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Executive Director's Report

Joe Youcha

This summer, the Seaport Foundation was a very busy place. This fall, a lot of work we've been planning is coming together, and we're likely to be even busier. As you read through this issue, you'll see ASF has moved upstream into the middle school population, our apprentices, including Paul Weeks II Apprentice of the Year Christian Bryant, are graduating and moving out into the world of work, boats are being built, Building to Teach is continuing to gather interest and momentum, and our volunteers are still making us humble with the dedication and talent they bring to the work of the Foundation.

Dory Boats

The planning and design of the two new dories and the related educational materials is well underway. This work was funded by you through our spring appeal. The design committee of Dave Helgerson, John Nicolson, Mike McCook, Howell Crim and Joe Youcha has been hard at work- particularly Dave and John. We are using modern methods to create boats that can be built and maintained in our shops, serve as platforms for teaching our apprentices and serve as the focus for educational projects and lessons. Initial lines and construction plans are well underway. We're designing and prototyping both paper and wood models that can be used as teaching projects as well as designing math lessons to accompany those projects.

Take a look at our promotional video:

www.alexandriaseaport.org/VisionofTwoDories.swf



Darius Ligon, Penny Holland (above), Robin Muir, and Jay Creech (above) have been researching the vital role Potomac River boats played in the local economy, building a curriculum and creating wonderfully vivid and evocative display boards.

Duck Boat: Build One, Launch One, Race 75!

The short version of this story is: We started lofting June 14th. We started planking July 14th (Bastille Day). We launched August 25th. And then we raced August 27th in Mantoloking, NJ.



The longer version of the story: A duck boat is a type of sneakbox designed to hunt ducks in marshes, first used in New Jersey in the 1930's. The boat we built was originally designed by Ray Clark and then adapted by Beaton's Boatyard. We used traditional design and a modern wooden boatbuilding methods.

The Duckboat Worlds were started in the late 1960's and revitalized by a crowd of local sailors and yacht clubs, as well as by Peter Kellogg's philanthropy. The locals bring almost 75 boats. Register an existing boat and the Kelloggs write a \$1,000 check to the boat owner's favorite nonprofit. Register a new boat, they donate \$5,000. We also get to visit with ASF members Peter Weeks and Michelle Donato and show an apprentice a different piece of the world.



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Donations and Support

Kathy Seifert, Director of Development

Fall is in the air, which means leaves, cider, and fundraising. We are holding our monthly coffees the first Wednesday of every month at 8:00 am at the 2 Duke St. Shop. Please take this opportunity to bring your friends to see the program at work.

The next few months are critical in fundraising and we hope that you will consider ASF in your end of year donations and holiday gift giving. There are many ways to contribute. Please select the one that suits you best whether it is online at our website, by phone, by mail, through the United Way or Combined Federal Campaign, or stock donation. You know your investment in the work of ASF is money well spent.

As we look ahead to 2011, we are excited at the prospect of reaching more youth through our Dory Boat project. I hope that you will continue to support us and help us fulfill our mission.

Thanks to the Following Foundations for Their Recent Support:

ACT/Paul Weeks II Memorial Fund, Clark-Winchole, Hattie M. Strong, Ivakota, Max and Victoria Dreyfus, and Washington Forrest.

Swing for Seaport

Seaport Day began with a "kick-off" event, *Swing for Seaport*, which took place at Old Dominion Boat Club on Friday, September 24. Over one hundred members and guests enjoyed delicious food by Landini Brothers and danced to live music by the Grandson's. Wine by Grape and Bean. Christian Bryant, a graduate apprentice, spoke about his experience at ASF and the transformations it had helped him make in his life.

Special News

Build to Teach

The Navy's Office of Naval Research has asked us to submit a full proposal for K-12 Stem Education outreach. We're talking to potential industry partners as well as groups who are interested in learning how to use our materials, including participants from the Teaching with Small Boats Conference. We're exploring other sources of funding as well.

