



# FOS Deeds & Needs

The Latest News from Friends of Onancock School – September 2009 – Number 11

## For Your Calendar

- **Second Friday (September 11<sup>th</sup>, from 5-8 pm)** Onancock School tenants confirmed to be open are:
  - **Artisan's Guild** – Featured artists will be David Crane, ceramicist, and Ken Platt, glass artisan. AG president Dan Bowen will demonstrate how to photograph art work.
  - **Dan Lawrence Studio** – Continuing with “Portrait of the Shore” project and recent work, plus refreshments!
  - **Dragonfly Studio Gallery** – “Cornucopia” – a members’ show of paintings and art focusing on summer. Doris Tosi’s homegrown gourd vessels and lights will be featured.
  - **Eastern Shore Art League Gallery** – Showcasing Shirley Elstrodt’s love of nature and her interpretation of the Eastern Shore’s beauty in oils and watercolors. Also paintings, pottery, jewelry, photography, basketry, and more.
  - **The Quilt Studio** – Quilts and textile art by Lois Sprague and the unique jewelry of Casey Sharpe, who will demonstrate chasing and enameling techniques
- **Paint Onancock! Plein Air Event** is **October 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>**. 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

- **PigNig 3** was the big news this week. Scores of people of all ages came out on a picture perfect day to enjoy artwork, a delicious barbecue lunch, scavenger hunt, kids’ activities, band concert, and the pleasure of good company. A large number of people toured the school building, saw our new architect’s plans and told their best (and worst!) school days tales. (Next year we hope to videotape some of these reminiscences for posterity.)



Left: Dozens of auction items (*All photos by Janet Rochester*)

Right: **Sherry and Gene Morgan**, with Gene’s carvings from locally discovered wood



Above: Barbeque served by **Tommy Hines** and **G. L. Smith**, with rolls, cole slaw, baked beans and a cool drink enjoyed in the shade ... perfect!



Left: The **Accomack CommUnity Band** entertains diners

Right: Artists on the ellipse, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009

- During the hot, steamy days of August, **FOS volunteers** managed to get the hallway floors painted and **Ben's Carpets** installed a new carpet in our main meeting room. The school interior looks better than it has in years. More improvements are scheduled for October, so come see what's being accomplished.

## Reasons for Supporting Onancock School

This month we're starting something new, a list of reasons why people are supporting the effort to make Onancock School a stellar community center serving the town and region. To start the ball rolling, here's the first reason:

**#1: People are social beings who need free and open spaces where they can share their thoughts, stories, feelings, and knowledge.**

Why do you support Onancock School? Send your reason to Haydon Rochester at [hrr2@verizon.net](mailto:hrr2@verizon.net) for inclusion in a future issue of *Deeds & Needs*.

## Needs

- **VOLUNTEERS.** As our activities expand and more people use the school property, FOS needs more people willing to help out at events and work on small improvement projects. To volunteer, 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.
- 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 the August board meeting, the upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> annual PigNoc was the main topic of discussion. However, the board also looked toward the future.

On October 1st **Nandua High School** students will begin work on the picnic pavilion. This new, permanent shelter will be on the site of the old garage, which was torn down because it was structurally unsound. The students will be responsible for both design and build, with FOS as their "customer." They will have the assistance of architecture firm Becker Morgan of Salisbury, which is working on conceptual designs for other school projects. Funding for materials will come from United Way and memorial donations on behalf of Mr. I.W. "Pat" Gibb. Students will work on the project three days a week during this semester.

Now that the main school building is "almost full" of tenants and many events take place there each month, the board has decided to employ a professional cleaning service. This will make it easier on board members and tenants who up to now have been responsible for this work.

## Subscription and FOS Office Information

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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.