



# 'Arti-sands' aim to seize the prize

SPECIAL TO BEACH NEWS

HAMPTON BEACH | Watch out for something huge to take shape on the sands of Hampton Beach at the end of June. This Saturday, tons of special 'silt sand' will be hauled to the beach for the 5th Annual Hampton Beach Master Sand Sculpting Competition which takes place from Saturday, June 18 to Thursday, June 30.

Hampton Beach's own master sand sculptor Greg Grady has brought together 12 international Master Sand sculptors to create a fantasy in sand at the group carving site from Monday to Wednesday, June 20-22. The 12 Artists will then fashion from sand astonishing feats of artistry and engineering in a three day, 21 hour competition Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 23, 24, 25. The works of art can be viewed until Thursday, June 30th on the beach near the Seashell Stage, when they are taken down. The sculptures will be illuminated for night time viewing. These spectacular Sand Sculptures will have to be seen to be appreciated, as over 100,000 people did last year during Hampton Beach's Sand Castle Days.

Children can sign up for special Sand Castle lessons giving by world known "Sandy Castle" Stirling from Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, a Master Sand Sculptor who's great with kids. Sandy has been featured in numerous newspapers articles and on local TV stations. Lessons are free from 1 to 4 PM June 23 & 24 & 25. Her favorite saying is "in every pile of sand is a sand castle just beckoning to come out. Let's carve!"

The 5th Annual Masters



**SHAPING UP** — Sand sculptors scurry to finish their work on the huge 'demo' project at Hampton Beach on Sunday, June 19. The main competition will take place from Thursday to Saturday. For more images of the demo, please turn to Page 17A.

Sand Sculpting Competition is a free event and is funded in part by sponsors and the Hampton Beach Village District in cooperation with the NH Divisions of Parks, and the Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce.

For a complete list of competing sculptors, pho-

tos, prize money awards, and a live web camera of the competition or beach visit [www.hamptonbeach.org](http://www.hamptonbeach.org).

To find out additional information on this and all other Hampton Beach events, please call the Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce at (603) 926-

8717, or turn to Page 21-22 in this edition of the *Beach News*.

For images of previous Hampton Beach Masters Sand Sculpting Competition be sure to visit [BeachNewsNH.Com](http://BeachNewsNH.Com).

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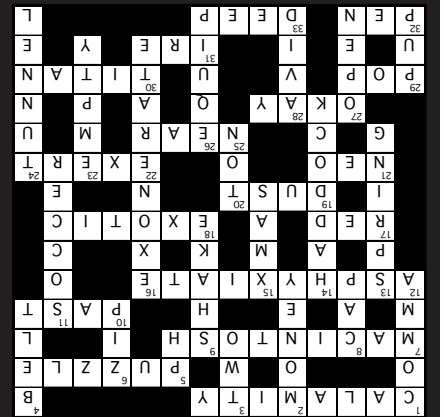
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