



FOS Deeds & Needs

The Latest News from Friends of Onancock School – December 2010 – Number 26

The Friends of Onancock School and Board of Directors wish to thank our tenants, members, contributors and volunteers for your continued support. We are grateful for your enthusiasm for and interest in the revitalization of the Historic Onancock School as a community and cultural center for Onancock and the entire Eastern Shore.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

For Your Calendar

- The Christmas Season is in full swing in Onancock on Friday December 10 & Saturday December 11.
- **2nd Friday begins with “Noel Night” at 4 PM** as Santa and his elves arrive by boat in Onancock Harbor, accompanied by a kayak flotilla. Gather the family at Onancock Wharf to welcome Santa, who will lead a parade of carolers up Market Street to Town Square for the tree lighting and music by the Nandua Chorale.
- Onancock’s **2nd Friday is December 10th** from 5:00 – 8:00 PM. The following galleries and studios at the Historic Onancock School confirmed to be open are:
 - **Eastern Shore Art League Gallery** – will have special refreshments for 2nd Friday to celebrate the Christmas Holiday 5 – 8 PM. Armando, a well-known jewelry artist, has become a member of the gallery and will be at the gallery displaying his art on 2nd Friday. He will be glad to answer any questions you may have relating to his work. Come to the gallery, join us for refreshments and enjoy our love for the arts. Remember people like to receive art as gifts.
 - **Roberta Dean’s Studio** – Room 108 – is open for 2nd Friday with one-of-a-kind hand-painted silk pillows and scarves.
 - **Artisans Guild of the Eastern Shore** – Room 107 – features guest artist “Mama Girl,” Mary Onley. Refreshments will be served.
 - **Elizabeth Lehmann’s Birdfeet Co.** – Room 106 – will be open with Christmas items, doll repair, jewelry, pottery and other art and antiques.
 - **P. Bose Schur Studio** – Room 115B – will have some new works and value priced items. This is the last time the P. Bose Schur Studio will be open this Winter. If you’ve been looking for that perfect gift, visit her studio on 2nd Friday.
 - **Reflections of the Eastern Shore** – Room 115A – has watercolor prints, ceramics and hand blown glass items made by Melanie and Jim Carey. 824-5771
 - **Gailerai Ealaine** – Room 118 – invites you to come and shop for that special gift! Choose from jewelry, hand tied flies, wood carvings, painted glassware and, of course, paintings of local scenes. All jewelry and paintings are 10% off through December. See you on 2nd Friday.
 - **Dragonfly Studio Gallery** – December’s show is entitled “Going Home” – paintings about home and home life. Check out the Christmas tree with handmade gifts and ornaments and hand knit scarves by Betty Ross. Dragonfly’s special “gift to you” includes a raffle of a treasured hand crafted item. Keep your eye out for the special holiday sale. Remember, a gift of art is an heirloom to come. Support your local artists while shopping for the holidays. Enjoy punch and dessert during 2nd Friday.



- **Onancock Christmas Homes Tour** this year is on **Saturday, December 11th**. On the day of the tour, the Historic Onancock School will again be open for tickets and the shuttle bus.

Sponsored by the Onancock Business & Civic Association (OBCA), the proceeds of the Annual Christmas Homes Tour are donated to an Eastern Shore non-profit organization. **The 2010 recipient is the Eastern Shore Literacy Council.** Six historic homes will be all decked out for the season on the 2010 Christmas Homes Tour and Music Festival. Open 2 – 6 PM, the 2010 homes are:

- Alicia Hopkins House – 1 Market Street
- John Major Fosque House – 10 King Street
- The Parsonage – 6 King Street
- Happy Hill – 14 Meadville Drive
- The Johnson House – 9 Holly Street
- Cokesbury House – 18434 Hermitage Road

In addition, Ker Place, the Charlotte Hotel (7 North Street) and Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church (Market & Lee Streets) will be open.

The Annual Music Festival is 4 – 8 PM at Historic Cokesbury Methodist Church at Market & West Streets.

Tickets are \$20 each and are available at C.D. Marsh Jewelers, gardenART on King Street and the Book Bin. On Saturday, December 11 tickets will also be available at the Historic Onancock School, as well as each home on the tour. A 20% discount is available for groups of 8 or more. Call 757-302-0330 or 757-787-7904 or email onancockbca@gmail.com for additional information.

- **North Street Playhouse** opens “**A Christmas Story**” at 8 PM Friday, December 10th with performances through Sunday, December 12th. A portion of these ticket proceeds will also be donated to the Eastern Shore Literacy Council. Tickets are sold at North Street Playhouse. 757-787-2050
- 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 is open every 2nd Friday from 5 – 8 PM.

Deeds

- **Onancock Nature Path Update** – In October, The Master Naturalists and a crew of volunteers spread a delivery of crushed concrete donated by Shore Bank and T&W Block. Among the many volunteers were Joe & Donna Ware, Karen & Tommy Splawn, Caleb Fowler, Bill Burnham, John Callander, Sharon & John Wills and Russ & Annie Jones. The following week Donna Ware and more volunteers planted the woodland garden along the path.



- **The Annual Eastern Shore Art League Gala was on** Saturday, November 20th the proceeds of which are to benefit student art development on the Eastern Shore. Their **Annual Art Show** was open to the public on Sunday, 11/21, Friday 11/26 and Saturday 11/ 27. The halls and central room were full of exciting artwork from the members of the League.
- The building was full of visitors for the **8th Annual Open Studio & Vineyard Tour on November 26, 27 and 28**. The guest artists at the School will be **Deb Finnegan – Baskets by Deb, Ira Skees – Carver and David Farlow – Carver**. In addition, **Dan Bowen, Guild Photographer** will be working in the Guild’s professional photo studio. www.esartisansguild.org
- On Monday, November 15, Frank Lewis “felled” the very large, semi-dead tree behind the building.

Board Meeting Report

- On November 8, members of the Board of Directors met with our architects, Becker Morgan Group of Salisbury. The meeting’s purpose was to discuss progress to date and to request an update of the plan previously received. Because of a change in personnel, Becker Morgan conducted a site visit of the building on November 15 from which updated drawings and plans will be developed. During that inspection, Becker Morgan specified several high priority repairs that need to be done in the near future. We expect to receive these before the end of December.
- The November 18 Board Meeting consisted of standard committee business and updating the full Board regarding the outcome of the Becker Morgan site visit and expected recommendations. The December 9 Board Meeting will be dedicated to finalizing the Strategic Plan and the presentation of the Marketing Plan for 2010 – 2011.

Needs

- **Do you want to rent space or hold an event at the School?** Several rooms are currently available downstairs. 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.** Additional volunteers to help with a variety of tasks are always needed. We still 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

- The **Event Review Committee** handles requests for using the School and/or the grounds for special events. This should 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.

- **Membership in the Friends of Onancock School** is always available. To date over 110 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>.

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.

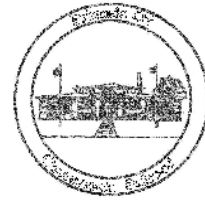
The FOS office at Onancock School, 6 College Ave., Onancock, VA, is open on Wednesdays from 9 am to noon. Call the office with your questions or comments at **757 302-1331**. If Karen is not in when you call, please leave a message.



Friends of Onancock School

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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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