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Families Share Memories of Waterford

Gloria Jackson Maples, of Richmond, VA and Gladys Jackson Lewis of Washington, DC revisited childhood memories at Waterford's John Wesley Church when the sisters and their families made a nostalgic return to the village on July 16, 2006. They shared memories of the 1920s and '30s with three younger generations of family at the church and at the former home (50162 Main Street) of their parents, Arthur and Minnie Robinson Jackson. The visit followed a family reunion a day earlier in Maryland, which drew 177 descendants from all over the United States. Mrs. Maples and Mrs. Lewis are nieces of Sadie Robinson (pictured below) whose family purchased the Weaver's Cottage on Water Street in 1854. The family sold it over 100 years later in 1957. The Waterford Foundation later bought the cottage and placed a preservation easement on it. 🌿



Gloria Jackson Maples and Gladys Jackson Lewis, nieces of Sadie Robinson, at the John Wesley Church in July.



John Wesley Church Congregation, 1910. Sadie Robinson is identified with the arrow.

Winner's Circle

The Waterford Foundation offers congratulations to the following recipients of awards and scholarships:

Katherine Ratcliffe

2006 Loudoun County Outstanding Women Award for over two decades of volunteer work for the Second Street School Living History program, which has reached over 25,000 children. Kathie won for the category of "Heritage Education" and was one of only ten winners honored on May 16th. Fourth grade classes first started coming to the Second St. School for this unique field trip in 1984.

Jake Johnson

Miss Aura L. Nickens Education Scholarship¹ for his outstanding leadership. Jake plans to pursue a career in education. He graduated from Loudoun Valley High.

Logan McIntosh

Miss Aura L. Nickens Education Scholarship¹ for his citizenship and volunteer work. Logan graduated from Loudoun Valley High and plans to go to Shepherd University.

Katherine Peterson

Dan Kent Scholarship² for excellent grades, citizenship, and community

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Letter from the President

Dear Members,

John Kornacki's first day as the Foundation's new Executive Director was July 3. He has been working part-time while he completes prior commitments but will go full-time at the end of August. John has a wide range of experiences including being a professor, Executive Director of the Dirksen Congressional Center, and working at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. He recently taught courses for Johns Hopkins University on non-profit organizations – something he'll be able to apply here. The Board of Directors is very pleased to have John leading the staff and looks forward to many successful years. I encourage you to meet John if you haven't already done so. Many thanks go to Nancy Doane and the rest of the Search Committee for a job well done!

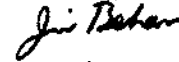
On May 10 the Foundation completed the purchase of 25 acres and an easement on an additional 25 acres from the Hutchison family. Karen Jones is managing the sale of the 25 acre parcel. We are pleased to report there is a ratified contract for an October settlement.

I wish to thank the dozens of supporters who have responded to the \$50,000 Challenge Grant. Your response has been terrific and as I write this we are already halfway there! The money will help mitigate the reduced profits from the 2005 Fair. Speaking of the Fair, I know Fran Holmbraker and the

other committee members have been preparing extremely hard for this year's Fair—it promises to be a fabulous event.

Finally, I wish to recognize the directors who have accepted leadership positions with the Foundation. The officers are all returnees (survivors!) from last year with Nancy Doane as V.P., Bruce Cleveland as Treasurer and Susan Sutter as Secretary. Less turnover results in the Foundation running a lot smoother, and I very much appreciate their dedication. The committee chairpersons represent both returnees and new leaders. Rich Biby continues to lead the Properties and Technology Committees, Marilyn Gentry the Development Committee and Chris Gleckner the Land Use Committee. Though not a director, Fran Holmbraker is chairing the Fair Committee for the 11th year! New chairpersons include Kathleen Hughes for Education and Mark Beisler for Finance. The Foundation is fortunate to have these outstanding stewards of its programs.

Sincerely,



Jim Behan
President

Did you know?

Your donation can double! Many companies match charitable gifts donated by their employees. Ask your employer today about matching programs!

AT&T, Bank of America, Boeing, Cingular Wireless, GMAC, Dominion, Sprint, PepsiCo, ExxonMobil, Verizon, IBM, and Home Depot are only a few!



Don't miss the Fair, Oct. 6-8

John Kornacki, New Foundation Executive Director



"I've worked all my life preparing for this job," says John Kornacki, an Ashburn resident who recently joined the Waterford Foundation as Executive Director July 3rd after an extensive search by the Foundation's board.

John made this enthusiastic statement based on his years of experience as a congressional staff director, a nonprofit CEO, a foundation officer and college teacher. Among other things, he studied agricultural and natural resource policy at the think tank, Resources for the Future in Washington, D.C.

"Waterford is a unique, beautifully preserved, fully operational rural village everyone can appreciate and value," he said. "I look forward to joining the good work of the Foundation and its many volunteers and supporters to ensure that the Waterford Foundation continues to educate about Waterford's architectural and agricultural heritage. I am grateful to Margaret Good for serving as the interim Executive Director and assisting me."

