



CALENDAR

1 NOVEMBER

Waterford Tree Planting. 8 a.m. breakfast at 15591 Second Street, followed by planting throughout the day (9 a.m. to 6 p.m.)

15 NOVEMBER

Habitat Restoration Program, Phillips Farm. 9 a.m. to noon. Meet at Old Mill. Cosponsored with Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy.

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Waterford Foundation Board of Directors retreat, Waterford.

23 NOVEMBER

Waterford Concert Series: St. Petersburg String Quartet. 4 p.m., Lucketts Community Center.

5 DECEMBER

Waterford Fair Volunteer thank you party. Old Mill. Time TBD.

6-7 DECEMBER

Christmas at the Mill. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

7 DECEMBER

The Fair was a great success!

Dear Friends of Waterford,

The weather was perfect and happy visitors streamed into the Waterford Fair for its 65th year. This true regional celebration remains the Foundation's main fundraiser.

So thank yous are very much in order to:

THANK YOU to Fair chair Fran Holmbraker, her assistant Mary Kenesson, Fair committees, tour house homeowners, and the hundreds of volunteers who were here to greet our thousands of visitors and crafts demonstrators.

THANK YOU to our own artist, Kathy Riedel, for her donation of the charming painting of Waterford sheep which graced the cover of the Fair booklet, the posters, and was proudly purchased by Cate Wyatt at the silent auction on Varnishing Night at the Red Barn.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who helped us match last year's landmark year and who enjoyed the Fair! It truly takes a village (and much more) to make things happen!

The Education Committee's exhibit this year featured artifacts from the 65-year history of the Fair. The billboard at right features covers of past Fair booklets. Throughout the village, posters highlighting Fair history greeted visitors.

Rebuild the Old School Update

THANKS to Hans Hommels, Susan Sutter, Walter Music, and Ernie



Christmas Concert and Singalong. 3-4 p.m., John Wesley Community Church, Waterford. Music by Madeline MacNeil.

Habitat restoration project (Part 2) upcoming at Phillips Farm

The Waterford Foundation is partnering with the Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy for a second habitat restoration project November 15 on the 144-acre Phillips Farm, on the western edge of Waterford.

The project is funded through grants from the Dulles Greenway's Annual Drive for Charity and Kimley-Horn & Associates.

The two organizations invite volunteers to help plant several hundred trees and shrubs from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday on the Phillips Farm. The plantings will help establish a riparian buffer on the banks of Catocin Creek's South Fork.

Continued removal of alien and invasive species on the farm is another part of the effort.

"A similar volunteer day this past March at Phillips Farm was so enthusiastically supported we have expanded the scope of the project and will be doing considerably more plantings this time," said Joe Coleman, president of Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy.

In addition, Meg Findley and a team of volunteer stream monitors will perform one of their periodic assessments of water quality in the South Fork Catocin Stream. This is one of the most important ways to determine the effectiveness of a riparian buffer. The ongoing Phillips Farm project illustrates the success of the Conservancy's volunteer citizen science program, incorporating both habitat restoration and stream monitoring at a single location.

Plans are to work until noon when the group will break for lunch (provided). During lunch, the group will discuss the importance of riparian buffers.

Volunteers should meet at the Old Mill at 9 a.m. Contact Joe Coleman at jcoleman@loudounwildlife.org or 540-554-2542, for more information and to let him know you are coming.

Smith. Our Old School auditorium plan has now been officially approved by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources and the county's Historic District Review Committee. Now on to the county's zoning and planning departments and to the Board of Supervisors.

Very soon we'll be opening the Old School classroom building for a tour. The restoration is just about complete, except for the fire escape on the outside of the building and interior fire alarm system. Everyone should be very proud of how our Old School shines again on the hill.

Phillips Farm

After more than a year's hard work by the Phillips Farm Management Ad Hoc Committee chaired by Mimi Westervelt, the Foundation Board approved a plan to manage its preservation and public access and established a standing committee to oversee these responsibilities.

Last June, more than 40 people attended an open house at the Mill to provide public comment on the draft plan for the property. The gathering was preceded by a walking tour of the farm led by naturalists and historians on the Ad Hoc Phillips Farm Committee. The committee explained how the plan addresses three strategic areas of management--history, agriculture, and natural resources--and how it meets legal requirements of the state and federal agencies that hold conservation easements and provide funding.

Public comments included concerns about trash removal, erosion, stream pollution, and prohibited access for horseback riding, bikes, swimming, cattle, off-leash dogs, and camping. The committee carefully considered each comment and sent a letter to the Waterford Foundation membership and the attendees at the open house last month, explaining how the plan addresses these concerns as well as other suggestions for other uses of property, e.g., a tree nursery, interpretation of flora, nature trails, a survey of Native American presence, open viewshed, and vegetable farm lots.

Unfortunately, there still seems to be concern about limits to public access of the Farm, particularly those that villagers enjoyed in the past. Let me assure you that the Phillips Farm Committee will be considering ways to share the Farm with the community in the weeks ahead. There will be further news. In the meantime, please contact me or Mimi Westervelt if you have questions or concerns.

Thank you again to all our generous friends and supporters. We welcome your help and suggestions! Please forward this newsletter to friends you think would be interested in Waterford Foundation activities. We want to spread the word about the good things going on in the Waterford National Historic Landmark.

