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President's Message

Dear Friends of Waterford,

It was good to see so many of you at the Annual Meeting and unveiling of the plans for the new Old School auditorium April 15. Many of you stayed after the meeting to enjoy the reception at the Mill, look at the plans more closely, and ask questions of Bill Drewer of Quinn Evans/Architects and members of the Old School Steering Committee.

A few people had concerns which they expressed at the meeting, others have been in touch with me, Hans Hommels and Susan Sutter from the Steering Committee. Let me assure you that we are sensitive to your concerns and comments.

Change is hard and taste is subjective. We have been intimately involved with this plan since the fire in January 2007, seeking the community's input at the May 20 public forum and afterwards in our survey, choosing the best architect and general contractor for this project, negotiating with the insurance company, and seeking permits. But we realize that the Old School plan you saw last week was entirely new to you. Most of you liked it, a few did not.

As I told you at the Annual Meeting, while this phase of the Old School plan was unanimously approved by the Foundation Board on April 2, it is still subject to revision as it moves through the state and county approval processes. The Steering Committee is already working on a few modifications, and we will provide an opportunity for public viewing again later this spring or summer.

In the meantime, If you or your neighbors have questions about the plan, please direct them to

Hans Hommels (703-969-5577) (Atlcont@aol.com),
Susan Sutter (703-669-3999) (sbsut@yahoo.com), or
to me (703-314-3590) kathleen@booksintl.com).

If you have neighbors who are not members or who do not have email and think they would be interested in this newsletter, we would appreciate your printing it out and taking it to them. Our aim is to keep you informed.

Best,

President



Frank Sprtel, No. 89, creates awe in young 1K runners in the backstretch of his 10K race past Talbot Farm barns.

Runners, hikers pound the turf at Waterford Landmark 10K race

One-hundred and thirty pairs of athletic shoes hit the trail and the turf in the fourth annual Waterford Landmark 10K Cross-Country Run-Hike-Walk April 19, with the participants wearing them enjoying a beautiful spring Saturday at the historic Talbot Farm.

Nationally ranked runner Frank Sprtel set the pace on this challenging 6.2-mile

CALENDAR

30 APRIL

Introduction to Conservation Easements. 6-7:30 p.m., Oatlands Carriage House, 20850 Oatlands Plantation Lane, Leesburg, Virginia 20175.

4 MAY

Reception for Fred & Carol Johnson. 3-4:30 p.m., Chair Factory, 15502 Second St., Waterford. Contact: Cordelia Chamberlin, 540-882-3578.

5 May

Lecture by Ed Bearss, "Battle of Buckland Mills." Battlefield Baptist Church, 4361 Lee Highway, Warrenton, Virginia 20187.

1 JUNE

Waterford Concert Series: Next Generation. Lucketts Community Center, Lucketts, Virginia 20176.

8 JUNE

George Bentley Lecture Series: Meryl Secrest, 4 p.m., John Wesley Church, 40125 Bond Street, Waterford.

Annual Report Published

The 2007 Waterford Foundation Annual Report is published, and a PDF version is available for downloading at the Foundation website. A paper copy will be mailed to you upon request.

Saxes resonate at April Concert

The New Century Saxophone Quartet demonstrated its range and repertoire at the Lucketts Community Center April 13, as the second in the Waterford Concert Series performances. On June 1 the always-popular Next Generation concert features young performers beginning their artistic careers.

Johnson reception

course, winning the overall men's race with a time of 39.06 minutes. Stephanie Kutsop was the first overall finisher in the women's race. Foundation member Richard Ryan led his competitors in the 55+ race, and the first high school finisher was Jedediah Caldwell.

About 30 hikers took part in the 6K nature hike, led by guides from the Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy.



Mrs. Briggs enjoys a front-row seat at the race, accompanied by her grandson James D. Taylor, president of the National Humane Education Society.

Proceeds from this race are split between the Waterford Foundation and the Briggs Animal Adoption Center and Sanctuary. Sanctuary founder Anna C. Briggs, who has devoted her life to improving the plight of homeless animals in the nation, attended the race.

Photos from the race, taken by Schuyler Richardson and Jim Hanna, can be viewed and purchased by clicking the "Photo Gallery" tab at the top of the race website, www.waterford10K.com and following the directions (there is a username and password required in order to view the images).

next Sunday

Remember this Sunday's reception at the Chair Factory from 3 to 4:30 p.m. to meet and thank Fred and Carol Johnson for their recent generous donation to the Waterford Foundation of numerous pieces of Waterford and Loudoun County furniture (including the ladderback chair pictured here).

Come and discover what Waterford's early chair makers were producing before the Civil War and how their style evolved as the nineteenth century moved to a close. See the several one-of-a-kind pieces that the Johnsons have donated, and raise a glass in appreciation for these gifts.

Fred has promised to share some of his extensive knowledge about the pieces. so come and have some wine and snacks and learn about local furniture.

You may RSVP by calling the Foundation office or sending an email to info@waterfordva.org.

