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Jon Christiana and Rashid Talab upper left; Brina Doyle, lower left; Erin McCleary, center; Alaina McCleary upper and lower right. Photos by Jim Curtis.



TRAILBLAZER

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A NIGHT AT THE NATURE CENTER

by Mary Jane Shanks

Shannon awoke with a start, wondering momentarily where she was. Quickly, she remembered she was in the Nature Center classroom trying to catch an instant of sleep before checking once again on the noisy generators. Glancing across the darkened room, she could barely make out the slumbering shape of her boss Beahta who was buried in a sleeping bag on top of a couple of tables. *What are we doing here?* Shannon muttered silently and for the umpteenth time since she and Beahta began this bizarre sleepover. She looked up at the clock — 1 AM. She'd been dozing maybe 30 minutes.

The Oregon Ridge Nature Center staff had arrived the previous morning to a building without electricity and partially flooded from a frozen water pipe that burst during the first of two monstrous snowstorms that clobbered Maryland this winter. After learning that neither the pipes nor the electric would be fixed for at least 24 hours, Shannon promptly contacted the County asking for a large generator to restore the heat,

not just for building maintenance but for the survival of the reptiles, amphibians and other live critters that were cold after spending two days alone and unattended. Several small generators were delivered, along with instructions that someone would need to monitor them at all times, which meant — Gulp! — overnight. As naturalist in charge that day, Shannon volunteered. Feeling uncomfortable about Shannon being alone, Beahta decided to join this slumber party of strange bedfellows — her, Shannon, *and* turtles, frogs, snakes, bees, a chicken and a menagerie of other critters living in the Nature Center, including free ranging mice.



Thrilling!

Tired, thirsty and wishing she was snuggly curled up next to her hubbie in their warm bed at home, Shannon quietly rose and headed for the hall to check the grumpy generators. Suddenly a thought flashed that maybe the lights were on in

(See What Happens! on page 8)

PRIMITIVE TECHNOLOGY WEEKEND

MAY 1 and 2, 2010
10 AM - 4 PM
IT'S FREE

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Saturday

- All Day Knappers chipping points
- All Day Hands-on activities for all ages: Shooting bows and arrows, blowguns, tossing atlatls and making clay coils and pinch pots.
- 10:30 am Demos by Doug Meyer on making *Gadgets from River Cane*
- 11:30 am Demo by Greg High on making native pottery using *Mud, Sand and Fire*
- 1:00 pm Talk by Steve Adams, *Wild Edibles and Resource Management*
- 2:00 pm Presentation by Bill Kaczor, *Rabbit Sticks, the Non-Return Boomerang*
- 2:30 pm Demos by Scott Silsby and Jack Cresson on *Soapstone and Quartz Cookery*
- 8:00 pm Saturday Evening Guest Speaker: Mike Johnson. Talk: *Beyond Cactus Hill: New Discoveries in the Search for the First Americans from a Middle Atlantic Perspective*

Sunday

- 8:00 am Traditional Bow Shoot
- 10:30 am Dan Coates presents *Squirrel Skin Bow Strings*

FOR AN AGENDA, CALL 410-887-1815

ORNC COUNCIL SPEAKER SERIES

LIFE BENEATH THE CHESAPEAKE'S SURFACE

Michael Eversmier
May 17, 7:30 PM

Experience the Chesapeake Bay like you have never before, from below the surface! Local underwater photographer, Michael Eversmier, will present images and talk about his experiences snorkeling and diving in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. As he takes you on an underwater journey from the Chesapeake's head waters to it's mouth, you will be astounded by the life teaming in the streams and rivers that feed the Bay and the natural and artificial reefs that provide habitat for the Bay's many creatures.



Michael Eversmier grew up in Maryland around the Chesapeake Bay and its many tributaries where he acquired an enormous interest in all aquatic life. His desire to be part of the aquatic world grew in 1978 when he learned to scuba dive, and by 1982 he was sharing with others his passion for the underwater world through teaching and photography. In 1990, Michael and his wife Maureen founded their own business, Aqua Ventures, which specializes in scuba training, equipment, and dive travel. In 2002, Michael became one of fewer than 200 scuba instructors in the world to receive Scuba Schools International's highest award, the Platinum Pro 5000 Instructor Award, and a few years later the SSI Platinum Pro 5000 Diver Award. Lately, much of his time underwater is spent with his cameras in the challenging and murky waters of the Chesapeake Bay boldly going where few photographers have gone before. Michael's underwater images have been displayed over the years in many local photography shows, used for environmental awareness and education about the Chesapeake Bay, and published in the *Baltimore Sun*, *Washington Post*, *Delaware Beach Life* and many other local publications.

