

# First Fridays are Hot this Summer!

Here's the eclectic line-up for the summer's First Fridays in Onancock. Take a fun stroll through town, dine at one of our unique restaurants. Our shops are open late, 5 to 8 p.m. and our galleries feature artists at work, many serving refreshments.

**July 11:** First Friday 'bumps' to the Second Friday due to Independence Day. **Dragonfly Studio:** Grand Opening at Onancock School. Yappy Hour at **gardenART on King St.** Bring your well-behaved pooch to play in Joani's garden. **Jack Richardson Gallery:** Moe Spector will be showing new small sculptures and paintings. **Red Queen Gallery:** Baltimore artist Melanie M. Heacock works in oils and her clouds are heavenly. Try the

Mouth Party Caramels new flavors: Chocolate Caramel & Sea Salt Caramel.



(Jack Richardson at work)

**Aug. 1: Jack Richardson Gallery:** A group show of area artists, meet them during a reception, 5-8 p.m. **Red Queen Gallery:** Christine Sanders of Florida will explain her fascination with crabs and show pencil drawings

of the highest quality. **Dragonfly Studio** open at Onancock School. Yappy Hour at **gardenART on King St.** Bring your well-behaved pooch to play in Joani's garden.

**Sept. 5:** Be sure to stop in before or after going to Harborfest at the Wharf! **Red Queen Gallery:** Karen Tweedie is the guest artist, helping the Queen celebrate her first anniversary in Onancock! Yappy Hour at **gardenART on King St.** **Dragonfly Studio** open at Onancock School. **Jack Richardson Gallery:** Angela Herbert-Hodges' new work.

## Mark your Calendar

Visit [www.northstreetplayhouse.org](http://www.northstreetplayhouse.org) for the summer schedule.

### July

- 1** OBCA Breakfast Meeting, Mallards at the Wharf, 8 a.m.
- 3** Ice Cream Social and Patriotic Concert, 6:30 p.m., Onancock Town Gazebo
- 3 & 5** North Street Playhouse Summer Theatre Camp, "The Pirates of Penzance," 7:30p.m.
- 10** Onancock International Films, "Goodnight and Good Luck," 8 p.m., Roseland Theatre
- 11** First Friday on the Second Friday, 5-8 p.m.
- 11-12, 18-19, 25-26** North Street Playhouse, "The Sugar Bean Sisters," 8 p.m. 2:30 p.m. Matinee on July 20. [northstreetplayhouse.org](http://northstreetplayhouse.org)
- 14-18** Basic History Camp, Ker Place, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. daily

### August

- 1** First Friday, 5-8 p.m.
- 5** OBCA meeting, Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church, 7 p.m.
- 14** Onancock International Films "Under the Same Moon," 8 p.m., Roseland Theatre
- 30** Friends of Onancock School 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 'Pignic'

### September

- 2** OBCA meeting, Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church, 7 p.m.
- 5-6** Harborfest on the Onancock Wharf
- 5** First Friday, 5-8 p.m.
- 11** Onancock International Films, "Paris Je T'aime," 8 p.m., Roseland Theatre
- 13** Night in New Orleans in the Garden, Ker Place, 6 p.m.
- 18** Onancock Kick-off for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Birding and Wildlife Festival, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**Looking Ahead: Oct. 1-4....** Paint Onancock! Plein Air



### Onancock Business & Civic Association

Would you like to get involved? Join the Onancock Business & Civic Association. We meet the 1st Tuesday of every month, 7 p.m. at the Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church Corner of Market and Lee Streets  
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# Onancock News

Onancock Business & Civic Association

Summer 2008

## Ice Cream Social & Patriotic Band Concert Thursday, July 3, 6:30 p.m.

Start your Fourth of July festivities early at Onancock's second annual Patriotic Band Concert and Ice Cream Social at Onancock Gazebo Park.



(Photo by BurnhamInk.com)

We're counting on terrific weather, but just in case, we have a rain location lined up for the same evening: Onancock Baptist Church Hall behind the DMV.

Last year's inaugural event brought more than 300 people to the park. This year's event features performances by the All-Star Chimers and the Accomack Community Band, and a children's painting station with free paint sets. Admission is free, and so is the ice cream courtesy of OBCA (donations are gratefully accepted).

The fun begins at 6:30 p.m. when volunteers start serving hand-dipped ice cream accompanied by the All-Star Chimers, making their Eastern Shore debut with performances of "Yankee Doodle Dandy" and other patriotic folk songs. After 7 p.m., the Community Band strikes up the tunes for an hour-long old fashioned lawn concert full of patriotic standards and big band classics.

