



FOS Deeds & Needs

The Latest News from Friends of Onancock School – May 2010 – Number 19

For Your Calendar

- **Stay Tuned!!!!** The Friends of Onancock School applied for a \$50,000 Pepsi Refresh Grant to help build a safe and creative playground for Onancock's children. The first 1,000 applications are selected each month. Unfortunately, in May those "slots" were filled in less than a minute. We will reapply next month and keep you posted. When our playground project is accepted, **we will need your help.** The Pepsi Refresh Project is an on-line grant program that is intended to improve communities through an **ON-LINE VOTING PROCESS.** Pepsi awards 32 grants during each *month long voting period.* We will need you and everyone you know to help us win the \$50,000 by **voting on-line everyday for the FRIENDS PLAYGROUND PROJECT DURING THE MONTH WE ARE SELECTED.** And continue to vote throughout that month (one vote per day per person from 12:01 am to 11:59 pm daily).



GO ON-LINE TO www.refresheverything.com/onancockschoolplaygroundproject or find us by navigating the www.refresheverything.com or Pepsi Refresh website. You must register on the website as a voter. Although you will be allowed 10 votes per day, we are asking you to only vote once a day for Friends of Onancock School Playground Project, giving us a better chance in the \$50,000/Neighborhoods category. **Grants are awarded by the number of votes received, so ask your whole family to vote and email your friends to vote.**

If we do not win, we must resubmit our application each month up through December.

So Please – STAY TUNED AND VOTE DAILY IN JUNE!!

- Tenants will be participating in **Onancock's 6th Annual Super Saturday on May 8th 8 AM to 2 PM** at the Onancock School location (6 College Ave.).

- Onancock's **2nd Friday is May 14th**, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. The following galleries and studios at Onancock School confirmed to be open are:
 - **Eastern Shore Art League Gallery** – showing “*Art Created for Women, by Women and about Women.*” Open 2:00 – 8:00 PM, listen to music and enjoy the art for sale.
 - **The Artisans Guild** – Room 107 – featuring the unique artistry of Donna Lawson who makes a collection of home accessories and lighting from recycled auditorium seating. Dan Bowen will be doing Photography of Art demonstrations.
 - **Glass Expressions Stained Glass** – Room 106 – open for the evening and will have all sheet glass and books at 50% off.
 - **Dan Lawrence Studio** – Room 103 – will be exhibiting new paintings from his Beach Muse series and continuing his Portrait of the Shore project.
 - **The Quilt Studio** – featuring the extraordinary quilts and textile arts by Lois Sprague and the unique jewelry of Casey Sharpe.
 - **P. Bose Schur Studio** – Room 115B – has relocated to the main level and will be showing her delicate floral watercolors in her cheerful new quarters.
 - **Dragonfly Studio Gallery** – the theme for May is “HOMAGE TO WOMEN,” featuring paintings, pottery, photographs and sculpture coinciding with the Virginia Commission for the Arts celebration of women.
- **The March of Dimes** and the **March for Babies** returns to Onancock School on **Sunday, May 16th** for the 3rd year. Registration begins at 8:00 AM and the walk starts at 9:00 AM. Additional information is available on the marchforbabies.org website, call 757-361-1000 or contact Susan Turner via email SPTurner@marchforbabies.org.
- **The Circus** is coming to town!! The **Lewis and Clark Circus** will be at the school grounds on **Monday and Tuesday, May 17th & 18th** with shows at 5:00 & 7:30 PM. Watch for more information. Come to the circus and enjoy the show!
- The **Eastern Shore Art League Gallery** is open on Friday and Saturday each week and for Onancock 2nd Fridays. **Effective April 30th, the ESAL Gallery has new hours:** open each **Friday and Saturday 2:00 – 6:00 PM**. Come join some of the artists and have refreshments. You never know when that special piece of art will be in the Gallery unless you visit often. For more information contact **Susan Levin** at **757 787-1248** or visit the web site: <http://esartleague.info>.
- **Dragonfly Studio Gallery** is open every Friday and Saturday 1 – 4 PM until Christmas. Of course, the gallery will also be open every 2nd Friday from 5 – 8 PM.
- On Friday, **April 23rd** the **Master Naturalists** continued their work on the Onancock Nature Path. The next **Master Naturalist** work date is on **Friday, May 7th** and all volunteers are welcome. For anyone interested, there are pine logs at the back of the school property that you are welcome to take. If you bring a vehicle onto the field, please be careful not to ruin the grass.



