

The Arts are Alive in Carteret County

'Life Down by the Sea'

Artist Deborah Cavanaugh brings her show, "Life Down by the Sea," to Budding Artists Ltd., which is in Morehead Plaza on Arendell Street, Morehead City.

Cavanaugh began painting in 1992 after receiving a Mother's Day gift — a set of toy store watercolors bought by her young children. No one could be more surprised than Cavanaugh by what has happened since.

She has shown her work widely in galleries and shows from Maine to Florida. Her colorful, spirited paintings hang across the country in every state and abroad in more than a dozen countries. She has been the official artist for the North Carolina Azalea Festival two years, as well as the North Carolina Oyster Festival.

Widely praised by the press, Cavanaugh has been said to paint like both Matisse and Minnie Evans. Her art is filled with things that people love about home, family and life down by the sea.

Narrative in nature, Cavanaugh's art tells the story of a life in progress and the hope that comes with the new day. And, on every painting she writes a line of encouragement, a reminder, she says, "that while on the worst day of your life you can easily list everything going wrong, you could never get to the end of the list of things still going right."

Experience the encouraging and beautiful paintings of Deborah Cavanaugh at Budding Artists beginning July 1 and continuing throughout the month. The public is invited to an opening reception from 7 to 10 p.m. on July 1.

For more information, call the gallery at (252) 247-5111.

