



FOS Deeds & Needs

The Latest News from Friends of Onancock School – August 2010 – Number 22

From the Board of Directors:

At the July Board of Directors meeting, a new name was officially established:

**The Historic Onancock School
A Community and Cultural Center**

We have recently received grants and gifts from the United Way, the Arthur W. Perdue Foundation and the Department of Interior, permitting us to fund a new sign as well as other immediate needs.

We would like to thank everyone who voted for our **Playground Project in the Pepsi Refresh** grant challenge. Although we were not successful in this round, we appreciate your support and will continue in our efforts to fund the needed improvements and enhancements to the Playground.

For Your Calendar

- Onancock's **2nd Friday is August 13th** from 5:00 – 8:00 PM. The following galleries and studios at Onancock School confirmed to be open are:
 - **Eastern Shore Art League Gallery** – features new artwork. The gallery's 2nd Friday hours are 2:00 – 8:00 PM with refreshments served beginning at 5:00 PM. Come visit the gallery to see the wonderful pieces of art set up for the occasion. There will be a raffle at 7:30 PM of a beautiful watercolor painting donated by a local artist.
 - **The Artisans Guild** – Room 107 – Open for the evening with a featured artist and with Dan Bowen demonstrating the Photography of Art. Refreshments will be available.
 - **Reflections of the Eastern Shore Gallery** – Room 118 – will be open for 2nd Friday. Come see their watercolor paintings and ceramic art.
 - **Dragonfly Studio Gallery** – "*Refuges of the Eastern Shore*" – Paintings and photography honoring the Shore's many unspoiled and protected refuges – the Barrier Islands migratory bird refuge, Fishermans Island, Chincoteague Wildlife Refuge, Saxis Wildlife Refuge and Savage Neck Dunes.



- **Again during the August 2nd Friday, raffle tickets for the Bobby Swain bittern will be sold at the school.** Each raffle ticket is \$5. 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.



- **Mark your calendar** for a day of great food, fun, art and a silent auction to benefit the Friends of Onancock School. The **Annual PigNik** is on **Saturday, September 4th** (Labor Day weekend), 2 – 7 PM. You'll have the opportunity to meet friends and enjoy a delicious barbeque pork dinner by Tommy Hines & G.L. Smith. The dinner includes beverages and dessert, with adult beverages available at an extra cost. Again this year, there will be an **exhibition and sale by local artists** (2:30 – 6:00 PM), music by the **Accomack CommUnity Band** and other area musicians beginning at 2:30, a silent auction (2:30 – 6:30 PM) and **organized**

children's activities (3 – 4 PM).

By joining us for the 4th Annual PigNik, you help us raise the funds needed to continue the revitalization of the Onancock School into a vibrant, modern community center.

Advance **tickets** are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children at **The Book Bin, C.D. Marsh Jewelers and Runninger's Pharmacy** in Onancock and Parksley. On PigNik day, adult tickets will be \$30. FOS members can obtain discounts on adult tickets by making advance reservations through the FOS office (757-302-1331) or email info@onancockschool.org.



- **Paint Onancock! Plein Air** Event takes place **October 5th – 9th**. Artists will be at their easels throughout Onancock. The Historic Onancock School and its grounds are great subjects for the artists. New in 2010, "Wet Paint Challenge" on Saturday, October 9.

Deeds

- On **Saturday, July 17th** the **5th Annual "Music for the Hungry"** for the benefit of the **Foodbank of the Eastern Shore** was held on the School grounds from 12 noon to 8 PM. It was a day of fun for the entire family and live music all day. There were Zumba demonstrations, a moon-bounce, waterslide, face painting, games, lots of food, and much much more – something for everyone!!! Sponsored by **Johnny Mo** of Mallard's at the Wharf.



- **Saturday, July 24th** was a **"work day" at the Playground**. On the hottest day of this summer, a group of determined FOS volunteers, headed by Karen & Tommy Splawn, began making repairs and improvements to the school's playground.

During the prior week the swing sets were power washed, making them look almost new. On Saturday, timbers on the swings sets were repaired or replaced; new swings were installed; and the sand box was moved and filled with new sand. The space shuttle and a crawl-through “worm” were power washed and given a fresh coat of paint. The Eastern Shore Art League is going to add artistic touches to the shuttle. The work will continue to finish the cushioning beneath the equipment.



Thanks go to Karen & Tommy Splawn of S&T Construction for donating the new swings and use of the construction equipment; to OBS for donating wood for the project; to Russ & Annie Jones for the rolls of barrier cloth; Hill Sand & Gravel for providing the sand at a substantial discount; and to the town for supplying shredded wood from the town’s chipper.



- **Dr. Colleen Daley** donated bales of hay to the school that will be used to cover the bare spots of grass that were created by repairing the roof drains along the northeast corner. Thanks to Dr. Daley and to Vince and Dawn Erato for their assistance in their delivery.
- On August 2nd **Coach Paul Nolz** opens his third soccer camp since FOS took responsibility for managing Onancock School as a community center. This is his 24th annual soccer camp for ages 4 – 13. It runs August 2 – 6 from 9 – 11:30 a.m.
- The **Annual Friends of Onancock School membership drive** continues. To date 100 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@onanockschool.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@onanockschool.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 \$5,000 from **The Arthur W. Perdue Foundation**.
- 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

- **Paige Pollard of Commonwealth Preservation Group** presented information about the availability of tax credits for funding the adaptive rehabilitation of the facility into the envisioned community and cultural center. These can be of great financial benefit, but are complicated and require expert guidance. The Board agreed that a great deal more research is needed prior to pursuing this process.
- FOS has agreed to bring an **Oriental Rug Sale** as a fundraiser during **Harborfest on Saturday, September 11**.

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.onanockschool.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@onanockschool.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.

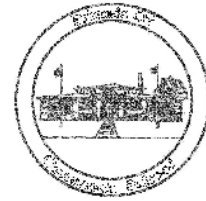
The FOS office at Onancock School, 6 College Ave., Onancock, VA, is open on Wednesdays from 9 am to noon. Call the office with your questions or comments at **757 302-1331**. If Karen is not in when you call, please leave a message.



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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