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Ogling the oaks



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The Vero Beach Art Club hosted the 68th annual Under The Oaks fine arts and crafts show and sale on March 8-10 at Riverside Park in Vero Beach. Here, Beth Davis and Bill Bentlade admire wood art from Niall Mathieson.

Beach attendance up from January

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VERO BEACH — According to the Vero Beach Lifeguard Association, beach attendance in Feb. increased from January, but was down from the record set in February 2018.

The VBLA estimates attendance each day at Jaycee Park, Humiston Park, and South Beach Park, including boardwalks and areas immediate-

ly north and south of each park.

Total February park attendance of 78,000 was an increase from 66,000 in January which was lighter than expected due to both poor weather and poor water quality. A water test indicating high levels of bacteria at Sexton, Humiston and South Beach Parks depressed attendance for about two weeks. Even with those problems, January 2019 broke the old January attendance record of

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Roofing company gives free roof to veteran

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VERO BEACH — Highland Homes Roofing Marketing Director Kristin Halcomb heard of a Vero Beach veteran who needed a new roof, but couldn't afford it. She discussed it with company owner Nakia Geller, and very quickly the veteran had a new roof, free of charge.

"My dad was a retired Colonel in the Air Force and part of the veterans' community locally," Ms. Halcomb told Hometown News. "They were telling me about someone who needed a roof, and I was looking into getting them a quote. The caseworker told me that this family had been waiting for a grant, but were having a hard time getting it."

Mr. Geller had already said he wanted to start a program to give one roof a year back to the community for free. When Ms. Halcomb heard that the veteran had been trying unsuccessfully to get a government grant for the roof, she asked Mr. Geller if Highland Homes Roofing could donate the roof, and he enthusiastically agreed.

"This was the perfect candidate for a free roof, so I discussed it with Nakia, he approved it, and I called and told them we would like to just donate the roof to the family."

The excited recipient, a World War II

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