



Artists from Sister Cities Participate in *No Boundaries* Association Sponsors Exhibition

Artists from three of Wilmington's Sister Cities traveled to the area to participate in the *No Boundaries International Artist Colony 2006*, at the request of the Association and the colony's co-director Gayle Tustin. *No Boundaries* is a non-profit organization that was formed in 1998 by Wilmington artists Dick Roberts, Pam Toll and Gayle Tustin. The non-profit group provides two weeks of uninterrupted time in which artists from different backgrounds can come together and create art.

The international colony is held every two years at Bald Head Island. *No Boundaries* provides accommodations, meals, and arts supplies for participating visual artists. The artist is required to pay for travel only.

The Sister City artists included: Neville Crawford from Bridgetown, Barbados; Wei Ru from Dandong, China; and Ellie Collins from Doncaster, England. Each of the artists expressed their appreciation for the invitation and the chance to participate.

The Association co-sponsored an exhibition of the art-



(Above, l-r) Dandong artist Wei Ru, Association President Debra Cook, Mayor Bill Saffo, *No Boundaries* co-director Gayle Tustin, Doncaster artist Ellie Collins, and Bridgetown artist Neville Crawford at the exhibition at Acme Art Studios.

ist's work at Acme Art Studios (711 N. Fifth Avenue, downtown Wilmington). More than 150 attended the exhibition, including Wilmington Mayor Bill Saffo. Special thanks to WHQR, Encore and Currents for providing publicity.

The artists learned a great deal about the area and local culture, and made new friends. Special thanks to Rosemary Toumey for helping organize the reception and to all who worked to make it a success.



(Above) The *No Boundaries* artists at Bald Head.

The next Sister City Association meeting will be held in May (date to be determined due to Memorial Day holiday) at 5:00 p.m. in the Lord Compton Room on the first floor of City Hall/Thalian Hall (3rd Street, downtown Wilmington). We will email a reminder when the date is set. Current and prospective Association members are invited to attend!