STEVE MCDANIEL CAPTURES SOME HEROS OF PANCAKE BREAKFAST 2010



Cute couple Polly & Scott Roberts, Upper L
Griff Atkinson shows Angie Pfeiffer how to play
the dulcimer, Lower L
McDaniel Family, Katie, Angie and Sammie, Ctr.
Ben Poscover likes real MD syrup, Upper R
Courtney Peed & the Gang, Jack Kerns, John
Rigley and Dave Power, Lower R

Photographer Steve McDaniel took dozens
of photographs of the breakfast. You may
be in one of them. They can be viewed and
ordered from his website:

<http://mcdanielphotography.com>



JACK KERNS CAPTURES SOME FUN



Millie Dreier loves pansies, Upper L
April Kerns wins the wine basket, Lower L
A little fella with a big appetite, Ctr.
Mark Surgies and Kathy Obbogy mix it up, Upper R
Becky Burger dishes out seconds, Lower R

ORNCC President Jack Kerns shot some good
photos of our volunteers.



VISIT THE ORNCC WEB SITE

The Oregon Ridge Nature Center Council operates and maintains an elaborate web site at www.oregonridge.org. You will find a large collection of information about the Park and the Nature Center at this site. We have everything from our calendar of events to colorful photographs of the Park.

You can download and print our current newsletter, membership applications, trail maps, scholarship applications



and our calendar. We have descriptions of all of our annual events, information about volunteering and employment, listings of our school programs, details of our speaker series, and information about the Council. Further, we have a link to our Naturalist's blog as well as links to other nature centers and environmental groups. In the past year, three pages have been added to the site.

1. *Staff page* - This page lists the employees at the Nature Center, with titles and phone numbers.
2. *Newsletter page* - This page enables one to access the current issue, as well as the past issues of the *Trailblazer*.
3. *Scholarship page* - This page details scholarship information (donations and applications).

The web site is updated frequently, so check it often!
www.oregonridge.org

Jim Curtis
Web Site Coordinator

CATCH OUR NEWEST EXHIBITS ALONG THE RED AND TAN TRAILS

by Joe Warfield

Two new exhibit panels will soon be in place along the red and tan trails. The record snow pack of 2010 wiped out all hopes for an earlier installation of the Gypsy Moth exhibit panel. Even though the retreating snow has been followed by an early and wet spring, we are hopeful that county forces will have installed these new panels by the time your read this newsletter.

The Gypsy Moth exhibit will be installed inside the new gazebo, which is along the tan trail just north of its intersection with the red trail. The gazebo overlooks the hillside where those pesky little gypsy moth larvae destroyed about 18 acres of mostly oak forest. Our exhibit provides data on how this alien moth got here as well as interesting facts on the moths life cycle. For example, seeing as how the egg laying female moth can't fly, how has it managed to spread its offspring throughout the forests of our northeastern state?

The second exhibit consists of a freestanding panel along the red trail just a short hop or two south of the gazebo where the Nature Center staff and council volunteers planted a small grove of American Chestnut seedlings. This exhibit tells, in brief, the story of the widespread efforts being made throughout the eastern U.S. to bring back the American Chestnut tree which for hundreds of years was the most important tree, to man and beast, in the eastern forests. The chestnut was essentially eliminated from our forests by an alien fungus disease in the early half of the 20th century.

It is exciting to have Oregon Ridge playing a part in the American Chestnut revival effort. As you hike these trails, take note of the progress being made by these vigorous seedlings as they spring skyward from their planting tubes. And maybe, just maybe, one of our seedlings will be the one to grow up immune to the deadly fungus.



MUSIC IN THE WOODS

May 15, 2010, 10 AM – 4 PM

IT'S FREE

Spring has sprung early, and in just a few weeks, musicians toting dulcimers, mandolins, harmonicas, banjos and guitars will congregate in the woods of Oregon Ridge for our 4th annual traditional music festival. The forest and meadow will pulsate with musical renditions performed by plain folk who enjoy sharing their talents and love of music.

