Welcome, Fellow Sunny Southeast Interpreters!

NAI’s Sunny Southeast Region invites all interpreters, both cultural and natural, to the beautiful Outer Banks of North Carolina.

Come network with your colleagues at the University of North Carolina’s Coastal Studies Institute in Skyco. Our theme, “Interpretation on the Edge” focuses on finding innovative and creative ways to engage our audiences.

Enjoy breath-taking views of the marsh and sound at a LEED certified facility while learning from one another. Travel to local sites, both natural and cultural, during field trips. Be inspired by National Park Service speakers. Help us plan for next year’s workshop!

**Important Dates**

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**Register at**


**Receive 24 Hours of Continuing Education Credit for NAI Recertification!**
Workshop Venue:

Coastal Studies Institute (CSI)
Address: 850 NC 345, Wanchese, NC 27981

How to get here:

We truly live on the edge!

**Flights:** Norfolk, VA (ORF) is 2 hours north of us; Raleigh/Durham (RDU) is 3.5 hours to our west.

We do not have public transportation—plan to carpool with others or use Uber or Lyft if you do not have a vehicle with you.

**Driving:** Head east on NC Hwy 64—if you end up in the ocean, you’ve arrived!

Lodging Options:

**Friends of the Elizabeth:** Dorm style rooms for singles or doubles, shared bathroom.
- 603 Harriot St, Manteo
- $49/night plus tax, $7 for linens
- Call 252-473-3524 to reserve—mention NAI

**Comfort Inn South:** traditional motel with ocean or sound views
- 8031 Old Oregon Inlet Rd, Nags Head
- $67.30 plus tax for sound view; $87.30 plus tax for ocean view
- Call 252-441-6315—mention NC Aquarium conference

**Tranquil House Inn:** small hotel overlooking Shallowbag Bay in downtown Manteo
- 405 Queen Elizabeth Ave, Manteo
- $109-139 plus tax, also discount for fed/state employees/AARP/AAA
- Call 252-473-1404

Many other B&Bs, Airbnbs, hotels within 15 min drive to CSI

Question? Contact Workshop Chair, Rhana Paris: Rhana.Paris@ncaquariums.com
Workshop Schedule in a Nutshell:

**Monday and Tuesday, February 26-27**
Optional preworkshop programs:
- “Methods of Teaching Environmental Education” taught by Terri Kirby Hathaway, NC Sea Grant—both Monday and Tuesday
- Road trip to Mattamuskeet NWR with Mike Campbell, NCWRC on Tuesday
- Hang gliding lesson with Kitty Hawk Sports on Monday or Tuesday

**Tuesday, Feb 27**
- Registration opens at 5:30p at the North Carolina Aquarium on Roanoke Island, Manteo
- Tour the aquarium with hors d'oeuvres, opening speaker, live music til 9p

**Wednesday February 28**
- Registration opens at the Coastal Studies Institute at 8a
- Lunch and snacks provided—remember to bring your own mug and water bottle!
- Keynote, business meeting, and awards at lunch
- Concurrent Sessions
- Dinner at Avenue Grill, Manteo

**Thursday, Mar 1**
- Off-site field trips—all day trip participants will make their own lunch
- Dinner on your own

**Friday, Mar 2**
- Concurrent sessions
- Snacks provided
- RIW for 2019 presentation and door prizes

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Pre-Workshops:

**Methods of Teaching Environmental Education (MOTEE)**
*When:* Mon, 1-5p, and Tue, 8a-3p  
*Where:* CSI, Room 251  
*Who:* Terri Kirby-Hathaway, Sea Grant  
*Free but must pre-register*  
*What:* This 10-hour workshop provides a variety of teaching techniques, methods, and instructional strategies for EE as well as includes multiple interactive components. The Basics of Environmental Education independent study is a required for MOTEE credit. See: [http://www.eenorthcarolina.org/certification--basics--course-materials.html](http://www.eenorthcarolina.org/certification--basics--course-materials.html) for more info.  
BYO lunch or go out to local eateries on Tuesday.

