

Writers Conference Coming April 5

The sixth annual Carolinas Writers Conference will be held at South Piedmont Community College's Lockhart-Taylor Center, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 5.

By request from past workshop leaders and attendees, the workshops have been extended to two hours. There will be four morning workshops and three afternoon workshops, followed by a question-and-answer session. Leaders are award-winning authors and experts in the craft of writing. The morning sessions will include:

- **Michelle Buckman:** Intensive Writing. If interested in having your work discussed during class, send three pages to michellpbuckman@gmail.com and put 2014 CWC Workshop in the subject line;
 - **Craig Faris:** The Wrong Way to Get Published
 - **Barbara Mellin:** Writing for Magazines
 - **Cathy Pickens:** Why Bother with "Getting it Right" in Fiction
- Afternoon workshop leaders are:
- **Craig Faris:** Conflict and Suspense
 - **Robin Weaver:** Getting into Deep POV (Point of View)
 - **Tamra Wilson:** The Successful Columnist/Blogger

For complete descriptions of the workshops and information about the authors, go to www.carolinawritersconference.org.

The conference is sponsored by the Anson County Writers Club, SPCC, the Anson County Tourism Development Authority, and Uwharrie Bank.

The registration fee is \$15 and includes a light lunch. Registration will begin at 8 a.m., but the committee requests that those who plan to attend register in advance in order to get an accurate headcount for lunch. Register online at www.carolinawritersconference.org or mail payment to: Anson County Writers' Club, 2014 Conference, PO Box 363, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

If you plan to attend but would prefer to pay at the door on the day of the conference, or for more information, call Sandy Bruney at 704-694-5211 or email info@ansoncountywritersclub.org.

NC Beer Month Sweeps to Turn a Beer Lover into a Brewmaster

Winner will visit Charlotte, create a beer at NoDa Brewing

For the second annual NC Beer Month, April 2014, the state Division of Tourism, the Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority and NoDa Brewing are partnering on the Brewmaster Experience sweepstakes, which features a two-night stay in Charlotte and an opportunity to create a beer recipe for production at NoDa Brewing.

"Thousands of beer lovers will visit North Carolina in April for special events and travel deals offered by our breweries and destination partners," said Wit Tuttle, Executive Director of the North Carolina Division of Tourism, Film & Sports Development. "We are excited to work with the Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority and NoDa Brewing on the special Brewmaster sweepstakes, which is just a small sip of what awaits during NC Beer Month."

The sweepstakes entry form can be found at NCBeerMonth.com. The sweepstakes is open from now until April 30, when NC Beer Month ends. One winner will be selected at random to receive a prize that includes:

- Two nights at Aloft Charlotte Uptown in the EpiCentre for the winner and a guest.
 - Two days working with the NoDa staff to create a 10-gallon batch of beer for the brewery's NoDable series.
 - Chance to name the beer and create a video to be posted with its release.
 - Two Charlotte Brews Cruise vouchers, a \$75 gift card from Black Finn American Saloon, a \$50 gift card from Growlers Pourhouse and a \$500 Visa gift card to help get the winner to Charlotte.
- NC Beer Month, co-sponsored by the Division of Tourism and the North Carolina Craft Brewers Guild, celebrates craft beer culture and the destinations where it thrives. Brewery participants include Durham's Fullsteam, owned by a James Beard award nominee; Asheville's Wicked Weed, a Gold Medal winner at the 2013 Great American Beer Festival; and Oskar Blues Brevard. Throughout April, visitors can experience tours, tastings, dinners and other events as well as lodging packages and deals on North Carolina craft beer. Highlights include:
- Lodging packages in Asheville, Blowing Rock, Sylva and Raleigh.
 - Cask on Fools, an April 1 cask festival featuring 15 Raleigh-area breweries at their most creative.
 - Kinston Beer Weekend, which includes a beer dinner, a Barbecue, Oysters & Beer Bash, a Neuse River Brews Cruise and breakfast on the world's only full-size replica of a Confederate ironclad.
 - World Beer Festival Raleigh with 30 North Carolina breweries among the 250 from around the world.
 - 20th anniversary celebration at Highland Brewing in Asheville, which includes a Scotch Ale release to launch a "20 Beers for 20 Years" series.

North Carolina is home to 100 breweries, which places the state in the Top 10 nationally. To learn more about April's statewide celebration, visit NCBeerMonth.com.

Time to Clean Out Your Medicine Cabinet

Operation Medicine Drop, Saturday at Food Lion from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., allows secure disposal of medications

Insurance Commissioner Wayne Goodwin announced that during National Poison Prevention Week, March 16-22, Safe Kids North Carolina will once again spearhead Operation Medicine Drop, a state-wide blitz of events where the public can safely and conveniently dispose of unused or expired prescription or over-the-counter medications.