As always, new faces will join more familiar ones, including The Dulcimer Band, the Oregon Ridge Nature Center Band, Looney Tunes, The New Southern Cow Tipplers, and Painted Trillium. It's not too late for groups and individuals to call the Nature Center to sign-up for a spot. Musicians of every caliber are welcome: beginner, intermediate, or advanced. If you get your kicks performing, this is a free venue like no other.

Bryan Burns will return with some of his handcrafted

flutes for sale and has offered one for our big raffle. Other vendors include Kollar Nursery of North Harford with native plants and pottery from Beaumont Pottery in Jarrettsville.

Vendor/Instructor Scott Morrison will provide demos of Bodhran percussion and have percussion instruments for sale.

A spring day spent with friends and family at this melodious gathering is hard to beat. Just sit back and relax to the music, sing along, meet some good folks, and lunch on hotdogs and soda. We hope you will be able to tap your toes to some traditional dancing, too. The cloggers may perform in the morning. If you have your own instrument, bring it along and join a jam session. And if the spirit moves you to sing or play, don't be afraid to ask if you can fill an empty slot. It's all possible at...



MUSIC IN THE WOODS!

BANISH ALL THOUGHTS OF WINTER AT OUR FREE FAMILY PICNIC

Members and friends are invited to gather at the Oregon Ridge Lake on Monday, June 21st, at 6 PM, for Oregon Ridge Nature Center Council's Free Family Picnic.

Take an early evening swim or a woodland stroll, paddle a canoe into the twilight, stretch out on the beach, and when it is good and dark, join in for campfire songs while roasting marshmallows over hot coals for tasty s'mores.

Partakers need to pack a picnic basket with hamburgers, chicken or whatever you would like to grill, maybe a bottle of cheer, and other favorite vittles. The grills will be all set with hot coals. It's FREE, so bring family and friends. We hope to see you there.



Picnickers roast marshmallow for smores. Photo by Jim Curtis.

MASTER GARDENERS GIVE US
A GARDEN WALK THROUGH TIME

by Ginna Naylor and Lucy Wright

Master Gardeners from Baltimore County have been continuing their makeover of our former herb garden. They



have chosen the theme *A Garden Walk Through Time* to illustrate the evolution of domestic gardening from the time prior to European settlement up to the present day. A visitor to the garden moves through five beds, which include a native meadow, a bed of introduced culinary and medicinal plants, a traditional perennial bed, and a contemporary garden of native plants. The fifth bed shows ways to introduce native plants into an existing bed of traditional, non-native perennials. The kiosk next to the garden will be used to post descriptions and explanations for each bed. Every plant will be marked with both its botanical and its common name.

The mission of the Maryland Master Gardener Program is to “Educate Maryland residents about safe, effective, and sustainable horticultural practices that build healthy gardens, landscapes, and communities.” In fulfilling this mission they employ Bay-Wise gardening principals to teach as many facets of sustainable gardening as possible. Each plant has been researched for its appropriateness to the site, its deer resistance, its noninvasive nature, its usefulness in demonstrating integrated pest management and its potential nectar and host plant value for insects and birds. The garden volunteers plan to add a two bin composting area and will explain how to start and maintain the bins and the benefits of incorporating the compost into any garden.

The garden itself will be the main focus and evidence of the master gardener’s hard work. In their enthusiasm to provide as

many resources as possible to engage visitors of all ages, they have also created a companion display in the Nature Center library which will provide more indepth information to enhance the exhibit down at the garden kiosk. The changing topics covered in the library display will include such areas of interest as the benefits of gardening with native plants, sustainable gardening practices, Integrated Pest Management, and composting. The

display will highlight material that is already part of the gardening section in the library as well as additions selected by the master gardeners. The combination of the garden and its seasonal displays, enhanced by the addition of the library material, will be a wonderful resource for everyone interested in gardening with native plants.

The Master Gardeners are committed to the installation and maintenance of this meadow garden and they would love to train additional volunteers to assist them in their effort. Any Council member who would like become involved in this ongoing project may contact:

Lucy Wright
443-255-0767

WHAT’S COMING UP THIS
SUMMER AND FALL....

