

VISITORS

During "Youth Art Month", **Judith LaRoche**, Mitchell County art teacher brought two groups of students from Tipton Hill and Buladean schools to visit Penland. All 480 students at Deyton Elementary will visit on April 30. We will be setting up demonstrations in the studios and they will rotate through in small groups.

Other recent visitors include the staff and some board members of PCI who held a retreat at FOPS (Penland's guest house) and about 30 people from Atlanta who visited on April 2 with "Culture Link". We're expecting a group of about 40 from the High Museum on April 22. They'll have brunch at school and then visit some studios in the area.

The **Visitor's Center** will reopen in May. We are looking for someone to manage the center and craft shop from May through October. The Center is open Tuesday through Sunday. Once again we will have tours each Tuesday at 10:30 and Thursday at 1:30.....In addition to a manager, we are also looking for docents to help us as volunteer tour guides. If you are interested either in volunteering to be a docent or applying for the position of manager, please give us a call. We will also be in touch with artists to solicit work for the craft shop in the near future.

And, finally, while we're on the subject of visitors, we'd like to remind you about the availability of the guest house where a single is \$20 and a double is \$30. Call **Connie Sedberry** for reservations.

RIDGEWAY REPORT

Jack Neff donated a painting to Ridgeway. Stop by and see it. It's beautiful.

Over the last several years the Ridgeway Committee has provided financial aid to fellow community members who are going through a rough time. The amounts have been small, reflecting our funds, but always appreciated. This seems like an appropriate addition to the function of the Ridgeway Committee, but in order to add to our funds we will need to have another rummage sale. So save your junk, your seconds, anything you want to get rid of and we'll have a community rummage sale on May 26.

Reminder: Anyone who wants to have a show in the gallery should contact **Paige Davis** (688-3382) or **Becky Plummer** (765-2670).

CAUSES TO CELEBRATE

Traditionally, craftspeople have been involved in many causes, often relating to the environment or outreach to people in need, as well as community cooperative endeavors. This spring there are a number of ways that you can be involved either by donating work or by donating your time or money.

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Celebrate **Earth Day** by coming to brunch at Penland and joining in the road clean-up immediately following. If you have any questions, call **Randy Shull** at 765-1204; if you want to sign up for the brunch, call **Connie Sedberry** at 765-2359 by **April 19**. Once the road is all cleaned up, you may want to stay for the Earth Day events which are being organized by **Louise Todd-Cope** and **Paulus Berensohn** to be held at Penland from 1:00-4:00 on the same day.

Local groups are being invited to set up booths, share their art work or songs, and gather together to celebrate the earth. Louise will be offering a hands-on workshop to make reusable shopping bags and Paulus will offer a workshop to make raw clay containers for bio-dynamic compost starters to bring to friend's gardens. Everyone is encouraged to share in this event; call Louise (675-4868) or Paulus (765-7627) if you have suggestions.

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There are quite a few new residents this year and the costs of setting up a studio and getting started while having to meet regular expenses of utilities and food is difficult, to say the least. So Penland's seven residents have decided to hold an **Auction at the Pines** on **April 26** at 8:00 to help defray costs relative to the facilities which they all share (living and working spaces). They will be putting up their own pieces for auction but will also accept donated pieces to be auctioned. For more information, call **Alicia Keshishian** (765-1204) or leave your piece with any of the residents at the Barns.

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A **Silent Auction** is in the works to benefit Tibetan Children. **Ricky Bernstein** would like to hear from you if you are interested in donating work. The auction will be advertised by means of a catalog which will be mailed in September. All proceeds will be used by **Hands-in-Outreach** to purchase equipment for schools in Nepal. Call Ricky (401-397-9278) or write him at Rt. 2, Box 19, Howard Hill Rd., Foster, RI.

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The **Committee to End Hunger** is soliciting donations of seconds (crafts which are flawed enough to be unacceptable to retailers, but nice enough to be enjoyed by crafts lovers.) These will be sold in a **Holiday Crafts Seconds Sale** in Washington to benefit national and local organizations working to help the homeless and hungry. All donations are tax deductible, donors will receive name and address list of sale attendants and the donor's name can be included in publicity if desired. Send donations or inquiries to **Lynne Tarakan**, 11319 Baritone Court, Silver Spring, MD 20901 (301-593-7664).

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Check the Ridgeway report for details about a **Rummage Sale** which will benefit folks closer to home.

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Calling all carpenters to participate in a work day on the **Flat Arts Building**. Please give **Hunter** a call (765-7912) if you are willing to help. We haven't set a date yet, but we'd like to know how many people might be available.

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And finally, in the cause of beautification, **Pat Thibodeaux**, School Secretary, would like to develop a garden of heaths and heathers near the Pines. If you would like to help with this project Pat would welcome gifts of heaths or heathers from your own garden or donations to purchase plants which range from \$13.00 to \$18.00. Call Pat at the School.

STANDBY PROGRAM

We'd like to urge those of you who live in Avery, Mitchell or Yancey counties (NC), to take advantage of Penland's reduced-tuition **Stand By Program**. Call **Connie Sedberry** to register for classes which begin **April 9th** or for information about summer sessions.