

# THE DUNE *Breeze*

## Gift Shop Highlights Local Artisans *By Sarah Downing*

For over a year now, the Friends of Jockey's Ridge Gift Shop has been under the keen supervision of Kathryn Lamb. She has brought enthusiasm and ideas to the job and we are grateful to her for her dedication. She is excited to feature arts and crafts of many local artists, which are proving to be popular with park visitors.

"I woke up one morning with the idea of featuring more local artists in the gift shop. The feeling was so strong; I started calling people before I went to work that day. Amy Klauser, chair of the Gift Shop Committee thought it was a good idea. From that morning, the wheels started turning and now we are fortunate to feature so many talented people from this area," Lamb said recently.

Just in this summer are limited edition paintings of Jockey's Ridge by painter Susan Wells Vaughn.

Her charming colorful primitive-style townscapes of Outer Banks locales are easily recognizable and as a result she has created quite a following. We are all excited Susan has added Jockey's Ridge to her list of endearing subjects.

Long time artist and resident Becky Hemby has been creating handcrafted candles for eight years in her studio in Currituck County. She is inspired by the beauty of the area and the treasures she finds on the beach. Both are reflected in her beautiful seascape candles.

The award winning husband and wife carving team of Vic and Ellen Berg are now displaying their work for sale at Jockey's Ridge. They are unparalleled in creating graceful likenesses of our beautiful Outer Banks shorebirds. Having a piece of their work in your home is like having a bit of wildlife indoors.



*Some of the local items found in the gift shop.*

Margaret Miller creates one of a kind jewelry from beach glass that she finds on her daily beachcombing expeditions. She uses only genuine sea glass in its natural state. Her earrings are available in the gift shop.

Postcards are always a popular item, especially the postcards of Jockey's Ridge created by local artist and photographer Janice Lane, who is proud to admit, "My photographs are taken with a bare camera lens. I don't use filters or camera tricks in my photography - you see what I see. I cannot improve on the perfection that Mother Nature provides." Images of

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## New Faces *on the Ridge*

### MEET OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBER CYNDI GABRYS

After enjoying many years of extended vacations on the Outer Banks, I decided to make it my permanent home in 2002. The timing was right and I was fortunate to find a job as an office assistant at Jockey's Ridge State Park in 2003.



Although I changed jobs in 2005, my love of the Park, the Staff and the Friends of Jockey's Ridge never wavered.

I'm honored to join the Friends Board of Directors and hope to benefit the Friends with my background in project management, administration and my love of nature.

### NEW RANGER IN TOWN

The Friends of Jockey's Ridge welcomes Ranger Justin Barnes (no relation to Superintendent George Barnes) to



Jockey's Ridge State Park. The Chesapeake, Virginia native grew up coming to the Outer Banks and is glad to be working close to his family. Justin enjoys

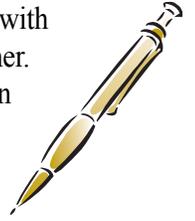
all water sports — swimming, surfing, fishing and boating — and his mixed breed labs.



## From the President's Pen



Jockey's Ridge State Park is alive with people and activities this summer. The environmental education programs sponsored by the Friends of Jockey's Ridge are once again filled to capacity and more programs have been added. With all this activity we are glad to welcome new ranger Justin



Barnes, who recently joined the staff at Jockey's Ridge State Park. It is through the hard work of these rangers, summer interns and the rest of the park staff that we can all enjoy the beautiful Jockey's Ridge.

The 2007 Yuengling Nags Head Woods 5K and Village Realty Fun Run was the most successful event in its 24-year history. There was a record turnout of runners and funds raised. Thanks to everyone who participated in this great event. Special thanks to our co-host the Outer Banks Kiwanis Club, all of our great sponsors who have continued their support, Coastal Beverage Company, the Ramada Inn for a great party, and all the many volunteers that make this such a fun and successful run. We look forward to the 25th anniversary run next spring.

There are many new items in our gift shop, including new Dune Hugger apparel, local artwork by notable Outer Banks artists, walking sticks complete with compasses and lots of other great items, so please come and enjoy Jockey's Ridge State Park today!

— Billy Moseley

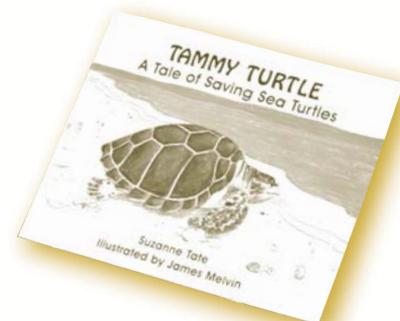
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lighthouses, nature scenes and sunrises are also featured on post cards by Mike Hogan.

One of the Outer Banks most popular and well known photographers, Ray Matthews, has his work available at Jockey's Ridge. He enjoys shooting Outer Banks landscapes as well as the ocean and sounds. Ray created digital images which he prints on archival material, and then mats and frames the items himself, seeing the process from start to finish.

Over 2 million copies of Suzanne Tate's nature series books for children have been sold. There are now 27 books in her series, which are illustrated by James Melvin. Her books have taught many youngsters their first lesson in natural history.

So not only will your gift shop purchases support the mission of Jockey's Ridge State Park, they might also support a local artist.



## To Join The Friends of Jockey's Ridge Visit:



## View From The Ridge *by George Barnes – Park Superintendent*

Spring and summer have started with a bang this year. Visitation has risen steadily from April through June, with many visitors enjoying our programs. We have a great seasonal staff this year, all enjoying their

work providing enriching experiences for our visitors.

I am very happy to welcome Justin Barnes, our newest Park Ranger. Justin has several years experience in North Carolina parks, having worked at Jones Lake State Park, Carolina Beach State Park and most recently as a ranger at Hammocks Beach State Park. He is very qualified and excited to become a member of Jockey's Ridge staff. We are grateful to have him here.

Contracts have been awarded for the long awaited Maintenance Area Improvements. Plans include a 7-bay

garage/storage facility and improvements to the existing maintenance building.

With this project we have received an additional maintenance position, Maintenance Mechanic III. Our current maintenance man, Bill Jones, has been promoted to this position. This is a well-deserved promotion for Bill, as he has basically been our only maintenance person for the last 14 years. He should be congratulated and thanked for his dedicated service all these years.

Hopefully we can fill Bill's old position in the near future and will have a full staff.

Once again I must thank all of you for your continued support of Jockey's Ridge State Park. Without you we could not provide the services we do.

*Until next time... George*



## Annual Membership Meeting • Sunday May 20, 2007



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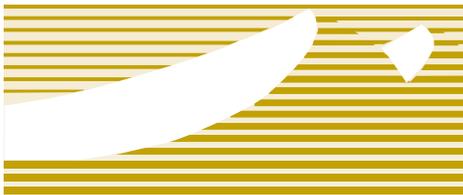
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## Girl Scouts Earn Jockey's Ridge Patch

Girl Scouts from Cadet and Senior Troop 308 and Daisy Troop 148 from Orange Park, Florida visited Jockey's Ridge State Park on their spring break in March. The girls earned the Junior Friends of Jockey's Ridge Patch.



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