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How are your Sand Castle Skills?

Did you go to the beach and build sand castles when you were little? We did, but they were never anything to get excited about, just something to keep us busy. Now there are people who actually make a living building sand sculptures. Wow! But how did that get started?

Well, it turns out that no one knows or will ever know who first played with sand and decided to build something with it. It is believed that ancient Egyptians made sand models of the pyramids & there is an Indian myth dating back to the 14th century that refers to a poet who built devotional scriptures from sand.

The first known profitable sand sculpture was built in Atlantic City. In 1897 Philip McCord built a sand sculpture featuring a mother and her baby. Folks walking along the boardwalk threw him tips and word spread that there was money to be made. So many tried it that it became a nuisance in the town.

In 1944, the Great Atlantic hurricane ripped up and ruined the Boardwalk, destroying the sand dunes. The city government saw it as an opportunity to ban sand sculpting.

After WWII, Americans started taking vacations to the beach and family sand castle contests started to pop up in beach towns along the east coast. But sculpting as we know it began in California in the 1970s when two guys formed Sand Sculptors International (SSI). The SSI established a standard for sand sculpting and organized sculptors so that they can create bigger and better sculptures.

The only limitation to sand sculpting is imagination. Sculptors may use bare hands or different types of tools. The popularity has also spread to other countries and have become major attractions in almost all beaches in the world. In the US, annual festivals are held drawing huge crowds.

Now on to more important stuff...

The fourth week of August is:

- World Water Week
- National Safe at Home Week

Some fun only lasts a day:

- 22nd**-Be An Angel Day
Sand Castle Day
- 23rd**-Go Topless Day
Hang Gliding Day
- 24th**-Strange Music Day
National Waffle Iron Day
- 25th**-Kiss and Make Up Day
Second-hand Wardrobe Day
National Whiskey Sour Day
- 26th**-National Toilet Paper Day
National Dog Day
Tug-of-War Day
- 27th**-Just Because Day
- 28th**-Radio Commercials Day
World Daffodil Day

Have a great week & call if you need anything!

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Yes, these are really made from sand. WOW!!

