

RIDGEWAY COMMITTEE NEWS

We are planning a gala showing of earrings sometime later in the summer. We hope to have lots of participants both from the community and from past instructors and students. We encourage all of you to use the Ridgeway Gallery for your own individual or group shows. Check with us about scheduling. We'll be happy to assist you in any way we can. We look forward to seeing you at the openings. Thanks for your support and for all the words of encouragement...

Paige Davis & Rebecca Plummer

VISITOR'S CENTER

The Visitor's Center is now open for the 1989 season, May through October, with Julie Connaghan, Lilith Eberle and Hunter Kariher sharing the responsibility for various aspects. The Center serves two purposes: First, it gives visitors to the campus a place to go to ask questions, obtain information both about Penland School and about the artists who are living and working nearby. Second, there is a sales gallery of work which represents Penland: all of the work is by former or current students, residents or instructors. The Center, which is located near the Barns at the end of the paved road in the old weaving cabin, is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 am to 12 Noon and 1 pm to 4 pm, and on Sunday from 9 am to 11 am and 12 Noon to 4 pm. Tours are generally available Tuesday and Thursday mornings; however, it is best to call 765-6211 to make an appointment. You can also use that phone number for information about the Visitor's Center, volunteering as a docent or exhibiting work. Someone is needed to work in the Visitor's Center August, September and October, several days a week. If you are interested, please call Hunter Kariher. We also need docents to give tours.

SUPPLY STORE

The Penland Supply Store under the friendly management of Kat Conley assisted by Jane Shellenbarger has a new look. They'd like you to come by to chat, buy a T-Shirt, a cup of coffee and find out what's really going on at Penland. Kat says they'll gladly help you with your art supply needs and even sell you some good junk food, just in case you're tired of the healthy fare in the dining room. So stop by and visit Jane and Kat at the Penland Supply Store. Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 12 and 1:00 to 4:00; Saturday, 9:00 to 12 and Sunday, 12 to 4:00.

APPLE TREE ART SCHOOL

Community resident Meg Peterson is planning a new venture this summer called the Apple Tree Art School, with classes in both Spruce Pine and Bakersville. She'll be offering painting and drawing for adults plus two classes for children in mixed media and art from around the world. There are several sessions of each of these with varying length and varying prices. Meg has been teaching art to children for nearly 15 years including five years in area schools for TRAC and the Mountain Arts Program. For details, call her at 688-3009 or write Meg Peterson, Rt. 3, Box 326, Bakersville, NC 228705.

PENLAND OVERTURE

The Penland area will be immortalized in music when the *Penland Overture* by Alan Kaufman is premiered by the Charlotte Symphony on September 24, 1989. Alan, who is the nephew of Gloria Schulman, Norm's wife, received a grant from the Charlotte Arts and Science Council to compose a work for the Symphony. "As soon as I got the grant," Alan said, "I rode up to Penland for inspiration from the mountains and the people. So it was only fitting that I should call the work the *Penland Overture*." The new work is in the style of Copland with some jazz themes.

SO LONG TO WINTER

Winter residents close out the winter with a show of their work and dinner at Joy and Verne's.

