

# Sentinel

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The Society's mission is to foster appreciation of the art of P. Buckley Moss, to promote charitable endeavors consistent with her ideals, and to promote the use of the arts in special education.



## Important Letter to All Society Members

We have some important news to share with you. Effective May 1, 2010, the administration of the P. Buckley Moss Society will be assumed by The Moss Portfolio in Mathews, Virginia. Other than hearing different voices answering the telephone in the Society office, members should notice no immediate change in the operation of the Society.

This decision was made not only to reduce operating costs for the Society but also to pave the way for an expansion of member benefits.

For 23 years the Society has operated separately from The Moss Portfolio. The Society focused on assisting Pat with her charitable works, running all membership programs, and supporting local Society chapters. However, during the past few years, the Society's membership and income declined to the point that it no longer makes economic sense to maintain the Society as a separate organization.

Due to these financial concerns, Society operations

will be transferred to The Moss Portfolio. We hope this transition will make for a financially stronger Moss world.

Some members of the Society's Board of Directors will continue to help guide the future of membership and charitable works by sitting on a newly created Advisory Board. However, the Society office in Waynesboro, Virginia, will close, and unfortunately we'll be losing the services of the staff of Brenda Simmons, Mark Allen, and Lance Allen.

During her eight years with the Society, Brenda has worn many hats, which showed off her flexibility, organizational skills, and excellent customer service. For 8 1/2 years Mark has kept great accounting records, accurately processed memberships, and helped make all processes better. Lance has been with us for 10 1/2 years and is the longest Society employee in our history. We appreciate all of their hard work and dedication and wish them well in the future.

Not much will change for

our members in the short run. Current membership benefits will continue. However, The Portfolio staff is evaluating several new benefit options and privileges that may be offered to members in the future. While the Society's office address will change, its logo will remain, its website address will stay the same, and its chapters will continue to receive support from the office staff. Importantly, the Society will continue to focus on charitable works in the future!

As a part of the reorganization, the Society anticipates making a substantial contribution to The P. Buckley Moss Foundation for Children's Education from the Society's remaining assets. It is our hope that this contribution will pave the way for an even stronger Foundation carrying on the charitable legacy of Pat Moss and the Society.

These decisions were not easy! They have taken time, discussion, tears, and prayers. We are excited about the future and we're proud of our past. ❖

*From the President*

## A New Beginning for the Society



Dear Members,

With the reorganization of the three Moss entities, this will be my last letter as your Society President. Thank you for your continued support of the Society in the past and in the future.

- Chapters, you have done an awesome job in raising funds for charities. Without you, we would not have been able to fulfill our mission to help Pat with her charitable endeavors. We will continue working together in the future.
- Board members, past and present, thank you for all the hours of time you donated to keep the Society on the right track. Until I was involved with the Board, I didn't realize how many countless hours you all had donated.
- Mark and Brenda, our loyal staff, thank you for

your hard work and your loyalty. I will miss talking to you and wish you both well.

- Lance, you are a remarkable young man. Your dedication to us is evident in how well the office ran under your directorship. Your wonderful personality and your quirky sense of humor make you the exceptional person you are. Thank you for being the first Board member to volunteer to be on the new Advisory Board. Your expertise will make the transition run as smoothly as possible. You know that we all wish you a wonderful future.

- Pat, without you, the artwork you donated to us, and the time you shared with us, we would not have the Society. Thank you for your talent and your devotion to help others.

The untold friendships with other Society members will continue to grow and flourish in the future. I look forward to the new membership benefits that Society members will receive under the Portfolio's leadership. The decision to reorganize the Society was a long and difficult but necessary one. Many of our current Board members will serve on the new Advisory Board. Several will serve on the Foundation Board. These past years serving on the Board have been some of the best of my life. Thank you for all of them. This is not goodbye, as I look forward to seeing many of you at future Moss events. This is not the end — it is a new beginning!

Sincerely,

Mary Lou McMillin  
Society President



The Junior Members-Only Print, "Precious Angels in My Garden," will be available for \$55. Its image size is 10 1/4" by 6 1/2". Why not sign up the special juniors in your life for the Society's junior program and purchase this adorable print for them?

### Pat's Gallery Schedule

Pat will appear at the following galleries during the next few months to meet with her collectors and sign purchases of her work. These galleries will have an expanded inventory of prints and originals, and they work hard to make each event enjoyable. This schedule is subject to change at any time. Please call the galleries for show details.

