - Craig Gurganus of Fish Bouffant, Beaufort, Surfboard art

Art and Craft Vendors (9 a.m.-6 p.m.)

Rachael Carlyle, Black and White Photography

Ruddy Chambers, Metal Yard Art - Wind Dancers

K.C. Cudney and Renee Olkowski - Flip Flop Stepping Stones

Joni Dennis - Photography and Jewelry

Emily Farmer - Jewelry

Scott Haines - Pottery

Pam Holliday - Pottery and Photography

Island Woman Gallery – Batik Art

Jo Ann Marsh – Crochet items

Christine O’Connell - Pottery

Karen Rooney - Handmade Cloth Dolls & Critter Clay Pot Houses

Ann Saylor - Hand Knitted Items

Erin Sheldon - Whimsical Ocean Art

Dee Edwards Smith - Sea Glass Jewelry

Jim Smith – Bird Houses and Feeders

Ken Stone - Wooden Bird Carvings

Chris Wagner - Watercolors

Special Exhibitors (9 a.m. –6 p.m.)

Carteret County Local Food Network

Crystal Coast Beekeepers

Down East Library

Gaskills Hardware and Hunting

Carteret County Master Gardeners

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](http://www.nccoast.org)