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World-Renowned Painter and Marine Life Conservationist Wyland to Design 28th Annual Hampton Bay Days Commemorative Poster

Hampton, Virginia- Hampton Bay Days is happy to announce that world-renowned painter, sculptor, photographer, writer, SCUBA diver, and marine life conservationist, Wyland will design the 28th annual Hampton Bay Days commemorative poster. This year's festival will take place September 10-12, 2010.

“Hampton Bays Days is extremely excited that Wyland has agreed to design the 28th annual poster,” said Shelly Ezanno, Hampton Bay Days Executive Director. “The mission of Hampton Bay Days is to promote conservation of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. It is truly an honor to have Wyland design and create a work of art that commemorates the 28th Annual Conservation Celebration this year.”

“Hampton Bay Days is about people coming together to celebrate the wonder of nature in a positive, caring way. I can't think of a better place to be!” said Wyland. With the belief that one person can indeed make a difference, the Wyland Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 1993 by environmental marine life artist Wyland, is dedicated to promoting, protecting, and preserving the world's oceans, waterways, and marine life. The foundation encourages environmental awareness through education programs, life-size public arts projects, and community events.

In addition to his work as an artist and photographer, he is also known for his interactive Wyland Mobile Center which helps to inform children on how pollution affects our water. Through a series of small activities, visitors of the center can spin the wheel of (mis)fortune to discover the food web, bring rain down over a polluted city to see the impact on a watershed, divert a flowing river to learn about water management, use a computer model to see changes in a lake region over 200 years, and transform a raindrop in the 30-person on-board theater.

In 1982, Hampton Bay Days was created as a unique outlet to educate the public on the importance of the Chesapeake Bay in the Hampton Roads region, as well as the rest of Virginia and Maryland. The goal of the festival was, and still is, to provide a fun and entertaining family-friendly event for the community, while ultimately serving a greater purpose, highlighting the conservation of the Bay and its natural resources.

The 28th annual Hampton Bay Days schedule is as follows:

Friday, September 10, 2010- Noon - 11:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 11, 2010- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 12, 2010- Noon - 6:00 p.m.

More information on the 28th annual Hampton Bay Days can be obtained by calling 757/ 727-1641 or by visiting www.baydays.com.

Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center, is located in the center of the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking settlement and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Center and Riverside IMAX ® Theater, the Cousteau Society, Hampton History Museum, harbor tours and cruises, Hampton University Museum, Fort Monroe, award-winning Hampton Coliseum, The American Theatre, among others. Hampton was twice-named All-America City, the nation's oldest and most prominent community recognition award.

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