

# ONE FOOT IN THE PAST, ONE FOOT IN THE FUTURE

By Dave Holton

Remember the old days when you had to pick up a phone to find a vacation rental? Joe Lamb, Jr. & Associates remembers. “How incredibly rare it is for a company to be in business 50 years,” says Jodie Herman, marketing manager. During Jodie’s 12-year tenure, she’s watched their properties double to nearly 600 houses and witnessed other big changes.

“Now, people book online and want keyless entry,” says Jodie. “We’re extremely progressive, and we stay on top of trends. We were first on the beach to have live price quoting, and we pay close attention to online reviews.” Despite their digital focus, the folks at Joe

Lamb, Jr. & Associates still happily pick up the phone.

“A woman called from Germany to ask if we had an HDMI input at the house so she could watch German TV on her Roku. We sent someone to double check!”

In today’s digital world, you might not expect such attention to detail. But that might just be why

Joe Lamb, Jr. & Associates will celebrate a half-century in 2018.



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# CAFÉ EXPERIENTIA

By Dave Holton

*"Many people claim coffee inspires them, but as everyone knows, coffee only makes boring people even more boring." – Honore de Balzac*

## What's boring?

Standing in a cattle-call for a cookie-cutter drink. That's boring. Tossing bucks into a burning ball of gas to get a fix on quasi-coffee. That's boring.

## So, don't be boring.

Enter Outer Banks Coffee Company, a coffee nook where mingled aromas from South America, Africa, and Asia drip into you like espresso into an empty cup. Beans, still green, spill from burlap sacks into a manual coffee roaster as owner Wes Zabloudi extracts secrets.

"You've got to listen to the roast," he says, "and smell it, watch it, feel the heat off the roaster. Every bean roasts different. There is something to learn from the process each time."

Wes knows every customer is different too. Wes and his team are matchmakers, finding the perfect union for all who enter. And Wes takes his time. "It took me two years to develop the frap mix," he says. "I try things and get feedback from customers. Every drink is different."

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# AMERICAN DRAGONS

By Dave Holton

*"I am not a Virginian, but an American."*

— Patrick Henry, Speech in the Virginia Convention, September 1774

Local, local, local. That's the word of the day, is it not? And, yet, the SeaDragon Gallery at 1240 Duck Road has bucked that tradition for more than 16 years . . . and proudly.

Founded by Paula Myatt, a former gift shop manager for the Smithsonian, the SeaDragon's mission was to represent artisans from the far reaches of this great land. Paula combed her connections for the finest jewelers, woodworkers, visual artists, potters, glass workers and candle makers and filled her gallery with their works. Then, when she realized her ship was fast approaching the horizon line of retirement, she reached out to Eve Turek, an award-winning photographer, to take the tiller and keep the course.

"She wanted to represent not only local artists but also American artists," says Eve, "and we've kept 100 percent to that mission. We rotate our offerings from artisans from across the country as well as from the region to keep our shop fresh, so our patrons will always find something new that they won't see anywhere else."

At SeaDragon Gallery, you will discover the work of American artisans who pour their hearts into their work and burn with the fire of dragons.



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# LIFE THROUGH A LENS OF GOLD

By Dave Holton



Yellowhouse Gallery has been on the Outer Banks since the '60s, but lately, to borrow a phrase from that era, this gallery has got a brand new bag. In 2013, Yellowhouse Gallery relocated to Croatan Center on the Bypass in Nags Head and refined their identity. "We needed to carve out our niche," says Eve Turek, co-owner.

"We wanted to place the emphasis where no other Outer Banks gallery does — on high-quality, fine-art photography."

Eve knows her niche. In 2014, Eve's landscape photo *Meditation* was selected to represent the United States in the 23-country *World Photographic Cup*, where it brought home a gold medal. And Yellowhouse Gallery features eight photographers whose works showcase natural beauty and cultural diversity. "We encourage artists to go beyond couch-sized postcards and beachscapes," says Eve, "and they do. Their photographs are exquisite."

Visit Yellowhouse Gallery and experience life through a fine artist's lens. Browse fine craft including handmade artisan jewelry, pottery, stained glass, art glass and wood carvings. And speak to Eve while you're there. After all, it's not every day you meet a gold medalist.

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