THIS IS OUR CAMP ISSUE! Our summer camps are popular for their hands-on, dirty shoes, just plain fun activities. Plus, they are the most affordable camps in the state of Maryland. A major membership perk is being the first to receive the camp schedule, allowing for a week to sign up before non-members. So open the enclosed Summer Calendar right now and call on the specified registration date. The camps fill up quickly; so don’t delay.

TRAIL GUIDE TRAINING for the fall takes place on September 7 through 10, from 10 AM to 1 PM. The \$25 fee is refundable after you lead your first solo hike. No reservations needed. Come to learn about bees and other insects, primitive technology, and more.

HONEY HARVEST FESTIVAL is on October 2 and 3, 2010, from 10 AM to 4 PM, and it is FREE. Check out our website, www.oregonridge.org, for details. It is a great family event.

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the auditorium, the lion heavy on her heels. The door shut automatically behind them as she raced down the aisle and through the opposite exit into the tiny corridor near the staff area, slamming the door behind her. The mountain lion was securely trapped in the auditorium.

Beahta and Shannon grabbed each other with relief, hopping in an embrace into the exhibit hall. A flush of movement from all directions stopped them short. Birds of all sorts flitted from branch to branch in the tree exhibit. The fox, a coyote, a bobcat, even a black bear roamed the building. It was animals gone crackers. Every taxidermy specimen had come to life and was on the prowl. Incredibly, however, they seemed oblivious to Shannon and Beahta at that moment.

Quick, grab Jack and run to the bathroom, Beahta yelled. As the women moved quickly to Jack’s cage the entire building erupted violently as a humongous elk crashed through the library wall, grunting and bellowing and coming to a stop in the middle of the hall, looking totally bewildered. Shannon scooped Jack out of his cage and raced after Beahta, sliding right under the elk’s belly, to the ladies restroom where thankfully nothing was moving at all.

We may be completely insane, Shannon whispered breathlessly, *but if this is like ‘Night at the Museum’ then the only thing to do is wait here until daylight.* So, amidst growls, roars, door scratching, caws, howls, hoots and other freaky night sounds, the two women crouched in the bathroom, freezing until the noises stopped around 6:30 AM. When they emerged, the Nature Center was miraculously in perfect order. After returning Jack to his cage, they shuffled back to their makeshift beds, collapsing into a deep sleep. The ringing phone woke them at 8 AM.

Was it a dream, a nightmare? What movie did they say they watched? “Night at the Museum”? Well, only these two devoted Baltimore County Recreation and Parks employees — and Jack — know for sure, and they aren’t talking. If you ask them what happened that night, you will get the same answer — *What happens in the Nature Center STAYS in the Nature Center!*

The Oregon Ridge Nature Center Council wants to thank Naturalist Shannon Davis and Beahta Davis, Area Coordinator for Nature and Recreation Resources, for their dedication to the safety of the Nature Center and our animals. Not many would volunteer to spend a cold night in the Nature Center, in the middle of confluent snowstorms, with a bunch of animals, dead or alive, confined or on the loose. They deserve a pat on the back and a couple of days off for mental health issues.

(**Tharn*: Urban Dictionary word, meaning “frozen in terror.” First introduced in Richard Adam’s *Watership Down*.)



Beahta Davis recovers from a Night in the Nature Center and enjoys the Pancake Breakfast. Photo by Jack Kerns

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the Jeep. After eating pizza earlier that evening, she and Beahta decided to pass some time watching a movie on Beahta’s laptop. The computer battery went dead partway through. So they bundled up for the quick trek to the Jeep, turned on the ignition, plugged the computer into the charger and “Voila” — an instantaneous drive-in movie. After the movie they played the adventure game, Lost Cities. Had they left on the lights inside Jeep when they returned to the building?

The generators were groaning along okay, so Shannon grabbed her flashlight and headed out the side doors to check on the Jeep. Sure enough, the lights were on. Shannon swiftly darted down the snowy path to the Jeep, leaving the doors ajar for a fast retreat from the cold. In a minute or two she was back inside the Center, doors locked.

