

SWAN QUARTERLY

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Cover Photo by Robert Breen

About the Swan Quarterly Winter Cover Photo 2008-2009

My intent was to photograph the full eclipse of the full moon of February 21, 2008 with the bald cypress and North Carolina's visiting Tundra Swan on lake Mattamuskeet in the foreground. The evening was cold to the bone with a light wind off the Atlantic and not a Tundra Swan on the lake. Despite the biting cold I set up my camera and played with the full moon light on the landscape preparing for the eclipse. Thirty minutes before the eclipse began a low cloud cover rapidly filled the night sky and blocked the moon and the event I had come to photograph. But I was very happy with the full moon lit landscapes that I had taken in preparation of the eclipse. Mattamuskeet is a most beautiful environment and a treasure of North Carolina.

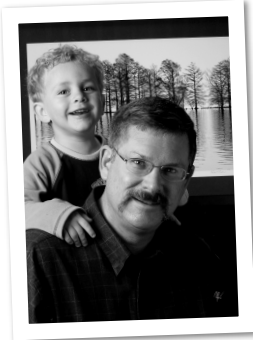
Robert Breen





Cover Photographer Robert Breen

Robert Beckman Breen is an avid outdoorsman and award winning photographer who loves the sea, fog, wind and ships under sail. He is North Carolina Wildlife Photographer of the Year and his images have been published in Our State North Carolina magazine, Wildlife In North Carolina magazine, Carolina Women, Cary Magazine, Chapel Hill News, Durham-Chapel Hill Jewish Federation Menorah, Cary Town Planner Calendar, the Chatham County Line, Sanford Herald, Raleigh News and Observer, Creche Herald magazine, The Mount Desert Islander and the Ellsworth American. In November of



2008 several of his photos were published in Lucky Eddie a book about the photographers father and written by his brother Edward Focke Breen.

His images have been exhibited at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Science in Raleigh, The Pisgah Center for Wildlife Education in Brevard, and the Outer Banks Center for Wildlife Education in Corolla, Orange County Historical Society, Carrboro ArtCenter, Legacy of the Arts Bar Harbor, Maine, The Lazy Days Festival in Cary, NC., Chatham Art Tour, Side Street Gallery Pittsboro, NC and the Pittsboro Memorial Library. In 2007 Robert's photograph

Appalachian Mountain Fire was selected to be exhibited at the North Carolina Professional Photographers Convention. In 2008 Robert was awarded Court of Honor in competition. His photographs are currently used for educational purposes by the USDA Forest Service: George Washington and Jefferson National Forest and the Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge in Virginia. Robert's photographic art is represented by Redfield Artisans in Northeast Harbor, Maine.



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Hyde County

is one of the oldest counties in North Carolina, originally included in Bath County. In 1705, Bath County was divided into three precincts, one of them being "Wickham". In 1711, Wickham was changed to "Hyde", in honor of Edward Hyde ...

✧Quote of the Quarter✧

"I've seen hundreds of sunrises from duck blinds all over the country; and like snowflakes, no two of them have been alike. ...the rest of our nation could take a lesson of Hyde County people's friendliness" - Tom Bryant - thepilot.com

DEAR READER

We are so excited about this inspiring cover photo that we received through our contest.

We had asked photographers from all over the country to e-mail us their photos of Hyde County, and they did.

We received close to a hundred fabulous images, each one worth it's own cover. We

choose this amazing photo of an 'almost full eclipse' over Lake Mattamuskeet by Robert

Breene of Chapel Hill NC for our winter issue. Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New year and don't forget your

Valentine February 14th. Until spring 2009 - Ingrid & Neli



Reader of the Quarter:

I hope this email finds you well and having a wonderful day. I found your magazine by mistake while looking for something else in North Carolina. I wanted to convey how impressed I am

with your talents and your sweet town. I can tell you take great pride in what you do and that you seem very happy with where you are in the world. I have printed off some things concerning your town and will be taking it to my

husband this evening to share with him. I am looking forward to making a trip to your community in 2009. Thank you for sharing your articles and your town. Sincerely, Genei and Ron Dunford of Pulaski, Virginia



When God makes up His mind

There are two possible explanations for what happened in Swan Quarter, North Carolina, in 1876. It was either the most astounding coincidence, or an act of God - literally. The Methodist Episcopal Church South needed a new building, so when somebody donated a lot on Oyster Creek Road they accepted. It was low-lying land so they constructed a sturdy little white-frame church and put it up on brick pilings. Days later a storm lashed the town and those within sight of Oyster Creek Road witnessed something amazing. The church building - still intact - was afloat! The flood had lifted it off its pilings



and sent it down the road. They tried to moor it with ropes but the church moved on. At the town center, as dozens of people watched helplessly, it made a sharp, inexplicable right turn and continued on. Finally, in the same decisive manner it veered off the road, it headed straight for a vacant lot and stopped dead in the center! The flood waters eventually receded but the building is still there. In fact, 130 years have passed since the church, now called Providence Methodist Church, floated itself to the most desirable property in town. What's amazing is this:

The lot where it settled had originally been the congregation's first choice for their building, but landowner Sam Sadler turned them down. The morning after the flood, he presented the pastor with the deed. *"For I am the Lord. I speak, and the word which I speak will come to pass." No doubt about it; when God makes up His mind, nothing gets in His way!*

YES, THIS IS A TRUE STORY. THE BOOK, LANDMARKS OF HYDE COUNTY HAS THIS HISTORIC ACCOUNT IN IT. IT CAN PURCHASED FROM R.S. SPENCER TRUE VALUE STORE IN ENGELHARD, NC. PHONE NUMBER 252-925-9281 wrote Mayola Hayes, Hyde County Chamber Director after we had e-mailed her the text above from a teacher in Texas who wanted to now is the story would be indeed the truth before she distributed this further.



Photo Ingrid Lemme



...On the Board Walk...

Baby of the Quarter

Joanna Rosealina,
daughter of Damaris
Campbell, Postmaster of
Swan Quarter

Kid of the Quarter

Kevin (nick name KJ)
3, son of Damaris
Campbell, Postmaster
of Swan Quarter

Keeping Hyde County Beautiful

The owner of the
'Green' house on NC
Highway 45, next to the
Swan Quarter Grill

Reader of the Quarter

This pretty lady who
works at the Hyde
County Planning &
Development Office

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Christmas Parade

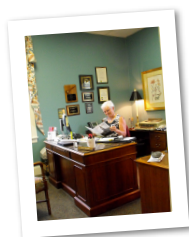
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Christmas
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New Year's
Day

FEB 14TH
Valentine's
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Lady of the Quarter

Charming
Miss Faye C. Sadler

Man of the Quarter

Mr. Steve Bryan



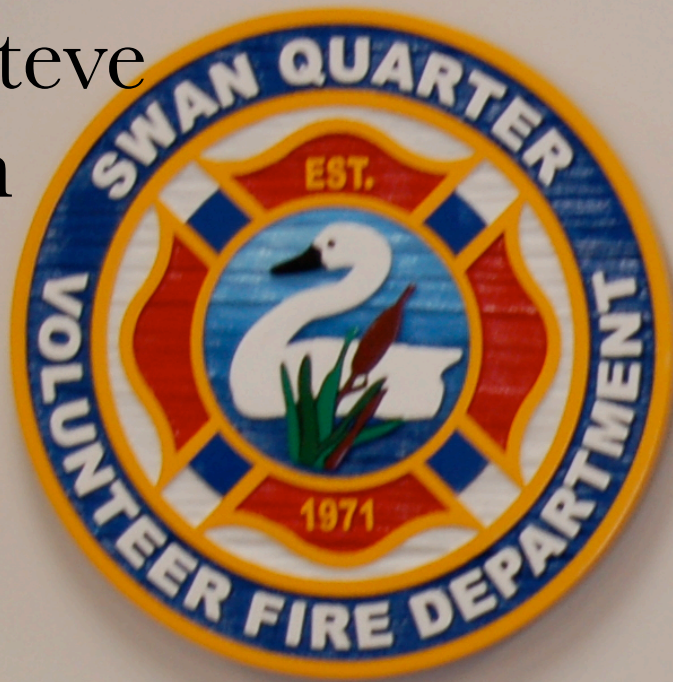
Organization of the Quarter

Hyde County
Emergency
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Lady of the Quarter
Charming Miss Faye C. Sadler
Vice President & Branch Manager of
The East Carolina Bank, ECB
80 Main Street, Swan Quarter, NC 27885



Man of the Year Mr. Steve Bryan



Steve Bryan is owner and director of Bryan Funeral Service. A native of Wake County, he was a founding partner in Bryan-Lee Funeral Home in Garner and moved to Hyde County upon acquiring Owens Funeral Home in 1986. A former member of the N. C. State Board of Mortuary Science, he is also has been active in many community affairs serving as President of the Greater Hyde County Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of Swan Quarter Service Group and is Lay Leader in the Soule United Methodist Church. He also presently serves as president of Ponzer Ruritan Club. Steve has been licensed as a funeral service licensee in North Carolina since 1963, and has attended numerous seminars and professional programs over the years that have kept him abreast of trends and changes in funeral service and his effort to serve people. Photo by Ingrid Lemme