Operation Medicine Drop has retrieved and destroyed more than 52.8 million dosages of medications over the past four years.

Any medication that is expired or no longer needed — whether it be over-the-counter drugs, prescriptions, samples or pet medication — will be accepted and destroyed, no questions asked.

The number of unintentional poisoning deaths has increased by nearly 300 percent, going from 297 in 1999, to 1,104 in 2012, with a vast majority (91 percent) of these being drug or medication-related.* Medications are the leading cause of child poisoning, with more than 67,000 children going to an emergency room for medicine poisoning each year.

Why should you participate in Operation Medicine Drop?

- To prevent poisonings: Poisoning from prescription medications is on the rise in North Carolina and death rates exceed the national rate.
 - To fight drug abuse: Many people think prescription and over-the-counter drugs are safe because they have legitimate uses, but when used improperly, they can be just as dangerous and addictive as illegal substances.
 - To protect our waterways: Throwing medicines in the garbage or flushing them down the toilet or sink leads to water contamination and harms aquatic life.
- To avoid poisonings when taking care of children, be aware of the following tips:
- Store and lock all medicines and household cleaning products in cabinets, out of the reach and sight of children.
 - Keep children where you can see them at all times, even when you go to answer the door or telephone. Never leave young children alone.
 - Do not leave poisons on a counter or in an unlocked cabinet.
 - Never carry something that can be poisonous, such as a medicine, in a purse where children may find it.
 - Place safety latches on drawers or cabinets, and child-resistant caps on bottles, to keep poisons out of the hands of children.
 - Clean out your medicine cabinets of all unused and expired medications, and bring them to an Operation Medicine Drop event or permanent drop box near you for proper disposal.

MIKE SMITH FOR SHERIFF: BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Mike Smith invites the community to attend an **ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST!**

Join Mike this Saturday, March 22, from 7am to 10am at the National Guard Armory, located at 488 Anson High School Road in Wadesboro, and get to know the candidate.

Tickets are delightfully priced at \$8 per person, and children under 5 can enjoy breakfast for **FREE!**

FOR TICKETS OR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: 704-475-0743

Look forward to seeing you there!



You can also purchase tickets at any one of these Anson County Businesses

- **KIM'S KREATIONS**
115 South Greene Street in Uptown Wadesboro
- **KLASSY KUTZ**
1704-A Morven Road in Wadesboro
- **FANNIE'S ALTERATIONS**
100 South Rutherford Street in Wadesboro
- **WADESBORO AUCTION HOUSE**
Located behind McDonalds in Wadesboro

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Mike Smith Sheriff

Upper PeeDee Farm & Food Council Presents "Local Food, Farms and You!"

Are you interested in connecting with your local farmers? Are you growing local food? Are you a "foodie?" Are you concerned about our public health? Then the Upper Pee Dee Farm & Food Council's (UPFFC) "Local Food, Farms and You!" Community Forums are where you want to be on April 10 and on April 15. Attend one of these fun, free events featuring local food and local farmers from Anson, Montgomery and Stanly Counties.

The Stanly Forum will be on Thursday, April 10 at the Commons, Albemarle, and the Anson Forum, Tuesday, April 15 at Lockhart-Taylor Center in Wadesboro. Both Forums start at 6 p.m. with displays by local farmers, along with a food tasting of local food products.

The program begins at 6:30, featuring both the Upper PeeDee Farm and Food Council (UPFFC), and speaker, Jared Cates, CONNECT Our Future staff. Jared will present the results of the recent 14-county assessment and recommendations about our region's farm and food system. He will also facilitate a citizen discussion about the results.

The purpose of the Forums is two-fold: 1) to help citizens become more aware of the benefits of locally-grown food, & 2) to get citizen input from the recommendations about our tri-county region's farm and food system.

Save the dates! Register for the free forums. Email info@upffc.org or call 704-474-9134. Visit the UPFFC website at www.upffc.org.

UPFFC is a citizen-based non-profit that encourages, supports and coordinates programming to build a sustainable, locally-based, economically-resilient farm and food system throughout Anson, Montgomery and Stanly Counties.

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FREE COLLEGE DAY



Free Family Movie Night! - Frozen
Friday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m.
Polkton campus amphitheater
Bring a lawn chair and blanket.

Sample three classes!
Sat., April 5, 9 a.m. to noon
SPCC campus in Polkton
• Choose your classes!
• Try the new Disc Golf Course
• Ages 13 and up

Get a taste of community college life!
Sign up in advance at www.spccevents.com/freecollege-anson
Both events at 680 Highway 74, Polkton

