

# The Hampton Roads Treasure Hunter



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## Welcome Treasure Hunters!

Congratulations to Victor Pochop of Hampton, who won a \$50 American Express gift card in December for correctly identifying Norfolk as the location of the light rail system, "The Tide." For updated information and a simulation video, visit [www.RideTheTide.com](http://www.RideTheTide.com).

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**

Licensed Realtors in Virginia



- Jan 2-Mar 15: Whale Watching Boat Trips, Virginia Aquarium, Virginia Beach, [www.VirginiaAquarium.com](http://www.VirginiaAquarium.com)
- Jan 20: Local Inauguration Events, for a list of locations visit [www.HamptonRoads.com](http://www.HamptonRoads.com)
- Jan 24: Hampton Book Festival, (FREE) Hampton Roads Convention Center, Hampton, [www.theHRCC.com](http://www.theHRCC.com), 322-4042
- Feb 5-8: Mid-Atlantic Sports and Boat Show, Virginia Beach Convention Center, [www.VBFun.com/CoventionCenter](http://www.VBFun.com/CoventionCenter)
- Feb 6-8: Home and Garden Expo, Hampton Roads Convention Center, Hampton, [www.thehrcc.com](http://www.thehrcc.com), 595-1600
- Feb 13-15: Mid-Atlantic Home & Flower Show, Virginia Beach Convention Center, [www.TBAonline.org](http://www.TBAonline.org), 420-2434
- Feb 16: George Washington's 277th Birthday, (FREE) Mount Vernon (about 3 hours away), [www.MountVernon.org](http://www.MountVernon.org)
- Feb 26-Mar 1: Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival, Hampton Roads Convention Center, [www.QuiltFest.com](http://www.QuiltFest.com)
- Feb 27-Mar 1: Virginia Wine Expo, Richmond Convention Center, [www.VirginiaWineExpo.com](http://www.VirginiaWineExpo.com), (804) 783-7300
- Feb 28-Mar 1: Greenberg Train & Toy Show, Virginia Beach Convention Center, [www.GreenbergShows.com](http://www.GreenbergShows.com)
- March 13-15: Virginia RV Show, Hampton Roads Convention Center, [www.agiEvents.com](http://www.agiEvents.com)
- March 14-15: Civil War Re-enactment at Endview Plantation, Newport News, [www.endview.org](http://www.endview.org)
- March 21: Historic Triangle Wellness Expo, (FREE), Williamsburg Indoor Sports Arena, [www.HistoricTriangleWellness.com](http://www.HistoricTriangleWellness.com), 253-1947



*"For last year's words  
belong to last year's  
language  
And next year's words  
await another voice.  
And to make an end is to  
make a beginning"  
-T.S. Eliot*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

## Clear the Clutter!

If becoming more organized is on your list of New Year's resolutions, you might want to check out [www.OrganizedHome.com](http://www.OrganizedHome.com) for some useful checklists and garage sale tips. If you have children, you can help them trade, sell or donate their unwanted toys at [www.ToySwap.com](http://www.ToySwap.com).



We would also like to share with you our favorite partners in our own war on clutter:

"Clutter is postponed decisions."

-Barbara Hemphill

**Make money on eBay:** You may be surprised at what a collector will pay for something you have in the back of your closet or garage! We have been very pleased with a local business called eConsignments, owned by Van and Nancy Reynolds. Their time, attention to detail, and expertise in the E-Bay business is well worth the small commission they charge. Visit [www.SellerSince98.com](http://www.SellerSince98.com) for more information, and contact Van at [sales@sellersince98.com](mailto:sales@sellersince98.com) or 652-8842.

**Make a tax deductible donation to a worthy cause:** Visit these websites for thrift shop locations and numbers to call for large item pick-up service. Don't forget to get a receipt, and visit [www.IRS.gov](http://www.IRS.gov), tax topic 506, for current IRS rules.

- Goodwill: [www.GoodWillHR.org](http://www.GoodWillHR.org)
- Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters: [www.CHKD.org](http://www.CHKD.org), 622-KIDS
- Salvation Army: [www.SATruck.org](http://www.SATruck.org), 800-SA-TRUCK

**Call 1-800-GotJunk:** This company will haul away ANYTHING quickly for a fee. We used this service to pick up our old couches on the same day we had new furniture delivered, and found them to be very prompt and efficient. This service would be great for large, heavy items that you are unable to sell or donate. You can save \$10 by scheduling on-line at [www.1800GotJunk.com](http://www.1800GotJunk.com).

*"Absorb what is useful,  
discard what is not. Add what  
is uniquely your own. There  
will be calmness, tranquility,  
when one is free from external  
objects and is not perturbed."*

-Bruce Lee

Why not use some of that money you make on eBay and at your garage sale to treat yourself to a gourmet dinner or lunch? Restaurants in 5 Hampton Roads cities are offering reserved three-course meals for special prices during their weeklong dining celebrations:

- Norfolk: Jan 18-Jan 25, [www.DowntownNorfolk.org](http://www.DowntownNorfolk.org)
- Virginia Beach: Jan 18-Jan 25, [www.VABeachRestaurants.net](http://www.VABeachRestaurants.net)
- Williamsburg: Jan 25-Feb 1, [www.WilliamsburgAreaRestaurants.com](http://www.WilliamsburgAreaRestaurants.com)
- Hampton: Feb 13-Feb 20, [www.DowntownHampton.com/RestaurantWeek](http://www.DowntownHampton.com/RestaurantWeek)



Win a \$50 American Express Gift Card!

How many former US Presidents were born in Virginia?  
(You can find the list in the Virginia section of [www.50States.com](http://www.50States.com))

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 from all correct entries received.

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