



Waterford Homes Tour & Crafts Exhibit



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SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 15

Waterford Foundation Annual Meeting

Dear Friends of Waterford,

After more than a year of planning, permits, and insurance negotiations, the plan for the rebuilding of the Old School auditorium is ready for public viewing. Please join us at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15, 2008, at the John Wesley Church for the unveiling of the plans for the new Old School auditorium, presented by Bill Drewer of Quinn Evans/Architects, at our Annual Meeting, at the John Wesley Church in Waterford.

Before the reception at the Mill, we'll have our official membership business meeting, where this year's Honorees will be introduced; committee, officer, and Executive Director reports given; and new Directors and Nominating Committee elected.

The Nominating Committee (Bonnie Getty, chair; Valerie Custer, Bruce Cleveland, Ed Lehmann, Phil Paschall, and Robbie Smith) have come up with an impressive group of nominations for new Directors, including the following. (Their full bios are available now at www.waterfordva.org, were included in the formal invitation mailed to members, and will be distributed at the Annual Meeting):

Charlotte Gollobin
Robert E. Hale
Melanie L. Herman
DeSoto Jordan Jr.
Lori Kimball
Walter A. Music
Tom Simmons

We'll say good-bye and heartfelt thank yous to another group of impressive people who are stepping down from the Board this April: Jim Behan, Mark Beisler, Rich Biby, and Marilyn Gentry. Earlier in the year Edith Crockett, Ed Good, and Mary Ann Naber resigned, and recently Ann Goode has resigned to take up her new position as Manager of Development Programs for the Foundation. Join us to thank them for all their hard work.

Invitations have been mailed. The 2007 Annual Report of the Waterford Foundation will be available at the meeting. I hope to see you there. While only members can vote, everyone is invited. Bring your neighbors who may want to get involved with the Foundation's many upcoming events and activities. All are welcome.

Best,

President

Fair Wins County Tourism Award

The Waterford Foundation's Homes Tour and Crafts Exhibit was awarded the 2007 Tourism Event of the Year Award by the Loudoun Convention & Visitors Association at its annual meeting March 25.

More than 30,000 visitors from 34 states came to the village of Waterford for its 64th annual Fair the first weekend of October 2007, finally blessed with clear skies after two previous rain-filled weekends, in 2005 and 2006.

Attending the ceremony were Foundation President Kathleen Hughes, Executive Director Nancy Doane, Fair Chairman Fran Holmbraker, and Margaret Good, Assistant Director for Properties and Land Use.

Saxophones to Resonate in Next Series Concert

Music from the New Century Saxophone Quartet will fill the auditorium of the



CALENDAR

13 APRIL

Waterford Concert Series: New Century Saxophone Quartet. 4 p.m., Lucketts Community Center, 42361 Lucketts Road, Leesburg, VA 20176. \$25. Purchase tickets at the Foundation office before 5 p.m. April 11, or at the door.

15 APRIL

Annual Meeting of the Waterford Foundation. 7 p.m., John Wesley Church, 40125 Bond Street, Waterford.

30 April Introduction to Conservation Easements. 6-7:30 p.m., Oatlands Carriage House, 20850 Oatlands Plantation Lane, Leesburg, Virginia 20175. \$10, RSVP by April 26.

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, VA 20187

8 JUNE

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

Biographer Secret is Bentley Series lecturer

Meryle Secret, author of *Shoot the Widow: Adventures of a Biographer in Search of Her Subject*, and acclaimed biographies of Leonard Bernstein, Salvador Dali, Frank Lloyd Wright, and six others, will be the next distinguished speaker at the Waterford Foundation's George Bentley Lecture Series at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 8. A book-signing and reception will follow her talk, at the John Wesley Church in Waterford.

In *Shoot the Widow*, Secret writes about her triumphs and misadventures as a biographer in search of her nine celebrated subjects, about how the hunt for "a life" is like working one's way through a maze, full of false starts, dead ends, and occasional clear passages leading to the next part of the puzzle.

The Washington Post called Ms. Secret's biography of Bernard Berenson "a remarkable tour de force...Scrupulously researched and never boring." For her Frank Lloyd Wright biography, the Post said: "Captivating...splendid...absorbing...A life that no novelist could improve on, full of drama, tragedy, extravagance, and inexplicable luck, both good and bad."

Now in its eighth year, the Waterford Foundation's George E. Bentley Memorial Lecture Series is named after the long-time Waterford resident and preservationist.

The lecture is free and open to the public, but donations are appreciated. For further information, contact the



Fair Chair Fran Holmbraker, above, poses with the pewter plate awarded at the event.

Lucketts Community Center at the second in the Waterford Concert Series performances, at 4 p.m. April 13. A quartet of saxophones--soprano, alto, tenor, baritone--is a perfect vehicle for a versatile repertoire from Bach to Bernstein to today's composers.

The Quartet has won critical acclaim for recordings and performances of Bach's The Art of the Fugue, works by 21st century composers, and jazz. This concert puts the Quartet's "elegant musicianship" and range on full display. This concert is sponsored by Loudoun Mutual Insurance Company.

If you have not yet purchased tickets, you can do so by phoning the Waterford Foundation office until 5 p.m. April 11, or you can purchase them at the door after 3:30 p.m. the day of the concert. Tickets are \$25; children under 12 are admitted without charge.

"The program should be very intriguing," reports Concert Committee co-chair Cordelia Chamberlin. "The first half has an alternation of-not-often heard Bach fugues and two contemporary selections the first of the David Lang etudes and a work by John Fitz Rogers. The second half consists of a Glazunov piece, perhaps the most romantic saxophone quartet of the romantic period, followed by two more modern selections--Gershwin and Piazzolla."

Visit the Waterford Foundation website to view the program and explore a link to an interactive website that encourages children to understand what a fugue is.

Bluebird Monitoring Begins at Farm

A team of local villagers, Loudoun Valley High School students, and members of Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy set up the Phillips Farm Bluebird Trail on Easter Day. The trained team will be monitoring activities in nine nest boxes over the next five months, carefully collecting data for the Virginia Bluebird Society, which tracks population trends.

Folks enjoying the Phillips Farm may see bluebirds perched on the boxes, but are asked not to disturb the boxes during nesting season, which starts now and continues through the end of August. The bluebirds' color was so remarkable to Henry David Thoreau that he described this species' coloring as "carrying the sky on its back." For more information on citizen monitoring of bluebirds go to the [Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy's](#) bluebird monitoring web page.

Johnsons to be Honored

Please join us for a reception at the Chair Factory from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 4, 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.



Nicole Ballard and her father, Larry Ballard, are volunteer bluebird monitors for the Phillips Farm Bluebird Trail



Waterford Foundation, 540-882-3018, or consult our website.

Civil War Historian to Speak in Warrenton

Ed Bearss, Chief Historian Emeritus of the National Park Service and noted Civil War historian and lecturer, will lecture on the Battle of Buckland Mills at 7 p.m. Monday, May 5, at the Battlefield Baptist Church, 4361 Lee Highway (at the center of the Buckland Mills Battlefield), in Warrenton. For further information contact the Buckland Preservation Society, 703 754-4000 or 540-347-5821.

This event is made possible by an American Battlefield Protection Program Master Planning Grant.

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