

# Wild and Free

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Mark your calendars for July 7,8,9
- Wild Horse preservation is critical.
- 4th and 8th graders have a special assignment.
- Enter the photo contest

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## Horses Helping Horses

This year's sixth annual Wild Horse Days is bigger and better than ever. The 2009 theme is "Horses Helping Horses."

Set for July 7,8, and 9, Wild Horse Days is a three day celebration to create awareness about and support for the need to preserve and protect the wild Colonial Spanish Mustangs that have roamed the Outer Banks for nearly 500 years.

Three locations are needed for all the activities: the grounds of the Wild Horse Museum in Old Corolla Village; Currituck Heritage Park; and the Corolla Light Shopping Center.

Keep your fingers crossed as we wait to hear if we will be getting a visit from the world famous Budweiser Clydesdales.

We will also be visited by two stunning Colonial Spanish Mustang stallions from Rainbow's End Farm in Suffolk. Owner Sharon Sluss will be showcasing the ver-

satility and athleticism of this breed in both dressage and jumping.

Watch as CWHF Board member Steve Edwards and his young students demonstrate how wild horses become gentled using natural horsemanship techniques. See for-



merly wild horses from Corolla being ridden by children, as well as Mustangs from out west and ponies from neighboring Chincoteague.

Also new this year, Colonial Spanish Mustang cart rides. Park your car and take a leisurely ride

Discover what Old Corolla Village has to offer.

Bring the whole family —Wild Horse Days has something for everyone. Our popular and enormous silent auction features everything from art and jewelry

crafted by local artisans to wild horse tours and wine tasting. There are lots of fun children's games and crafts, great food, music, and surprises.

Vote for your favorite photo in our 2010 Calendar Contest and test out your pitching arm at our dunking booth.

## CWHF Partners With NPS



Nine month old Corolla's Grace meets some NPS Staff

CWHF and the National Park Service are cooperating in an effort that will bring the ponies on Ocracoke Island back to a more genetic and physical representation of the Banker Colonial Spanish Mustang. As soon as the details are final, CWHF will be loaning the NPS a wild stallion from Corolla.

Park Service staff recently met with CWHF Director, Karen McCalpin and took a trip to Wrangler Farms to see the Corollas available for adoption. Watch for more information about this exciting partnership.

# Critically Endangered/Nearly Extinct

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HORSES!

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We have known since April of 2008 that our wild herd numbers are not high enough to maintain a healthy level of genetic diversity. An additional development adds even more urgency to our efforts to protect and preserve this heritage breed.

The CWHF recently learned that even combined with the wild herd on Shackleford Banks, we have less than 100 active breeding mares. This changes status of the Banker Colonial Spanish Mustang from Critical to Critical/Nearly Extinct as defined by the national organization, Equus Survival Trust.

The Equus Survival Trust is an educational non-profit organization dedicated to protecting the

traditional traits and the genetic diversity of historical equine breeds (horses, ponies and donkeys) threatened with extinction. The Trust supports these breeds by engaging in collective conservation efforts, educational promotions, and by supporting the network of endangered breed equine associations, and enthusiasts around the globe, with special emphasis on North America and breeds unique to North America. The change will become official at the next EST board meeting.

How can you help? Become a member or renew your membership, and recruit other members. Members are voters and give the wild horses a much needed voice. Help us save this historically significant, dying breed!



## A State Horse for NC?

Currituck County 4th and 8th grade students will soon be starting a state mandated writing assessment. The topic, "Why the Colonial Spanish Mustang should be designated as the NC state horse."

Designed as a letter writing campaign to state legislators, students will be able to incorporate local, state, and national history and science into their projects. Three states (Tennessee, Kentucky and Maryland) have a designated state horse.

On March 18th, nearly 500 students participated in an educational program presented by the CWHF, complete with a once wild Corolla Colonial Spanish Mustang. Prizes will be awarded to the top three scorers in each grade.

Below: Karen McCalpin presents United States Senator Richard Burr with a photo of a wild stallion, mare and foal at a dinner and program hosted by Currituck County Commissioners, Owen Etheridge (pictured), Paul O'Neal, Vance Aydlett, and John Rorer.