Tree planting Saturday

The Waterford Citizens Association continues with its goal of planting 100 trees in Waterford, with another community planting effort this weekend.

Volunteers may enjoy a breakfast at 8 a.m. at the home of the Denicores, 15591 Second Street; planting will commence at 9 a.m. and continue throughout the day, until 6 p.m. Volunteers can participate as their schedules permit.

Bring shovels, rakes, picks, sledge hammers, drinking water, work gloves and appropriate footwear, and strong backs.

Contact Mark Denicore, 540-882-9194 or at denicore.mark@arentfox.com for more information.

Quartet concludes concert series year



The St. Petersburg Quartet will provide Waterford Concert Series fans with a fine finish to the 2008 season, with a 4 p.m. concert on November 23rd at the Lucketts Community Center north of Leesburg.

Founded in 1985 in Russia, the quartet moved to the United States in 1997, and continues to win top prizes for its recordings and concerts nationally and internationally.

"Flawless ensemble...stylish, supple, open-hearted performance" says the New York Times; "rhapsodic volatility" states the Los Angeles Times.

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online, by phone, or at the concert.

President

Christmas at the Mill returns

A large variety of crafts by regular Fair Mill exhibitors will be displayed in a festive atmosphere at the third annual Christmas at the Mill on December 6 and 7 in Waterford. If there's an item you saw at the Fair, didn't purchase, and can't get out of your head, this will be your chance.

Fair Assistant Mary Kenesson, Peggy Bednarik and more volunteers plan to make the Old Mill come alive from top to bottom with Christmas spirit. This will be a wonderful opportunity to shop for original, mostly handmade gifts in a unique and relaxing historic setting. The Waterford Parent-Teacher Organization will participate with baked goods and will offer hot cider and hot chocolate for bundled-up shoppers. Parking will be available very near the Mill. Signs will direct visitors through the village.

Christmas at the Mill is presented by the Fair Committee, with proceeds to benefit the Waterford Foundation. Fliers for this event are available at the Corner Store, and members are encouraged to distribute them.

Craft exhibitor applications for this event must be submitted by November 7. Contact the Foundation if you wish to receive one.



A wooden sheep by Larry Koosed celebrates the coming season.[photo by Mary Kenesson]

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"Our prettiest Fair ever"

Clear skies, a bit of a nip in the air, with leaves just beginning to show their fall colors, framed what many have said was our prettiest Fair October 3-5. But what really made this a successful Waterford Homes Tour and Crafts Exhibit (aside from felicitous weather) is what always makes it--an astounding 400+ volunteers, who contributed time, enthusiasm, ideas, and physical labor to present this 65th Anniversary to the Fair.



Fairgoers pause to listen to harpist Ellen James performing with Maggie Sansone on Second Street.



In a year when the Fair Committee was not sure who would come to the Fair in the face of national economic uncertainty, ticket sales were equal to those of 2007. Nearly all our 155 craftspeople were pleased with sales and interest from fairgoers, and a few had their best year to date at the Waterford Fair.

Art and Photography awards were presented at Varnishing Night. At the Red Barn Art Exhibit, Waterford artist Antonia Walker won Best in Show, for "August Landscape."

Best Waterford Scene went to long time exhibitor, Leonida Ivanetich, for "Zip Code 20197." Glynis Berge DeYoung was named Best Loudoun County Artist, for her entry called "Mirage."

The Photography Exhibit, which is growing every year, attracted the best variety and quality of photographs that has been seen at the Fair, in the lovely setting upstairs in the Chair Factory. Best in Show was presented to Jim Hanna for "The Lake at Wheatland Manor." The breathtaking scene also won Best Loudoun Photograph, the coveted award by Leesburg Today, given only at the Waterford Fair.

Two craftspeople donated handmade gifts for what has become an annual raffle. Michele Hollick of Hollis, NH, painted a large canvas floorcloth in a marbled diamond design, and Michael Owens, of Wheaton, MD, gave the Foundation a mirror decorated with an original frame in stained glass artistry, designed to coordinate with the floorcloth. The winner kindly donated the floorcloth to the Waterford Foundation for use at the Old School, where it will be a dramatic addition to one of the restored rooms.

The Hamilton/Waterford Cub Scout Pack 969 brought back the popular freshly pressed grape juice that we have missed for the past few years. Recycling was instituted very successfully this year and the Boy Scouts and their dads did a fine job of adding that chore to their trash pickup project.

Sales were up in nearly all the Exhibit buildings and sales at the Book Nook doubled, in part because of presentation in the generous space on the grounds of The Pink House in the village center, and the presence of three local authors each day, signing books and talking to visitors.

The Waterford Foundation is grateful to the volunteers, the top-notch craftspeople, and the many visitors who made the 65th Waterford Fair a memorable one.

Below are some images from the Fair by Fair Assistant Mary Kenesson.

Furniture maker Frederick Walker demonstrates the precise decorative carving that highlights his work.



Hand-felted flower pins, candles, handspun yarns, and cookie cutters (below) provided a riot of color, texture, and creativity for fair shoppers.



And at the end of the day, a glorious autumn afternoon,
fairgoers relax on hay bales in the village center.



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