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TOWN OF DUCK INTRODUCES AUTHOR DISCUSSION SERIES TO 2009 SUMMER EVENTS SCHEDULE

Duck, NC -- New for 2009, is an Author Discussion Series coordinated by the Town of Duck in conjunction with [Duck's Cottage Book Store](#). This six-week series will be held on Fridays from July 10 through August 14 at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Picnic Shelter and will feature regional and local authors who will focus on Outer Banks topics including history, culture, food, and cooking demonstrations. Following the discussion, attendees are invited back to Duck's Cottage for author signings.

- **Friday, July 10 – “Kitchen Memories” by Anne Parsons & Alexandra Greeley**
“Kitchen Memories” travels around the globe in search for the everyman’s treasured family recipes. Through dozens of interviews, Parsons and Greeley collected recipes from 25 countries, from the United States to Greece to India to Thailand. The recipes are simple but comforting, and each comes with its own back story, an endearing kitchen-table memory that keeps the dish alive within that particular family.

Authors Anne Parsons and Alexandra Greeley are prepared to cook up one of their many delicious meals.
- **Friday, July 17 – “Outer Banks Edge: A Photographic Panorama” by Steve Alterman**
Now into its second printing, “Outer Banks Edge: A Photographic Portfolio”, continues to be a favorite among Outer Banks locals and visitors. This incredible hardcover book features more than 100 stunning images by Steve Alterman and has won many awards, including the “Best Book” award by the Graphic Arts Technical Foundation, Printing Industries of Virginia in 2002, an award of excellence in design by the Printing Industries of America in 2002, and “Best Book” and “Best Art/Photography Book” by DIY Independent Publishers in 2003.
- **Friday, July 24 – “The Outer Banks Cookbook” by Elizabeth Wiegand**
Author Elizabeth Wiegand will be preparing a couple of savory recipes using sweet, mild-tasting mahi-mahi from “The Outer Banks Cookbook,” which consists of more than 150 recipes that celebrate the many flavors of North Carolina’s coastal communities, including both traditional dishes and specialties from the many restaurants dotting the Outer Banks.

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More than just recipes, this tribute to the Outer Banks also includes everything from shipwreck lore and stories of yesteryear to practical tips on throwing an oyster roast or preparing a distinctive local specialty such as broiled fish throat.

- **Friday, July 31 – “Beachcomber's Odyssey, Treasures from a Collected Past” by S. Deacon Ritterbush**

The archaeology of beachcombing offers 'combers a new way to wander, not just as a collector pocketing treasure but also as a historian, biologist and anthropologist. This lecture will help you develop the skills and knowledge needed to become a scientist at the shore. Understanding the context of a stretch of beach - its history, culture and geology – enriches and adds exciting new dimensions to your beachcombing experience. During this talk, Dr. Ritterbush (aka "*Dr. Beachcomb*") will offer up fascinating science facts, pragmatic beachcombing tips and various techniques that prove useful in treasure hunting at the shore. You will learn how to target fruitful search sites, identify artifacts and expand your collecting to include not only sea glass, fossils and shells but also ceramic shards, driftwood, man-made artifacts and more.

The lecture will be followed by an artifact identification session before the book-signing of "A Beachcomber's Odyssey, Vol. I; Treasures from a Collected Past," which was the recipient of Independent Publishers 2009 Living Now Award for Collecting/Hobbies. The book was awarded Honorable Mention by the Eric Hoffer Society as the Inspirational/Spiritual Book for 2009 and was short-listed for the 2009 da Vinci Medal Cover of the Year.

- **Friday, August 7 – “Pure Sea Glass” by Richard LaMotte**

“Pure Sea Glass” is an incredible reference for any coastal enthusiast. More than 200 elegant images by photographer Celia Pearson present some of the best sea glass ever collected, along with samples of the classical glassware that is often its source. Author Richard LaMotte provides tremendous detail on all aspects of identifying sea glass, its historical significance, ways to assess rarity, and the most advantageous locations and times to search for it.

- **Friday, August 14 – “Searching for Virginia Dare; A Journey into History, Memory, and the Fate of America’s First English Child” by Marjorie Hudson (funded by The North Carolina Humanities Council)**

In 1587 America’s first English child was born in a remote island wilderness. They named her Virginia Dare. Soon after her birth, Virginia and more than a hundred men, women, and children disappeared, leaving a cryptic message carved on a tree.

What became of that infant girl and her people, now known as the Lost Colony? In search of an answer, Marjorie Hudson wanders the back roads of North Carolina and Virginia in an aging Dodge Caravan with a satchel of research notes and a head full of memory and imagining.

Amazed by abandoned farmhouses wrapped in kudzu, the Great Dismal Swamp “dripping with spotted snakes,” the bones of the Jamestown colony, and the living nation of the Lumbee, Hudson discovers an epic story more complex and more deeply moving than she ever imagined.

For more information, visit the Town’s Web Site at www.townofduck.com or call the events hotline at (252)255-1286.

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