



Friends of
Lake Johnson
News

August 2009

FRIENDS OF LAKE JOHNSON PRESENT SATURDAY IN THE PARK 2009!

Including the third annual Art in the Park Silent Auction and Sale

At the Lake Johnson Boathouse

4601 Avent Ferry Road

Saturday, September 26, 2009

Parking is available at Athens Drive High School off Avent Ferry Road w/ free shuttle every 15 minutes from 4:00 to 7:00 pm for the Silent Auction and Direct Sales.

Art in the Park features local artists who are helping Friends of Lake Johnson raise money to expand and protect Lake Johnson Park. 100% of the proceeds from the day's events go to the land purchase on Lake Dam Road.

This year we are adding new activities which we hope will make our event even more fun and exciting, including an Adopt a Stream Clean-up and Geocaching; blueberry plants, bluebird houses, and select daylilies for sale or order and our now-famous Silent Auction of original art and other goodies!

Look for continued expansion as we build toward the proposed "Walnut Creek Festival" starting in September 2011 (see last page for more details).

Schedule of Activities

Lake/Stream Clean-up - sponsored by the Capital Chapter of the NC Wildlife Federation - 8:30 to 11:00 am

Geocaching CITO - 11:00 am to 3:30 pm

Plant sale and ordering for blueberry bushes, daylilies and bluebird houses - 4:00 to 6:30 pm

Silent Auction and Direct Sales of art and other goodies - 5:00 to 6:30 pm

Light food and beverages at the Boat House

Join with special guests such as Elizabeth Gardner for a day at the park. See updates at www.lakejohnson.org

Some of our Featured Artists:

Claire Alderks Miller – Painter – Talented painter who creates incredible images capturing the pure beauty of nature in a variety of media; featured in a special showing at the NC Botanical Garden in Chapel Hill and many other venues. See clairealderksmiller.com

Joel Haas – Artist & Author –. Known for his creative metal sculpture, Joel is also offering something totally new and different this year. Hot off the press, signed copies of his exciting new children's book (ages 5 to 9), Poppy Bear, with wonderful illustrations by renowned artist Walter Stanford; his novel, Adlerhof, will also be available. See joelhaasstudio.com

Dan Finch – Potter - Creates diverse array of pieces—stoneware, porcelain, wood-fired, salt-glazed, and raku pottery including miniatures and 10' tall pots and 30 lb stoneware pots. Also, hand-crafted Homes for Bluebirds and blueberry bushes for direct sale/ordering for delivery in November. See danfinch.com

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Dave Bibb - Fine Art Photographer/Heritage Photo Restorer – Art Photographs of nature, architecture, and Lake Johnson; also repairs and restores heritage photos that are torn, faded, or suffered water damage; combines photos into collages. Owner of Point of View Gallery. See povgallery.com

Mike Levi – Wood Turner - Creates beautiful hand carved bowls, vases, and candleholders out of wood destined for the landfill. Mike is returning just for this event from his new home in Swannanoa, NC.

Ann Boyer Lepere – Painter - Paints traditional fine art portraiture in oil or pastels including portraits of families, children, pets and scenic locations. See annboyerlepere.com

David Martin - Painter – A special offering of one of David’s beautiful coastal paintings; a rare chance to own a masterpiece from the deceased painter’s estate; David loved Lake Johnson, our coast, and our mountains.

Great Outdoor Provision Company – The area’s premier supplier of eco-friendly outdoor supplies is providing a “Yak Board.Ocean Kayak”; the purchaser will also get a chance to kayak with Elizabeth Gardner! Special store discount coupons will be available to attendees. See greatoutdoorprovision.com

Bill Leslie & Lorica – Vocalist/Musician/Song Writer – A collection of CD’s from a local favorite featuring music that appeals to all ages: praised by famed cellist Yo-Yo Ma as “one of the greats in modern Celtic Music.” See BillLeslie.com

Sue Church – Painter – Talented pediatrician from Rocky Mount who paints and draws beautiful renditions of a variety of subjects. Last year’s offering is featured on the 2009 poster; signed, numbered copies, suitable for framing, will be available for purchase at Art in the Park.

The Abyssinia Ethiopian Restaurant — Royal Ethiopian Feast for Four or a Royal Ethiopian Feast for Six personally prepared by Chef Tegene Wondafrash. See EthiopianRestaurant.biz

The Angus Barn Restaurant – A special treat that includes a certificate for dinner for two at one of NC’s premier restaurants. See AngusBarn.com

Holly Hill Daylily Farm – Jim Massey, breeder & grower is offering some of his select daylilies; truly outstanding additions to your landscape – and very drought-hardy. See hollyhilldaylilies.com

Larry Earley – Editor of Wildlife in NC magazine, excellent writer and photographer, will offer signed copies of two books, *Looking for Longleaf: The Fall and Rise of the American Forest*, as well as the re-edition of B.W. Wells’ masterpiece, *The Natural Gardens of North Carolina*, with a new forward and magnificent illustrations by Dot Wilbur.

Janice Coffey Swab – Photographer – Biologist and professor at Meredith College, renowned for her photography, offers one of her most acclaimed photographs from her journey to Antarctica. These photos received rave reviews in a recent special showing at Meredith College.