As she walked to her cot, something caught her eye. At first she thought it was her imagination, but then — yes — something was moving around in the exhibit hall. Shannon froze. *What IS that!?* The stealthy shape turned and she realized it was a fox! Not only that, it had cornered a rabbit near the wood stove. *What tha? They must have slipped in the door while I was in the Jeep? What do I do now?*

As Shannon tiptoed down the corridor, the fox startled and disappeared toward the staff area. The rabbit stood *tharn*



near the woodpile. Shannon crept toward noises in the library. Flashing the light around the library, she nearly fainted. A large turkey gobbler stood atop the center table looking frantic as a circus of hawks and birds flew recklessly here and there, knocking over books and scattering droppings on the rug and furniture.

The fox was nowhere in sight, but a weasel dashed between Shannon’s legs out into the hall and a raccoon chattered from underneath the table.

A loud snarling scream splintered the air, sending shock waves through Shannon and every other living creature in the building. Beahta ran into the hall, wide-eyed and disheveled, her hair looking at if it had a close encounter with the electric generator. *What was that?* her voice quivered. Shannon couldn’t speak. She pointed to the library. Beahta gasped at what she saw, covering her mouth to stifle a scream. Suddenly a low growl emanated from the reception area and the snarling



head of a mountain lion peered out over the counter. Shannon and Beahta knocked each other over running and stumbling to the ladies restroom, realizing once inside that they were screaming uncontrollably. Using their bodies to blockade the orange door, they struggled to control gulping breaths.

What is happening? Beahta choked. *Are we dreaming? Please say we are dreaming!*

I don’t know what’s happening, but I’m pretty sure we aren’t dreaming! Shannon’s teeth clattered. *We have to calm down and get a grip on this thing! Sit down and give me your hands. We’ll breath together, slowly.*

They sat cross-legged on the cold tile, facing each other and clasping hands. On a three count they began breathing in unison, slowly, then slower. It worked. Shannon’s pounding heart decelerated and she could see Beahta’s dilated pupils shrinking within her terrified eyes. After a minute or two they could talk.

OK, we know this is no dream, right? Shannon eyes locked on Beahta’s. *So if it isn’t a dream, what is it?*

After several minutes of sitting silently, Beahta’s eyes widened and she answered haltingly, *I know this is going to sound crazy. But...well, uh... did you ever see that movie ‘Night at the Museum?’*

Oh, come on, Beahta, that’s just a movie! Sooo — what! Are you saying we’re in the middle of some sort of a ‘Night at the Nature Center?’ Are you nuts?

Well, then, Miz Know It All Nature Woman, what the heck do you think is happening here? Let’s hear your green, environmentally correct explanation?

Before Shannon could answer they heard Jack the Starling screeching, *Help! Help Jack!* Shannon jumped up, threw open the door, and without thinking, ran toward the exhibit hall just in time to scare off a large red-tailed hawk that was upsetting Jack’s cage. Before she knew it, the mountain lion pounced right behind her with a roar. Beahta had followed and screamed, diverting the big cat’s attention. She raced into

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ALAINA: SHE’S A MCCLEARY

One of the advantages of recruiting dedicated and talented adult volunteers is that sometimes they spawn dedicated and talented teen volunteers. Such is the case with Alaina McCleary. Her mother Erin is a talented Trail Guide, a Council board member, and a dedicated worker at many of our special events.

At fourteen, Alaina is articulate and enthusiastic about being a Ridge Runner. She wanted to become a Ridge Runner because, “I have been coming to Oregon Ridge for a long time and have always wanted to work with the animals.” Alaina especially enjoys sharing her knowledge with others and often takes an animal out of its enclosure to give visitors a closer look. Her favorite animals are the box turtles, especially Bowser.

When friends ask Alaina about her unusual volunteer job, she says, “I tell them how much I like being a Ridge Runner, but it’s not for everyone. You have to really like animals and not mind the dirty work.” That’s an honest and accurate assessment of what it means to be a Ridge Runner.



Alaina McCleary is an 8th grader at Hereford Middle School where she loves and excels in Science. She says science is “...interesting and never boring. I like doing experiments and working in the lab.” She also loves art and thinks she would

like to make a living as a graphic or fashion designer. She enjoys drawing and designing outfits. She also plays field hockey and lacrosse.

