



Biologist Dunn to Speak at Writers Conference

Rob Dunn will present "Writing the Wild Life" at the fifth annual Carolinas Writers Conference, to be held Saturday, April 20 at South Piedmont Community College's Lockhart-Taylor Center in Wadesboro. Dunn, who writes popular science articles for National Geographic, Smithsonian, and Natural History magazine, is a professor of biology at North Carolina State University. He will be the first scientist to speak at a Carolinas Writers Conference. His Saturday morning talk, drawn from his recent book, *The Wild Life of Our Bodies*, will be entertaining for anyone who loves the thrill of learning. Following lunch, Dunn will give a three-hour workshop on writing popular science. His workshop will include an investigation of skin mites from the forehead of workshop attendees as an example of scientific problem solving and writing. Among other subjects, Dunn plans to discuss the important differences between being a scientist who writes and a full-time science writer.

At previous Carolinas Writers Conferences, some attendees have asked for more non-fiction writers, including some who write popular science. "Not only do we have a science writer this year, we have the best," says Rufus Getzen, one of the conference organizers. "I truly believe that Rob Dunn is following the great tradition of Stephen Jay Gould and Isaac Asimov. NC State is very fortunate to have a science professor who writes like this - there just aren't many engineers and scientists who can write well. No one who hopes to improve his or her science writing can afford to miss his workshop."

Joining Dunn in the all-day event are three fiction writers: Marjorie Hudson, whose short story collection was nominated for the PEN/Hemingway prize; Robert Macomber, who writes award-winning naval historical fiction; and New York Times bestselling author Angela Knight, who writes paranormal romance novels. More information and pre-registration is available at the conference website, www.carolinawritersconference.org.

Artists Reception Featured Red Hill Basket Makers and Artist Barry Stebbing



On Sunday, March 10 the Arts Council held their monthly Artists Reception. These free events feature area artists, refreshments and a chance to enjoy the company of fellow art patrons. They are held on the second Sunday at the Olde Mille Gallery in the Lockhart-Taylor Center.



Lindsey Chapel Presents Black History Program

Pastor Sylvia McLendon and the Lindsey Chapel Friendship Church of God Family presented its Annual Black History Program on Saturday, February 23. Special guests included Dr. Althea Patton, a family tribute of songs by the Hill Family of Sumter, SC a Ghanaian and Nigerian Fashion Show by the Youth of Lindsey Chapel, and a play, *Past Meets Present*.

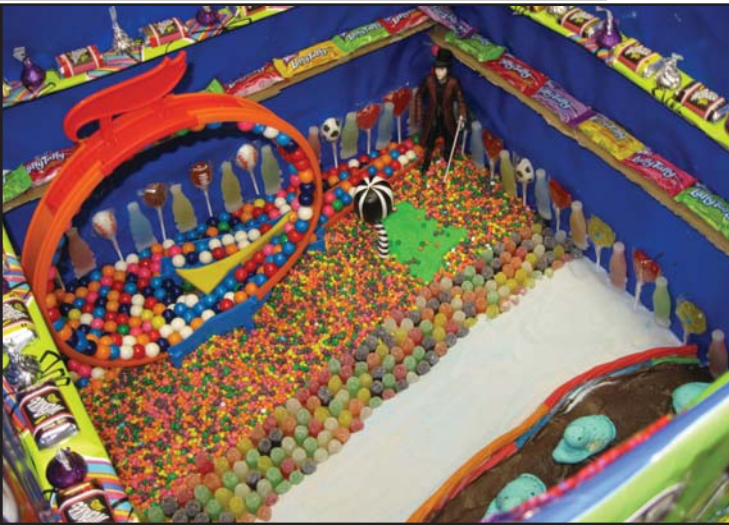
This dynamic program was coordinated by Mrs. Mary Gamble-Burch.

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All of the students had a great time creating their projects at home with the help of their families and friends, and presenting them to Sheriff Allen! (Rumor has it that a few pieces of candy were ingested during the creation of the students' projects.)

Artists and Crafters Meeting Every Tuesday

The Anson County Arts Council holds an arts and crafts workshop each Tuesday, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Olde Mill Gallery at the Lockhart-Taylor Center. Bring your own supplies. The workshop is free, but donations are welcomed. Call 704-694-4950 for information.

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NC Supports Sunday Hunting

The NC Wildlife Resources Commission has adopted a resolution supporting a bill that would allow people to hunt on Sundays on private lands. During the March 14 business meeting, the Commission adopted a resolution in support of Senate Bill 224 (www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2013/Bills/Senate/PDF/S224v1.pdf), which would remove a prohibition against Sunday hunting on private lands with shotgun, rifle or pistol set out in N.C.G.S. 103-2 (www.ncleg.net/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/HTML/BySection/Chapter_103/GS_103-2.html).

The mission of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission includes conserving and managing wildlife resources and enhancing the state's rich hunting heritage by providing opportunities for hunters to enjoy wildlife-associated recreation. "Allowing Sunday hunting on private lands will provide additional hunting days and additional options for youth and adults whose school and employment responsibilities limit their hunting opportunities to weekends," said Gordon Myers, executive director of the Wildlife Commission.

The prohibition against Sunday hunting serves no purpose with regard to conservation of wildlife resources and habitats. North Carolina residents who currently seek hunting opportunities in neighboring states that do allow Sunday hunting take substantial revenues elsewhere instead of keeping these dollars within North Carolina borders where they would generate tremendous economic benefits, particularly to rural areas and businesses.

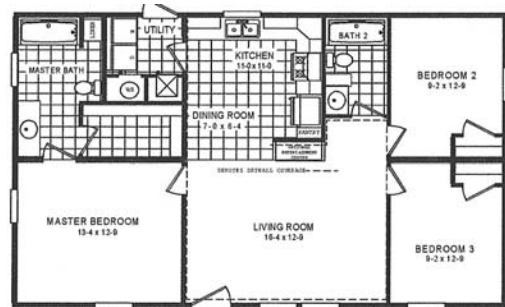
In 2009, the Commission adopted regulations allowing hunting on Sundays on private lands with archery equipment. Since September 2010 North Carolinians have been hunting on Sundays on private lands with archery equipment without incident or conflict.

The Commission also adopted a motion Thursday directing Myers to work with the Legislature and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to find a solution for the potential loss of compensatory hunting days for those who hunt migratory waterfowl on public waters, should Senate Bill 224 become law.

View full text of the resolution at www.ncwildlife.org.

For more information on hunting in North Carolina, including season dates and regulations, visit www.ncwildlife.org.

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