



# FOS Deeds & Needs

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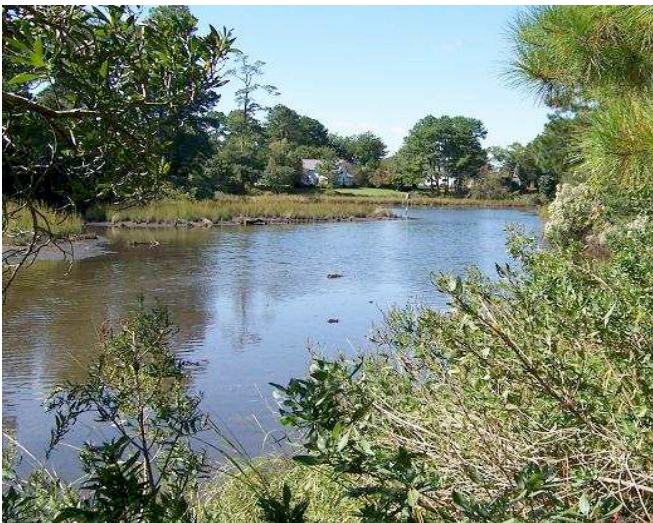
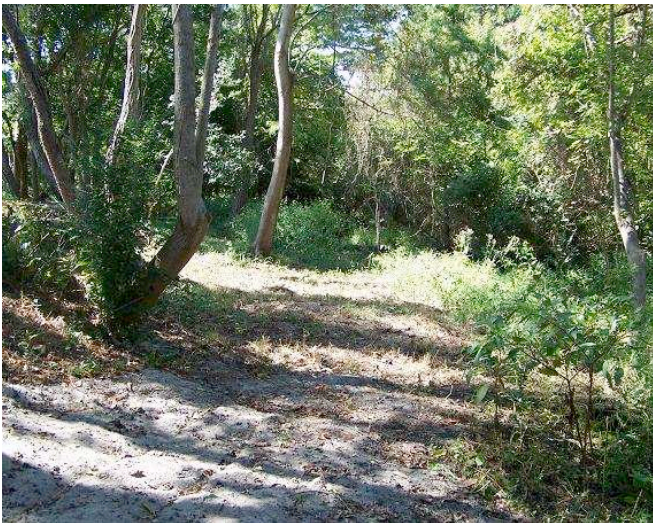
## For Your Calendar

- **Paint Onancock! Plein Air Event** is **October 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>**. Onancock School is a great subject for a painting, and every week or so new views of the creek are being exposed along the Onancock Nature Path (see photos below). Kickoff reception at 6:30 pm, October 6<sup>th</sup> at **Red Queen Gallery**. For info contact **MaryAnn Connelly** at [maryann.connelly@gmail.com](mailto:maryann.connelly@gmail.com) or **Joani Donahoe** at **787-8818**.
- Join the **Master Naturalists** for a work day, from 9 to 12 a.m., on Thursday, **October 8<sup>th</sup>** on the path behind Onancock School. Bring loppers and wear boots and gloves, because there is greenbrier. If you have a bush hog or heavy-duty weed whacker, bring that also. RSVP to **Donna Ware** [djwares@gmail.com](mailto:djwares@gmail.com) or call **787-7845**.
- **Second Friday (October 9<sup>th</sup>, from 5-8 pm)** Onancock School tenants confirmed to be open are:
  - **Dan Lawrence Studio** – Room 103 – Will show recent work and continue his Portrait of the Shore Project. Stop by for a free 5 x 7 portrait. Refreshments will be served.
  - **Dragonfly Studio Gallery** – “An Artist’s Journey to Ireland.” An anniversary of four members’ trip to Ireland through paintings and photographs. In addition, there will be yarn spinning by Karyn Belknap.
  - **Eastern Shore Art League Gallery** – Featuring Rose Jeffers, a local Parksley artist working with clay, pastels and acrylics specializing in Plein Air and Art Education. Enjoy the gallery’s exhibit of paintings, pottery, jewelry, photography, basketry and more. Refreshments of wine, cheese and homemade delights will be served.
  - **Glass Expressions Stained Glass** – Custom stained glass pieces designed by Ann Schlaefer and Shelley Renaud. We also have a good selection of retail glass supplies. See the work of our current class of students in progress and learn about our stained glass classes. 10% off anything in the shop during October. Home made pumpkin bread for 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday.
  - **Student Showcase Gallery** – Grand opening, with artwork by local students.
  - **The Quilt Studio** – Room 104 – Featuring the extraordinary quilts and textile arts by Lois Sprague.
- **HALLOWEEN (Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> beginning at 4 p.m.) – Fall Festival** sponsored by the Onancock Baptist Church. The event includes Trunk or Treat, hot dogs, moon bounce, and much more. For more info: **Marcie Gouldin** at **787-1236**.
- **Orchestra of the Eastern Shore** will perform a short program of works in progress on **November 13<sup>th</sup>** (i.e., *November 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday*), including portions of Mozart’s A Little (2nd-Friday) Night Music along with his Andante for Flute and Orchestra with **Dan Lawrence** as soloist. We’ll conclude with some **Beatles** tunes, including “It’s Been a Hard Days (2nd-Friday) Night.” Bring an instrument to play along (sing too!) with us for this very casual preview of pieces we’re working on. We’ll be in the Onancock School rehearsal room with a downbeat at 7 p.m.
- 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).
- **Onancock Christmas Homes Tour** this year is on Saturday, **December 12<sup>th</sup>**. Onancock School will be open for tickets and shuttle bus. More info. in November and December *Deeds & Needs*.