Alaina is a Girl Scout, has earned the Bronze Award, and is close to receiving the Silver. In her spare time she plays computer games and shops with friends. She cares for two cats — a large, black and white cat named Fletcher and an Orange Maine Coon named Nicky. She enjoys feeding and playing with them, along with her hamster Jandy. Her favorite books are mysteries and she downloads pop and rock music on her Ipod.

We are lucky to have Alaina on the Ridge Runner team, and we hope she stays with us throughout her high school years. Maybe one day she will design fashionable and comfortable hiking outfits that we can sell in our gift shop. Thanks Alaina, and thank you Erin for leading her our way.

**AFTER THE BLIZZARD
WORK IN THE GARDEN**

by Jack Kerns

Happily, the winter snows are behind us. Now is the time to prepare for spring and the coming summer season. It is time for the gardeners, the farmers, and lovers of growing things to look forward to, and enjoy, the bounties of Nature. Before you plan and plant your garden, be aware of the advantages of attracting insects and birds! Rather than using damaging pesticides to ward off destructive bugs, allow Mother Nature to come to your rescue.

Many novice gardeners have problems with insect infestation because their gardens do not attract beneficial insects that may control these pesky creatures. Predators, such as Lady Beetles, Lacewings, Carrion Beetles, and Assassin Bugs, can eradicate these destructive pests. By attracting native predators, you do not need to purchase non-native predator insects that may harm ecosystems. Instead plant native herbs and flowers, such as coneflowers (there are over 30 varieties)

and other native wildflowers, which attract these beneficial creatures. Be sure to include a variety of species to attract a variety of predators to your garden.

Don’t forget to make your backyard hospitable to birds as well. Birds love insects! Attract them by installing a birdbath or other water container – they need a water supply if you do not live near a stream or pond. Also, put up a bird feeder, but as with the birdbath, do not place them near large bushes or other hiding places for cats or predators. Cultivate native plants that produce berries, seeds, or nuts that will support the avian population through the winter months. Information on native plants and herbs for each state and region can be found at <http://www.wildflower.org/> or <http://www.mdflora.org/>. To further enhance your native garden, remove non-native species of plant and shrubs, which are usually invasive and crowd out native varieties.

Enlarge your garden by reducing the size of your yard. You will spend less time mowing and fertilizing your lawn and decrease the nitrate runoff that has been harming our waterways and the Chesapeake Bay. Enjoy your native garden and get ready for the golden days of summer!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST 2010 WAS A SMOOTH OPERATION



Courtney adds a dab of vanilla; Wolfchild and Bryan entertain the crowd, Todd welcomes new members. A diner cleans his plate (below center). Photos by Photographer Steve McDaniel.



Somehow amidst the string of snowstorms that pounded Maryland this winter, maple sugaring took place, thanks to eighteen sturdy volunteers and the ORNC staff. Paths were blazed to lead house weary visitors to the sugar bush to tap maple sap. Fancy syrup was generated in the Sugar Shack, and for the first time, Maryland sap was used to make the syrup sold to those who enjoy the taste of the real stuff.

The sugar weekends were followed by one of the smoothest running Pancake Breakfasts in memory. Attendance was down a bit with 1341 breakfasts served, resulting in slight profit drop: \$6771. Perhaps competition from so many other events that weekend worked against us. On the brilliant side, ninety-six excellent volunteers worked diligently to make this a breakfast to remember for its glitch and stress free atmosphere. The highest compliment came from many feasters who said the pancakes were the tastiest ever — due, we think, to the dash of vanilla that was added to the batter.

As usual, fun abounded. John Canoles organized a slew of box raffles for a record profit of \$2400, putting him on the 2010 list of unsung heroes, so says our super Volunteer Coordinator Jeanne Cole. Business contributors to the box raffles include Butler Store and Liquors, REI, Johns Hopkins Press, Hunt Valley Motorcoach, Boordy Vineyards, Ladew Topiary Gardens, Wegmans, Greetings and Readings, Shawan Downs, Oregon Ridge Beach, Pennsylvania Railroad Museum, Fire Museum of Maryland, Valley Motors, Wild Bird Store, Aberdeen Ironbird, Earth Treks, and Aruba Sun and Spa. Several friends donated, including Ginna Naylor who contributed to the Basket of Cheer, Courtney Peed's



jewelry, a homemade wooden flute from Bryan Burns, and a piece of art from Cas Warfield.

