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Executive Directors Report

Joe Youcha

This year, the Alexandria Seaport Foundation celebrated its 25th anniversary. We've accomplished wonderful things, built lots of boats and helped lots of kids. But I want to use this column to talk about the future, where our work is going. Two years ago, volunteer consultants from the COMPASS Project did a strategic funding plan for the Seaport Foundation. During the planning process Dorsey Dunn, one of the team leaders, asked me a question, "What's your 25-year vision for the Seaport Foundation's work?" I had never really thought about it, but the answer was obvious: in 25 years, I want there to be fewer "disadvantaged kids." Ideally, we'll be out of work. It was also obvious that the people necessary to making that vision happen were going to have to be our graduates. I was thinking of people like Victor Zelaya.

Vic is a graduate of our apprentice program and is the "alumni member" on the Seaport Foundation's Board of Directors. At 23, Vic is a third-year Carpenters Union apprentice. Vic is also a former gang member who last attended school in the 6th grade. In 25 years, Vic is going to be in his late 40's. Steve Hernandez, a former apprentice and now shop instructor, will be in his early 50's. They, and our other graduates, need to be the agents of change in their communities. They need to be the pointy end of the stick...making the change happen. And they'll be better at it than we are. It's already evident. So, how do we make that happen? My answer is that we support them as much as we can. We're starting to do that through our alumni association. We need to do more, and we will. Ideas are welcome.

The other part of our vision concerns how many young people we want to reach. If we're going to make change happen, it needs to happen broadly. I had a conversation with Rex Wagner, a long time ASF Board member. After a board meeting Rex said, "Joe, I know you want to reach another 100 kids." I said, "No, Rex, I don't want to reach another 100 kids. I want to reach another 1,000, maybe 10,000." The need in communities around the country is there. On average, 30 percent of kids in high school drop out—make that 50 percent in minority communities. And when you

look at the kids who do make it through high school and even start college, only 35 percent graduate within five years. Yet, that's where we, as a society, are pushing all our kids. It's not working. We're not making college graduates. We need other types of training. Education after high school is critical to success, but there are many paths to that end.

According to an informal survey of all State General Equivalency Diploma (GED) administrators, we're the only hands-on, contextual, vocationally-based instruction program out there. I can't believe that we're the only people that can answer a GED student when they ask, "How does this relate to what I'm doing and what I want to be?" I also can't believe that nobody realizes that good jobs—cash—will motivate these kids.

Or, that some people learn concepts better with their hands than through books. It baffles me. Many of you

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Upcoming Events

Holiday Party

December 16th, 2 p.m.

Pot Luck with wine tasting at Joe and Jessica's- see back page!

Apprentice Graduations

February 8, 2008

April 4, 2008

Lofting Workshop

March 5-6, 2008

Bronze Casting Workshop

TBD-check website

Paul Weeks II Golf Tournament

May 5

Lawyers on Board

June 21

Corporate Team Boat Building

September 26

Seaport Day

September 27

Executive Director's Report cont...

know Michael Wilson, one of our instructors. Michael's in his mid- 60's, a former Special Forces sergeant. He's also Jesuit-trained and a very direct man. Michael says that all we're doing is vocational training from the 50's- or earlier. Mostly, he's right.

So, is what we do new? No. It is just that most people have forgotten the tools that work with these types of kids. As a society, we forget we know how to train people for jobs-- World War II's Training Within Industries service resulted in the vocational training of the 1950's. We forget we know how to motivate learners. Septima Clark at the Highlander Folk School and the Southern Christian Leadership Council ran citizenship schools that taught English and math literacy in 40 hours of instruction. Another 40 hours and the best students became instructors. The motivation: the ability to register to vote.

As a carpenter, I was taught to always work with the tools at hand. Don't wish that you had this or that, just get the job done with what you've got. At the Seaport Foundation, we've got good tools. I want to get them into the hands of people who can use them. If a service provider can do better work using hands-on academics combined with the motivational methods we've developed, I want to get those tools into their hands. If we can do that in 25 years, we will have fewer "at-risk youths" that are liabilities to society rather than contributors. We'll have people like Victor and Steve changing their communities around the country. That's what I want to see.

