



FOS Deeds & Needs

The Latest News from Friends of Onancock School – April 2009 – Number 7

For Your Calendar

- **First Friday** (April 3rd, from 5-8 pm) will again feature Onancock School tenants, including **Dragonfly Studio Gallery, Dan Lawrence Studio, Elizabeth Hunt Pottery, and Glass Expressions.**
- Also on First Friday, **The Bistro** (25A Market St.) will be donating 10% of lunch and dinner proceeds to Project Playground, a campaign to recreate the playground at Onancock School as a first-class facility. Come out and enjoy a great meal and help our littlest citizens at the same time! (Can't make it? Don't fret. The Bistro will be repeating their generous offer on **Friday, April 17th.**)
- On **Monday, April 16th,** at 7 pm, a meeting will be held at Onancock School for parents and children to introduce Project Playground and explain how the design process will work. The process will formally kick off with Design Day on April 26th (see below).
- **Friends of Onancock School** has a work day on **Saturday, April 18th.** From 2-4:30 in the afternoon we will remove tiles from the cafeteria floor and do general clean up. Plan to join us! Call **Cindy Downing** at **787-7891** to let her know you are coming or if you have questions.
- The first annual **Arbor Family Fun Day** at Onancock School will be held on **Sunday, April 26th,** from 12 noon to 5 pm. Sponsored by Eastern Shore Tree Care, this kid-focused event includes:
 - Project Playground "Design Day" with representatives from Leathers & Associates (www.leathersassociates.com) helping children design a new playground for Onancock School
 - Obstacle course and "Little Tykes Bounce"
 - Onancock's official tree planting
 - Live music
 - Raffle and dunk booth
 - Face painting, clowns, and more
 - US Forestry Service distributing trees
- 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 in May.

Deeds

- Mrs. **Kathryn Lilliston**, the last surviving member of OHS Class of 1930, recently donated her scrapbook of school mementoes to Friends of Onancock School. In the photo, Mrs. Lilliston shows FOS vice-president Donna Belote some of the fascinating personal notes and pictures in her treasured possession.
- We are now are connected to the world. Our new phone number is **757 302-1331.** Beginning April 8th, new volunteer **Karen Splawn** will in the office from 9 am to noon on Wednesdays. At all other times, leave a phone message and a board member or Karen will return your call.
- As we mentioned last month, in February Mr. **Parks Downing** donated two planters that he built to beautify the front portico. **Tom Delyse** supplied the materials. We now have a photo (see next page).
- The railing on the south portico, which was installed by **Gerald Davis** and friends last fall, was painted recently by **Rick Turner** and **Judith Jacobs** (photo on next page).



Needs

- As you may have heard, **broadband** (i.e., extremely high-speed, large-capacity Internet connection) is coming to Onancock. We hope to make the school a “hub” in this network. To help with this, we must support the application for a grant to pay for installation. Onancock residents can assist by participating in a broadband survey to show their interest. Just click (or Ctrl + click) the link http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=wVRct_2bM31RmQEz2NVIpTUw_3d_3d and answer a few easy questions.
- 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 greatly appreciated and tax deductible.

Board Meeting Report



At its March 26th meeting, the FOS board voted to sign a contract with **Becker Morgan Group, Inc.** (www.beckermorgan.com) for design services. Although we were unable to obtain funding for the multi-phase design process originally envisioned, Becker Morgan has agreed to work on a pay-as-we-go basis. The aim of the process will be to obtain preliminary design ideas in digital form that can be

used when seeking funding for more design work or for building improvements.

Also on March 26th, the board agreed to support Wendie Misuna and her “**Project Playground**” fundraising by formally accepting that the concept of the Arbor Family Fun Day as “Design Day” for the playground. Wendie will arrange for individuals from Leathers & Associates

(www.leathersassociates.com) to visit Onancock on April 26th to conduct the preliminary design process. This company has helped communities design very impressive playgrounds all over the country. It is expected that Project Playground will seek funds independently of FOS.

To support Project Playground, **Joani Donohoe** of **gardenART on King St** has offered to make a donation to the playground for every cruising style bicycle donated to her bike tour initiative. Call gardenArt at **787-8818** for more information.

In early April, a **membership invitation letter** will go out to all those on our mailing list. The board is hoping for a good response and that many people will show their support for Onancock School by becoming official members of FOS.

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