Linger, spread out a blanket, and enjoy what makes the Fourth of July so special: fun music, friendly faces and, of course, ice cream. OBCA volunteers will dole out scoops as long as the French vanilla, chocolate and strawberry lasts. Toppings include whipped cream, sprinkles and nuts, doused with your choice of syrup.

Once again, Stella's is kind enough to order these items for OBCA at cost, and is donating the bowls, spoons, napkins and the cherries on top!

For more information call Bill Burnham at 787-2933. Visit [www.onancock.org](http://www.onancock.org) to find an Onancock restaurant or shop, and to learn more about the OBCA.

## Harborfest Sept. 5-6

The best event of the summer is coming soon: Onancock's annual Harborfest celebration. This year again includes old favorites – Great Big Paper Boat Race; Hospice's Rubber Duck Race; arcade and other kid games and rides; rock climbing wall; lots of yummy food; musical entertainment; plus lots more. Of course, we'll also kick Saturday off with the ever important American Heart Association 5K Run/Walk. The arm wrestling competition was so popular last year, we're hoping to bring it back again this year!

The scavenger hunt, a kids' craft tent, face painting, critter parade, moonwalk and more will again be there for the kids' enjoyment. Always popular, the horseshoe tournament, kayak/canoe races, antique/classic car and corvette show, martial arts demonstration by Elton Trower and students will be back.



(Photo by BurnhamInk.com)

We're hoping to try out some new music this year, so don't miss out on it! The ever entertaining Tidewater Pipes and Drums will be there to entertain us.

As always, we'll have a unique array of food vendors to spark your taste buds. Plenty of newly designed Onancock Harborfest T-shirts will be on sale. Of course, we'll also have the 2008 Onancock Harborfest posters on sale. An exclusive array of distinctive sculptures, carvings and other works of art, including winning posters, will be up for auction on Saturday afternoon. We'll also have numerous items to be raffled off. Don't forget to show off your baking skills at our annual Bake-Off!

Mark your calendars for Sept. 5 and 6 and come join the Town of Onancock in celebrating HARBORFEST 2008! For additional information, call the Town Office at (757) 787-3363. Hope to see you there!

## Onancock Kick-Off Birding and Wildlife Festival **Thursday, Sept. 18**

Great Horned Owl (Photo Courtesy of Virginia Beach Raptor Center)



Whether you're a serious birder or just love Onancock, there will be something for everyone at the Onancock Kick-Off of the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Eastern Shore Birding and Wildlife Festival on Thursday, September 18. Activities will begin at 10 a.m. with the Frequent Flier Raffle in Gazebo Park and conclude with *Bird-Filming Tales* at 8 p.m. at North Street Playhouse.

The main event is a **FREE live raptor and wildlife demonstration** in Gazebo Park from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Appropriate for all ages and scheduled for after-school hours, the Virginia Beach Raptor Center will bring a Red-tailed Hawk, a Great Horned Owl and a Barred Owl, as well as other animals, with an explanation of their habitats and behaviors. John Goldman, wildlife inspector, will provide Spanish interpretation.

**Enter to win** a magnificent piece of wildlife art, created and generously donated by Bobby Swain, in the Frequent Flier Raffle. Beginning at 10 a.m., pick up your Frequent Flier card, a map of Onancock and a list of participating businesses at the OBCA table in Gazebo Park. All you need to do is visit 10 businesses on the list and have your card stamped at each business (no purchase necessary). Return your completed ticket to Gazebo Park by 5:45 p.m. for a random drawing at 6:30 p.m. **YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.**

Work on your life list and paddle to Parker's Marsh, a documented breeding site for a host of Audubon-determined "species at risk," on SouthEast Expedition's **Kayak Birdwatching Tours** leaving Poplar Cove at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. (\$50 per person).

After dinner, stroll to the North Street Playhouse for **Bird-Filming Tales**, a presentation of bird documentaries by nature film makers Michael Male and Judy Fieth. Watch previews and behind-the-scenes stories from the just-finished "Watching Warblers-West," including brand new scenes of wintering waterfowl and shorebirds filmed this year on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. The session will conclude with a Q&A segment. Space is limited, so make your reservation with the North Street Playhouse early (\$6 adults, \$4 students).

