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A TRIBUTE TO THE WALLACE WOMEN'S CLUB

102 Years of Service

By Theresa Elias

The Wallace Woman's Club has been a part of Wallace since 1906. This year they are disbanding after 102 years of serving Wallace in so many ways. The Woman's Club Building faces the railroad northeast of the depot location. The building has housed the Wallace Library and held countless receptions, piano auditions, reunions, benefits, programs, and other gatherings.

The Woman's Club has supported the arts in Wallace for many years. They are famous for their "spaghetti dinners" to raise money to donate to David Sanderson's art classes at Wallace-Rose Hill High School. Moreover, they judged art and crafts displays every year to promote creativity in schools and the community.

The General Federation of Woman's Club (GFWC) in the United States supported the American Arts and Crafts movement at the turn of the century. They promoted the training of women in china painting and other crafts to help them improve their quality of life and their station in society. The GFWC was part of the early Women's Movement which encouraged

young ladies to attend institutions of higher education.

Wallace may not have the Wallace Woman's Club meeting monthly any more; however, this group is not finished with contributing to the betterment of the community. On Friday, February 20, the disbanded group of hardworking ladies along with former Junior Women did one more fundraising spaghetti dinner. The proceeds will go to preserve and improve the historical Woman's Club Building on Railroad Street.

Thank you Wallace Women's Club for all you have done in the past to make Wallace a better and more cultured place to live and raise families. Thank you also for the memories and the future preservation of the historical Woman's Club Building.

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Mission Statement

The Longleaf Arts and Crafts Guild celebrates and brings together independent craftspeople and artists for the purpose of marketing, conservation, and education.

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR LOCAL ARTIST

David Sanderson, who is also a board member of the Guild, has given us an autobiographical interview this month.

I am in my 23rd year as the art and photography

teacher at Wallace-Rose Hill High School. I was the first art teacher that Wallace-Rose Hill ever had so I had the job of building the art program from the ground up. It has been an interesting and, most

of the time, rewarding experience. I estimated the other day that I had taught in the neighborhood of 2000 different students during those 23 years. I now have students that tell me I taught

LOCAL ARTIST STORY, CONT'D—DAVID SANDERSON

their mom or dad but when they tell me that I taught their grandparents, I'll know it's time to hang it up! I recently opened a Facebook account on the computer and, to my surprise and delight, have been able to get in contact with many of my former students that I thought I would never hear from again. It really has turned out to be a great experience.

I graduated from Burgaw High School in 1963 and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1967 with a Bachelor's in Art Education. In 1970 I earned a Masters in Art Education, also from UNC. Immediately out of college in 1967, I taught at, what was then called Chestnut Street Junior High School, teaching 7th grade through 9th grade. Chestnut has now has be-

come a school of the arts in Wilmington, North Carolina. After five years there, I resigned and opened David's Gift Shop, a Hallmark store, in Rockfish Plaza in Wallace. I later opened David's Gifts & Jewelry in Burgaw. After about twelve years of this I got the itch to get back into teaching so I renewed my teaching certificate and landed the job at Wallace-Rose Hill. In the meantime I took several Photography courses at James Sprunt Community College and decided that I would like to teach photography as an art class. It took several years but it was finally introduced into the curriculum at Wallace-Rose Hill. The program has grown tremendously and become a very important part of the school. I really love what I do, most of the time, and it seems like the

longer I do it, the more I enjoy my work and rapport with my students. I get a lot of satisfaction from not only working with them but seeing what they can accomplish with a little encouragement.

When you teach, it is a struggle to find time to do your own art work. For the last ten years or so, photography has been the medium with which I have chosen to express myself creatively. I have had work in numerous shows but currently the Longleaf Arts & Crafts Guild is the only place that I have work displayed. I have also done a few paintings but I am looking forward to having more time after retirement in which I can get back into painting full time. I

also enjoy sculpture and that was actually my concentration in college.

