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## **Local Highlight - Craig Stevens, Artist**



We are highlighting a very special artist who means a lot to us at Carolina Trust Federal Credit Union. Craig Stevens is the talented local artist who painted the piece in our lobby called TRUST. This piece celebrates our Credit Union's 60th year in business, and we are honored to showcase it at our 21st Avenue North branch.

Recently, we sat down with Mr. Stevens to learn a little more about his life, his experience as an artist, and his impact on our community. Here's what we learned:

# An Art-Filled Life

Ask Craig Stevens when he feels worst, and he'll tell you it's when he can't paint or draw for an extended period of time.

Born in 1960 in the small town of Perkasio, PA, Craig was an avid drawer and painter since childhood. He said he first got started with art by showing drawings he'd copied from book illustrations to his family. With a little positive feedback, he continued to pursue what was an obvious natural talent in art from the start.

Late in grade school, he enrolled in the Famous Artists School, a correspondence course that you likely saw advertised yourself at one point or another — in magazines and newspapers. “Draw Me!” the ads proclaimed above a picture of an elegant lady, a pirate, a deer, or another such image.

Along with the skills he gleaned from these courses, Craig had others in his life who stirred his artistic imagination and propelled him forward. One of those people was his high school football coach, who told Craig he'd give him \$1000 if he drew a picture a day until graduation. Although Craig later moved and never collected his money, he did draw every day, and it paid off many times over in his life.

Craig attended Barnstone Studios, a private school. Here, he found his love for figure drawing. Later, he attended Kutztown University, Moravian College, and Coastal Carolina University. Now, he works partly as a professional sign designer and painter, specializing in large scale billboard pictorials and graphics.

To read the entire article visit our [community focus webpage](#).





## Key Scholarship Now Available Unlock Your Potential

All Materials Must Be Postmarked by  
February 28, 2019

**Carolina Trust Federal Credit Union and HTC, Inc.** have partnered to offer scholarship awards to two graduating high school seniors within Horry, Georgetown, Marion, Williamsburg, or the southern part of Florence County. Two **\$1,000 scholarships** will be awarded to two rising college freshmen attending either Coastal Carolina University or Francis Marion University for their four-year degree. The scholarships may be renewed for three consecutive years in the amount of \$500 per year should the award recipients continue to meet qualifying criteria. The total scholarship amount each student may receive over a four-year period is **\$2,500**. All materials must be postmarked by **February 28, 2019**.

The two scholarship recipients for the 2019-2020 academic year will be announced in **May 2019**.

[Download Your Scholarship Application](#)

# News & Updates



## **JANUARY - SAVING WITH PURPOSE - FREE WEBINAR**

Saving money is much easier with a goal in mind. This workshop shows you how to choose the right goals for you, and overcome barriers to achieving them.

**Thursday, January 17, 2019**

Time: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. (PST)

[Reserve Your Spot - Sign Up Now](#)



## **SPREADING SOME HOLIDAY CHEER**

Carolina Trust helped spread holiday cheer last month by donating toys and Walmart gift cards to Fred Nesta's annual Angel Tree program.

Donations were given to flood evacuees staying at The Midtown Inn & Cottages located in Myrtle Beach. Following the devastating flooding in the area, Jaret Hucks, The Midtown owner, opened his doors to families affected by flooding at no charge. Click [here](#) to view WPDE ABC15's segment on community donation drives for flood victims.

Pictured left to right: Mr. Fred Nesta, Horry County Fundraising Chair for the Family Justice Center; Tim Carlisle, CTFCU President/CEO; and Mr. Jaret Hucks, The Midtown Inn & Cottages Owner

# Save the Date: Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 25, 2019

The 2019 Annual Meeting for Carolina Trust Federal Credit Union members will be held Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 3:00pm in our Myrtle Beach branch located at [1010 21st Avenue North](#).

The Nominating Committee has selected individuals from the Carolina Trust membership as nominees for Board of Director vacancies based on their qualifications and willingness to serve. Click [here](#) for descriptions of each nominee or for more information regarding nomination eligibility. We hope you'll join us to learn more about the state of your Credit Union.

## January Skip-a-Pay\*

**If you're recovering from extra holiday expenses, money can be tight.**

**To help provide some relief, you may choose to skip your Carolina Trust vehicle or personal loan payment during January for just \$25.00.\***

Interest will continue to accrue on a skipped loan payment and other eligibility restrictions apply. Please click [here](#) for details.

**Interested? Visit your local branch or call member service at 843.448.2133 today.**

\*Mortgage loans, home equity loans, and VISA® credit card payments are excluded. A payment cannot have been skipped on an eligible loan within the past 12 months. The loan cannot have been delinquent in the past 12 months, and eligible loans must be opened for at least six months. The \$25 fee must be received before payment date will be changed. Other restrictions may apply.

## BRANCH LOCATION UPDATES:

Remember all branches are **closed on Monday, January 21**  
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Martin Luther King Jr Day

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