

The Wildfowler

JULY/AUGUST 2008

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Jul 4

Independence day

Jul 14

Board of Directors meeting, AWHM, 7pm

Jul 23

Cottage Fundraiser Committee meeting, YMCA at Mount Trashmore, 10am

Aug 13

Museum Management Committee meeting, 10:30, AWHM

Aug 27

Cottage Fundraiser Committee meeting, YMCA at Mount Trashmore, 10am

Sep 2

Guild meeting, 6pm social, 7pm meeting/program: speaker –Deni Norred-Williams

Sep 8

Board of Directors meeting, AWHM, 7pm

Sep 13

BBBC birdwalk at Bay NWR



Tom Beatty

FROM THE DIRECTOR

The summer season seems to be in full swing and visitors are arriving in good

numbers. As is the case each year we change out our exhibits with the beginning of each new season. This year we have put together some truly great wildlife exhibits. In the main gallery is a display of early canvas decoys from the collection of Johnny Johnson. These decoys were made by such famous carvers as Mannie Haywood, Ned Burgess, Joe Hayman, Will Kight and Ellie & Blanton Saunders to mention a few. The contemporary section has a new twist. This year we have a unique exhibit of bronze sculptures by William & David Turner. Both the exhibits are featured in the main gallery in the downstairs of the cottage and will remain until May 2009. However, if you have friends or relatives visiting anytime before then, the Museum would be an ideal place to visit. The art gallery on the second floor has also changed. Art work by Rob Leslie, Leyland Simmons

and William Redd Taylor are on display for your enjoyment. The accompanying pictures give you an idea of what the displays look like.

A special thanks to those members who provided items for our last exhibit – Bud Coppedge, Archie Johnson, Bill Walsh, Larry Lambert, Tommy O'Connor III, Jim Mehne, Bev Abbott and Al Brandtner. It was a great exhibit and very well received by visitors. Thank you for your generosity.

Along with the change in exhibits, comes a change in operating hours. Beginning Memorial Day we are now open Monday through Saturday, 10am to 5pm and Sunday noon to 5pm.

Many have received this newsletter by email and we are still trying to perfect this method. If you received this newsletter via USPS and want to receive it electronically, please send your name and email address to: atlanticwildfowl@cox.net. If you had problems receiving it electronically, let us know using the above email address.

A reminder that raffle tickets are still available and we'd love to see more returned with checks. We have some wonderful prizes, but you can't win if you don't buy

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tickets.

On a similar note, the latest group of commemorative bricks has just been put in place. We are still taking orders for bricks and plaques. The bricks we can order in groups of ten so your wait to see them in place isn't as long and the cost is only \$100. The bricks are a great way to remember your family, a deceased loved one or friend, a special occasion or anything or anyone you'd like remembered. Plaques for \$1000 & \$2000 are also available.

—Tom



Turner's Sculpture Bronze Pheasant

THE DE WITT COTTAGE ANNUAL AUCTION

The de Witt Cottage Annual Auction (fund raiser) will be held Saturday, November 1, 2008 at St. Nicholas Greek Church.

Our Guild is responsible for raising funds to help support and update our Museum. We need

items for our auction that we feel will sell. If you have something you no longer use, are tired of dusting and don't want, but is still in great condition and might be a treasure to someone else, then please donate it to our auction.

The types of things we could use are: antiques, china, collectibles (ex. Dept. 56 villages), exercise & sporting equipment, furniture (indoor & outdoor), jewelry, lamps, musical instruments, painting & pictures, pillows, silver and vases. Please start collecting as we will be calling you in July. Remember, your donation is tax deductible! You decide the value.

At our auction committee meeting on June 19, 2008, we made the following decisions:

Cost of tickets: \$8.00 for Guild members, \$15.00 for all others
Menu: Brunswick Stew, pimento cheese & crackers and cornbread provided by Charlie Johnson. We will pay him from some of the proceeds from our Lucky Oyster Dinner.

Food Donations: Ham biscuits and desserts will be provided by Guild members.