**Make it a full, fun day: Shop in our boutiques and galleries, dine in our excellent restaurants, and stay at an exceptional B&B with plenty of time to get to the Festival in Cape Charles for the first workshops and boat trips.**

**For program details and new events as they are confirmed, visit [www.onancockbirding.com](http://www.onancockbirding.com)**

### Studio to open in Onancock School

Dragonfly Studio Gallery at Onancock School is now open Friday through Sunday, and will hold a Grand Opening on July 11 in conjunction with "Second Friday in July." Wine and cheese will be served.

The artist's cooperative is made up of these artists who will be displaying and selling their work: Helen Bongiovanni, Jennie Budd, Irene Rouse, Grace Wakefield, Betty Ross, Joan Paice, Barbara Schmitz, Trevor Ritsema and Eileen Weber. They will also feature Elizabeth Hunt pottery, Lisa Harlow jewelry, Doris Tosi painted gourds, Tuv Tuveson Metal Sculpture and Bob Lentz wood turnings. Artist Dan Lawrence will also open his studio space at the school on First Fridays.

Please join them for an evening of fun or stop by Fridays or Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., or Sundays 12-4. For more information, call Eileen Weber at 757-787-2056.

### Summer History Camp

**Ker Place Historic House Museum's** Basic History Camp for rising 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders has a few spaces left. It runs July 14-18, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Campers learn by touring a room inside Ker Place each day and by reading a book about young people, history and Ker Place. Campers then do related activities including painting a canvas floor cloth, trading goods with a schooner camptain, discovering architecture with an ancient source, piecing together pottery shards to form an artifact, embroidering an initial in cross stitch, collecting herbs, and lots more. Cost is \$100. (Session II is filled) Contact: Jeanene Krogh, Interim Executive Director at [jkrogh@esva.net](mailto:jkrogh@esva.net) or 757-787-8012.

### 2008 Christmas Homes Tour and Music Festival

Saturday, Dec. 13

Plan to attend the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Homes Tour and Music Festival at Cokesbury Church sponsored by the Onancock Business and Civic Association. Hours for the homes will be 2 to 6 p.m. and for the music at Cokesbury, 4 to 8 p.m. Tickets (\$15) can be purchased the day of the tour at the Onancock School and in advance at various locations (to be announced) around town. The music festival is free. Recipient of the tour proceeds has not been announced at the time of this publication but last year, over \$4,000 was donated to the Friends of the Onancock School.

**The committee is looking for residents willing to open up their homes for the tour.**

Guidelines and docents will be provided to the local homeowner. Please contact Marge Carpenter (787-7600) or Lisa LaMontagne (302-0388) with your willingness to open your home or to be on our committee.

## Around Town

**Clif Marsh**, owner of C.D. Marsh Jewelers on Market Street for more than 50 years, passed away on June 5. Clif has been a pillar of the Onancock community and over the years has greatly contributed to the downtown business district. Clif, along with Ben Askew, were founders of "Old Timer's Day," a precursor to the present day Harborfest. We will miss you, Clif.

May 6 was **Election Day** here on the Shore. Thanks to our retiring town council members, Kay Wescott and Duke Shannahan, for their years of dedicated service. Welcome to new members, Kris LaMontagne and Travis Bradley. George Miles and Mayor Bruce Paone were re-elected.

**OBCA** also held elections in June. Terms began immediately:  
President: Kris LaMontagne  
Vice President: Bill Burnham  
Secretary: Jean Hungiville  
Treasurer: Mike Carpenter  
At-large board members: Sandra Fox, Annie Jones and Joani Donohoe  
A big thank-you to out-going officers Thom Nolan (vice president), Judith Grier (treasurer) and Marge Carpenter (secretary, for diligently recording our minutes for the past eight years!)

**Onancock in the News!** WBOC's live broadcast from the town wharf on June 13, brought a tremendous turn-out of people on bikes, in boats, in kayaks and walking their dogs. *Southern Living's* August issue will feature a visit to our town and paddling on Onancock Creek. Our Pet Friendliness will be highlighted in the August issue of *TravelVA! Magazine* and *Chesapeake Bay Magazine's* annual Cruising Guide

**The Friends of Onancock School** will be holding their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 'Pignic' on Saturday, **Aug. 30**. The day will include a BBQ dinner, art exhibit and sale, silent auction, music by the CommUnity Band and the Orchestra of the Eastern Shore. Tickets are \$25, available at Runninger's, CD Marsh Jewelers, and the Book Bin.