**Field Trip to Mattamuskeet NWR**
*When:* Tues, 8a-4:30p  
*Where:* meet at CSI  
*Who:* Mike Campbell, NCWRC  
*Free but must pre-register*  
*What:* Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge is home to one of the major wintering waterfowl areas on the east coast. The 60,000 acre lake was called the “Goose Hunting Mecca” as waterfowl hunters from all over the US visited the refuge from the 1930s until the early 1970s. We will explore the areas around the refuge to observe and identify waterfowl, as well as other birds. We will also discuss the history of the lake and pumping operation.  
BYO lunch!

**Hang Gliding Adventure - on your own**
*When:* TBD  
*Where:* Jockey’s Ridge State Park, Nags Head  
*Cost:* $54—mention you are part of the conference
*If you’re looking to cross something off your bucket list, this hang gliding adventure is the way to go! Thirty minutes of ground school and 5 flights are included in this package. The instructor will run alongside as you glide 5 to 15 feet off Jockey’s Ridge. The average run is about 50 yards which is further than the Wright Brothers flew on their first attempts!  
To register: Contact Kitty Hawk Kites at (252) 441-2426.
**What to Bring:**
- reusable water bottle
- coffee mug
- lunch bag if going on field trips
- old conference name tag that we will fill or you can trade
- auction items
- tote bag from previous workshops to trade
- warm clothes for changeable weather and outside events

**Call For Volunteers:**

If you are planning on attending the workshop, please consider volunteering a little of your time to help make this a dynamite experience! You can sign up to be a volunteer when you register. Workshop volunteers needed:
- Room Monitor
- Auction Helpers (Live and Silent Auctions)
- Special events set-up/clean-up
- Registration

Questions about Volunteering? Please contact Kate Davison at kate.davison@ncaquariums.com

**Call For Auction Items:**

We will be holding both silent and live auctions. Here are some ideas:
- Artwork
- Post Cards
- Jewelry
- Programs or trips to your facility
- Wine
- Non-perishable food
- Gift certificates to your giftshop
- Behind the scenes tours & programs

Questions about Auction? Please contact Beth Wilcox at beth.wilcox@ncaquariums.com

**Evening at the Aquarium Speaker: David E. Hallac, NPS**

David E. Hallac is the Superintendent of the National Parks of Eastern North Carolina where he works to partner with local communities to further the enjoyment and preservation of resources at Cape Hatteras National Seashore, Cape Lookout National Seashore, Fort Raleigh National Historic Site, Moors Creek National Battlefield, and Wright Brothers National Memorial.

Before moving to the Outer Banks in December 2015, David served at Yellowstone National Park as the Chief of the Yellowstone Center for Resources. Prior to Yellowstone, David spent more than a decade in south Florida in a variety of positions within the Park Service. David has a master’s degree in wildlife and fisheries biology from the University of Vermont and enjoys fishing, running, scuba diving, and boating.

**Keynote Speaker: Daryl Collins**

Darrell M Collins is a native of North Carolina’s Outer Banks and resides in Manteo. He recently retired from the National Park Service’s Division of Interpretation and Education after 40 years, spending the majority of his time at the Wright Brothers National Memorial, where he served as the Historian.

His awards include the National Park Service Freeman Tilden Award (1990), the Order of the Long Leaf Pine from the Governor of NC (2003), and the Paul Tissandier Diploma from the National Aeronautical Association (2003).

Darrell Collins ranks in the top 5 historians in the world on early aviation and the Wright brothers. He is the author on numerous articles and consulting editor for playwrights and authors on early aviation and the Wright brothers. He is currently writing his first book.

Darrell now travels extensively, continuing his passion of educating the world on early aviation, interpreting and telling the story of the Wright Brother’s legacy.

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Thursday Off-Site Field Trips:

**DAYLONG TRIPS WITH LUNCH:**

**Trip A:** Pettigrew State Park/ Somerset Place in Creswell  
**Time:** 8a-4:30p  
**Access:** stairs, uneven ground  
Travel across Eastern Carolina to Pettigrew State Park on the banks of Lake Phelps. Established in 1929 as a state lake, it is the second largest natural lake in NC. Hike to learn about the rich Native American culture. After lunch, tour Somerset Place, an original antebellum plantation that dates to 1785. Tour the 1830s house and the recreated homes of the enslaved workers.

