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'Arti-sands' aim to seize the prize

By John Hirtle
Beach News Staff Writer

Now is the time to see art taking shape at Hampton Beach.

The sixth annual Hampton Beach Master Sand Sculpting Competition has returned, bringing together some of the most talented people in the field to create some amazing works of art. The spectacle, which is the largest and oldest of its kind in New England, can be viewed on the north side of the Sea Shell Stage complex on Ocean Boulevard at Hampton Beach, where free nightly summer concerts are set to begin this week.

Working as a team, the central "Demo" site in the center of the field has already been finished. This year's theme centers around nursery rhymes, with favorites such as Humpty Dumpty, the Three Men in a Tub, Peter Pumpkin Eater, Hickory dickory dock, and Mother Goose. Towering over the field is the Old Woman who lived in a shoe. Astute viewers will note that each of the sculptures in the demo site area bears the logos of the many sponsors who have helped make this event possible.

UP FRONT — Mother Goose and other fairytale favorites will be featured in the central Demo sculpture this year. For more images of the event, please turn to Page 10A.
— Beach News Photo by John Hirtle
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Throughout the event, volunteers will be on hand, passing out informational brochures and answering questions about the sand sculptures.

Between Thursday, June 22 and Saturday, June 24, the timed competition will be underway, where thirteen sand sculptors will have 21 hours to create their own unique sandy masterpieces to delight spectators both old and young.

During the competition, Kristie Haupt, a professional sand sculptor from Groveland Massachusetts will be offering free sand sculpting lessons for children in one corner of the event field between 1 and 4 p.m.. Space is limited, and interested young sand sculptors need to sign up at the Hampton Beach Chamber office located in the north point of the Sea Shell Stage complex.

When the competing sand sculptors finish at noon on Saturday, judging will begin. Spectators will have a chance to cast their vote for their favorite sand sculpture between 1 and 4 pm for the People's Choice award.

The winners will be announced at the Sea Shell Stage Saturday night. How will the $15,000 purse be divided up this year? You will have to come and see.

Once the awards are over, the sand sculptors will be on their way again to another event. Their work will remain for viewing during the day – and night, thanks to floodlights, which illuminate the entire field. It is best to view them while they last, for after June 29th, these sand sculptures will come down, and join their predecessors at the Hampton Department of Public Works, where the sand will be used for a variety of purposes.

If you can't make it to the event, never fear – images and results will be posted online at www.BeachNewsNH.com and in the next edition of the *Beach News*.

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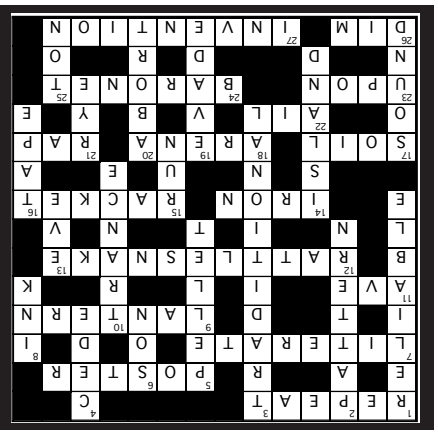
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