The first **Paint Onancock! Plein Air** Event is Oct. 1-4, 2008. Look for the artists at work at their easels all around town Oct. 1-2. The works will be on display all around town on the evening of Oct.3, First Friday, 5-8 p.m. The paintings will also be on display for viewing and sale on Saturday, Oct. 4. Come out to support our local artists as they capture the spirit of our scenic harbor town on canvas. You may be

fortunate enough to end up with an original work of art in your home! Mark your calendar for this premier fall weekend event **The deadline for artist registration to Paint Onancock is Aug. 1**. Go to [paintonancockpleinair.blogspot.com](http://paintonancockpleinair.blogspot.com) for more information.

### BUSINESS NEWS

Joni & Tom Bunino dropped anchor in Onancock in May for a brief visit. Joni has decided to vacate her shop, **Creative Concepts** on Market Street, for the present as they head back to live and work on the high seas. We hope to see them for another visit in the fall.

After a nine-year absence, **Blue Crab Bay Co.** is moving back to Onancock! It's more like they're having a "baby." **Encore** will be a small shop within the North Street Playhouse building in the former **Creative Concepts** space. They will offer Blue Crab Bay products, Inner Ocean line of seaweed soaps and bath accessories, Eastern Shore wines, Coastal Roasting coffees, select Eastern Shore art and crafts. Blue Crab Bay started out in Onancock in 1985 upstairs at Hopkins Store. Look for the opening in early July.

New to North Street: **The Gift Shop at Flamenco European Restaurant** is open Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Olga and Ales have opened a gift shop next door to their restaurant offering gifts for any occasion: a selection of professionally-rated wines, fine European chocolates, their house made dipping oil and spices, natural soaps and china from their home country, the Czech Republic. Olga will be happy to make up a gift basket made to order. Coming soon – high-quality imported cigars.

Look for **Runninger's Pharmacy** to open in late summer or early Fall in the old bank building at 44 Market St. They are doing a beautiful renovation – take a peek in the door next time you walk by. The larger space will enable them to carry more items that visitors and boaters need. As always, they are available to fill your prescriptions day or night. 787-3500; after hours emergencies call 787-3784.

Welcome to these **new OBCA members:**  
Charlie Landis, Civic  
Larry Lees, Financial Services  
Al and Diana Kukuk, Creekside B&B  
Stephen and Dori Ramsay, Civic (Dori works at North Street Market)  
Weichert Realtors, Mason-Davis

### RESTAURANT NEWS

**Mallards at the Wharf** offers "Casual Sundays" with live acoustic entertainment on the deck every Sunday afternoon while you enjoy the casual menu all day! Visit [mallardsllc.com](http://mallardsllc.com) for entertainment schedule. Be sure to check out Johnny Mo's new summer menu featuring casual lunches and relaxed upscale dinners. Dine indoors or on the deck, all overlooking the action on the Onancock Creek! By boat or by car it's never too far!

The **Inn & Garden Café** is Onancock's first "Green" Restaurant! Small Plates Cuisine events on the 4th Friday of each month feature five special appetizer-sized courses, delicious as well as creative in concept. \$25 per person. "Valentines in August" will feature an elegant prix fixe champagne dinner for you and your significant other. September brings an extraordinary "End of Summer Clambake," complete with take-home boxes, and don't forget about their Sunday Supper, a three-course, \$23 offering served Sunday evenings from 5 to 7:30 pm. Call Sandra or Paul for more information and reservations: 787-8850.

We're all looking for a deal, and **Stella's** is delivering the goods. Their Super Lunch Value Meal, from 12-2 p.m., offers quick-serve dishes as low as \$2.50, including quarter-pound hamburgers, a quiche and salad combo, chicken, and fish. The Super Dinner Value Meal, offered from 4-6 p.m. features 10 entrees, including fresh fish, crab cakes, and a baked half-chicken, plus more.

Chesapeake Traditions at 156 Market St. (next to the Onancock Deli) is now **Becca's**, making nearly 10 varieties of the famous eight-layer Smith Island Cake. Order one for your special occasion, or weekend guests: 789-3686. She also has daily lunch specials, homemade soups, fudge, sweet potato biscuits and unique gifts.

Green Onancock: OBCA is maintaining a recycling can at the Wharf and, with CBES, will be recycling at all major events in town. All Onancock lodgings have joined the Virginia Green Travel program. Restaurants are encouraged to join at [www.viriniagreentravel.com](http://www.viriniagreentravel.com) Contact: Linda Nicola, 787-3521, [giollab@aol.com](mailto:giollab@aol.com)