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Advisory Board

First Meeting

We had a wonderful initial meeting of the Alexandria Seaport Foundation Advisory Board on Wednesday November 14th at the restaurant Farrah Olivia. Rex and Susan Wagner, together with Deutsch Bank, Rex's employer, sponsored the event. A better start would be hard to imagine. People were making connections right and left. This is exactly the work that needs to be done: advisors talking to one another about the Seaport Foundation's work, and how they can help.

The commitment of people of this caliber is a testimony to the effective work of the Seaport Foundation- its staff, board members, volunteers and apprentices.

We also used this occasion to honor the service of one of our original board members, Seymour Young.

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Donations and Support...

Kathy Seifert- Development Director

It's been a busy year in Development. The Alexandria Seaport Foundation introduced the Team Boat Building Challenge, both as a fundraising tool and as a means of increasing our corporate exposure. Teams from Northrup Grumman and Shirley Contracting met with other teams in September to build a wooden boat in one day. Completed boats were then launched and raced against one another, encouraged by the cheers of all present. As a result of the success of this event, ASF will be hosting two Team Boat Building Challenges annually. September's event will be for corporate participants, while a June event will be specifically geared toward summer law associates.

ASF partnered with Local Kicks, a community information website, to host a fundraising dinner at Farrah Olivia Restaurant.

The first annual Paul Weeks II Memorial Golf Tournament was held in May at at Pohick Bay Regional Golf Course and was a great success, raising close to \$17,000. Plans are currently underway for the second tournament, to be held May 5, 2008, also at Pohick.

A phonathon was held in November as a follow-up to our end-of-the-year donation letter. Carroll Robertson was kind enough to host the event at BoatUS. Thank you to all the volunteers who made both evenings a great success.

Going forward, we will encourage members and potential donors to attend apprentice graduations rather than holding information nights and breakfasts. This is the perfect venue for newcomers to see the scope of work done at ASF and provides an opportunity for existing members and Friends to see the results of their investment. Graduations occur every two months, typically the first Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. Be on the lookout in your email for invitations. Please send your email address to asfoffice@alexandriaseaport.org if you are not currently receiving emails from ASF.

The current focus in Development is on encouraging donors, both individual and corporate, to consider donating the \$13,500 it costs for an apprentice to go through our four-six month program. This personalizes the investment for the donor and encourages their involvement with ASF.

Upcoming events include a fundraiser at Evermay Estate in Georgetown in February, made possible by Harry Belin, as well as a March fundraiser targeting Hampden-Sydney alumni and friends, hosted by Mary Ellis Fannon.

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Fiscal Year 2007
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Apprentice Program

Last year, we said we were going to double the program and only raise the program cost 25%. We did double the number of apprentices graduating, but our costs went up closer to 30%, which is still very efficient.

During the year ending September 30, 2007, 46 apprentices entered the program. Seven of these dropped out during the initial two-week trial period; 10 dropped out or were dismissed during the course; 22 graduated and are now employed; seven continued as senior apprentices. This represents an overall success rate of 69% for those who continued in the program beyond the initial two-week trial period. A class of eight junior apprentices started at the beginning of October.

More importantly, we're seeing our graduates at work, leading decent lives. From earlier years, A.J is about to finish his union apprenticeship and get his associates degree. James and Victor are third year Union apprentices. We've also got many first and second year union apprentices. Not all our graduates are working as union carpenters, but the vast majority are working in decent jobs, taking care of their responsibilities.

The First Paul Weeks II Apprentice

The program staff at the Alexandria Seaport Foundation nominated Mohammed Yousif to be the first Paul Weeks II Apprentice. Mohammed demonstrates some of the qualities that made Paul an extraordinary man, particularly honesty, perseverance and a commitment to education. Mohammed's nomination was approved by the Paul Weeks II Memorial Fund's advisory committee: Pam Weeks, Gus Blanchard, Judge Steven Rideout, Mary Ann Roberts and Rex Wagner.

