

## COMINGS AND GOINGS

We'd like to welcome three new staff to Penland. **Susan Ross**, a former accountant, began work March 1 in the new position of data processor. This is one of two part-time positions Susan holds. The other is with the Mitchell County Animal Rescue where she handles the phone service and the adoption days. She is the mother of two-year-old Timothy who spends his days at **Sandy Jobe's** "Cabin School." **Connie Davis** joined the staff March 16 as a housekeeper. She and **Doris Young** are responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of all of the public areas of the school. Carol lives in Bakersville and previously worked as a sewer at Modern Glove. **Robert Hynes** is replacing **Patryk Battle** as a cook. Patryk left to work full-time with Muffin Man in Asheville. Robert lives in Celso and has been working at the Windmill Restaurant in Asheville. He studied cooking at the Culinary School of Johnson and Wales College in Rhode Island.

**Julie Connaghan** who managed the Visitor's Center last summer is moving to Boulder, Colorado where she plans to devote all her efforts to body work. Our postmistress **Becky Davis** is moving from a trailer to a house in Silver Hollow.

**Julie Leonard**, who has just begun a two-year residency, and Core student **Linda Crabill** attended the first **Book Arts Conference** in New York, March 30-April 1. Julie was officially representing Penland. **Cynthia Bringle** represented Penland at the **National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA)** meeting in Cincinnati, March 21 through 24th.

**Bill Ford** attended the **Appalachian Study Conference** in Helen, GA from March 23-25 where he was part of a Roundtable Discussion of the significance of settlement schools, folk schools and craft schools in Appalachia. Bill was representing the Penland experience in the discussion. Others on the panel were **David Liden**, Development Director of the John C. Campbell Folk School; Professor **Loyal Jones** from Berea; **Paul Hayes**, Director of the Pine Mountain Settlement School; **Sandra Blaine**, Director of Arrowmont; **Mike Mullins** from Hindman and **Helen Lewis** from the Highlander Center. He reported that it went well. Now that he has prepared all the background, Hunter has asked him to do some history of Penland sessions with students.

**Kat Conley**, Penland's storekeeper, had a guided tour of France with **Michele Tournaire**. They visited Paris, Chartres, Normandy, Moulin and Lyon and villages along the way. Kat felt that the Cathedral at Chartres outdid everything else for her. She said the most interesting aspect of the trip was the opportunity to meet all kinds of French families, to visit in their homes and get a feel for how people live. Another strong impression was the cleanliness of the cities and towns and the efficient use of space. Kat and Michele visited Tourouvre, which is the birthplace of **Connie Sedberry's** ancestors. Stop by the store if you want the complete travelogue.

## IN MEMORIAM

We recently received a gift in memory of **Mary Floride Stoddard**, who died in January at the age of 84. She taught crafts during the summer for many years at Penland and was a retired teacher of arts and crafts for the Knoxville city schools.

Penland lost a good friend in February with the death of **Richardson Rice**, who served as the Interim Director from October 1983 to April 1984. Richardson served on the Penland Board from 1981-85, except while he was director. After a lifetime of working in administration with a number of academic institutions, in retirement he shared his skills with any number of organizations and schools, including Penland. In recent years, he made a trip to Nepal with **Don Willcox** and was one of the founding members of **Hand-in-Outreach**.

## LOOKING FOR A HOUSE AND STUDIO?

**Stephen and Pat Edwards**, who moved to New York State two years ago, have put their log house and 1500 square foot studio on the market. It would, of course, be an ideal situation for another craftsman intending to settle in this area. The property is 18.82 wooded acres and the studio has a gallery/showroom, office, storage and workroom. The property is being handled by **Deborah Wilson** of **Realty World**. The toll free number is 1-800-535-3247.

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**Barbara Ford** is selling a house near Penland. It has three bedrooms, two baths, kitchen and living/dining room on a 3/4-acre lot. \$74,900. Call 704-682-4456.

## NC TEACHERS AT PENLAND

Penland has been working in cooperation with the **North Carolina Department of Public Instruction** to encourage teachers to take advantage of Penland's classes for Public Education Renewal credits. Last summer the partnership was enhanced by the participation of the **North Carolina Arts Council** which awarded matching grants to seven counties to support seven visual arts teachers who came to Penland from **June 5-16**.

A letter from **Norbert Irvine**, Visual Arts Consultant for the Department of Public Instruction summarized the benefits from the experience: The seven school systems (Alexander, Catawba, Currituck, McDowell, Pasquotank, Sampson and Wilkes) have a combined total of 50,500 students. The seven teachers will instruct 1,829 students this year and conduct staff development for the other 51 visual arts teachers within their systems. Those arts educators teach a total of 24,611 students. Thus seven teachers have either directly or indirectly impacted the lives of 26,440 students in North Carolina within one year. The total cost of the program excluding travel and supplies was \$4,655 for seven teachers or 18 cents per student.

This spring Penland once again mailed catalogs and information about the program to all of North Carolina's school systems. Anyone interested in finding out more should call **Connie Sedberry**.