**Trip B:** Lost Colony/Fort Raleigh/ Island Farm  
**Time:** 8:30a-3:30p  
**Access:** uneven ground  
Take a behind-the-scenes tour of the Lost Colony Theater, site of the oldest continuously operating outdoor drama where Andy Griffin got his start! Walk next door to Fort Raleigh, site of the first English settlement in the New World. Go back in time to visit an 1850s working farm at Island Farm to view live animals, restored farm buildings and a working blacksmith shop.

**Trip C:** Jockey's Ridge State Park/ Nags Head Woods Preserve  
**Time:** 9a-4p  
**Access:** soft sand, hills, uneven ground  
Learn about the history, geology, folklore of the largest, active sand dune on the east coast. Kitty Hawk Kites will teach kite building, allow you to make your own kite, and then test your kite at the top of the dune. Travel to Nags Head Woods, a rare maritime forest maintained by The Nature Conservancy, for a walking tour through numerous ecosystems from upland forest to sound.

**Trip D:** Currituck Beach Lighthouse/ Whalehead Club/ OBX Center for Wildlife Education in Corolla  
**Time:** 8:30a-4:30p  
**Access:** walking  
Visit the northern Outer Banks and Historic Corolla. Set along the Currituck Sound, the Whalehead Club is a beautifully restored 1920s-era Art Nouveau-style mansion listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Participants will view the Currituck Beach Lighthouse, the last major brick lighthouse built on the Outer Banks. (The lighthouse will not be open for climbing). This trip will also visit the Outer Banks Center for Wildlife Education to explore their interpretation of coastal North Carolina's wildlife, natural history and cultural heritage.

**HALF DAY TRIPS WITHOUT LUNCH:**

**Trip E:** Alligator River NWR Open-air Tram Tour  
**Time:** 8:30a-12:30p  
**Access:** step up into tram  
Enjoy a ride around the Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge and learn about its wild lands and wildlife such as red wolves, black bear and alligators. Bring your binoculars, camera, drinking water and insect repellent. Dress for the weather and windy conditions.

**Trip F:** Exploring Estuaries: CSI Boat Trip  
**Time:** 9a-noon  
**Access:** uneven deck, rocking boat  
Enjoy a pontoon boat ride to explore NC's estuarine systems. Learn about dynamic shorelines and barrier island movements through hands on activities and field experiences. Current estuarine ecology and coastal processes research at CSI will also be discussed. Participants should be prepared to get wet and for variable March weather.

**Trip G:** Bodie Island Lighthouse/ Chicamacomico Lifesaving Station  
**Time:** 1-5p  
**Access:** steep stairs (if climb)  
Description: The Bodie Island Lighthouse is still a functioning navigational aid, tucked away between tall pine trees and freshwater marshland. Participants can climb the lighthouse for a breathtaking view at the top and explore the surrounding habitat on the boardwalk trail. Travel south through the Cape Hatteras National Seashore to visit the Chicamacomico Lifesaving Station, the most complete of all remaining life-saving stations in North Carolina.

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Registration—Register online beginning December 8

Be Prepared with the following Info:

Name ________________________________
Organization / Title ________________________________
Name for nametag: ________________________________
Address ________________________________
City __________________ State ________ Zip ________
Home/Cell Ph __________________ Work Ph __________________
Special Accommodations for Field Trips? Please explain.
Special accommodation for meals? Please explain.

Volunteers - I’m interested in helping with/as:
___ Registration  ___ Room Monitor  ___ Silent and Live Auction  ___ Food Assistance
___ Set-up Assistance  ___ AV/tech support  ___ Other

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CANCELLATIONS must be made in writing by email to Paul.Mazzei@ncaquariums.com no later than February 6, 2018. There will be a non-refundable processing fee of $50. After that date, refunds will be given only by review of the regional leadership.

Your workshop fee includes
- Tuesday evening at NC Aquarium-Roanoke Island
- Participation in concurrent sessions at CSI
- Snacks Tuesday night, Wednesday during day and Friday morning
- Lunch and Dinner Wednesday

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Mail-In Registration send your completed registration form

Please make check payable to:

National Association for Interpretation - Sunny Southeast
Send to: Rhana Paris, 1504 Heather Lane, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948

Register at


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