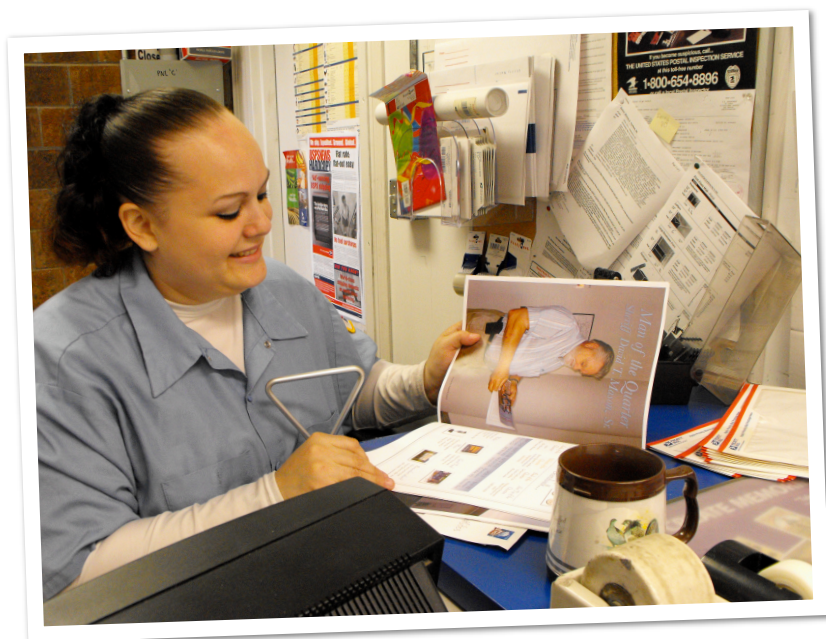


Meeting Madame Postmaster

Swan Quarter's Post Office is tiny and rather hard to find because the sign on the red brick building seen from the road-sight says 'Pharmacy'. Well, its simple, the post office is located in the same building. We walked into the door and were greeted by the pleasant smile of the new postmaster Mrs. Fawler. Turns out that she has two children. Kevin is four and a little baby girl who is just three month old, Joanna Rosealina. She grew up in New Jersey's countryside and loves Swan Quarter and Hyde County.

Damaris Fowler

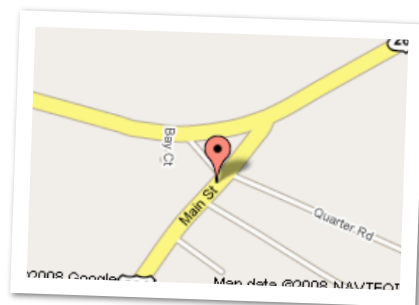
was very pleased to see a copy of the fall Swan Quarterly and while she was looking at the photo of the Man of the Quarter, Sheriff Mason, she told us that she has not meet him in person yet.



Swan Quarter Post Office

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Swan Quarter, NC 27885
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Photos by I. Lemme





Business of the Quarter: Gurganus Guide Services

Historic Hyde County is a Hunter's Paradise and Gurganus Guide Service exceeds every hunter's expectations of an experienced local hunting guide. Located in the middle of vast tracts of farmland and nearby Lake Mattamuskeet, North Carolinas largest lake, they offer guides in flooded grain fields, open field hunting and on the Pamlico Sound. Whether you are looking for tundra swan, mallards, ring-necked ducks, pintails or other waterfowl, their teams can help you find them. Gurganus' hunting guides are experienced and friendly. You won't be disappointed by the rates, staff or excellent service.



Brad Gurganus

(left) is the owner and operator of Gurganus Guide Service. He has been hunting since he was eleven years old. His grandfather, Howard Cahoon, (shown below) was a hunting guide in the Lake Mattamuskeet area in the 1950's. He passed the love of the craft on to Brad, teaching him where to go and what to look for. He started guiding when he was still in high school – usually cutting the school day short when hunting season was on. Brett Mason, the head hunting guide and Brad have been

hunting together since we were boys. All of the guides are locals of Hyde County and have grown up hunting. In the 'off season' they are farmers or fishermen. By profession, Brad's family were farmers and it was agriculture and the surrounding wetlands that makes Hyde County prime hunting grounds. He worked alongside of his grandfather farming and now plant millet, beans, corn and grain sorghum.



Gurganus Guide Services, Swan Quarter, NC

3781 Quarter Road <http://www.gurganusguideservice.com>



The Swan Quarter Call

DJ Calls added the Swan Quarter Call in February 2008 to their line. The Swan Quarter Call was created by request from hunters in North Carolina. This call has been field tested and proven by Brad Gurganus' Guide Service and guide Tom Salter of Swan Quarter, North Carolina. This maple wooden call will give the high-low and the low-high sound of the Tundra Swan. The call also gives the purr sound of a contented swan. The call will come with an instructional CD with guide Tom Salter giving instructions on using the call.



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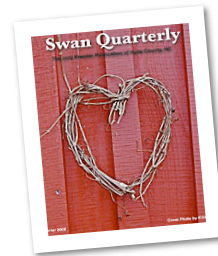
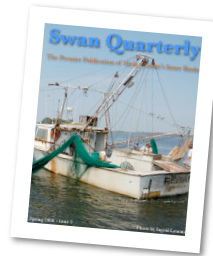
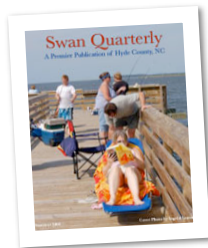
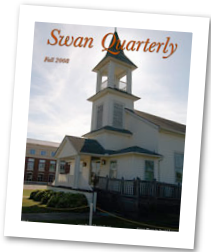
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