



FOS Deeds & Needs

The Latest News from Friends of Onancock School – August 2009 – Number 10

For Your Calendar

- **Second Friday (August 14th, from 5-8 pm)** Onancock School tenants confirmed to be open are:
 - **Dragonfly Studio Gallery**
 - **Eastern Shore Art League Gallery**
 - **P. Bose Schur**
 - **Student Art Work**
 - **And more?** (Some tenants open just for the fun of it. Don't miss out!)
- **Pignic** will be here in less than a month. On **Saturday, September 5th** (Labor Day weekend) you will have the opportunity to meet old friends and enjoy a terrific barbeque pork dinner by **Tommy Hines** and **G. L. Smith**. There will also be live music by the **CommUnity Band** and other area musicians, a silent auction, Onancock School open house, and **YMCA** activities for kids.



By joining us for the 3rd Annual Pignic on Saturday, September 5th you will help us raise the funds needed to continue the revitalization of Onancock School into a modern community center. Please mark your calendar and pass on an invitation to any alumni and friends. Advance tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children at **The Book Bin**, **C. D. Marsh Jewelers**, and **Runniger's Pharmacy** in Onancock or Parksley. On Pignic day, adult tickets will be \$30. FOS members can obtain discounts on adult tickets by making advance reservations through the FOS office (757-302-1331).

- **Paint Onancock! Plein Air Event** takes place **October 7th-9th**. Onancock School is a great subject, and new views of the creek are being exposed along the Master Naturalists walk.
- The **Eastern Shore Art League** will hold its annual show on two weekends at Onancock School – **21/22 November** and **28/29 November** (Thanksgiving weekend, so bring the family).

Deeds

- **Painting** was the theme for July, with three groups of a dozen young people from **YMCA Camp Silver Beach** and **YouthWorks** volunteers who were not afraid to get their hands dirty to benefit Onancock School. With their enthusiastic help we have now painted the hallways throughout and the large middle (band) room as well. Come out for the next Second Friday or the September 5th Pignic and see for yourself!
- In response to an application prepared by **Roberta Dean**, the teaching sorority **Alpha Delta Kappa** recently awarded a grant of \$4,000 to establish a Student Showcase Gallery at Onancock School. The funds will provide opportunities for local art students to exhibit their work in a public space and compete in art shows. Grant funds will be used to buy display equipment, renovate the gallery space, and pay for workshops for students run by artists who are currently tenants at Onancock School.

- **Shore Bank** held its Family Fun Day at the school on July 11th. Bank staff set up tables and chairs and some great play activities for the kids. Special projects manager **Lynn Badger** reported that everyone had a great time!
- On August 3rd **Coach Paul Nolz** opened his second soccer camp since FOS took responsibility for managing Onancock School as a community center. This local tradition is one of the things FOS is there to support – providing learning and enjoyable activities for the youth of the area.
- After a considerable amount of detective work, we managed to rejuvenate the security lights all around the school. Take a moment to drive by some evening and see what a little electricity can do.



Needs

- **Pignic** is coming on Saturday, September 5th. Buy tickets for yourself and loved ones and help Onancock School at the same time. Also, it's not too late to **volunteer** to help on the big day. Call **Cindy Downing** at **787-7891** or e-mail Cindy at info@onancockschool.org.
- **YOU!** That's right, FOS needs more people willing to volunteer to help out at FOS events or do necessary drudgery like taking out the trash. If you can help, please call **Karen** at **757 302-1331** and give her your name and contact info. If she's not in when you call, please leave a message.
- **YOUR STUFF!** If you have an antique, piece of artwork, or any other interesting and potentially valuable item you no longer need, consider donating it for the **Silent Auction** at Pignic. Call **Cindy Downing** at **787-7891** *before August 12th* to arrange a donation.
- Become a **member** of Friends of Onancock School. For a mere \$25 per year (individual) or \$45 (family), you can support the school project and receive discounts on event tickets and promotional items. Go to <http://www.onancockschool.org/membership.htm>.
- And, as always, if you can donate money to assist us with our heating, electric, and groundskeeping bills, please send your check to **Friends of Onancock School, P.O. Box 467, Onancock, VA 23417**. Contributions are greatly appreciated and tax deductible.

Board Meeting Report

At its last meeting, the FOS board committed to several renovation projects, including carpeting the newly painted center room (\$3,800), boiler repair (\$2,500), carpeting the student gallery (\$725), and painting (\$300). The expectation is that these investments will pay off in more attractive rental spaces and lower heating bills this winter, all of which should help FOS financially, leading to even more improvements in the future.

Subscription and FOS Office Information

FOS Deeds & Needs is an **E-MAIL** newsletter of the Friends of Onancock School. It is also posted on the FOS website at <http://www.onancockschool.org/>. E-mail reports of your deeds and needs to Haydon Rochester at hrjr2@verizon.net. Be sure to include all relevant dates, contact info, number of participants, and other details. To **subscribe** or **unsubscribe**, send an e-mail to info@onancockschool.org. Please include your name, postal address, phone number, and class year if you're an alum of Onancock School. Unfortunately, we cannot offer a printed, postal mail version of FOS Deeds & Needs at this time.

The FOS office at Onancock School, 6 College Ave., Onancock, VA, is open on Wednesdays from 9 am to noon. Call the office with your questions or comments at **757 302-1331**. If Karen is not in when you call, please leave a message.