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President's Message

Dear Friends of Waterford,

The Waterford Foundation has been invited to show the next stage of the evolving Old School auditorium plan at the June 3 Waterford Citizens' Association meeting at the Catoctin Presbyterian Church. Come see it!

We hear you . . . Since our own annual meeting on April 15, Old School Steering Committee chair Hans Hommels, committee members Susan Sutter and Walter Music, and I have met, talked, or corresponded with many of our neighbors who had concerns about the plan. Come see the plan that is evolving as a result of your comments and our discussions with the building's easement holder, the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR).

We heard you . . . starting with the first public forum one year ago May 20, where we collected more than 50 surveys, and from which we began to define the many needs the new Old School auditorium should meet.

As you know, there are many stakeholders involved in the development of the plans for the new auditorium--including you, our neighbors and Foundation members, VDHR, and the County's Historic District Review Committee. The plan also must meet current zoning and building codes which were not in place in 1928 when the auditorium was built, including the federal Americans with Disabilities Act. So all these stakeholders and their requirements must be satisfied in our planning process.

We hear you . . . at the WCA meeting on June 3 after our presentation, you'll have an opportunity to ask questions. We'll have 3x5 cards for you to submit comments upon. Members of the Old School Steering Committee and Advisory Board will be there. For your information, Advisory Board members who have been consultants to the Steering Committee throughout the process include Brown and Margaret Morton, David Chamberlin, Mary Dudley, MaryAnn Naber, Dick Storch, and Rob Niewig (National Trust for Historic Preservation) and Kathleen Kilpatrick (VDHR).

The plan you'll see on June 3--like the one approved unanimously by

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the Foundation Board on April 2--is still evolving and is still subject to revision as it moves through the state and county approval processes. Once we have received approval by VDHR, we will plan another opportunity for you to see the plan before it is presented to the county's Historic District Review Committee.

We heard you . . . and we'll look forward to hearing from you again on June 3. Come see the next stage of our and your new Old School plan.

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) or to me (703-314-3590) (kathleen@booksintl.com). We will post a copy of this newsletter at the Post Office and Foundation Office.

Best,



President

CALENDAR

1 JUNE

Waterford Concert Series: Next Generation. 4 p.m., Lucketts Community Center, Lucketts, Virginia 20176.

3 JUNE

Waterford Citizens Association Meeting. 7 p.m., Catoclin Presbyterian Church, Waterford.

6 JUNE

First Friday at the Foundation. Noon, bring a dish to share and chat with neighbors and staff.

8 JUNE

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

3 JULY

Waterford Fireworks Display.

Young performers highlight June Concert in Lucketts



The Waterford Concert Series June 1 performance, "Next Generation," has become one of the most popular concerts in the annual series, featuring young musicians of elementary and high school ages who study at the Levine School of Music. This year our virtuosi (among them George Pomar, pictured) will play piano, violin, and wind instruments to perform works by Chopin, Glinka, Rachmaninoff, and others. Blazing talent tested in competition will be on full display.

Levine School of Music, founded in 1976, now has two campuses in Washington, D.C., one in Virginia, and one at the Music Center at Strathmore in Maryland. 150 faculty-artists provide music instruction to more than 3,700 students (including 1,000 adults). As one of the nation's largest nonprofit community schools, Levine is committed to excellence and accessibility, offering generous scholarship and outreach programs.

The concert is at 4 p.m. in the Lucketts Community Center, just off of

After dark (rain date July 5), sponsored by the Waterford Citizens's Association, Waterford.

Waverley gala features duo

Just outside Waterford last Saturday, May 17, tents were set out on the lawn, flowers were in bloom, and the piano and violin of the classical Peabody-trained group Prometheus entertained about 75 guests at Waverley Farm, the home and gardens of Juanita Koilpillai and Jack Beavers.

For this musical benefit for the Waterford Concert Series, The Village Winery generously donated wine; chicken kabobs and chai tea were supplied by the recently opened Indian restaurant in Leesburg, Angeethi; and the rest of the delicious food was prepared by talented members of the concert committee.

The romantic music of Franz Waxman and George Gershwin and the chocolate fondue machine made for a perfect evening. Profits from the evening will help support the concert series.

Secrest to speak at June 8 lecture

Meryle Secrest, 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.

Route 15 north of Leesburg (42316 Lucketts Road, Leesburg, VA 20176).

Advance ticket purchase is recommended. Seating is limited. Please call 540-882-3018 for tickets, \$25 for adults, under 18 admitted free with family member. Visa and Mastercard accepted.

