

East Coast Shag Classic Attracts Top Bands to Battle Cancer



The Fourth Annual East Coast Shag Classic, featuring the year's top beach music singers, musicians and entertainers, returns to Wrightsville Beach, January 29 through February 1. Master-of-ceremonies is Joey Warren - "The Little Man of Beach Music" - widely known by fans from live appearances and as morning personality on *YourBeachMusic.com*, CBMA's Internet Station of the Year. "The East Coast Shag Classic is a must attend event for beach music fans - a wonderful and meaningful weekend," says Warren.

January's Shag Classic, a three-day charity event benefiting women and their families, showcases elite recipients of beach music's recent CAMMY Awards, including Male Vocalist of the Year, Entertainer of the Year, Group of the Year, and Best Live Production Award.

The East Coast Shag Classic opens Thursday night, January 29 with CBMA's Best Live Production Award winner, Band of Oz (pictured above). On Friday, January 30, the Embers headline entertainment with Male Vocalist of the Year, Craig Woolard.

Saturday's beach music marathon spans afternoon through late night hours with Entertainer of the Year Jim Quick and Coastline, Group of the Year the Entertainers, and Saturday's Late Night Dance Party with DJs Joey Warren and Ken Jones.

"What a great way to have fun and raise money for a worthy cause," said David Hicks, drummer for the Band of Oz, making their fourth appearance at the East Coast Shag Classic.

Festivities for 2015's East Coast Shag Classic come to an inspiring close on Sunday with the Gospel Train, hosted by the Big Kahuna of the Big Kahuna's Beach Party and Sunday Morning Gospel Train.

"The East Coast Shag Classic is THEE event if you are a beach music and shag fan," says Clay McCauley, aka the Big Kahuna. "Women of Hope does a great job helping people, it's at the heart of what they do. I am very proud of my association with such great people and a super event. God Bless everyone involved."

Proceeds from the 4th Annual Shag Classic fund the mission of Women of Hope, a nonprofit organization providing a wide-range of free services to improve the quality of life for female cancer patients and their families.

For more information about the event, visit eastcoastshagclassic.com or contact Penny Millis at 910-297-7688 or penny@womenofhopenc.org.

Fourth Annual HOLLA! Evening of Culture to Feature the Livingstone College Concert Choir



The Livingstone College Concert Choir will appear at the Fourth Annual HOLLA! Evening of Culture on Thursday, February 5. Through the years the Livingstone Concert Choir has traveled throughout the United States uplifting the name of Livingstone College. In October 1991 the Concert Choir was invited by the US Ambassador of Ghana, West Africa, to perform during the International Week Celebration at the United Nations in New York. In 2001 the Massachusetts Legislature hosted the Concert Choir in an afternoon concert at the State House. For many years the Concert Choir has rendered regional performances along with the Salisbury Symphony Orchestra and the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra. Under the direction of Mr. DaVaughn L. Miller, the Concert Choir performed at Carnegie Hall in 2010.

The choir membership represents a number of geographic regions stretching into the Caribbean and West Africa. In its musical programming, the Choir strives for excellence in the classics, sacred and secular music, spirituals and gospel.

The HOLLA! Evening of Culture will begin at 6 p.m. on Thursday, February 5 at the Ansonia Theatre. Tickets are available now. Call 704-695-4968 or 704-465-1790 for tickets. They cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

NC Beekeepers Conference to be Held in Monroe February 5-7

If you have ever considered becoming a beekeeper, you are in luck. The NC/SC State Beekeepers Spring Conference is being held in Monroe February 5-7 at the Union County Agriculture Center. The theme for this conference is "Protecting Our Bees."

Anson Cooperative Extension Service often receives calls asking about beekeeping classes and resources for "bee"ginners in Anson County. Aside from attending monthly meetings and classes hosted by the Anson County Beekeepers Association and other local chapters, the spring and summer NC State Beekeepers Conference provides a great resource for novice and experienced beekeepers.

You will have a chance to hear from apiary specialists and researchers from Clemson University, Auburn University, University of Georgia, and apiary inspectors from the NC Department of Agriculture. Other speakers from Bee Culture Magazine and Bayer Bee Care Center will be presenting during the regular session. Break-out sessions will feature workshops on various topics including hive management, hive products, and wax processing.

If you're looking for beekeeping protective gear, hive bodies, frames, hive supplements, tools, books, and gifts the vendors at the spring and summer meeting have it all, just in time to prepare for the honey bee build-up in preparation for the spring nectar flow. If you have ever had an interest in beekeeping don't miss this event.

To register, visit the Anson Cooperative Extension website "events" tab at anson.ces.ncsu.edu to the download an advance mail-in registration form to save the \$10 walk-in fee. Advanced individual registration is \$40 for non-members and \$25 for NCSBA members.

For additional questions about beekeeping or the Anson County Beekeepers Association please contact Aimee Colf, Horticulture Agent with Anson Cooperative Extension Service at 704-694-2415.



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