



Cape Fear Firebird

The Light of Save the Cape

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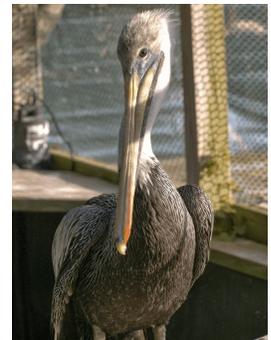
*All creatures great and small...
The Lord God made them all.*
-Cecil Frances Alexander

Some Things Bright and Beautiful

Save the Cape's project to create a new State park on the State Ports Authority's 600-acre site on the Cape Fear River at Southport is taking shape nicely. The latest development is an alliance with Sea Biscuit Wildlife Shelter to include a new home for its bird and animal rehabilitation center.

Sea Biscuit Wildlife Shelter was established in 2007 by Mary Ellen Rogers, upon moving to Oak Island and discovering that there was not any facility for the treatment of injured shore birds within a hundred miles. Since the second year of operation, Sea Biscuit has taken in over 350 sick and injured large wild birds of 70 different species in each year. The shelter occupies space in Mary Ellen's home and yard, and is always full.

At its current level of operations, Sea Biscuit is staffed entirely by volunteers (including Mary Ellen, the director). An important staff member is Tim, the pelican at right, unable to fly, who teaches new pelican patients to behave, to move into the shelter at night, and to take dead fish when presented.



Like Save the Cape, Sea Biscuit is funded entirely by donations. Please do. Go to www.seabiscuitshelter.blogspot.com and to www.savethecape.org.

Sea Biscuit needs a permanent home, a place to grow and to accommodate paid staff, and to pursue the secondary goal of education by providing facilities for training of veterinary students and including arrangements for visitors. The new park will be the perfect place.

A bit of serendipity. When going to Google for material on the Sea Biscuit Wildlife Shelter, your faithful editor clicked on images for the shelter. These two came up:



At left is Toby Bronstein (on the right), with another a volunteer at Sea Biscuit about to release a recovered Pelican. Toby is now co-director of Save the Cape.

At right is the State Ports Authority's 600-acre site on the Cape Fear River where Save the Cape works to create the new State park to house Sea Biscuit.



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