Migratory species at Phillips Farm attract birdwatchers

Birdwatchers with the Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy identified more than 30 species of birds on the Phillips Farm on International Migratory Bird Day, Saturday, May 10. The birders walked in the rain for nearly 4 hours and were rewarded by special sightings of brilliant Yellow warblers, Orchard orioles, and Northern orioles. Catbirds, song sparrows, and red-winged blackbirds were very abundant. In addition, the bluebird trail monitors recently reported that the new trail is proving very successful for its first year-bluebirds are nesting in three of the nine predator-proof boxes along the mill race.

- Mimi Westervelt



Dedicated birdwatchers pause in the rain near the banks of Catoctin Creek as a sighting is made. The Old Mill is in the background. [Photo by Mimi Westervelt]

Johnson furniture displayed

About 30 people attended a reception May 4 to honor Dr. Fred Johnson for his donation of Waterford furniture and artifacts to the Foundation, and to listen to him discuss the collection and the history of local furniture making. The reception was at the Chair Factory on Second

Books will be available for purchase.

In *Shoot the Widow*, Secrest writes about her triumphs and misadventures as a biographer in search of her nine celebrated subjects, about how the hunt for "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.

In a review of her biography of Bernard Bernenson, *The Washington Post* called it: "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 Waterford Foundation at 540-882-3018 or consult our website, www.waterfordva.org.



Photo by Marion Ettlinger

Properties notes

PASSERS-BY MAY HAVE noticed new lights on and classical music streaming from the first floor of the Chair Factory--signs of its new tenant. Artist Antoinia Walker, whose paintings have become cherished Fair posters, is now leasing studio space in this Foundation building.

Street, where the collection is now displayed, with interpretive displays and descriptions of individual pieces prepared by Edith Crockett, cochair of the Foundation's Archives subcommittee.



Dr. Johnson explains the innards of a handmade meat grinder to reception attendees.

[Photo by Ed Lehmann]

SECOND-FLOOR OFFICES at the Foundation's Corner Store headquarters now have new, high-efficiency heating and cooling units, which permitted the removal of old ductwork that detracted from the period interior character.

NEW WOOD SIDING on the Old School classroom building is an important outward sign of progress on building repairs following the 2007 fire.

THE FORGE and the Ice House are scheduled for repairs soon, which will include work on walls, a roof, and painting.



New staff forward Foundation mission

Annie Goode fills a new part-time position at the Foundation as Manager of Development Programs. Annie is a land use planner and has been a resident of "Greater Waterford" for 6 years. She and her husband Joe purchased from the Waterford Foundation land that had been eased to ensure consistency with the



Waterford Historic District and to preserve open space (part of the Carr farm on Old Waterford Road). They established Fog Hill Stables and now board horses there. Daughters, Cara (13) and Jenna (10) help care for the resident 6 horses, 3 cats, and 2 dogs.

Annie has land use experience throughout the Washington region, having worked in DC and Loudoun, and many places between. She is working with the Foundation to develop proposals to secure grant funding that will allow the Foundation to implement goals for preservation and education within the Waterford National Historic Landmark.

Mary Kenesson joined the Foundation as Fair Assistant this winter, replacing Kitty Rose, who retired. Mary has lived in Waterford for more than 12 years. After retiring from a career in government health programs reform and research, she volunteered to help manage craft sales at the Old Mill during the Waterford Fair and for the Christmas at the Mill events. An active artisan herself, she sells her handcrafted jewelry and fiber art accessories at the Round Hill Arts Center, other venues in the D.C. area, and at the Mill.

'Giant Ants' win in Waterford

A Waterford resident and Foundation supporter joined 17 other winners in the annual Signatures of Loudoun Design Excellence Program competition, announced this month by the Loudoun County Design Cabinet. The awards program was created in 2005 to recognize the buildings, interiors, places and details that, together, make Loudoun unlike any other county.

Mary Dudley, member of the Rebuilding the Old School Advisory Task Force and a member of the county's Historic District Review Committee, was one of three award recipients for "Giant Ants," decorations added to her garden fence in the village, in the category of "Details, which profile design excellence or whimsy demonstrated in the form of minutiae or finishing touches. Winners in this category visually delight or offer a sense of continuity with Loudoun's history while mirroring Loudoun's reputation as a place of rich contrasts."



Giant Ants decorate Mary Dudley's fence on Second Street.