

Onancock News

Onancock Business & Civic Association

Holiday 2009

2010 Onancock Loves Pets Calendar

Featuring more than 60 dogs, cats, chickens (and one horse!) boating, shopping, visiting landmarks and working with their owners in Onancock businesses, it is the perfect Christmas gift for the pet-lover on your list.

The calendar lists national pet holidays and local Shore events.

Calendars are on sale at gardenART on King St., Onancock General Store, CD



Marsh Jewelers, Red Queen Gallery, Ker Place and SPCA Eastern Shore.

The \$15 cost benefits OBCA's pet-friendly efforts and the SPCA Eastern Shore.

Calendars are full-color on quality stock, beautifully printed by Minuteman Press. Only 200 will be printed, so get yours before they're gone!

2009 Onancock Christmas Homes Tour & Concert

Experience a truly wonderful traditional holiday event, the **10th annual** Onancock Christmas Homes Tour presented by the Onancock Business and Civic Association (OBCA), which this year benefits such a worthy cause: the Food Bank of the Eastern Shore.

Visit homes charmingly decorated for the holidays with live seasonal music performed by members of the Orchestra of the Eastern Shore.

The timeframe of 2-6 p.m. provides visitors plenty of daylight for touring and an opportunity to attend the free concert at Cokesbury Church from 4-8 p.m. As always, free shuttle bus service is available to transport visitors between the homes.

Thanks to the continued kindness of our citizens, the following homes will be on the tour:

Bill and Leslie Fisher, 21 North Street
John Costa and Cheryl Downes, 22 North Street
Eliza McBride, 4 Onancock Street
Paul and Sandra Fox, The Inn & Garden Café, 145 Market St.
Richard and Vicki Pearsall, 3 Market Street
Joe and Di Hill, 22 Ames Street

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Ker Place and the Onancock School will also be open.

Ker Place: The home of the Eastern Shore Historical Society will be open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. the day of the Tour. From 2-6 p.m. enjoy story tellers and children's colonial games with Jim and Diane Crockett in period costumes. At 4 p.m. the Roland Major and the J.L. Smith Gospel Choir will perform. The Museum Shop will be open for holiday shopping.

Beneficiary: OBCA is proud to continue its tradition of supporting local non-profit organizations. This year tour ticket proceeds benefit the Food Bank of the Eastern Shore based in Tasley and serving both counties. Food is distributed here on the Shore through 25 partner agencies serving more than 4,000 individuals monthly. With the generosity of donations, the Food Bank can provide one meal for 29 cents.

www.foodbankonline.org/easternshore.html

Tour
2 - 6 p.m.
Concert
4 - 8 p.m.

Cokesbury Music Festival: Continuous live holiday music will be presented by a variety of performers including a children's choir and an ensemble from the Orchestra of the Eastern Shore. Admission is FREE and the audience is welcome to move about freely, attending either a single performance or staying for the entire concert. The festival's

title comes from a song written by soprano Gwen Skeens, director and soloist with the Pipers Fancy Recorder Ensemble that will start the concert at 4 p.m.

4 - 4:30 "Pipers Fancy Recorder Ensemble;" Gwen Skeens, director, soloist
4:30 - 5 Pat & Erin Gainer
5 - 5:20 Wes Parks, banjo
5:20 - 5:40 Children's Choir, Market St. United Methodist Church, Nadine Pinkham, director; Michelle Marsh, accompanist
5:40 - 6 Mockhorn Duo; Mark Jensen, guitar; Tony Sacco, clarinet
6 - 6:30 Ensemble from the Orchestra of the Eastern Shore; Lee Jordan-Anders, director
6:30 - 7 Marilyn Kellam and JoAnn Molera; Judi Tracy, accompanist
7 - 7:30 The Gibb Family - Lisa, Gary, Nicholas and Alex
7:30 - 8 Hallelujah Gospel Singers; Robert Chandler, director

Tour Tickets: \$15 per person at CD Marsh Jewelers on Market Street, gardenART on King Street in Onancock or at the Book Bin at 4 Corners in Onley. They are also available **by phone at 757-787-7600** or by mail at OBCA, P.O. Box 111, Onancock, VA 23417. On the day of the Tour, tickets may be purchased at the Onancock School on College Ave. The concert is free.

Drawing: Again this year, a basket of gifts donated by local merchants and valued at more than \$500 will be presented to the winning ticket. You'll be able to increase your chances of winning by purchasing tickets at \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. Proceeds benefit OBCA.