Web tool development is critical to this project and we're at the test stage for putting our teaching materials, both Bevin Skiff and Dory boat-based, up on a teaching site known as Moodle.

Check out our hands-on-math videos on YouTube <http://www.youtube.com/user/b2tvideo> (Thanks Dennis Gaffney, David Welsh and Mark Smith). And thanks to Heidi Helgerson for her help this summer.

Seaport Day 2010

Seaport Day took place at four locations this year, including someplace new: the City Dock outside the Torpedo Factory. Joe built a renewable boat with apprentices while children enjoyed constructing and decorating toy wooden boats. Refreshments by Bittersweet and pirate cruises with Potomac River Boat Company rounded out the dock's delights. At the Seaport Center, guests saw a nearly-complete Haven 12 1/2 built by very dedicated ASF volunteers, Bill Hunley's steamboat, and the gig crew, all ready to row. At Waterfront Park, it was all about the Dory boat, past, present, and future. People boarded the *Potomac* and learned the history of the Dory on the Potomac River from richly-detailed display boards. The 2 Duke St. Shop was open for a wooden boat show and apprentice tours. It was a beautiful day!



Summer Program

Hammond Middle School Summer Program

For two weeks in August, the Alexandria Juvenile Court Service Unit, the Alexandria City Public Schools and the Seaport Foundation sponsored two special boat building/ math remediation camps for rising 6th grade students who will be attending Hammond Middle School. The purpose was to increase math skills and to ease the transition to middle school.

Working with Hammond Technical Education teacher Matt Cupples, ASF staff and volunteers utilized ASF's hands-on-math exercises while building the renewable version of the Bevin skiff. All the kids made progress in their math skills, including reading a ruler and performing mathematical operations with "ruler" fractions as well as the basic properties and uses of circles, triangles and rectangles.



Joe Youcha with Students at Hammond Middle School.

We're continuing our work with these students at Hammond this year. Mr. Cupples has all the campers in a PACE class which provides mentoring and math remediation. We'll be building remote control models of the new dory boats as the class's major project and teaching the related math (naturally.) We'll also be supporting Mr. Cupples' after-school Carpentry Club with projects, materials and hands-on exercises.



Joe with Students in the Boat They Built Themselves.

Apprentice Program



Our Paul Weeks II Apprentice of the Year is Christian Bryant. Currently a pile driver at Steel Foundations, Christian had a checkered youth and some court involvement before coming to ASF. He gives Howell, Steve, Darius, and all the ASF community a lot of credit for helping him find a different way. Christian is a boxer in his spare time.



Congratulations to Andrej Bulatovic, Quantaze Hayes, and Rashea Lewis, our July Graduates.

Michael Wilson Retires



Since 1997, Michael Wilson has been a presence in ASF's shops. His character helped shape the program and had a strong influence on the apprentices. Nothing shows this better than a recent phone call from an 1998 apprentice. Like several of our graduates he had enlisted in the military. He served 10 years as a Marine and was calling to invite Michael to his wedding. He wanted Michael there because he used Michael as his example on how to act, and how to decide right from wrong. Michael, you'll be missed.



Congressman Moran Pays a Visit to the 2 Duke St. Shop.

Calendar

Open Shop: Every Tuesday at 7 pm, Seaport Center
Gig Rowing: Saturday at 9 am, Tuesday at 5:30 pm

Graduation and Thanksgiving Feast
November 24 at Noon at 2 Duke St. Shop
Volunteer Appreciation and Potluck

ASF Holiday Party
December 12 2:00-5:00 at 2 Duke St. Shop
Names A through L: Sweets; M through Z: Savories

Apprentice and Volunteer Holiday Party
December 17 at Noon at 2 Duke St. Shop



Boats for Sale

Sailing Canoe, Challenge Wherry, and Bevins.
Call 703-407-3951 for details.



Tim Lawrie and Lou Novak, Gig Rowers (above) at Seaport Day and ASF's Own Wye Island Regatta Champions (left).



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