Cash Bar: beer and wine

Time: Silent Auction, 6-7:30pm followed by Raffle and Live Auction until finished – about 9pm.

Members are needed to request donations and/or gift certificates from merchants.

If you know of anyone who would sponsor us in this endeavor, please let us know.

The next meetings (auction committee) will be held on July 23 and August 27 at 10:00 am at the YMCA at Mount Trashmore.

MEMBERSHIPS

Josh Malbon (corporate)

IN MEMORIAM

Our sympathy is with Roger Lee and his family on the passing of his wife, Ann on June 14th. We will all miss her. While we enjoyed Roger's company on a weekly basis at the Museum, we will always remember Ann's sweet smile and pleasant personality from many annual Christmas Party's.

One of the most well-known carvers of our time and friend of many Guild members, Lynn Forehand, passed away May 26th. Many friends and associates of the Guild will miss him.



Early canvas decoys from the collection of Johnny Johnson.



The latest group of commemorative bricks.

HELP SAVE \$\$ FOR THE MUSEUM

If YOU are reading your newsletter that was delivered to your mail box and would like to help us save money, you can now choose to have your newsletter emailed and save us printing and mailing costs. All you need to do is contact the following email address : atlanticwildfowl@cox.net and state your name, email address (if different from the one you sent the message with) and tell us to begin sending your newsletters electronically. ****Make sure you also put our newsletter email address into your contact area so your newsletter doesn't end up in your spam folder.**

DONATIONS

- Tommy Deary
- Bill & Alice Walsh (in memory of Clyde Lee Davis, Jr.)
- Ola & John Krueger Fund (of the Virginia Beach Foundation)
- Ann Reed
- Debby & Addison Igleheart
- R. Larry Lambert
- Bev & Ira Abbott
- Anne J. Henry
- Virtexco, Inc.
- Frank & Laura Smith
- Sue Brown
- Charlie Hurd (newsletter services)
- Ed & Charlotte Hurd (Computer)
- David Overby
- Mike Steed (decoy for 2009 raffle)
- Turner Sculpture
- Herb & Pat Videll (in memory of Ann Lee)
- Tom & Karen Beatty (in memory of Ann Lee)
- Elaine Polizos (in memory of Ann Lee & Virginia Lowe)

WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Thanks to all who graciously signed up to volunteer time in the Gift Shop and Library.

We still have many open time slots to be filled. As you know we are in our BUSIEST season when we have MANY visitors (Memorial Day through the end of September). We are not asking for year round help....ONLY 4 MONTHS! By helping in the GIFT SHOP you can free up Tom & Ann's time to do their administrative duties instead of having to stand behind a cash register! The following time slots are still open: Tuesday afternoon 1-5, Thursday afternoon 2-5, Friday afternoon 2-5, Saturday 10am-2pm & 2pm to 5pm and finally Sunday 12-5.

We are not able to leave the doors open to the LIBRARY unless a volunteer is available. We worked so long and hard to have Virginia Beach's first Library moved onto the property, many people donated items for the interior display and presently all the public can do is look in the window on the entrance door to see. We presently have the following time slots open: Monday am&pm, Tuesday am&pm, Wednesday am&pm, Friday am&pm, Saturday am, Sunday pm. That's right, in case you haven't already figured it out we can only have this historic building open one and a half days each week! So, what are YOU waiting for? June has already passed... that just leaves 3 months.

Pick up that phone and call the Museum to volunteer YOUR services! (437-8432)

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Herb Verhaagen

Our speaker for June was Lillie Gilbert. Lillie is a very engaging speaker and her topic was very interesting. We learned a lot from Lillie about our local waterways.

Thank you Lillie.

The fundraiser at Lucky Oyster was a very successful, many people said they would like to have these events more often. It gave us an opportunity to visit with one another and provided us with the seed money for our the deWitt Cottage annual auction. Many thanks to Linda, Skippy, Gentry and Tom of the Lucky Oyster for providing door prizes and raffle items for this event.

Our speaker for September will be Deni Norred-Williams, an author and local expert on the Thalia Community.

—Herb

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