Patricia Savage – Another of our incredible local award-winning talents, Patricia paints landscapes, animals, and plants in pastels and watercolors. She has been the teacher for many of our other local botanical illustrators, and she has been featured at numerous museums and galleries. Patricia will be providing a special Lake Johnson offering. See natureartists.com/artists

Carl Regutti – Sculptor – Internationally acclaimed wildlife sculptor from Cary will be making his first appearance with us; he has been honored not only for his artistic talent but also for his scientific innovations in utilizing various media. Carl is also known for the NC Fallen Firefighters Memorial; see freedommemorials.org/regutti for more examples.

Taylor’s Nursery – Several quality specimen plants that will become instant natural art in your landscape. See taylornursery.com

Campbell Road Nursery – Another of Raleigh’s best nurseries will offer several unique and hardy specimen plants to add lasting beauty to your landscape. Special discount coupons will be available to attendees.

Atlantic Avenue Orchid & Garden Center – We are pleased that another of our best nurseries is offering a specimen orchid to beautify your home. See atlanticavenuegard.com

Woodburn Cottage Bed & Breakfast – Gretchen and George Chapman offer a special night in one of Raleigh’s finest bed and breakfast inns; perfect for a personal getaway or for that special friend or business guest. See woodburncottage.com

And other offerings that were not available at printing; see www.lakejohnson.org for the latest listings

If you would like to be a sponsor of this event or if you want to volunteer to help, please email info@lakejohnson.org or call Benson Kirkman at (919)859-1187.

**Building on our history and planning for an exciting future with new partners –
A Walnut Creek Festival in September 2011**

As mentioned earlier in this newsletter, Friends of Lake Johnson (FoLJ) has taken a leading role in moving toward uniting our efforts with multiple park support organizations in the Walnut Creek Greenway corridor and drainage to organize a new festival starting in September 2011. That festival would encompass the entire Walnut Creek Greenway corridor with Lake Johnson Park at the headwaters as the anchor. Joining us would be the new Walnut Creek Wetland Park, the proposed Dorothea Dix Park, and the historic Pullen, Chavis, and Eliza Poole parks.

While Norm Camp of the Partners for Environmental Justice (Walnut Creek Wetland Park) and Benson Kirkman (FoLJ) conceived the idea, former Councillor Anne Franklin has joined Benson in a major planning effort to bring the idea to fruition. Included in the concept will be an major celebration of the grand opening of the new permanent, climate-controlled housing for Raleigh's two historic carousels at Chavis and Pullen parks. In addition, the Walnut Creek Greenway, one of Raleigh's premier greenway corridors, should be nearing completion, linking all of these parks to the Mountains to Sea Trail that follows the Neuse River Greenway.

Once completed, the larger Walnut Creek Greenway corridor will link to NCSU's Centennial Campus and Lake Raleigh, Rocky Branch Greenway through the NCSU campus, Meredith College and the NC Museum of Art, and ultimately Umstead State Park, the Cary Greenway system, Crabtree Valley Mall and the Crabtree Creek Greenway, and many other destinations.

Once again, FoLJ is building an historic public/private partnership that also includes the Triangle Greenways Council, the Capital Chapter of the NC Wildlife Federation, and several other neighborhood and park support groups. We are also grateful to our corporate sponsors and the ongoing support from the City of Raleigh, and especially the City of Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department. Watch our website lakejohnson.org for continuing updates and links to participating organizations.

Tickets for this year are also available at the Great Outdoor Provision Co. in Cameron Village or online at lakejohnson.org. Please check the website for updates regularly.

Parking is available at Athens Drive High School on Avent Ferry Road, with a free shuttle every 15 minutes from 4:00 to 7:00 PM.

100% of your ticket price or donation will be applied to the land purchase on Lake Dam Road. Friends of Lake Johnson is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Tickets are \$15 per person, two for \$25, or \$10 each in multiples of three or more.

Tickets _____ x \$ _____ = \$ _____

Sorry, I cannot attend, but I am including a donation of \$ _____

Your ticket is good for all activities during Saturday in the Park 2009; please indicate your participation below:

_____ Adopt-a-Stream Cleanup (NO CHARGE) - 8:30 to 11:00

(see also ncwildlifening.com/events/adoptastream-1)

_____ Geocaching CITO with prizes (see lakejohnson.org for more details) - 11:00 to 3:30

_____ Art in the Park 2009 Silent Auction (including light food & beverage) - 5:00 to 6:30

Direct Sales start at 4:00

Make checks payable to Friends of Lake Johnson, and mail your check with this form to:

Friends of Lake Johnson, P.O. Box 37411, Raleigh, NC 27627; Call 859-1187 or 851-5141 for more information

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

All gifts are deductible for tax purposes as provided by law; 100% of ticket price will go for the land purchase.

Thank you for your generous support!

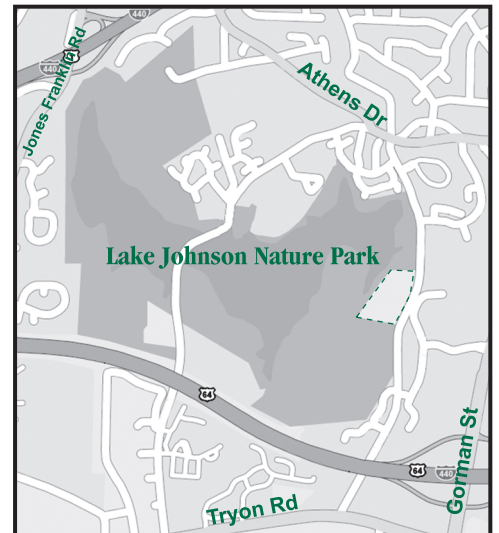
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