



FOS Deeds & Needs

The Latest News from Friends of Onancock School – June 2009 – Number 8

For Your Calendar

- On Friday, **June 12th**, and Monday, **June 22nd**, from 9-12 am, the **Master Naturalists** will be working on the creekside trail. Come out and help in the home stretch as we clear brush, weeds, and trash blocking our view of Onancock Creek. For more info, contact **Donna Ware** at **787-7845**.
- **Second Friday (June 12th**, from 5-8 pm) will again feature Onancock School tenants, including:
 - **Dragonfly Studio Gallery**
 - **Elizabeth Hunt Pottery Studio**
 - **Glass Expressions Stained Glass** (5-7 pm; 25% off all in-stock stained glass)
 - **P. Bose Schur**, watercolor artist (new tenant, located in downstairs studio on left side)
 - **Eastern Shore Art League Gallery** (new gallery representing many local artists)
 - **Artisans Guild** (2 or 3 featured artists, and new lighting studio for photographing artwork)
 - **Great Stuff Quilt and Art Studio** (quilts and more)
- The FOS General Meeting takes place on **Thursday, June 25th** from 5-8:30 pm. There will be tours of the school, a talk by Mr. **Arthur King Fisher**, and a presentation of exciting new conceptual drawings of the school and grounds by **Becker Morgan Group** architects. Several tenants will open their spaces, including Dan Lawrence Studio, Dragonfly Studio Gallery, Eastern Shore Art League Gallery Elizabeth Hunt Pottery Studio, Glass Expressions, and Great Stuff Quilt and Art Studio.
- **PigNic** is coming! Mark **Saturday, September 5th** (Labor Day weekend) on your calendar for a day of great food, fun, and silent auction to benefit Onancock School.

Deeds



- The March of Dimes held its **March for Babies** fund raising walk at Onancock School on **Sunday, May 17th**, from 8 am until noon. Although the weather was terrible, walkers persisted and fund raising was very successful.
- The **Women's Club of Onley** donated more than two dozen potted azaleas to Onancock School in May. These will be planted soon as part of the landscaping of the south lawn (picnic table area).
- The first annual **Arbor Family Fun Day** at Onancock School was held on **Sunday, April 26th**, from 12 noon to 5 pm. Under the outstanding leadership of **Wendie and Robert Misuna** of Eastern Shore Tree Care, kids and their families had a wonderful day and worked to advance **Project Playground** – the campaign to bring a state-of-the-art playground to Onancock School.
- During the Arbor Family Fun Day, an akebono cherry tree donated by **Eastern Shore Nursery** was planted by **Eastern Shore Tree Care** beside the front walk of the school.
- With support from an anonymous donor, **Shore Engineering** recently completed a survey of the north boundary of Onancock School to define the previously unsurveyed stretch from College Avenue to the branch that leads to Onancock Creek.

- **Becker Morgan Group** architects have produced preliminary design concepts for Onancock School and grounds. You can see some of the results at the General Meeting on June 25th at the school.

A trio of future users of the Onancock School playground . . .

. . . looking as if they've just heard the weather report.



Needs

- **PigN**ic is coming on Saturday, September 5th. Sign up as a volunteer to help us raise money. Call **Cindy Downing** at **787-7891** or e-mail Cindy at **info@onancockschool.org**.
- The Artisans Guild badly needs some chairs and folding tables for their space. If you have any you can spare, please contact **Dan Bowen** (dan@weirwoodstation.com).
- 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. Go to <http://www.onancockschool.org/membership.htm>.
- 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

Terry Swain of the Nominations Committee reports that candidates have been identified for the FOS board. The slate will be presented at the June 25th General Meeting.

Becker Morgan Group recently delivered about 25 conceptual design drawings for the main school building and grounds on a CD. Some of these will be presented and discussed at the June 25th General Meeting. Becker Morgan's designs were based on the premise that ADA accessibility is critical to achieving funding from many agencies and foundations, so FOS should achieve this milestone as soon as possible. Another design principle was to open up the old auditorium and provide direct access from the auditorium to the outdoors on the west side. As currently envisioned, the most dramatic changes will take place on the back (west) side of the building and the 1921 façade will be restored to its original appearance.

The board plans to make several improvements this summer in the areas of **lighting and security**. Existing outdoor lighting will be refurbished and new signs will be designed and installed to cover such as topics as parking, hours of school operation, and penalties for vandalism or nuisance activities.

At its May meeting, the FOS board authorized spending an additional \$3,000 for **furnace upgrades**. It is hoped that these improvements will make temperatures in the school more even and decrease fuel expense. At the present time, the furnace costs \$12-15 an hour to operate, so better system performance could have a big impact on winter heating bills.

Where Did May Go?

There was no May newsletter because your editor was on vacation.

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