



FOS Deeds & Needs

The Latest News from Friends of Onancock School – July 2010 – Number 21

For Your Calendar

- **LET THE VOTING BEGIN!!! FOS** is competing with 1200 other communities for \$1.3 million through 32 grants from Pepsi Refresh during the month of July. **Beginning July 1 we need your vote.** Our application for a \$50,000 **Pepsi Refresh Grant** to **build a safe, creative playground for Onancock's children.**



GO ON-LINE TO www.RefreshEverything.com/fosproject (please note the address change from previous newsletters) 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.**

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 JULY**. And continuing through that month (one vote per day per person from 12:01 am to 11:59 pm daily).

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

So Please,
VOTE DAILY FOR THE FOS PLAYGROUND PROJECT

- Onancock's **2nd Friday is July 9th** from 5:00 – 8:00 PM. **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** – be featuring all new artwork. The showing will be the summer hours of 2:00 – 8:00 PM with wine and cheese served beginning at 5:00 PM. Please set this time aside to see our wonderful pieces of art and visit and enjoy the great atmosphere at 6 College Avenue. There will be a raffle for a beautiful watercolor painting donated by a local artist.
 - **The Artisans Guild** – Room 107 – Open for the evening with Dan Weeks, furniture artist, presenting his work.
 - **Glass Expressions Stained Glass** – Room 106 – is open for the evening and offering 50% off everything in stock.
 - **Dan Lawrence Studio** – Room 103 – continues to add new paintings to his Beach Muse series and will be continuing his portrait of the Shore project. Refreshments will be served.
 - **P. Bose Schur Studio** – Room 115B – will be open for 2nd Friday. Refreshments will be served.
 - **Reflections of the Eastern Shore Gallery** – Room 118 – will be open for 2nd Friday.
 - **Dragonfly Studio Gallery** – the theme for July is *“Black and White and RED HOT!”* – showcasing paintings, drawings, photography and pottery in black and white and red.



- **During 2nd Fridays in July and August, raffle tickets for the Bobby Swain bittern will be sold at the school.** Each raffle ticket is \$5 and will be sold at the school. Tickets are also available through board members. The bittern will be awarded at the PigNic on September 4th.

- 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 **Saturday, July 17th** the **5th Annual “Music for the Hungry”** for the benefit of the **Foodbank of the Eastern Shore** will be held on the School grounds beginning at 12 noon. Sponsored by **Johnny Mo** of Mallard’s at the Wharf.
- On **Saturday, July 24th** there is a **“work day” in the Playground Area**. New swings and equipment donated by Karen & Tommy Splawn of S&T Construction will be installed, along with other planned updates. Volunteers are needed to help with the day’s activities. Arrive at 8:00 AM and join the fun!! Bring a water hose to help with pressure washing.
- **SAVE THE DATE!** The **Annual PigNic** 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

- On Thursday, June 24th The Annual Friends of Onancock School General Meeting was held and focused on FOS volunteer needs. The formal meeting agenda covered the project vision (by Cindy Downing), a project update (by Donna Belote) and thoughts on being a FOS volunteer (by Susan Levin). Terry Swain presented the FOS slate of officers and board members. Debbie Cole and Orrin Heath presented a video and description about the Pepsi Refresh Challenge grant program for the Playground Project.

The members and attendees then broke up into volunteer interest groups related to (1) marketing/publicity, (2) events & fundraising, (3) hospitality and (4) building & grounds. At the end of the 30-minute work sessions, the meeting reconvened for reports from each group. Committee chairs will follow-up with the volunteers to pursue the suggestions and activities.

The 2010 FOS Board of Directors is as follows:

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| President: | Cynthia Downing | |
| Vice President: | Donna Belote | |
| Secretary (interim): | Terry Swain | |
| Treasurer: | Karen Splawn | |
| Members: | Deborah Cole | Thomas McKenna |
| | Lisa LaMontagne | Anne Nock |
| | Susan Levin | Bruce Paone, Mayor |
| | Sandy Manter | Richard Pearsall (pending) |
| | Eliza McBride | Kathyanne Runninger |
| | Mary McKenna | Stephen Sadtler |

The 2010 United Way grant is designated for a new sign in front of the school. To this end, balloting was conducted at the meeting for a new name for the community center and **Onancock Community and Cultural Center** received the most ballots. The Executive Committee and Board will finalize the center's name by August.

- The **Annual Friends of Onancock School membership drive** continues. To date more than 95 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>.

Needs

- **Do you want to rent space or hold an event at the School?** One room is currently available downstairs and one coming available upstairs the end of July. If you are interested or would like to hold an event at the school, send an email to info@onancockschool.org or leave a message at the FOS office (757-302-1331). We will contact you for more information.

- 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.
- **To those who have signed up as volunteers, thank you.** However, additional volunteers to help at the School are always needed. Preparations for the annual **PigNig on Labor Day Weekend** have begun and we still need volunteers to help with the planning. We are also need an **editor** for this **newsletter, Deeds & Needs**. 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.

Reminders

- 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. Contact us either via email (info@onancockschool.org) or leave a message at 757-302-1331.
- 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.
- The planning of the Picnic Pavilion is again underway with all needed materials purchased over the summer and construction to begin in the fall.

Board Meeting Report

- An abbreviated Board Meeting was held prior to the Annual General Meeting on June 24. In addition to the presentation of the 2010 FOS slate of officers and board members, the following were appointed:
 - Alumni Chair: Johnny Williams
 - Community Business Liaison: Bill Burnham

Gerald Davis, Russell Jones and Haydon Rochester have resigned as FOS Board Members. Their contributions have been numerous and we thank them for their tireless efforts on behalf of this project.

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.

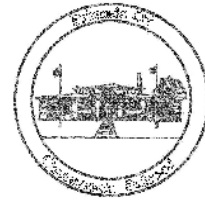
The FOS office at Onancock School, 6 College Ave., Onancock, VA, is open on Wednesdays from 9 am to noon. Call the office with your questions or comments at **757 302-1331**. If Karen is not in when you call, please leave a message.



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:

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| 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:

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| 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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Friends of Onancock School, P. O. Box 467, Onancock, VA 23417)
 Don't forget to check frequently at www.onancockschool.org for news!
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