North Street Playhouse will present "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" by Barbara Robinson at 8 pm Friday and Saturday (Dec. 11-12) and at 2:30 pm on Sunday (Dec. 13). Call 787-2050 or visit www.northstreetplayhouse.org for ticket information.



Around Town: Holiday 2009

THE ARTS

Second Friday Art Stroll

There are only two more this year -Nov. 13 and Dec. 11- both featuring holiday themes, and local artists from painters to glass-blowers at galleries all over town and at Onancock School. Get some holiday shopping done while supporting our local artists and businesses and dine at one of our fine eateries. November's features a 7 p.m. concert by the **Orchestra of the Eastern Shore** at Onancock School, and December's coincides with the **Christmas Homes Tour**. Both months coincide with shows at North Street Playhouse. So make a special weekend of it in our 1680 harbor town. Complete details at www.onancock.org

Orchestra of the Eastern Shore will perform a short program of works in progress on Nov. 13th's Second Friday, 7 pm at Onancock School. Hear Mozart's A Little Night Music along with his Andante for Flute and Orchestra with Dan Lawrence as soloist, and some Beatles tunes, including "It's Been a Hard Days (2nd-Friday) Night." Bring an instrument to play along (sing too!) for this very casual preview and meet new director Lee Jordan-Anders. www.orchestraes.org

The **Eastern Shore Art League's** annual Member Show exhibit will be held at the Onancock School on College Ave. Nov. 20-21, noon to 6 p.m., and Nov. 27-28 from noon to 4 p.m. Member artists may exhibit two pieces of their recent work, many for sale. Categories include painting, drawing, photography and 3D. Judging will be done, with prizes awarded. Admission is free. Refreshments will be served and holiday music will be in the air. The **Eastern Shore Art League Gallery**, in the same building, will also be open with beautiful and unique holiday gifts for everyone on your list.

The **Artisans Guild Eastern Shore's** 7th annual **Open Studio and Vineyard Tour** Nov. 27-29 includes three working studios at the Onancock School. Lois Sprague at **Sprague Quilt Studio** will feature Casey Sharpe and her unique jewelry and Deb Finnigan with her amazing baskets. See Shelly Renaud and Ann Schlafler of **Glass Expressions** with guest artist Ira Skees. The Artisans Guild will have their room open with several guest artists. The self-guided driving tour, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, is free of charge. Tour info and map: www.easternshoreartist.com

Red Queen Gallery will be open Thursday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through the end of the year and will also participate in Second Fridays.

North Street Playhouse is beginning it's 10th Anniversary season at 34 Market St. in Onancock. 2010 will be a celebration of woman artists. Visit their website to find out more details. www.northstreetplayhouse.org.

DINING

Mallards at the Wharf: Johnny Mo is working on an exciting new winter menu. Bring this issue of the Onancock newsletter in and receive 15% off your lunch or dinner check (through January 2010). With the holidays approaching, remember that Mallards offers on and off premises catering. Mallards is open daily year round. 787-8558. Visit the new museum in the Hopkins Bros. General Store sponsored by the Eastern Shore Historical Society.

Nostalgia, Olga's new eatery located at 59 Market Street will be taking orders for Thanksgiving and Christmas pies, cakes, pastries and party caterings. Around the corner at **Flamenco**, Ales will be open for the holidays: Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner will be served Thursday Nov. 26, Metropolitan Christmas wine tasting on Sunday Dec. 20 at 7 p.m., Czechoslovakian Cuisine Specials Dec. 21-24, and a New Year's Eve Celebration on Dec. 31.

Consider our fine restaurants in Onancock when considering a spot to celebrate the holidays and New Year's Eve with friends, business associates and family. Make your reservations early so you're not disappointed! Visit www.onancock.org for a listing of restaurants.

SHOPPING

Shop Onancock for unique Christmas gifts you can't get anywhere else. Here are some ideas:

- ✂ "Rock The Kitchen" Cookbook and CD set by Chef Johnny Mo, at Mallards
- ✂ Chesapeake Bay bracelets from Marsh Jewelers
- ✂ Nostalgic candies from Nostalgia

- ✂ Unique art from our many galleries and the Onancock School studios
- ✂ Home goods and gifts from Dawn, greatspace and gardenART

- ✂ Massage gift certificates from Pinder Therapeutic or Neilsen Therapeutic.
- ✂ Gift certificate for an Onancock Creek kayak tour from SouthEast Expeditions

gardenART on King St offers the best in holiday décor, ornaments and trim. Place orders early for fresh greenery, wreaths and poinsettias. Look for the progressive closeout sale throughout December as they prepare to close down for the winter. **New this year:** Holiday Decorating and Personal Shopping Service. We will decorate your home or business - indoors and out. We will 'Shop the Shore' and gift wrap. Call for details 757-787-8818.

