



# FOS Deeds & Needs

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## For Your Calendar

- **Second Friday (July 10th, from 5-8 pm)** Onancock School confirmed to be open include:
  - **Artisans Guild** – Two featured artists
  - **Dan Lawrence** – Recent work, “Portrait of the Shore Project” and free 5x7 portraits
  - **Dragonfly Studio Gallery** – “Porch Paintings and Outdoor Art” by various local artists and guest artist of the month, Copper Creations
  - **Eastern Shore Art League Gallery** – Meet award-winning photographer **Ron Hugo** and view his work
  - **Elizabeth Hunt Pottery Studio** – Open “in spirit”
  - **Glass Expressions Stained Glass**
  - **P. Bose Schur** (Studio B-2 (lower level) Delicate floral watercolors and watercolors with an Eastern Shore theme
  - **The Quilt Studio** (Rm 104)

*Note: Other tenants and our newest tenant may be open, and school hallway painting should be well under way, maybe even finished, by July 10th. The June Second Friday saw more than a hundred people enjoying good company, great art, and renewed friendships. Don't miss this one!*
- Mark your calendar for **Pig-nic, on Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** (Labor Day weekend) for a day of great food, fun, and silent auction to benefit Onancock School.
- Painters take note: the **Paint Onancock! Plein Air Event** will be **October 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>**. Onancock School is a great subject, and new views of the creek are being exposed along the Master Naturalists walk.
- The **Eastern Shore Art League** will hold its annual show on two weekends at Onancock School – **21/22 November** and **28/29 November** (Thanksgiving weekend, so bring the family).

## Deeds

- Welcome new board members **Deborah Cole** and **Susan Levin** who joined us on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to retiring board members Billye D Custis and Chester Jackson for their dedication to FOS.
- Finally, we have an alumni coordinator our board – **Buck Boggs**. Many thanks to Buck for joining the FOS team.
- The FOS General Meeting took place on **Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**. Many of our tenants were open and early arrivers enjoyed visiting their studios/galleries and touring the school and grounds. **Art Fisher** shared his insights on the history of the Shore and what it was like to be Onancock School principal before the First World War. It was no easy job!
- Also at the General Meeting, Cindy Downing and Russell Jones reviewed some of the conceptual drawings of the school and grounds prepared by **Becker Morgan Group** architects. A few are included here for the benefit of those who missed the presentation.



**Proposed walkway from parking lot to rear of building on north end will provide access to first floor without steps.**



**Renovated auditorium with doors leading to outside deck and walkway. Here it is set up for an evening event, such as a dinner or organization meeting.**



**The front of the building will receive historic windows, new porticos and steps, new lighting, and landscaping.**



**Bird's eye view from NW corner shows walkway, deck extending the auditorium to outdoors, and terraces of amphitheater.**



**Proposed kayak site on Onancock Creek offers boat storage, teaching shelter, and launching platform.**

In their presentation, Cindy and Russell stressed that these images are “what could be,” **not** “what will be.” Whether any of these plans come to fruition will depend on achieving consensus on the best design from the many alternatives being considered and on raising the funds to execute the chosen design. Renovation of a 1921-vintage school into a modern community center will not happen overnight.

## Needs

- On **July 6, 7, and 8** we will have 14 youth workers at the school for painting. If you have any **painting materials- brushes, rollers, trays, etc.** to spare, please get them to the school before 10:30 a.m. on **Monday the 6th**. Just put them in the classroom next to the board room, or if school is not open, leave beside the front door.
- **Pig-nic** 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** needs some chairs and folding tables for their space. If you have any you can spare, please contact **Dan Bowen** ([dan@weirwoodstation.com](mailto: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

The board meeting was much abbreviated this month due to the General Meeting taking place the same night. New board members **Deborah Cole** and **Susan Levin** were voted onto the board and plans for improved signage around the school and better lighting to improve security were discussed.

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