Mohammed is 20 years old and lives in Hyattsville. He is a U.S. citizen with an American mother and a Sudanese father. Mohammed grew up in both countries, but was educated in Arabic. Before he returned to America at age 16, he was serving as a soldier in the Sudanese Army.

Mohammed entered the Alexandria Seaport Foundation boat building apprenticeship in June 2006. After several months in the program, it was obvious that he had learning problems greater than could be accounted for by his earlier education in Arabic. Every time he took a written test, he failed miserably. When we gave him an oral test on the same materials, he did fine. Through a fairly torturous process taking several months, we were able to have him evaluated. Accommodations were made for him to take the GED. He earned his GED and graduated as a lead apprentice in the summer of 2007. Since then, he has been working as a Carpenters Union first year apprentice. Mohammed has a driver's license, a car and his tools. He has started his own painting company, and is exploring taking engineering classes at the local community college.



Pam Weeks presents Mohammed with a signed Tom Lie-Nielson block plane.

Apprentice Program Cont...

Boats

There have been plenty of boats in the shop this year. The major project has been Tiger- a 16' traditionally built electric launch. She has a beautiful hull and should be out the door this Spring and launched this summer. Bill Hunley's steam launch, a Staten Island Skiff, a Herreshoff Coquina, the Old Dominion Boat Club's flagpole, a couple of sailing Bevin skiffs and several Challenge Wherrys have also seen the inside of the shop.

We've also set up a corner of the shop for cabinet work. Fred Feer has been leading our apprentices through the intricacies of "case work." And, the shop produced kits for 20 Bevin skiffs and ten Challenge Wherrys. The shop also produced over 600 model boat kits for the Navy Museum.

Outside of the shop, our apprentices worked on the log canoe at Mt. Vernon and built the masts for Sidney Dickson's 55' Bugeye.



Tiger- Upside down and backwards this summer. Now, she's framed and getting her deck.

This Coming Year

We want to take our "tools and techniques" to reach more young people in need. Toward this end we continue to negotiate with our partner, the International Carpenters Union, about opening a pre-apprenticeship program inside their new Training Center now under development in Prince George's County, Maryland. This will be an opportunity to test our ability to replicate the program in partnership with another organization.

Program Partners

Every stage of ASF's apprentice program (referral, trial period, junior apprenticeship, senior apprenticeship, placement and follow-on) depends on the partnerships we've developed over 15 years.

Alexandria Adult Probation
 Alexandria City Public Schools
 Alexandria Department of General Services
 Alexandria Department of Mental Health
 Alexandria Human Services Council
 Alexandria Juvenile and Family Court Service Unit
 Alexandria Public Defenders Office
 Alexandria Seaport Foundation Alumni
 Alexandria Sheriff's Department
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 Fairfax County Public Schools
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 Fuchina Construction
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 JobLink
 Mangenaro Construction
 See Forever Foundation
 United Brotherhood of Carpenters- Mid Atalantic Regional Council
 Virginia Commonwealth Attorney
 Virginia Department of Education- RACE to GED Program
 Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice

Community Boat Building

Challenge Wherry

Probably the most significant community boat building activity was the design and proofing of the Challenge Wherry. The problem was to design a decent boat that could be built in a day. Volunteer Jay Creech was up to the task. Starting from a traditional logging bateau, Jay developed the plans and instructions for a 17' plywood boat that can be rowed and paddled. The concept was proven by building five boats in a day and a half at the WoodenBoat Show at Mystic Seaport, Connecticut; and building four boats in one day at ASF's first Corporate Team Boat Building event last September.



Boy Scout Builders Carry Their Challenge Wherry to Water at the WoodenBoat Show in Mystic, Connecticut.

Goodwill Industries

It doesn't really qualify as a community boat building event, but it does deserve mention. This fall we got a call from our friends at Goodwill. They were participating in a one day boat building "challenge," and asked if could we help them out. Naturally, time was short. Also, naturally, Jay Creech and John Harper led a team of ASF volunteers in an afternoon instructional/prep session for the Goodwill staff on "How to put together a Challenge Wherry- really quickly!". Their efforts were successful--the boat and its team won two prizes at the event. And we've built a new partnership with a good organization doing job training in the area.