A native of Wisconsin, John earned his MS and Ph.D. degrees in resource management and community development from Michigan State University and his BS in environmental biology from Marquette University. He is married to Olga Ramirez Kornacki, who works for the U.S. House of Representatives, and has three sons.

(Winner's Circle Continued from page 1) involvement. Katie volunteered with the Waterford Foundation during her sophomore year at Broad Run High School. She plans to attend Randolph-Macon College next year.

John and Ellen DeCourcy:

Lifetime Achievement Award for over 40 years of service to the Waterford Foundation. John first served on the Board of Directors in 1963 and over the years has served as an officer, including President, several times. He is in charge of ticket gates at the Fair each year. Ellen has served as interim Executive Director, oversaw

the renovation of the Corner Store, helped to start the Art Mart at the Fair, and has served several terms on the Board, including three terms as President.

¹ The Waterford Foundation created the Miss Aura L. Nickens Education Scholarship to award a graduating senior who displays excellent grades and plans to attend an accredited teacher certification program in college

² The Dan Kent/Waterford Foundation Scholarship honors Loudoun teacher Dan Kent, now at Broad Run High School, who supervised student volunteers at the Collins House and Tannery digs in Waterford. Their reports and artifacts are on file at the office.

In Memory of Edward P. Wright

Before his recent death, Ed Wright of Etowah, NC designated the Waterford Foundation to receive gifts in his memory. He visited Waterford, held a family reunion with a tour and speakers from our Education Committee, and generously donated money to our archives.

To date, we have received over \$1,000 to honor Mr. Wright. He was a descendant of Patterson Wright, who built "Bounty Hill" on Old Wheatland Road outside of Waterford.

Donation to the Archives Project Received

In 2005, the trustees of the Sue W. Massie Charitable Trust pledged \$25,000 to the Waterford Foundation's educational outreach program in memory of Elizabeth Smith, past board member and President of the Foundation. Half of the pledge was received in 2005 and used toward the rehabilitation of the Chair Factory as the future home of the Education Committee's Archives Project. Just last month, the second half of that pledge was received, allowing the project to move forward.

We are extremely grateful to the Trust and Ms. Smith's family for this generous support.



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Upcoming Events – You’re Invited!

Reception for New Executive Director

Friday, Aug. 25th, 6-8:00 pm, Old Mill
A reception is being held to welcome John Kornacki as the Foundation’s new Executive Director. Light refreshment will be served.

63rd Annual Homes Tour and Crafts Exhibit (The Fair)

Friday, Oct. 6 – Sunday, Oct. 8

10am-5pm daily

The 63rd Annual Homes Tour and Crafts Exhibit, Virginia’s oldest juried crafts exhibit, will be kicking off on Friday, Oct. 6 with Holly of Fox Channel 5 broadcasting live in the center of the action and will feature *Farming As It Used To Be*. Bring the whole family for a good, old-fashioned Fair with good food, good music, traditional crafts, an antique farm equipment display, and lovely old houses open for tours.

Concert Series ❖

Sunday, Oct. 22, 4pm, Old School IBIS, a chamber music society, features **Joseph Scheer**, concertmaster of the Boston “Pops” Esplanade Orchestra; **Susan Robinson**, Principal harp, Kennedy Center Opera House Orchestra; and **Dan Foster**, principal viola, National Symphony Orchestra.

Concert Series ❖

Sunday, Nov. 12, 4pm, Old School Pacifica Quartet, winner of the 1998 Naumberg Chamber Music Award and the 2002 Cleveland Quartet Award, will perform works by Beethoven, Mendelssohn, and others.

George Bentley Lecture ❖

Sunday, Nov. 19, 4 pm, Old School Features Alan Geoffrion, author of *Broken Trails* (recent AMC made-for-TV movie starring Robert Duvall). This event is free.

Concert Series ❖

Sunday, Dec. 3, 4pm, Old School Master Singers of Virginia, an accomplished and highly-regarded choral group, will present a program that includes the complete Rachmaninoff Vespers in Russian – a masterpiece considered to be the greatest *a capella* choral work ever written.

Christmas at the Mill

Sunday, Dec. 3, 11 am - 7:30 pm, Old Mill

See below left.

❖ All concerts and lectures are held at the Old School at 4 pm.

A free, guided walking tour is available at 2pm, starting at the Old School.

Concert Series tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Call (540) 882-3018



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CHRISTMAS AT THE MILL

Sunday, Dec. 3, 11am-7:30pm, Old Mill

Please join us for some holiday shopping! The Mill will be stocked with crafts from the Homes Tour and Crafts Exhibit for your purchasing pleasure. This is a rare opportunity to buy Fair time crafts in the “off-season.” This event is the same day as the Master Singers of Virginia concert at the Old School (4pm), so make a day of it in Waterford!

