

Stewards of the White Oak River Basin

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We had 22 participants. The weather was excellent. The food was even better! A good time was had by all, thanks to Mary and Ron Howard, our hosts, in their lovely waterfront home on Goose Creek off Broad Creek.

Bill and Connie Richardson had us all form a circle on the beach and they reproduced a Cherokee Indian ceremony by burning sage in a clam shell and wafting the smoke and vapors over each of us as we turned around. It was to cleanse us of our evil spirits and restore our good spirits and bring us good fortune through-out the new year.

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It was a very impressive ceremony.

We even picked up two bags of trash and left that spot in Bogue Sound clean.