Deeds

- On **Saturday, May 1st** Eagle Scout **Ryan Olmsted** of Onancock and Boy Scout Troop 313 will be placing the benches along the **Onancock Nature Path** and putting the treatment on the picnic tables. **Memorial Tribute Plaques** are still available for 2 benches and 10 picnic tables. The **“Memorial Tribute Request” form** can be found at the end of this newsletter and should be returned to Ryan Olmsted, 49 Ames St., Onancock, VA 23417. Call Ryan on 787-8518 for additional information.
- The **Annual Friends of Onancock School membership drive** continues. To date more than 80 memberships have been received. Renew your membership or 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. And let us know where you might like to help us at the School – for example, grant writing, fundraising, volunteer recruitment and coordination, office and administrative, building upkeep. For your convenience, an **FOS Membership form** is at the end of this newsletter. Go to <http://www.onancockschool.org/membership.htm>.
- Thanks to those members who have volunteered to help us at the school. We will be in contact with you shortly to discuss specific arrangements.
- FOS is pleased to announce that only one room is currently available for rent. During April FOS welcomed several new tenants: **Peter Johnson – Photographer** in Room 115A and **Melanie & Jim Carey** in Room 118, next to Dragonfly Studio Gallery. And **Purabi Schur** has moved her studio to the main floor in Room 115-A.



Needs

- Did we say **EVERYTHING**? The school can always use: cleaning supplies, paper towels, hand tools, cleaning implements (brooms, dustpans, vacuum cleaners), and paintbrushes and rollers. Got something you think the school could use? Contact **Haydon Rochester** at **787-2097** or drop off on Wednesday mornings when the school office is open.
- **Volunteers** to help at the School are always needed. Specifically, preparations for the annual **PigNc on Labor Day Weekend** will begin soon and we're looking for volunteers to help with the planning. We are also looking for a new **monthly newsletter** person. Whether you are interested in generally helping or have specific skills (plumbing, electrical, construction, painting etc.), we can use your assistance. Please send an email to info@onancockschool.org and we will contact you for more specifics.
- And, as always, if you can donate money to assist us with our heating, electric, and grounds keeping 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

- **Johnny Mo** of Mallard's at the Wharf will be using the School grounds for the **5th Annual “Music for the Hungry” on Saturday, July 17th**. The event is for the benefit of the **Foodbank of the Eastern Shore**.
- An **Event Review Committee** has been formed to handle requests for using the School and/or the grounds for special events. This will streamline the process for both the applicants and the Board.
- The **Onancock Chesapeake Gateway** grant has been awarded and includes the “water center” project in the vicinity of the abandoned dock on the west side of the field.

- The **United Way** interview was on April 8th and should be informed of funds available in May.
- The FOS website redesign is still in the planning stages. During the update we will add an events calendar so that anyone will be able to see what's going on at the School and if the facility may be available for an event.
- The Board Development Committee has prepared a draft board members' handbook that will be implemented this spring. The committee is also working on board development based on the needs of the organization and property, such as building, fundraising and development.

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 Eliza McBride at egmcbride@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.

Memorial Tribute Request

Friends of Onancock School Eagle Scout Project

An Eagle Scout Candidate is installing six Benches & twelve Picnic Tables on the grounds of the Onancock School for community use. Your support is requested for this “FOS Eagle Scout Project” and Boy Scout Troop 313.

Contact Information

Eagle Scout Candidate Ryan Olmsted,
Boy Scout Troop 313, Onancock VA.
foseaglescoutproject@gmail.com
787-8518 (home)

A memorial tribute brass plaque will be attached to a park bench or picnic table constructed by the Boy Scouts. The tribute will have a limit of 3 lines and 25 characters a line with approximately ½-¾ inch letters (depending on the message). The plaque will 3”X6” and more details on the plaques can be found at http://www.plaquemaker.com/Plates/Brass_Signs_Tags.html.

Requested donation is \$75.00, request a check payable to “FOS Eagle Scout Project”

Contact Information	
Your Name	
Contact (your email)	
Contact (your phone)	
Select Item for tribute	<input type="radio"/> Picnic Table <input type="radio"/> Bench Seat
Desired Wording	

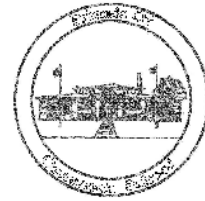
Thank you for your support



Friends of Onancock School

P.O. Box 467

Onancock, Virginia 23417



Renew your membership or join the Friends of Onancock School

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Enclosed is an additional contribution of \$ _____ to Friends of Onancock School.

Membership Types:

Individual Membership	\$ 25
Family Membership	\$ 45

Your one-year membership fee entitles you to:

- \$5 discount on Friends of Onancock School event tickets, reserved in advance and picked up at the event (e.g. the Annual PigNic)
- 10% discount on any Friend of Onancock School promotional item (e.g., tote bags, FOS Christmas Ornaments, FOS watches)

I would like to volunteer for the following:

Annual Pignic Committee _____	Building Issues _____	FOS Board of Directors _____
Fundraising _____	Grant Writing _____	Hospitality _____
Monthly Newsletter Editor _____	Nature Path/Master Naturalists _____	Office & Admin. _____
Volunteer Activities _____	Other _____	

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