## Deeds

- **PigNic 3** was very successful in boosting the coffers of FOS. Sales of meals were somewhat lower, but silent auction proceeds and donations were higher, so the overall funds raised were just over \$5,000, which is about \$500 less than last year. This is an excellent performance considering the state of our economy.
- Our field is being used again for youth soccer. The newly formed **Accomack Soccer League** is holding practices Monday-Thursday each week, with games on Saturdays, through November 21st. To find out more, visit the league's web page: <http://s1.webstarts.com/AccomackSoccerLeague/index.html>.
- **Donna Ware** told the board at the last meeting that the Master Naturalists' **Onancock Nature Path** (new official name) project has moved into high gear. Nearly all of the brush and weed clearing is done, and the group has applied for a grant to pave the path with recycled concrete, which will create an ADA-compliant walking surface. If funding is obtained, the construction work could be completed as early as spring 2010. Plantings of native species and signage are also planned, but will come later.

A recent stroll along the proposed path showed what's in store for those who make use of this new amenity. Looking at these scenes, it's hard to believe you are still inside town limits.



- In early September, **Russell Jones** installed the first two **security cameras** inside Onancock School. Eventually there will be six closed circuit video cameras watching both the interior and exterior of the school and recording the results. So, don't forget to "Smile, you may be on candid camera."

## Needs

- What do **YOU** think Onancock School needs? Many people visit Onancock School and say something like, "**somebody should do \_\_\_\_**" or "**this school really needs a \_\_\_\_\_.**" Now's your chance to be "somebody!" If you recognize a need at the school and are willing to make it happen, either by your own labor or with a donation, come to the next FOS board meeting and tell us about it. E-mail Haydon Rochester at [hrjr2@verizon.net](mailto:hrjr2@verizon.net) or call **787-2097** to share your idea and your plan for action.
- 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

The board met with **Marcie Gouldin** to refine the details of the Trunk or Treat event, which is coming on Halloween, Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. An early start is planned to keep all activities within daylight hours. Board members made suggestions about informing the town of Onancock, traffic control, and possible sources of set-up assistance.

**Donna Ware** reported on the considerable progress the Master Naturalists have made with the nature walk. Most of the proposed path has been cleared and bush-hogging of the rest will take place soon. Donna hopes that this will be completed by spring 2010 to make it clear that something is happening on the site and to get people using it as quickly as possible. She said that people are beginning to be aware that something is happening, both from seeing people at work there and from booths that Master Naturalists had for the PigNic, Harborfest, and the Birding Festival. The name "Onancock Nature Path" is being used and will be put on signage that is being planned. In addition, an Eagle Scout is interested in doing as his project an informational kiosk near the parking lot entrance to the path.

**Nandua High School** students should begin working on the new picnic pavilion any day now.

A committee was formed to design **new signs** for the property. These will be purchased later this year and will inform visitors of parking, safety, and other policies related to using school grounds. Old signs scattered here and there around the property will be removed.

**Cindy Downing** and **Eliza McBride** plan to attend a Norfolk Foundation-sponsored workshops on networking as part of the board's effort to improve its fund raising expertise and volunteer enlistment.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.