

Onancock News

Onancock Business & Civic Association

Holidays 2008

2008 Onancock Christmas Homes Tour & Concert

Dec. 13, 2008 ~ Tour 2 – 6 p.m. ~ Concert 4 – 8 p.m.

Experience a truly wonderful traditional holiday event. Join us at the 9th annual Onancock Christmas Homes Tour to experience a wonderful holiday event. Visit homes charmingly decorated for the holidays featuring seasonal music performed by members of the Orchestra of the Eastern Shore.

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

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

Thanks to the continued generosity of our citizens, the following homes will be on the Tour:

Bill and Aline Cook, 3 Kerr Street
Faye Ralston, 96 Market Street
Caleb and Lynne Fowler, 58 Market Street
Dale Scott Coburn, 13 Ames Street
Charlotte Edmonds, 45 Ames Street
Susan Olmsted, 49 Ames Street

Also open will be the newly restored bank building at 44 Market Street, now housing **Runniger's Pharmacy, Onancock School, and Market Street United Methodist Church**, which will have a special display of manger scenes.

OBCA is proud to continue its tradition of supporting local organizations. This year ticket proceeds benefit the **Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence**, a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation addressing domestic violence on the Eastern Shore. Services are free and confidential and include: crisis intervention, shelter for abused women and their children, individual counseling, legal advocacy, referral, information, prevention services, outreach services and support groups. For more information, to volunteer, donate, or to seek assistance, call 787-1329. The toll-free hotline is 877-787-1329.

(www.esva.net/~escadv). Thank you to the owners of the participating homes and businesses for their hospitality. Their generosity ensures that our local chapter will be closer to achieving their goals.

Ticket prices for the Homes Tour are \$15 per person, available in advance at Tom Thumb Workshops and 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 Avenue.**

In addition to the Homes Tour, the annual **"Season for Sharing" Christmas Concert** will be performed at the Historic Cokesbury Church from 4 - 8 p.m. Continuous live holiday music will be presented by a variety of performers including a children's choir and 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.

See full schedule at www.onancock.org.

North Street Playhouse will present "A Child's Christmas in Wales" on Friday, December 12 and Saturday, December 13th at 8 p.m. and on Sunday, December 14 at 2:30 p.m.. Call 787-2050 for ticket information.

Ker Place, the home of the Eastern Shore Historical Society will have a Holiday Open House the day of the Tour, 2-6 p.m. At 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. the "Historical Diversions" puppeteers from Williamsburg will perform. 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.

"The Season for Sharing" 9th Annual Christmas Music Festival Historic Cokesbury Methodist Church

Saturday, Dec. 13

- 4:00 - 4:30 "Pipers Fancy Recorder Ensemble," Gwen Skeens, soloist
4:30 - 5:00 Rev. Doug Tanner, folk songs
5:00 - 5:30 The Gary Gibb Family
5:30 - 5:50 Children's Choir of Market St. U. Methodist Church,
directed by Nadine Pinkham
5:50 - 6:10 Wes Parks, banjo
6:10 - 6:30 Mockhorn Duo, Marion Naar ~ cello,
and Mark Jensen ~ guitar
6:30 - 7:00 Ensemble from the Orchestra of the Eastern Shore,
directed by Dr. Peter Dundon
7:00 - 7:30 Marilyn Kellam and JoAnn Molera,
accompanied by Judi Tracy
7:30 - 8:00 Hallelujah Gospel Singers,



The Perfect Christmas Gift for the Pet-lover on your List:

The **2009 Onancock Pets & Flowers Calendars** are selling like hotcakes! They are full-color on quality stock, beautifully printed by Minuteman Press of Salisbury, which donated all the graphics time. The calendar features 30 Onancock pets you may recognize around town, and lists national pet holidays and local Shore events. Get them for Christmas giving while they last at gardenART on King St., Onancock General Store, CD Marsh Jewelers, Tom Thumb Gallery and Red Queen Gallery. They are \$15 to benefit OBCA's pet-friendly efforts and the SPCA Eastern Shore.

Around Town: Holidays 2008

Remember to 'Shop the Shore' this holiday season, all of the merchants need your support. Make your holiday party and dining reservations early at our fabulous and award winning restaurants. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families from OBCA. Here's to a healthy and prosperous year in 2009.

The OBCA **ball caps** are in, featuring our classic skipjack logo. Every member should get one to wear proudly at events and while volunteering. The bright green color and quality eco-friendly hemp material fits right in with our "Green Onancock" efforts. They are \$10, available from Kris LaMontagne at the Inn at Onancock (789-7711).

John W. Fiege, the only Certified Financial Planner™ living on the Shore (in Onancock), encourages you to keep focused on your long-term financial plan and to carefully consider tax-loss harvesting strategies with your tax advisor and/or broker PRIOR to the end of the year.

In addition to fast, friendly, efficient service when it comes to prescriptions, **Runniger's Pharmacy** at 44 Market Street now has a small selection of gift items and local greeting cards as well as an expanded line of over-the-counter items that you need every day. Come in and see all the new items. You may be amazed! Of course, customers are always encouraged to ask them to stock items they don't have.

