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BEN STEELMAN: BOOKMARKS

Like a good sequel, new 'Beach' book goes bigger

Daniel Ray Norris gave a Christmas present to beach lovers last year when he released his big color coffee table book, *Carolina Beach: Images and Icons from a Bygone Era*.

That book bore an optimistic "Volume I" on the cover. Well, Volume II - *Carolina Beach: Friends & Neighbors Remembered* (SlapDash Publishing, \$29.95) - is now off the presses and on the loading dock. Norris says it should be in local stores by Thanksgiving.

The author - a world-traveling surfer, biology instructor at Cape Fear Community College and longtime beach regular - plans a presentation Monday at the regular meeting of the Federal Point Historic Preservation Society, 7:30 p.m. at the community's History Center, next to the Carolina Beach Town Hall on North Lake Park Boulevard. He'll be available to sign copies then. A bigger signing is scheduled for Dec. 1 at the Blackhorn Restaurant on the Carolina Beach Boardwalk.

Norris says the new book is 48 pages longer than the first volume, and it expands its scope, covering Kure Beach, Fort Fisher and the historic African-American community and beach resort Seabreeze. Sections are devoted to such diverse topics as the history of the Seashore Amusement Park, the old Half Moon Campground, the Carolina Beach police force, early surfers here, and the coming of video games to the beach arcades.

A whole page salutes "Cappy" Capillary, a cheerful, bearded retiree who regularly swam in the ocean, the length of Carolina Beach and further, until his death in 1990.

Norris also tracks down useful data on R.O. "Skipper" Mitchell, who took souvenir portraits for tourists at his Carolina Beach photo studio in the 1940s, '50s and '60s. Quite a few of the Skipper's whimsical photos are included.

Norris ran into a lot of the problems of a modern-day self-published author; printed overseas, his book was slowed by a random Customs inspection.

No contraband was found, apparently, and *Carolina Beach* Vol. II should be available soon at Barnes & Noble, Books-A-Million, Pomegranate Books, Two Sisters Bookery and The Sterling House. It also will be at a number of Pleasure Island locations, including Island Tackle, Walgreens, The Palms, Lime and the Coconut and Checkered Church. For more details, visit www.carolinabeach.net.

Local writers honored

Amy Kirschke, associate professor of art at the University of North Carolina Wilmington, received the 2007 Southeastern College Art Conference Book of the Year Award for her *Art in Crisis: W.E.B. DuBois and the Struggle for African-American Identity and Memory*.

Kirschke's book analyzed how the renowned African-American scholar used art during his 25-year tenure as editor-in-chief of *The Crisis*, the journal of the NAACP. DuBois, author of *The Souls of Black Folk*, used *The Crisis* to publish the work of a number of emerging young black artists, such as Romare Bearden, and he marialed graphics and political cartoons to telling effect during his long editorial campaign against lynching.

Art in Crisis was published in February by Indiana University Press.

Meanwhile, Richard Satterlie received a first-place award in the Published Fiction category from the Arizona Authors Association earlier this month (November 2007) at its annual meeting in Phoenix.

Satterlie, a Kenan professor of biology at UNCW, was honored for his 2006 historical novel, coincidentally titled *Phoenix*.

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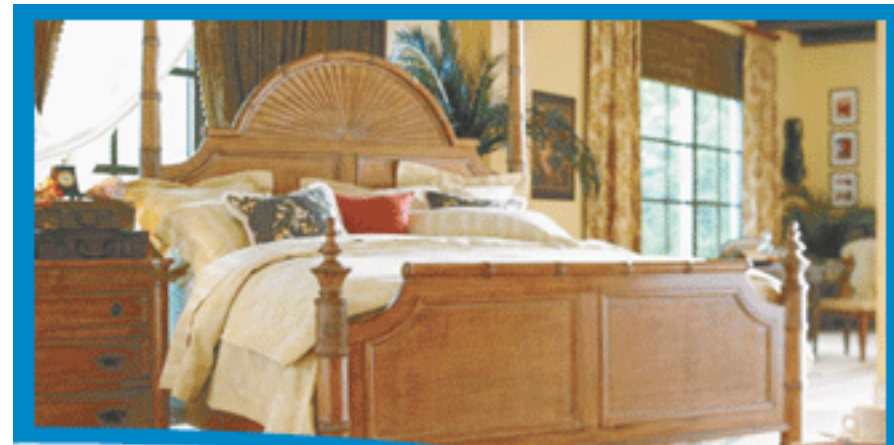
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