Runniger's Pharmacy now offers prescription delivery and a new display of Root candles and "candle bulbs" for decorating. There is parking available behind our building in the town parking lot and easy access ramp on the side of the building. 787-3500

GREEN ONANCOCK

Need recycling containers for a holiday party or event? Call Betsy Pinder at 789-7611.

Volunteers have been maintaining a recycling container at **Onancock Wharf**, which visiting boaters seem to very much appreciate! But we need some help this winter. Call Mary or Bill at 787-2933 or email mary@burnhamink.com

COMINGS & GOINGS

It's wonderful to see improvements in progress and a safe corner at Market and North streets at the former Wise's Drug Store, thanks to new owners Troy Farlow and his wife Dr. Laura Kerbin. We can't wait until Spring for the new look to come.

Mary McKenna is opening an Edward Jones office at 25 Market St.

A very fond farewell to Ben Askew of **Ben's Carpets**, and Bobby Lewis of **House of Deals**. Our best wishes to Miss Rosalie as she carries on the business, now in its 25th year.

HONORS

Minuteman Press earned "2009 Business of the Year" from the Fruitland Chamber of Commerce.

Mark Your Calendar: Holiday 2009

November

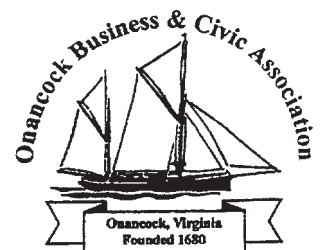
- 12 International Film "Summer Hours," 8 p.m. Roseland Theatre. \$7.50. 757-787-8805
- 13-14 "The Miracle Worker," 8 p.m., North Street Playhouse. 757-787-2050
- 13 Second Friday Art Stroll, 5-8 p.m. Full schedule at www.onancock.org
- 13 "Works in Progress" Orchestra of the Eastern Shore, 7 p.m. Onancock School
- 14 ACES presents the Tidewater Guitar Orchestra, 8 p.m. Nandua HS, 757-302-0366
- 20-21 E.S. Art League Member Show, Onancock School, 12-6 p.m.
- 27-28 E.S. Art League Member Show, Onancock School, 12-4 p.m.
- 27-29 7th Annual Open Studio and Vineyard Tour, Artisans Guild ES. www.easternshoreartist.com

December

- 1 OBCA Meeting 7p.m. Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church
- 5 Holiday Open House & Local Authors Day at the Book Bin in Onley, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- 10 International Film "Love Actually" 8 p.m. Roseland Theatre. \$7.50 757-787-8805
- 11 Second Friday Art Stroll, 5-8 p.m. Full schedule at www.onancock.org
- 12 Christmas Homes Tour, 2-6 p.m. \$15 benefits Food Bank of the Eastern Shore. 757-787-7600 or www.onancock.org
- 12 Holiday Concert, Historic Cokesbury Church, 4-8 p.m. Free
- 11-12 "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" 8 p.m. North Street Playhouse, 757-787-2050
- 13 "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever", 2:30 p.m., North Street Playhouse
- 19 Onancock's Christmas Parade, 5 p.m. Market Street. Call Town Hall, 757-787-3363.

January

- 8-9 "Doubt" 8 p.m. North Street Playhouse 757-787-2050
- 12 OBCA Breakfast meeting 8 a.m. Inn & GardenCafe
- 14 International Film "Julie & Julia" 8 p.m. Roseland Theatre. \$7.50. 757-787- 8805
- 23 ACES, Bowen McCauley Dance 8 p.m., Nandua HS 757-302-0366
- 22-23 "The Women" 8 p.m. North Street Playhouse 757-787-2050
- 24 "The Women," 2:30 p.m. North Street Playhouse



Would you like to get involved?
We meet the 1st Tuesday of every month,
7pm at the Naomi Makemie Presbyterian
Church, Everyone is welcome!

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