I currently live in Burgaw, where I was raised, and have one brother Danny and a sister Sara. I am a member of the Wallace Presbyterian Church, where I attend church, a board member of the Wallace-Rose Hill Friends of the Arts and also a board member of the Longleaf Arts and Crafts Guild. Being a member of the Guild has meant a great deal to me. It has provided me the opportunity to be with other artists and given me an avenue to show my work. I can be reached any school day at Wallace-Rose Hill (285-6995). You can also call me on my cell phone (910-602-0812) and at home (910-259-4194).



DEPOT SHED RESTORATION APPROVED

The Wallace Depot Commission and the Mayor and Town Council have approved the renovation of the run-down Wallace Depot Shed. The Friends of the Depot will spearhead fund-raising for the approximately \$20,000 material costs, assisted by The Wallace Revitalization Committee. There will be no town funds used on the project and the labor will be provided by volunteers. Steve Paes is supervising the restoration efforts and seeking volunteers from the community. Duplin County Habitat for Humanity members have already been contacted to assist with the project.

The revitalization will put the Depot Shed back to the way it looked when it was constructed around 1900, with an open air look and feel. The current side panels will be removed and the roof will get a makeover. The Depot Shed floor will emulate the restored Depot outside walkway and stage, and have the same style railing and side beauty trim. Paint colors will complement the restored Depot. As much as possible, the original floor beams and flooring will be used in the repairs and under floor support system.

If you are interested in being on the volunteer e-mail list for this project, please e-mail Steve Paes (steve.paes@charter.net) with your name and home phone number. Your mileage to and from the job site is tax deductible, since the Town of Wallace is sponsoring this effort.

You can assist in the funding of the project by becoming a member of the Friends of the Depot. Donations are tax deductible. Contact Jaxie Caverder (jcavendercpa@embarqmail.com) or Lynn Hickey (L_hickey@charter.net) for more information.

Information for this article was gathered from e-mails from Steve Paes.



Wallace Depot Shed 2009

NEW BOARD MEMBERS APPOINTED

The Longleaf Arts & Crafts Guild is pleased to announce the appointment of several new board members. Cindy Barrow was selected to fill the vacancy of Lisa Bolick who has moved from the area. In addition, Lin Nichols, Mary McGowen, and Bobbi Izzo have been appointed to fill the vacancies created when other board members rotated off the committee. The Board extends its sincere appreciation, as well as thanks, to Robert Hall, Frankie Coleman, Jim Baldwin and Lisa Bolick for their service.



Theresa B. Elias, Director

The Board looks forward to working with the new members and hearing their new ideas and suggestions

The Board of Directors of the LACG consists of twelve people. The current members are: Cindy Barrow, Theresa Elias, Harriet Farrior, Bobbi Izzo, Mary McGowan, Sharon Moore, Lin Nichols, Sarah Perry, David Sanderson, Marsha Silberhorn, Claudia Compton Smith, and Hope Smith. Theresa Elias is the Director

and Harriet Farrior, the Volunteer Coordinator. The Recording Secretary is Sharon Moore. In addition, Michael Deane Pistner acts as the webmaster, keeping our web site and e-mail updated and operational.

CALENDAR OF ARTS EVENTS MARCH—JUNE 2009

Sampson All County Art Show & Band Concert

March 20, 2009, from 5:30 - 8:00

Band Concert begins at 6:30

Union High School

Kader Merritt Road Rose Hill, N.C.

Directions: take 421N from Harrells, go through Delway crossroads; turn left onto Kader Merritt Road; UHS will be on the left.

All County Fine Arts Festival

March 20, 2009, 7:00 pm

Wallace-Rose Hill Fine Arts Auditorium

(Artwork on display from 3/19)

Melodee Wynne and Carrie Jackson

Piano and Violin

March 13, 2009 at Wallace Elementary

Grades K through 2, The Public is Invited

Batik with Acrylics Class

Taught by Theresa Elias

May 23, 2009 from 10:00-3:00

LACG Shop at 206 SW Railroad St., Wallace

Bring a bag lunch and a drink

Cost: \$45, includes all materials

Call 910.289.0979 to register

Friends of the Depot Annual Fundraiser

May, 2009 *Details to be Announced*

Student Art Display

Ongoing, Board of Education Office, Kenansville

See story on p5 for featured schools

Visit Friends of the Arts at www.WRHFOA.com for other planned events

Please submit future cultural events for publication to newsletter@longleafguild.org