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| Apr. 17     | Frederick, MD<br>McGuire Fine Arts (301) 695-6567           |
| Apr. 23-25  | Waynesboro, VA<br>Museum and Barn Open House (800) 343-8643 |
| June 4-5    | Leesburg, VA<br>Medlin Art. Ltd. (703) 771-8696             |
| June 11-12  | Williamsburg, VA<br>Collectors' Convention (800) 430-1320   |
| July 16-18  | Waynesboro, VA<br>Museum and Barn Open House (800) 343-8643 |
| Sept. 10-11 | Galax, VA<br>Framer's Daughter (276) 236-4920               |
| Oct. 8-10   | Waynesboro, VA<br>Museum and Barn Open House (800) 343-8643 |
| Nov. 11-13  | Kalona, IA<br>Village Shoppe (319) 656-3853                 |



*Pat typically listens to books on tape while she paints.*

Dear Friends,

I have to tell you how excited I am about the reorganization of the Moss world. With the Society office being moved to The Moss Portfolio, we will save thousands of dollars that can be used for scholarships.

Several of the existing Society Board members will be joining the Foundation Board. Their talents and long history with the Society will be an asset for the already talented Foundation Board. The rest of the Society Board has been asked to join a new Advisory Board with Jake Henderson. Together, they will work on ideas to bring new benefits to our members. It's a win-win

relationship!

I wish the Society's staff a wonderful future. Brenda is going to retire for now. Mark will be able to expand his DJ business. Lance, a wonderful young man, already has some ideas for his future. Whoever hires him will know what a talented

person he is. We will still see a lot of Lance since he will be on the Advisory Board.

We look forward to the future work of the Foundation. The charity work that the Society, chapters, and Foundation do is extremely important to me. I love my work and making a difference together with people who care! We all do it together. We are making a difference, and I want to thank you all for your support.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in Williamsburg in June.

Love,

## Important Society News: Award, Facebook . . .

### PRESIDENTS' AWARD

Society members are encouraged to send nominations for the Presidents' Award, which rewards a person who has made a significant contribution to the betterment of children. This award is intended for a volunteer, a mentor, a teacher, a counselor — anyone who has made a significant contribution to improving the lot of children. If in a formal education situation, the circumstances should be above and beyond what is normally expected of a paid professional.

**The person doing the nominating must be a Society member, but the recipient does not need to be.** That significantly expands the application pool since most of us have noted people who go beyond the rest of us in their work with children. The deadline for applications is August 1.

### MOSS ON FACEBOOK

Are you aware that you can find Moss on Facebook? P. Buckley Moss Galleries, Canada Goose Gallery, Martin's Picture Framing and Gallery, and the Lake Marburg Moss Chapter all have created "Fan

Pages." There may be others we are not aware of, but this is a good place to start.

If you have internet access, you can search for any of the names shown above. Whatever search engine you use will bring up links, and after you follow that link you will have the opportunity to sign up. You will then automatically receive updates when they are posted.

The Lake Marburg Moss Chapter is using its Fan Page to focus on its

present fundraiser, but in addition it has photograph albums that show pictures from previous events and of its scholarship presentations.

To create a Fan Page, you must first create a Facebook page of your own, but you will find a lot of Moss people; Pat, her friends, and family members are already on Facebook.

### WILLIAMSBURG CONVENTION

Back by popular demand, the dinner dance at the Williamsburg Convention on Saturday, June 12, will be a Jimmy Buffett Margaritaville theme. The cost of the tickets is \$45 each and includes a generous, delicious buffet. There will be a cash bar. Join us for a fun night with Pat and your Moss friends. Tickets are limited, so order yours soon. Call The Moss Portfolio at 800-430-1320.

### PAT'S BIRTHDAY

Pat, have a great time celebrating your birthday in Italy on May 20.

Members, if you wish to do something meaningful to honor Pat on her birthday, consider making a donation in her name to the P. Buckley Moss Endowed Scholarship.

### Society Address Change

Effective May 1, 2010, all inquiries, membership payments, etc. should be made to the P. Buckley Moss Society, 74 Poplar Grove Lane, Mathews, Virginia, 23109.

The Society's web site, e-mail address, and telephone number will all remain the same:

www.mossociety.org  
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*Feature Article*

## Update on Past Scholarship Winners

Periodically, we would like to update readers on the lives of past Harbison and Cary scholarship winners. Here are a few for you to enjoy.

- Michelle Fouts, the 2001 Cary recipient, graduated from Ashland University in Ashland, Ohio, in 2002 with an undergraduate degree in special education; she currently attends graduate school at University of Dayton for a degree in educational leadership.

After graduation, Michelle returned to the Columbus area and purchased her first home in 2003. She married in 2006 to Christopher Castle and adopted her husband's biological daughters, Kayla, now 15, and Alexis, now 13. Michelle has been a special education teacher for eight years for Columbus City Schools. For three years she taught at Clearbrook Middle School, a separate facility for students who have been identified as emotionally disturbed. For the last five years she has taught at Arlington Park Elementary School in a special education resource room with 4-5<sup>th</sup> grade emotionally disturbed students.