Bevin Skiffs

In the Spring, Howell Crim built a skiff with students from Immanuel Lutheran School. The boat was a "graduation" project for the older kids. They certainly seemed to have enjoyed it.

July saw 90 international students in our shop as part of Youth Leaders International's annual boat building activity.



Future Leaders of the World- Learning to Row!

Log Canoe

May saw us launch the log canoe we'd built at Mount Vernon with our apprentices and students from Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJ). The purpose of the project was to teach history, anthropology and technology. In all the celebrations of Jamestown's 400th anniversary, we also wanted to recognize the Native American contribution. Our awareness in this area is a direct result of our partnership two years ago with the National Museum of the American Indian. We want to thank our partners on this project: TJ for their enthusiasm, expertise and their extraordinary students and teachers, Mount Vernon for its hospitality, tolerance and wonderful facilities, Mike Sottosanti for his incredible demonstrations of Native American technology and Scott Silsby for his building of the stone adze used in building the boat. Thanks also go to ASF's staff, Howell Crim, Michael Wilson, Steve Hernandez and Darius Ligon for their usual efforts above and beyond the call of duty.

This Memorial Day, the boat will officially be given to the Mataponi Tribe in King George, Virginia. It will be displayed at their historic Sharon School museum.

Community Boat Building



Burning and scraping the inside

The Renewable Boat

Starting a community boat building program 15 years ago, the thought of building too many wooden boats wasn't a problem. It is now. Building one boat a year for five years with an elementary school quickly raises the questions of storage and use. The building process, launch and initial use are all tremendous experiences. Then, what do you do with the boats?

With a grant from the Morning Glory Foundation, ASF and Taylor Elementary School in Arlington, Virginia, built a boat mostly out of renewable materials. Using Trex lumber made from recycled plastics and phenolic Richlite panels made from paper, we built a Bevin's Skiff. It worked very well, (even though the boat is significantly heavier than a standard Bevin.) Most importantly, the boat also came apart cleanly and we'll be able to use the panels again next year-- another renewable aspect.

Boats for Sale! (call 703-549-7078)

12' Bevin Skiffs
As is \$500

17' Challenge Wherry
As is \$750

17' Staten Island Skiff \$3500
Wonderful sail boat!

Handy Billy 18' \$16,500

Hunter 25
Very good shape

Seaport Day

The weather smiled upon our six boat-building families at our annual Seaport Day, which also included a wooden boat show, model boat-building, and rides on our Dory boat, the Potomac. Family members of all ages worked Saturday and the following day to complete and launch their boats, the ever popular Bevin Skiff. Some used it as a home-schooling project, others as a chance to reconnect with family members who live at a distance, still others because they just always wanted to build a boat! All were impressed by and commented on the skill and professionalism of our apprentices— always gratifying to hear. Our cadre of loyal volunteers turned out again, after having put in a sterling performance the day before at our Corporate Team Boat Building where they, too, built a boat. Thanks again to Vineyard Vines for providing tee-shirts and to all the many hands who made it possible.

Lawyers on Board

Building Boats to Help Build Lives

The Alexandria Seaport Foundation uses its boat building expertise to provide team building experiences to corporations, law firms, and other organizations to teach employees how to effectively work together.

This summer, ASF will host a Team Boat Building Challenge specifically designed for law firms' summer associate programs. Each team will consist of 6-8 members as well as a current apprentice.

COST: \$2800.
DATE: Saturday, June 21, 2008
TIME: 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM
PLACE: Waterfront Park
Old Town, Alexandria

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First ASF “Friend For Life,” Nick Yannerrall

How do you thank someone for volunteering once a week, almost every week, for fifteen years and taking ownership of a critical, low profile, office function- the membership database? You can't, but we'll make a gesture with this recognition.

Since 1993, Nick Yannerrall, every Monday, would be the first person in the office. He'd be going through the photocopied checks of everyone who had joined the Seaport Foundation, entering their information and making sure the thank you letters, membership card and whatever else was needed went out in the mail. During his tenure, every piece of mail that anyone has received from the Seaport Foundation has been due to Nick's efforts. Our critical Friend's of the Foundation program wouldn't have been possible without Nick's advice and administrative support. And, any time a volunteer was needed for an event or a project, Nick was there.

