



FOS Deeds & Needs

The Latest News from Friends of Onancock School – March 2009 – Number 6

For Your Calendar

- **Master Naturalists** have a work day on Monday, **March 9th**, from 9 am to noon. Whether you're a Master Naturalist or not, come enjoy springtime outdoors. Contact **Donna Ware** at **787-7845**.
- Friends of Onancock School has a work day on **Saturday, April 18th**. We'll remove tiles from the cafeteria floor and do general clean up. Plan to join us! Details in next month's *Deed & Needs*.
- **Eastern Shore Tree Care** is organizing an **Arbor Family Fun Day** celebration and playground fund raising event at Onancock School on **Sunday, April 26th**, from 12 noon to 5 pm, with food, kids' activities, flower and tree planting, live music, and much more! Details in April's *Deeds & Needs*.
- The March of Dimes holds its **March for Babies** fund raising walk at Onancock School on **Sunday, May 17th**, from 8 am until noon. More information to come next month.

Deeds

- Sometimes, a "deed" just happens: **March 1st's snow storm** closed Accomack County Schools, bringing out families for a traditional slide down the hills behind Onancock School. This illustrates what community open space is for – **free fun for everyone** – even in difficult economic times.



- In February Mr. **Parks Downing** donated two planters that he built to beautify the front portico. **Tom Delyse** supplied the materials.
- FOS recently received a donation of two **Cryptomeria** (Japanese cedar) trees from Joani Donahoe of **gardenArt on King St.** to help us beautify school property.

- Mrs. **Kathryn Lilliston**, the last surviving member of OHS Class of 1930, recently donated her scrapbook of school mementoes to Friends of Onancock School. Soon we hope to be able to post these photos, graduation programs, and handwritten comments from students on our web site.
- **Joe Ware** continues to tune our antique boiler. Next up will be adjusting the water level so we heat less water and make more steam. Hopefully by the end of this season, we will be ready for next year.
- The **Town of Onancock** included three school projects in its application for federal Economic Stimulus funding. We are seeking help with a new heating system, roof, and windows, and are also part of the application for broadband. To read about these projects, and see what everyone else in Virginia is hoping for, go to Stimulus.Virginia.gov. To find Onancock area projects, type **Onancock** in the search filter, then click **Submit**.

Needs

- The **Master Naturalists** still have lots of heavy brush to clear along the creek. Anyone with a bush hog they are willing to lend – better yet operate – please call **Donna Ware** at **787-7845**.
- As mentioned above, Friends of Onancock School will have a **WORK DAY** on **Saturday, April 18th**. Mark your calendar and plan to help move renovations forward. Details in April's *Deed & Needs*.
- A volunteer who likes working on a ladder is needed to change light bulbs and check ballasts in fluorescent lights. Call **Russell Jones** at **302-0330** or **Haydon Rochester** at **787-2097** to help us.
- Have a commercial or other high-quality vacuum cleaner in working order you don't need? How about a working shop vac? Please call **Russell Jones** at **302-0330** and let him know where to pick it up.
- And, as always, if you can donate money to assist us with our heating, electric, and groundskeeping bills, please send your check to **Friends of Onancock School, P.O. Box 467, Onancock, VA 23417**. Contributions are tax deductible and greatly appreciated.

Board Meeting Report

Local resident **Karen Splawn** introduced herself to the board and offered to work a few hours a week as an office volunteer. The board decided that, with Karen's help, we would try to begin regular office hours a couple of days a week when we have a phone system and the weather is warmer.

Roberta Dean is seeking funding for "**Student Showcase**" art gallery at Onancock School. If her efforts work out, each student artist would be able to exhibit up to 5 pieces and students would staff the gallery as a community service project. The gallery, which would be located in one of the basement classrooms, could be open as early as August 2009.

The board put together a list of work projects for **FOS volunteers** that should be done this year. Among these are the following:

- Remove floor tiles from the cafeteria (Saturday, April 18th)
- Paint floors where tiles have been removed (TBA)
- Improve the large meeting room (band room) by eliminating a wall and mismatched carpet (TBA)
- Paint outside trim of the school (TBA)

As reported in the newspapers, **Harborfest** is changing. The **Onancock Business and Civic Association** and the Town are considering whether to have a "new and improved" Harborfest, which would take place on **Saturday, September 12th**. FOS has offered the grounds of Onancock School for parking and shuttle service, and possibly for some events. We will be in close touch with the committee as plans develop and will report in *Deeds & Needs* whether any events are coming to the school.

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