



# FOS Deeds & Needs

The Latest News from Friends of Onancock School – October 2008 – Number 2

## For Your Calendar

- **Dragonfly Studio Gallery, Glass Expressions Stained Glass (Rm 106) and Great Stuff Quilt & Arts Studio (Rms 104 & 105)** will be open for Onancock's First Friday (evening of October 3rd).
- The first meeting for **Onancock School tenants** will be on October 23<sup>rd</sup>; 5:30-6:30 pm at the school.
- **Trunk or Treat**, the Onancock Baptist Church's highly successful Halloween event for kids, will be held at the school on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 6:00-7:30 pm. Info: Marce Gouldin at 787-1236.
- **Friends of Onancock School** will hold a **public meeting** on Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. School tours begin at 6:30 pm and a progress report is at 7:00 pm. Mr. **Art K. Fisher** will speak on "Oddities of the Eastern Shore" followed by a panel discussion with FOS board members and current tenants.

## Deeds

- **Pig-Nic** expenses have been paid and we cleared \$5,500 on the event! More than 190 people enjoyed a great barbecue and many more came out to look over the artists' wares, listen to the orchestra and band, and meet old and new friends.
- Other recent fundraising successes include \$1000 from the **E. Polk Kellam Foundation**, \$100 from the **Class of 1955**, and \$400 from **Jeanne Serini** for a conference table in memory of **Coach Trent Serini** for our boardroom (which, by the way, can be rented by groups needing a place to meet).
- In early September, **Gerald Davis** repaired "Mrs. Booth's" porch. On September 25<sup>th</sup>, Gerald met at the school with a group of local contractors, who toured the building to see its needs. He encouraged them to consider donating some labor to help with various deferred maintenance problems.

## Needs

- Despite our very successful fundraising in August and September, FOS cannot rest. We still must remedy the water infiltration problem on the North wing of the building and heat the school through the coming winter. What's more, starting in October we assume full responsibility for the school's electric bill (previously shared with the Town of Onancock). If you can donate to assist us with any of these big expenses, send a check to Friends of Onancock School, P.O. Box 467, Onancock, VA 23417.
- We can always use serviceable hand tools (hammers, screwdrivers, flashlights, etc.) for the many small chores that crop up at the school. If you have some spare tools to donate, call **Sandy Manter** at **787-9217** or by e-mail at **smanter1@verizon.net**.

## Board Meeting Report

Numerous topics were covered at the September 25<sup>th</sup> board meeting, including Trunk or Treat plans, PigNoc review, and new signage and security issues. The key topic was the selection of a design firm to help FOS plan the redevelopment of the school buildings and grounds. In summer, we advertised a request for proposals. We received expressions of interest from 10 architecture/engineering firms.

Of the ten, eight are expected to submit a formal proposal by the time you read this newsletter. During October, the board will review these proposals and narrow the list of candidates to two or three. Further interviews and consultations with these companies should lead us to the right firm. Then we'll be able to put our redevelopment efforts into high gear! Watch this space for updates.

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