Foundation thanks outstanding members at Annual Meeting

At the 2008 Annual Meeting April 15, Foundation President Kathleen Hughes presented this year's awards to members and associates whose contributions have broadened the depth, reach, and mission of the Waterford Foundation.

Volunteer of the Year Award. Her family has been associated with the Foundation since its founding in 1943, and *Cordelia Chamberlin* was a devoted volunteer even before her election to her first term (of two) on the board in 2001--whereupon she became Secretary of the board and Chair of the Education Committee. She has served as Vice President, continues to serve on the Concert Committee, and for the past 2 years, she has co-chaired the Homes Tour, an essential part of the annual Homes Tour and Crafts Exhibit. She also co-chairs the Archives subcommittee. In between all these duties, she is always available to help with any task: be it a special event, other jobs at the Fair, a Search Committee to hire a new Executive Director, and what ever else she might be called upon to help with. Thank you, Cordelia.



Extraordinary Service Award. This award recognizes a volunteer who has gone above and beyond to give of their time and expertise for the benefit of the Waterford Foundation. Bruce Cleveland completed two terms on the board last year, yet is still very involved, especially in matters financial. His business, managerial, and financial expertise have proved invaluable at a time when we needed it most: His expertise enabled us to bring the various loans, grants, and donations together to make the purchase of the Phillips Farm a reality. He served as President for two years, then served as Chair of the Finance Committee and as Treasurer updating our financial reporting and budgeting process.

At the same time, Bruce got Waterford WISP up and running to provide high-speed internet access to the community. WISP has become an important source of revenue for the Waterford Foundation. He made arrangements for his bank to become one of the all important sponsors of the Concert Series. These sponsorships help underwrite the Series' expenses so that one of the Foundation's renowned outreach programs can thrive. Most lately, he has finalized the documents for our new Endowment Fund. A new Investment Committee for the Fund is now in place; Bruce is its Chair.



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Corporate Neighbor Award. This new award was created this year for a very special friend of the Foundation. The Loudoun Mutual Insurance Company is a friend and neighbor whose generosity has allowed us to do many things we might not have been able to do without its kind support.

Since the Concert Series earliest days, it joined the Foundation as the first sponsor of one of our annual concerts. Loudoun Mutual has long been a business sponsor of the Fair. When they cleared the lovely park-like area next to their office, they immediately made it available to the Fair so more crafters could be invited to participate in the annual Homes Tour and Craft Exhibit.

Last year they sponsored the costs of the Firebucket Raffle that successfully raised funds for rebuilding the Old School. This year they will be helping the community with its tree planting program. They have shared their office space with the Foundation for the past two years for our annual retreat. For years now they have been wonderful stewards of the Foundation's Jex art collection of 13 paintings.

The Lifetime Achievement Award was created some years ago to recognize volunteers who have given time and expertise over and over again for many, many years. Tonight we are going to recognize a couple that certainly fall into that category: John and Bronwen Souders.

They may be best known for their historic research on Waterford descendants, having created a database in excess of 15,000 former residents and their descendants, and from them gathering numerous historic documents and mementos that compose a heritage collection for the Foundation's archives. Their work has reunited many of these descendants with the village, helping us to draw a detailed and accurate picture of its history, be it Quaker, African American, or agricultural.

The Souders have authored many books on Waterford history, two with Loudoun historian John Devine. They have guided more walking tours than they can count. Both have served on the Board of Directors: one as President as recently as 1998 (followed by a stint as Interim Executive Director).

Bronwen became a Ms. Nickens for the Second Street School program in 1983 and remains in that role. Researching the lives of the original pupils launched her into studies of local African American history. Bronwen has served four terms on the board over the years, sitting in many seats essential to the smooth sailing of the organization. John has served as Chair of the Technology Committee, as a member of the Education Committee and on the Executive Committee (and still mows the walking trail on the Phillips Farm). They remain active on various committees. There is not an area of outreach that does not have their fingerprints on it.



Loudoun Mutual President and CEO Chris Shipe, and Chairman of the Board Bruce McIntosh accept the Corporate Neighbor Award.



Foundation President Hughes presents Bronwen and John Souders with the Lifetime Achievement Award in the John Wesley Church.

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Conservation easement program offered Wednesday at Oatlands

From 6 to 7:30 p.m. on April 30, join your neighbors at Oatlands to learn the financial benefits that can flow from the preservation in perpetuity of our county's special places, including your own.

Many precious acres of Loudoun's landscape have been protected through the use of conservation easements. Examples of protected land include the Waterford Landmark area, extensive properties adjoining Goose Creek, Glenwood Park at Middleburg, and the Potomac shoreline adjacent to the Balls Bluff battlefield. There is much more, however, that can and should be preserved.

Sponsored by the Waterford Foundation, Oatlands, and other county preservation organizations, this event will feature Michael Kane, a Land Conservation Officer with the Piedmont Environmental Council, as speaker. A reception will follow outside, weather permitting. Attendees will be given written materials to keep. A nominal fee of \$10 will be charged that will help defray expenses. For further information, Stephen C. Price, McCandlish & Lillard, PC, Phone: 703.737.0200 www.mccandlaw.com.