Michelle, a Society member since 2003, and her mother attend every one of the gallery events where Pat appears in the Columbus area. For the past two years, Kayla has attended as well. Michelle is an avid collector of both prints and puzzles.

- Jennifer Dotson Stuhltrager, a 2002 Cary recipient, graduated from Elizabethtown College in May 2003. She taught first grade for a year at Spring Grove School District and then from 2004 to the present at Central Bucks School District. She married in 2006 and currently lives in Quakertown, Pennsylvania.

- Elissa Francis, the 2006 Cary recipient, received her M.S. in Early Childhood Special Education in December 2008 from California State University, Northridge. She has worked as a case manager at the Institute for Applied Behavior Analysis, a non-public agency that provides behavioral support services to children with developmental disabilities.

Elissa gave birth to her first child, Laila Jordan Francis, on June 27, 2008. She stayed home with her for a year but thoroughly enjoys returning to the field.

- Charlie Tucker, the 2001 Harbison recipient, graduated from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in December 2007 with a degree in Media Studies with a concentration in television and film production. He is currently taking additional courses in computer information systems. He previously worked as a product flow specialist at Circuit City and currently works at Harris-Teeter Foods, Inc.



*"Angel in My Garden" is the 2010 adult members-only print. Its image size is 12 1/8" by 11", and its cost is \$75. This beautiful print will be available for purchase to all adult members who join or renew membership in the Society for 2010.*

Charlie's two biggest challenges were meeting deadlines on assignments and living independently of family for the first time. He learned that perseverance pays off and that reaching your goal may require extra time, but you can do so if you work hard.

- Tom Burkam, the 2003 Harbison recipient, graduated from Wittenberg University in 2007 and will begin taking graduate classes this year. He is a Title I teacher of kindergarten and first grade students in Kalkaska Public Schools in northern lower Michigan. His words of encouragement to future scholarship applicants are, "Never give up! You can graduate from college." ❖

### Collectors' Corner

FOR SALE: 1990-2006 porcelain renewal brooches, new in box, never worn, \$800 OBO; fine art dolls Hannah, Jacob & Isaac, part of the Lancaster Ed 1986, in box with certificate, \$400 for set OBO. (609) 398-6235 or e-mail mmohr@aol.com

Box 2421

WANTED: Print of "FFA Leaders of Tomorrow." (540) 886-2189  
Box 2422

**For ad guidelines and to place an ad, please contact the Society office (540) 943-5678 or [society@moossociety.org](mailto:society@moossociety.org).**

**The deadline for submitting ads for the July issue is June 1.**



*Chapter Updates***Chapters Continue Charity Efforts, Activities**

**MOSS PELICANS** Chapter (St. Petersburg, FL) raised \$1,360 with its raffle of an original watercolor donated by Pat Moss. The lucky recipient was Ginny Myers of Bellefontaine, Ohio, a Pelican chapter member. The proceeds were to be used to sponsor Debra Jackson, a Pinellas County middle school teacher, to attend the Foundation Conference. Since the 2009 conference was canceled, the chapter will reserve the funds for her to attend the 2010 conference but voted to donate a portion for her immediate needs in purchasing much-needed art supplies for her students now. They also provided a donation to the "Smile Team" at the Morton Plant Mease Hospital, a volunteer group that works through the Hospice of the Florida Suncoast. They have been trained through the Clown College to reach out and bring joy to hospice patients and their families.

**DAUGHTER OF THE STARS** Chapter (Strasburg, VA) was unable to sponsor its bingo fundraiser in 2009. For several years, these funds provided scholarships to area students. The chapter did have enough money left in its scholarship fund to award a \$400 scholarship to Mercedes Burns, a graduating special education student at Strasburg High School.

From chapter auctions and 50/50 drawings at meetings, the chapter donated \$50 to Christmas Party for Special Kids, \$50 to the Empty Stocking, \$200 to Shenandoah County Free Clinic, and \$200 to the Strasburg Compassion Cupboard food pantry.

A favorite meeting during the year involved each member bringing an item with family history attached to it. Items were offered with interesting stories about their significance. Members all gained a deeper understanding of each other through this thoughtful activity.

**HEART OF IOWA** Chapter (Ames, IA) collected canned goods and cash at its meetings for local food pan-

tries. It donated \$150 to the Personal Energy Transportation project, \$250 to the Emergency Residence Project, and \$358 to the Good Neighbors Assistance Program.

Members also continue to support the Amanda the Panda program, including gifts for cheer boxes to be sent to families the first Christmas after losing a loved one. The chapter also adopted three families from ACCESS, a local women and children's shelter. \$800 from the 2009 tea proceeds were utilized to buy gifts for these families.

**MOSS AT THE LAKE** Chapter (Moneta, VA) again collected school supplies and delivered them to local elementary schools. It also awarded two \$500 scholarships to two Franklin County High School seniors.