Pinder Therapeutic Massage has gift certificates and hot stone treatments. 789-7611.

Stop by the new **Purls Yarn Shop** at Onancock wharf to see their gift ideas for the knitters and crocheters on your Christmas list. Purls will be offering a variety of classes during January and

February. Knit classes will include learning to knit, making socks, square-a month afghan, beaded scarf, ridged eyelet shawl and felted bags. Classes will be taught by Nancy Hershey and Janet Daniels. Hours are Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 787-2277.

gardenART on King St has gifts and holiday trim to make your season bright. Stocking stuffers, gifts for gardeners (and everyone else), candles, holiday plants, wreaths and greens and so much more. Closed for several days after Christmas, gardenART will re-open on Dec 30 & 31, then until Jan 10th for a huge blowout sale. Visit www.gardenartonking.com for details. The shop will close for the winter this year, gardenART looks forward to seeing everyone again in spring.

Gallery Onancock, at 8 North St. will hold its inaugural show, **ROOTS**, on First Friday Dec. 5, 5-8 p.m. The celebration of the Shore will feature the work of more than a dozen local and regional artists and craftspeople. Founded by Shore residents Roz Anderson, Phyllis Ward and Roxanne Wolf, Gallery Onancock will also carry an eclectic mix of furniture, pottery, jewelry, handbags, wearables and treasures brought back from the owners' travels. "We are hoping Gallery Onancock will be just one more reason to make Onancock a regional destination," says owner Roz Anderson. Gallery Onancock is also proud to announce that Market Street Framers, owned by Mary Clements, is partnering in the new location to continue the tradition of the Shore's finest custom framing.

RESTAURANT NEWS

Be sure to book your holiday parties early, and keep **Mallards** in mind for any of your catering needs. Mallards gift certificates and *Johnny Mo Rocks the Kitchen* cookbook with original music CD make great

Christmas gifts! Mallards will be closed Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day, but join us for New Year's Eve when Johnny Mo will be featuring some wonderful Chef Specials, 5-10 p.m., then stay to watch the ball drop. New Year's Day Brunch will be served 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Olga and Ales at **Flamenco European Restaurant** will soon be busy making their fabulous homemade pies, strudels, breads, and bagels. Place your order to have your items on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve. Dec. 19-21 will feature a special Czechoslovakian Cuisine menu. Thanksgiving dinner will be served at 6 p.m. with a fixed price of \$29 for turkey and all the trimmings, from soup to pie. All leftovers will be shared to go for your Friday lunch! They will be open throughout the holidays and celebrating New Year's Eve with a prize drawing. 787-7780, www.flamencorestaurant.com

The Inn and Garden Café - Thanksgiving Champagne Dinner on Nov. 21 and a Holiday Cocktail Party on Dec. 19, featuring special, creative menus. And don't forget about their Sunday Supper: 3-course, \$23 offering served 5 - 7:30 pm on Sunday evenings. Please call Sandra or Paul for more information and reservations: 787-8850.

Nov. 15, the **Charlotte Hotel** celebrated its fifth anniversary! Gary and Charlotte would like to thank all their customers and friends who have supported them to reach this milestone. Please keep them in mind for your holiday parties and gatherings. The Gallery is available! Overflow holiday guests are welcomed in the hotel, or better yet, "Give your house over to your guests and you come stay with us!"

Look for the Grand Opening very soon of **Don Valerio's Steakhouse** in downtown Onancock, at the corner of Market and North Streets.

Mark your Calendar: Holidays 2008

November

- 20 Friends of Onancock School General Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 22 Arts Council of the Eastern Shore (ACES); Jennifer Kirkland & Bert Carlson, 8 p.m., Cokesbury Church. Tickets at Book Bin or call 757-302-0366. www.acesva.org
- 29 Ker Place Museum Store one-day sale; members receive 10 % off all purchases, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 28-30 Eastern Shore Artisans Guild Open Studio and Vineyard Tour, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. www.easternshoreartist.com/studiotour.htm

December

- 5 First Friday in Onancock, 5-8 p.m.
- 5 Candlelight Holiday Tour of Ker Place, 6 p.m.
- 6 & 13 Santa at garden ART on King St., noon-4 p.m. Bring your camera for photo op for children and pets with the jolly fellow. Donations to SPCA & Food Bank appreciated.
- 6 Holiday Floodways Tour, 1 p.m., Ker Place. Learn about the food and holiday meals at the turn of the 19th century.
- 11 International Film TBA, 8 p.m., Roseland Theatre
- 13 Christmas Homes Tour, 2-6 p.m. sponsored by OBCA
- 13 Christmas Music Festival, 4-8 p.m., Cokesbury Church
- 13 Holiday Open House at Ker Place, 2-6 p.m.
- 12-13 North Street Playhouse: "A Child's Christmas in Wales," by Dylan Thomas. 8 p.m. Friday & Saturday; 2:30 p.m. Sunday. www.northstreetplayhouse.org
- 21 Onancock Christmas Parade, 4 p.m. Hometown parade featuring floats, marching bands and Santa!

COMING IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY: See www.onancock.org



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

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