DUPLIN COUNTY SCHOOLS AND THE ARTS

BY CARY POWERS

This year the Duplin County Schools, in conjunction with the NC Arts Council and the Community Council for the Arts in Kinston, through a Grassroots Arts Grant, hosted the North Carolina Symphony (www.ncsymphony.org) on October 14, 2008 at Kenan Auditorium in Kenansville. The Schools, as part of the Grassroots Grant, also hosted Tunde Afolayan (www.tundevisualart.com), a Nigerian artist who spent a week long residency in our high schools doing "Identity Masks" and discussing African culture. On March 26, 2009, our 5th grade students will travel to the Kinston Performing Arts Center to hear the John Brown Jazz Orchestra (www.jbjazz.com) perform. During the first week of May the John Brown Jazz Quintet will do a week long residency in our middle schools and we have tentatively scheduled a community concert for Thursday evening, May 7th. The location and time will be announced when the contract is finalized.

We also have our All-County Arts Festival occurring on March 19, 2009. The event will take place at Wallace-Rose Hill High School and will feature a visual arts display from all of our high schools and concerts

by our All-County Chorus and All-County Band.

I also want to let everyone know that our schools have visual art presented continually at the Board of Education office in Kenansville and the public is welcome to visit. Currently art work from East Duplin High School is on display. In March, student art work from James Kenan High School will be featured, April is the month for Kenansville Elementary School, and Chinquapin School art will be displayed in May.

I would also welcome anyone from the community who would like to visit any of our schools and see the arts programs to contact me and I will arrange a tour.

Cary Powers is Assistant Superintendent for Academics and Administration for Duplin County Schools

VOLUNTEER & MEMBERS CORNER

VOLUNTEERS MEETING SCHEDULED

Please plan to attend the Volunteer's Meeting on March 12 at 5:00 pm. Updates on procedures, the next quarterly schedule and other items of interest will be covered. A dutch-treat dinner at Stone Leaf Cafe is planned for afterwards. Come and get to know the rest of the volunteers and members!

(A Board Meeting will be held at 4:00 pm in advance of the Volunteer Meeting)

FOR SALE

Toika Eeva Loom

Eeva Loom has been warped once, is in excellent condition.

Loom comes w/ overhead beater, worm gear, 8 heddles, 10 treadles, 10 dent reed, includes bench.

Price: \$3,000 or best offer, you pay shipping and handling or pick up in Fayetteville, N.C.

Contact Sharon Caudill 910-483-3473 or trcmud@embarqmail.com

24 Rope & Weight Style Window Sashes

Top and bottom original from home built in 1937. 24 top sashes have 6 panes each and 24 bottom sashes have one large pane. Some panes are cracked. 21 large storm windows have glass in them also. Would like to sell the whole lot of them to one person if possible for \$450. (\$10 ea) They would be great for someone who likes to paint on glass. Would also consider selling them individually and will negotiate. Buyer would need to pick them up from my home. For more information contact

Lynne Dukes - 107 West Clinton Street, Salemburg, NC 28385

Mail to: P.O. Box 153 · Cell: (910)590-3903

LACG CALENDAR

The Volunteer Calendar is available on our web site now. Please go to www.longleafguild.org and click on the 'VOLUNTEERS' link on the left side of the page to open the calendar. You may have to use the scroll bars to see the end of the week. The quarterly schedule is entered here and having it online makes it easy to check and see when you are on duty and arrange shift swaps if necessary. Please visit the web site regularly.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership renewal letters will be mailed out soon and you may pick up your membership card at the Guild after you have renewed.

CONTACT INFORMATION

We want to be in touch with you! The newsletter is sent out via e-mail, as well as event announcements and reminders. With our growing membership – a great thing – it becomes more important than ever to make sure our contact information is up to date. If you have a change in your e-mail address please contact newsletter@longleafguild.org to notify us of the new address. Please do the same if you have a change to your mailing address or home phone number.

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