# New Members Joining November through February

<u>Mustang Protector - \$250 - \$500</u>	John Dixon, NC Jennifer Early, NC Judy Evashko, NJ	Bernadette Hackett, CT Robert Holt, NC Paul Kizen, NC	Carpenter Household, VA Betty Champion, NC Alfred Fischer, NC
<u>Mustang Defender - \$100 - \$250</u>	Karen Gresham, NC Lisa Harman, NC Cynthia Holland, OH	Katherine Light, VA Mary Anne McClemens, DE Nancy Meehen, NC	Cynthia Johnson, FL Loureiro Household, VA Marvin Merrit, FL
Sally Baron, NC Emily Blumel, VA Phillip Engle, NC Geana First, GA Patricia Gehm, NY Sherry Haideri, VA Jaci Logan, MD Mrs. Graham's First Graders, NC Regina Potyraj, VA Meredith Rego, RI Beth Sigal, NC South Household, TN Stefurak Household, IN Arlene Weltman, NC Tim Winkler, VA	Michael Kaufman, MD Jennifer Lodi-Smith, TX Cyndi Mosuly, DE Pegge Petkovich, OH Kathy Pickens, OH Charlotte Prentice, MA Roslyn Robinson, NC Dallas Silverthorne, NC Louis Stefurak, GA Theresa Taft, PA Sheila Tyler, NC Patricia Wilson, MD	Hilda Ries, VA Billee Schlaudt, KY Lindsay Stevenson, NC Sarah Wagoner, NC Rebecca Walker, NC Patricia Weir, IA Sofia Weir, MD Amanda Wilcox, OH Ben Winfree, NC	Kelly Pierce, VA Elizabeth Rhodes, VA Chris Rizzo, OH Julia Soares, RI William Taft, PA
<u>Mustang Rescuer - \$75.00</u>	<u>Mustang Advocate - \$25.00</u>	<u>Mustang Supporter - \$15.00</u>	<u>In Memory Of:</u>
Steven Buczak, FL Catherine Couet, FL Margaret Duncan, NC Dana Guild, IL	Nyssa Aker, IL Kristy Brown, NC Wil Budik, NY Daniel Dwyer, NC Field Household, NY Rebecca Garrenton, NC Annalisa Givens, MD Marianne Gradeless, NC	Carolyn Bryan, GA Joyce Coufal, FL Hale Household, CO Justin Hanford, NC Margaret McCarty, PA Dottie McGinnis, VA Newt Nolan, VA T. A. Sheppard, OH Kellie Stygles, NC Suzanne Whitehurst, VA	Grace A. Ambrose, by Karen Lockwood, Karen McCalpin, Sally Baron and Arlene Weltman Patrick "Lido" Edwards, by Karen McCalpin and Mary Riley Enid Hileman, by Karen McCalpin Treasure, by Christina Fowlkes and Mary Riley Tommy Stegall Jr., by Judy Stallings
<u>Mustang Guardian - \$50.00</u>		<u>Mustang Friend - \$10.00</u>	<u>In Honor Of:</u>
George Crafts, VA			Carter Shea Sorensen, by Margaret Espinoza Sarah and Michael Singer, by Cyrilla Dier

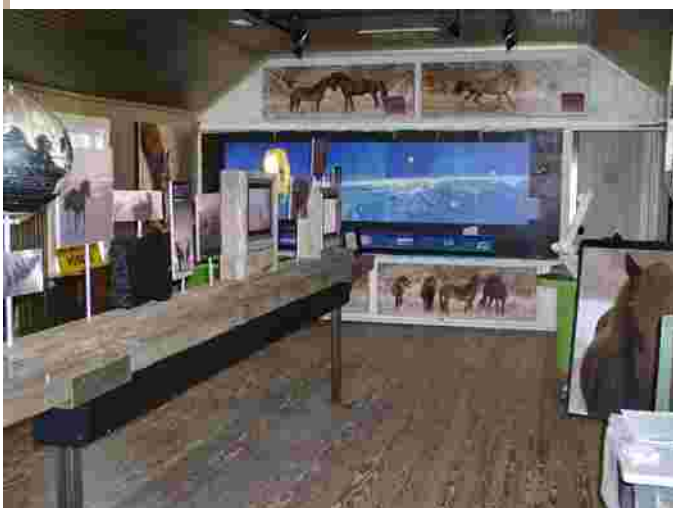
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[facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/corollawildhorses)

Ever wonder what we're doing in the off-season, or even between newsletters? The Corolla Wild Horse Fund staff has a new feature to share with you at: [Corollawildhorses.blogspot.com](http://Corollawildhorses.blogspot.com). Come read the blog, the "Wild and Free Weekly," and post your comments! We'll be making new posts frequently, so check back often. You can also get there from our homepage at [corollawildhorses.org](http://corollawildhorses.org). Just click on "BLOG." Become a follower or invite your friends to join.



## Wild Horse Museum in the Old Corolla Schoolhouse is Open For Visitors



Pictured at left is the Wild Horse Museum's exhibit inside the Old Schoolhouse in Corolla Village; home to the Corolla Wild Horse Fund. It contains interactive touch displays, an aerial map, and colorful videos of the history of Corolla, and it's oldest inhabitants, the wild horses. If you've been before, look for brand new items this year in our gift shop! The museum is open Monday through Friday, 10-4, year-

Tired of waiting for snail-mail? If you'd like to receive your newsletter by email, just send a message from your own email address titled "Email Newsletter" to [info@corollawildhorses.com](mailto:info@corollawildhorses.com). Include your name and physical address and we'll email all future newsletters to you. Help us save postage! Thanks for your support.

## 3RD ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST UNDERWAY



Do you have photos of the wild horses? If you are an amateur photographer you could see your photos in the 2010 Official Corolla Wild Horse Calendar. For rules and entry forms, visit our website at [www.corollawildhorses.org](http://www.corollawildhorses.org)

Deadline for submission is May 1st!

### Adopt Swimmer!



BE A VOICE FOR THE HORSES!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

? **CHARTER MEMBER \$500 or more**

? \$250 - \$500 Mustang Protector

? \$100 - \$250 Mustang Defender

? \$75 Mustang Rescuer

? \$50 Mustang Guardian

? \$25 Mustang Advocate

? \$15 Mustang Supporter

? \$10 Mustang Friend

\_\_\_ Check or money order

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