

# The Hampton Roads Treasure Hunter



February, 2010

## Welcome Treasure Hunters!

Congratulations to Laura Crawford of Hampton, who won a \$50 American Express gift card in December for knowing that \$6,500 is the maximum tax credit amount a repeat homebuyer can receive if a contract is in place before May 1, 2010. (First time home buyers can receive a credit of up to \$8,000). For more information about the homebuyer tax credit, visit [www.IRS.gov](http://www.IRS.gov) or [www.Realtor.org](http://www.Realtor.org).

Through our newsletters we hope you will learn something new about the area we live in and entice you to venture out into uncharted waters where you can stumble upon a treasure of your own. We also welcome your comments, suggestions, and input to share with others.

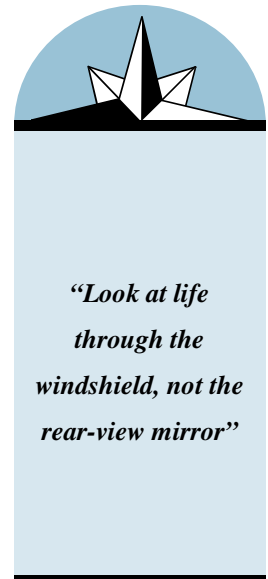
After traveling the world and relocating our family 10 times, courtesy of the U.S. Navy, we finally decided to settle down in Hampton Roads, Virginia. We continue to enjoy the unique treasures offered by each of our local seaport communities, which blend together to create the vibrant and cosmopolitan region of Hampton Roads.

So get out and have some fun!

Nancy and Dennis Koch



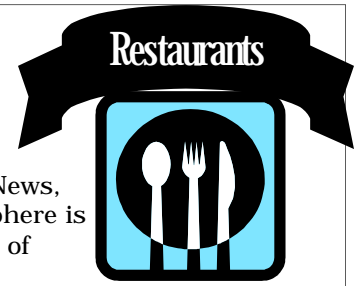
- Feb 5-6: Polar Plunge Winter Festival, Virginia Beach, [www.PolarPlunge.com](http://www.PolarPlunge.com). (Abbitt Realty's Principal Broker, Perry Pilgrim is one of the participants in this event to raise money for Special Olympics!)
- Feb 5-7: Mid Atlantic Home & Flower Show, Virginia Beach Convention Center, [www.tbaOnline.com](http://www.tbaOnline.com)
- Feb 9: Tops in Blue Air Force Concert, FREE concert at the Hampton Roads Convention Center, [www.TopsInBlue.com](http://www.TopsInBlue.com)
- Feb 12-14: Mid-Atlantic Sports & Boat Show, Virginia Beach Convention Center, [www.VaBoatShows.com](http://www.VaBoatShows.com)
- Feb 12-14: Richmond Camping & RV Expo, Richmond Raceway Complex, [www.agiEvents.com](http://www.agiEvents.com)
- Feb 19-21: Richmond Boat Show, Richmond Raceway Complex, [www.agiEvents.com](http://www.agiEvents.com)
- Feb 20-21: Art & Fine Craft Show, Virginia Beach Convention Center, [www.ArtAwards.biz](http://www.ArtAwards.biz)
- Feb 27-28: Greenberg's Train & Toy Show, Virginia Beach Convention Center, [www.GreenbergShows.com](http://www.GreenbergShows.com)
- Mar 5-7: PHBA Home & Garden Show, Hampton Roads Convention Center, [www.PeninsulaHousing.org/events](http://www.PeninsulaHousing.org/events)
- Mar 19-21: Spring Craft Show, Virginia Beach Convention Center, [www.emgShows.com](http://www.emgShows.com)
- Mar 26-28: Tidewater Boat Show, Hampton Roads Convention Center, [www.agiEvents.com](http://www.agiEvents.com)



*"Whatever you are, be a good one."*

*-Abraham Lincoln*

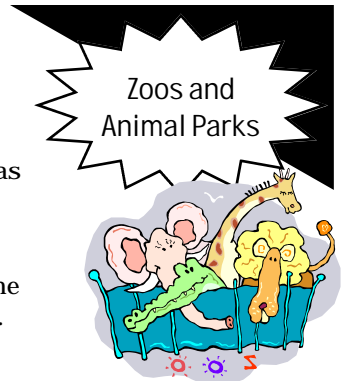
Last summer we told you about the discounted gift certificates available at [www.Restaurant.com](http://www.Restaurant.com). We have tried some of these restaurants and would like to tell you about several that we enjoyed:



Fiorello Ristorante Italiano, in the Holiday Inn at 943 J Clyde Morris Blvd, Newport News, 952-1122. Fiorello's is not what you would expect to find at a Holiday Inn. The atmosphere is quiet and relaxed, and the authentic food and music brought back wonderful memories of our tour of duty in Naples!

Snappers, in downtown Norfolk at 245 Granby St, serves delicious seafood in a lively neighborhood Pub atmosphere. If you prefer a more private and quiet dining atmosphere, call ahead at 625-3366 to reserve one of the upstairs tables.

These local zoos and animal parks are open year round:



Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center, 717 General Booth Blvd. Virginia Beach, 385-FISH, [www.VirginiaAquarium.com](http://www.VirginiaAquarium.com). The state's largest aquarium also has hands-on exhibits, an IMAX theater and winter whale watching trips.

Virginia Zoo, 3500 Granby St. Norfolk, 441-2374, [www.VirginiaZoo.org](http://www.VirginiaZoo.org). "Willow" the baby giraffe and "Baxter" the baby bongo are the latest additions to the Virginia Zoo.

Virginia Living Museum, 524 J. Clyde Morris Blvd, Newport News, 595-1900, [www.theVLM.org](http://www.theVLM.org). Living exhibits of wildlife native to Virginia, observatory and planetarium.

Peninsula SPCA Exotic Sanctuary & Petting Zoo, 523 J. Clyde Morris Blvd, Newport News, 595-1399, [www.PeninsulaSPCA.com/zoo.html](http://www.PeninsulaSPCA.com/zoo.html). The exotic animals include a tiger and a leopard. The petting zoo has chickens, goats, deer and a peacock.

Bluebird Gap Farm, Pine Chapel Rd, Hampton, [www.Hampton.gov/bbgf](http://www.Hampton.gov/bbgf). Over 250 animals can be visited FREE Wednesday-Sunday from 9AM-5PM.

*"Let the beauty of the wild leave footprints on your heart."*

*-Peggy Anderson*



Win a \$50 American Express Gift Card!

2010 is the 400th anniversary of which Hampton Roads city?

If you know the answer to this question, send it in an email to us at: [Nancy@ANewHomePort.com](mailto:Nancy@ANewHomePort.com), or call Nancy at 897-6674. The winner will be drawn on Feb 27, 2010 from all correct entries received.

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