Nick was dragged into working with the Seaport Foundation by his friend and former colleague, Bill Hunley. Bill was Chairman of ASF at the time and he knew he needed good organizational support. As retired Chief Naval Architect of the U.S. Navy, Bill knew who to call-- Nick. Nick's been here ever since. When we say, “The Seaport Foundation wouldn't exist without our volunteers,” you should think of Nick's face.

Nick's not leaving us; he's just not going to be coming in every week. He'll be pursuing his interests in water powered mills. Nick's next project is to help energize an international organization of historic mills. We know he'll be successful. He has a good track record. We also hope that he'll take more trips with his wife, Tina, and spend more time enjoying their grandchildren.

How can you quantify what Nick's efforts have been worth? You can't. Can we make a gesture that in some way recognizes what Nick and his time have meant to us? We'll try by naming him the first Alexandria Seaport Foundation Friend for Life.

So, will we miss Nick? Sure, we'll miss his time; the functions he performed; seeing his face every Monday morning. But what will always remain is our friendship, and our abiding gratitude.



Nick Yannerrall- ASF Friend For Life.

Classes and Workshops

Lofting

(March 5-6, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days.)

Come loft a beautiful small boat. Lofting is the first step in building a boat. Starting with 1.5" to 1" plans, we'll lay out a full-size working drawing of the boat. From this, we will be able to make the molds, backbone patterns, and bevels necessary to start building the craft. You will learn what all the lines mean and how they interact.

Tuition: \$100--ASF members, \$125--nonmembers

Bronze Casting

(TBA)

Good traditional small boat hardware is difficult to find. This class will prepare a pattern for bronze hardware, make the sand molds, fire up the furnace, melt the bronze, cast the pieces, and finish them. Students participate in the entire process and take home some hardware.

Tuition: \$100--ASF members, \$125--nonmembers

Staff

The people that make up the Seaport Foundation are extraordinary. That's evident in our volunteers and in our staff. It's especially evident in our volunteers who are willing to step up and be temporary staff. This year we wouldn't have made it without Marc Messing working in the office and on grants; or without Joe Harriss teaching hands-on math and science.

We also are tremendously pleased to have added Holly Hunsberger as Office Manager, Peter Fuchs as Grant Manager and Kathy Seifert as Development Director. They're all wonderful, and are really helping take our organization to the next level.

We'd also like to welcome back Steve Hernandez (just like a bad penny) as our shop instructor. Steve is a Union carpenter, former Marine and former ASF apprentice. It's great to have him back.

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Volunteers

Every year, we always say that the Seaport Foundation wouldn't exist without our volunteers. It's true. Here are just some of the people who make our daily programs possible.

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Bob Squire
Astrid Smith
Mallary Stouffer
Jason Uffelman
Thom Unger
Nick Yannerrall

Holiday Party and Wine Tasting!

This year's Holiday Pot Luck will be at Joe and Jessica's house on **Sunday, December 16th from 2:00-5:00 p.m.** If your last name begins with A through L, please bring hors d'oeuvres. If your last name begins with M through Z, please bring a dessert. The wine tasting will be at 3:30.

The address is:
2641 N. Richmond St, Arlington, VA 22207.

We look forward to seeing everyone!

Don't Hesitate - Designate!

The **CFC** have given ASF a new number: **61282**, but our **United Way** number **continues** as **8101**.
Thank you, as always!

Alternative Gifts!

Tired of dealing with stressful holiday shopping? Looking for a more meaningful gift this year? Consider purchasing an "alternative gift" by donating to the Alexandria Seaport Foundation!

We will send a gift card to your loved one letting them know of the purchase you have made in their honor. The card will state both your purchase, and a description of the Alexandria Seaport Foundation.

HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

\$250--Completed Tool Box for an Apprentice

\$100--Apprentice Uniform and Work Boots

\$50--Text Book

\$25--Leather Tool Belt

\$20--Measuring Tape

\$15--Hammer

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