Others on Jeanne's unsung hero list are Anne Canoles for single-handedly wrapping 1800 sets of utensils, Ann Kerns for becoming certified as a kitchen inspector so she could be present throughout the weekend as Baltimore County now requires, and Jim Potter for driving all the way to the Eastern Shore to pick up the delicious sausage that brought rave reviews for grillers Bob Meier, Kevin O'Neill, Mark Principe, Dick Thim, Joe Warfield, and Lou Witt. Our *Become a Member and Receive a Free Breakfast* campaign resulted in 50 new memberships, which increases our current membership by over 15%. Grand Poobah, Walter Massey even raffled off a family membership that brought in \$50. The hit of the \$.25 raffles, enthusiastically sold by Ridge Runners, was a large Folkmanis Bobcat Hand Puppet donated by the Council's gift shop, bringing in \$75.

Bill LaBarre's hair-netted, aproned crew flipped over 5000 pancakes to the dulcimer, flute, and guitar sounds of Griff Anderson, Ben Poscover, Bob Willoset, Bryan Burns, Kirk and Winnie Dreier, Andy Anders and Courtney Peed. Vibrant American Indian drums thunderously played by Frank *Wolfchild* Greene and George *Indian Red* successfully grabbed the attention of the Creator and many noisy diners.

Shoppers carried home gift shop merchandise, primroses and pansies, maple candy, and maple syrup. What a sweet way to usher in spring.

Thank you, one and all!



Mark Principe grills sausage; Bill LaBarre's flipping crew keep the cakes coming. All three upper photos by Photographer Steve McDaniel.



Emily Buonsignore and Noot Canoles do well in the Gift Shop.

OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE TOPS!

Dean Adle	Jocelyn Curtis	Kathy Hubberman	Erin McCleary	Jim Potter	Becky Stein
Andy Anders	Jackie Devine	George <i>Indian Red</i>	Angie McDaniel	David Power	Scout Stein
Griff Anderson	Frank Dickison	Tommy Jones	Katie McDaniel	Mark Principe	P.D. Stein
Kim Borofka	Bill Diegel	Ann Kerns	Sammie McDaniel	Laurie Psoris	Mark Surgies
Charlie Buonsignore	Kirk Dreier	Jack Kerns	Steve McDaniel	Sue Reif	Rashid Taleb
Emily Buonsignore	Millie Dreier	Jerry Kirkwood	Bob Meier	Katrina Restivo	Dick Thim
Becky Burger	Winnie Dreier	Bobbie Kottler	Gayl Meier	John Rigley	Gina Thropp
Bryan Burns	Kayla Elson	Pat Krasowski	Dean Merritt	Polly Roberts	Todd Thropp
Mike Burns	Hannah Fowler	Bill LaBarre	Bradley Moore	Scott Roberts	Paul Waldman
Abby Cahalan	Mary Genovese	Holly LaBarre	Ginna Naylor	Matti Rogers	Vlad Ward
Lauren Cahalan	Susan Genovese	Sue Leslie	Cindy Necaise	Pam Rogers	Cas Warfield
Ann Canoles	Theresa Genovese	Austin Luera	Kathy Obbogy	Joe Salvaggio	Joe Warfield
John Canoles	Mark Gingrich	Bobby Martin	Christopher O'Brien	Mary Scott	Mary Weeren
Noot Canoles	Frank <i>Wolfchild</i> Green	Walter Massey	Kevin O'Neill	Martin Schugam	Bob Willoset
Jon Christiana	Christine Hart	Sandy McCann	John Parks	Paula Schugam	Lou Witt
Jim Clyburn	Donald Hart	Brody McAllister	Ridgely Parks	Ashby Shanks	June Woodward
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Jim Curtis	Kaitlyn Hubberman	Alaina McCleary	Ben Poscover	Eileen Stanley	ORNC Staff
					Lodge Staff

Master of Ceremonies, Walter Massey, raffles off the hottest \$.25 raffle prize, a Folkmanis hand puppet, Mary Genovese sells raffles.



John Canoles is a weekend hero with his Big Box Raffles. All three lower photos by Jack Kerns.