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I would like to dedicate this first issue of Going Coastal to Liz Mitchell who without her inspiration and motivation this magazine would not have been possible. I am deeply grateful for her guidance and her support in making this dream a reality.

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 WITH THE SPRING SEASON IN FULL BLOOM, THE TIMING
 COULDN'T BE MORE PERFECT TO PRESENT TO YOU THE
 SIGHTS, SOUNDS, SMELLS AND FLAVORS OF THIS UNIQUE
 REGION. WHAT BETTER WAY TO RELAX FROM THE
 STRESSES AND STRAINS OF EVERYDAY LIVING THAN BY
 FINDING A QUIET PLACE AND DRINKING IN THE SALT
 AIR THAT EACH PAGE HAS TO OFFER. MAYBE FOR JUST A
 MOMENT IN YOUR MIND YOU CAN RECLINE IN YOUR BEACH
 CHAIR AND VISUALIZE THAT YOU ARE TAKING A VACATION.
 THAT'S RIGHT, WHY NOT TAKE A VACATION RIGHT NOW.
 DIG YOUR TOES INTO THE SAND, FEEL THE LIGHT BREEZE
 ROLL ACROSS YOUR FACE AND HAVE A SIP OF A COOL DRINK
 OF SUNSHINE. NOW THAT YOU'RE READY, TURN THE PAGE
 AND ENJOY!



WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

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