



FOS Deeds & Needs

The Latest News from Friends of Onancock School – June 2010 – Number 20

For Your Calendar

- **We must again ask you to STAY TUNED!!!** The **Friends of Onancock School** application for a \$50,000 **Pepsi Refresh Grant** to help build a **safe and creative playground for Onancock's children** has been accepted, pending review, for voting



in July. So **beginning July 1 we will need your help in this effort.** The **Pepsi Refresh Project** is an on-line grant program that is intended to improve communities through an **ON-LINE VOTING PROCESS.** Pepsi will award 32 grants during each *month long voting period.* We 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 continuing through 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. 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.**

Go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y7Unx2316Jg> to see a video of the current state of the Onancock School Playground.

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

- Onancock's **2nd Friday is June 11th** from 5:00-8:00 p.m. **Johnny Mo will perform music from 6 – 7 PM** on the south side of the building (near the outside entrance to Dragonfly Studio). The following galleries and studios at Onancock School confirmed to be open are:
 - **Eastern Shore Art League Gallery** – presents the “*Southwest Spectacular*” – art represent the beautiful Southwest and highlighting paintings done last fall during a plein air trip to New Mexico. The showing will be from 1:00 – 8:00 PM, with the Gallery serving southwestern food and drink from 5:00 – 8:00 PM.
 - **Dan Lawrence Studio** – Room 103 – continues to add new paintings to his Beach Muse series, as well as 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 – is participating in the Art League’s “*Southwest Spectacular*” art show. Her new studio will be open and she may be found in either location on 2nd Friday.
 - **Dragonfly Studio Gallery** – the theme for June is “*Photo Reflections in Art*” featuring paintings and the photographs that inspired them.
- The **Eastern Shore Art League Gallery** is open on every week on Friday, 2:00 – 6:00 PM and Saturday, 2:00 – 6:00 PM. The 2nd Friday of each month the Gallery is open 2:00 – 8:00 PM with refreshments served from 5:00 – 8:00 PM. 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 Thursday, June 24th** will hold its **Annual Membership Meeting** from 6:30 – 8:30 PM, focusing on volunteer opportunities at the School. The evening will begin at 6:30 PM, followed by brief remarks about the volunteer needs of the organization and “break out” groups lead by board members about specific topics of interest (e.g., the building, hospitality, grant writing, etc.).
- Upcoming in July – **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**.
- **SAVE THE DATE!** The **Annual PigNc** is coming on **Saturday, September 4th** (Labor Day weekend). Mark your calendar for a day of great food, fun, art and a silent auction to benefit Onancock School.

Deeds

- The March of Dimes held its **March for Babies** fund raising walk at Onancock School on Sunday, May 16th from 8 AM until noon. It was a beautiful day, with excellent participation, good entertainment throughout and food to end the day. It was another successful fundraiser for the March of Dimes.



- **On May 17th & 18th The Lewis and Clark Circus** came to town. The circus is a one-ring, European style circus with trapeze artists, acrobats, clowns and animal acts with tigers, camels, horses and llamas. All 3 performances were sold out and enjoyed by the Eastern Shore residents.



- 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>.



- Raffle tickets for the Bobby Swain bittern are still available. Each raffle ticket is \$5 and will be sold at the school during 2nd Fridays in June, July and August. Tickets are also available through board members. The bittern will be awarded at the PigNoc on September 4th.
- Thanks to those members who have volunteered to help us at the school. The focus of the Annual Meeting on June 24th is volunteer activities. We look forward to an interactive and productive evening.

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. Preparations for the annual **PigNoc on Labor Day Weekend** have begun and we still need 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

- 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 town of Onancock was awarded funds from the **Chesapeake Bay Gateway** initiative that includes money for a kayak dock and shelter at the school.
- FOS received a grant award of \$1,250 from **United Way**, which will be used for a new sign in front of the school.
- The **Master Naturalists** have received funding for the Onancock Nature Path and the town has a letter related to the construction of this trail.
- Delegate Lynwood Lewis attended the May Board Meeting and suggested a number of possible funding sources for the FOS project. He provided several contacts who could assist in negotiating the state and federal funding maze. He was enthusiastic about the recent link-up with the AN-PDC and finding available state and federal funding for community centers.
- The planning of the Picnic Pavilion is again underway with all needed materials purchased over the summer and construction to begin in the fall.
- The FOS website redesign has been delayed, but is still on the schedule. 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.

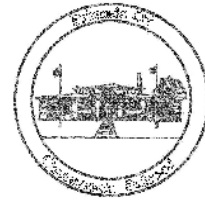
The FOS office at Onancock School, 6 College Ave., Onancock, VA, is open on Wednesdays from 9 am to noon. Call the office with your questions or comments at **757 302-1331**. If Karen is not in when you call, please leave a message.



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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