**MOSS IN THE COUNTRY** Chapter (Roanoke, VA) raffled the remarked print of "Our Field Trip." Doris Hansel from the Local Office on Aging presented the chapter's program in March, informing the group of the different functions of the LOA. It provides elderly and handicapped persons with housing facilities and services specially designed to meet their physical, social, and psychological needs. She returned in November to draw the winning ticket, which belonged to Phyllis Clodfelter from North Carolina. The LOA will use the \$4,000 raised for its Meals on Wheels program.

The chapter continues to participate in several ongoing service projects. Members collected pull tabs from drink cans for the Roanoke Ronald McDonald House. To celebrate Pat's birthday in May, they prepared and served a hot meal to guests at the House. In September, they joined with Moss in the Valley Chapter and provided another dinner for guests there.

The Rescue Mission in Roanoke and the Botetourt Food Pantry are also regular recipients of items that

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**Total raised for charity in these chapter reports is an outstanding \$29,749!**


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members donate at the meetings. For its Christmas project, the chapter donated \$500 to the latter. It also donated \$50 each to Lord Botetourt and James River High Schools for their After Prom Parties, which encourage an alcohol-free prom night.

**MOSS IN THE HIGHLANDS** chapter (Covington, VA) raised \$1,500 with its raffle of "Fun-filled Memories." The proceeds were donated to the Shenandoah Autism Center of Clifton Forge, Virginia. Winner of the remarked print was Connie Johnson of Eagle Rock.

Members also conducted two service projects during the year. For six months they collected items for both cats and dogs and donated them to the Humane Society of Clifton Forge. For three months they collected new clothing for the Alleghany County Public Fund for students that might have accidents while they are at school. Items included socks, underwear, sweat pants, shirts, etc.

**MOSS IN THE NEW RIVER VALLEY** Chapter (Radford, VA) continued to disburse funds from the sale of its cookbooks the previous year. It donated \$1,000 to the Wytheville Community College scholarship fund, \$1,000 to the New River Community College scholarship fund, \$700 to the American Red Cross, and \$2,000 to Flying Change Equine Program for handicapped children.

Members continued to collect aluminum drink tabs for the Roanoke Ronald McDonald House, household and personal hygiene items for Joy Ranch Home for Children in Woodlawn, and food, household items, and personal hygiene items for five food pantries in the

area. In addition, they continued to make scarves for Scarves of Hope.

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**MOSS REFLECTIONS** Chapter (Cedar Rapids, IA) continued to sell coupon books in the local Community Day Coupon Book sale for the sixth year. From the results, it donated \$1,450 to the Henry Davison Youth Center, which is helping kids recover from the flood of 2008. Breakfast is provided each day; activities include an Easter Egg Hunt and free snacks, a back to school "Fun Day" when school supplies are given to children in need, and Thanksgiving Dinner for the homeless and underprivileged.

The chapter also donated \$1,270 to Aid to Women, a nonprofit organization which encourages and teaches women to better themselves socially, intellectually, spiritually, and economically.

They also donated \$200 to the two candidates they sponsored for the Harbison and Cary scholarships. They continued with their annual projects: 30 baskets for the Hawkeye Area Community Action Head Start program, Easter items for the H.D. Youth Center, food, paper products, diapers, and layette items for Aid to Women. The group estimates these donated items have a value of over \$1,600.

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**MOSS SHOWS CHILDREN** Chapter (Independence, MO) had to forgo its annual bunko fundraiser last year because several members had serious health issues. However, it still selected to donate \$200 to the Back-Snack of the Northland at St. James Lutheran Church.

Members also chose to help Mothers Refuge, a home that helps young women who are pregnant and have no place to stay. They learn

housekeeping skills, finish high school, or receive work force training. Each girl staying at the house during the Christmas holiday season received bags with items on their Christmas lists for themselves and their newborns.

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**PAT'S BLUE GOOSE** Chapter (Mineral, VA) focused its 2009 efforts on raising funds for Vincent Tickle, a ten-year-old boy with malignant thyroid cancer. Several activities raised a total of \$10,014 for the fund.

The raffle of "Within My Soul" raised \$4,860 of that amount, an outstanding effort for any raffle. Vincent drew the winning ticket on December 15. Members sold tickets at the P. Buckley Moss Museum, the Pine Cabinet, street festivals, shopping centers, any place that would let them set up a sales table. Pat Jones of Charlottesville won the print.

The group raised \$4,361 at a Longaberger Basket Bingo party in September. All the baskets, the hall, food, door prizes, and cakes were donated. In November members sold breakfast and lunch at The Sisters & Friends Craft Show in Louisa, raising an additional \$272. The P. Buckley Moss Foundation donated a wood box to the chapter; ticket sales for this raffled item raised \$270 for the Vincent Fund and \$80 for the Foundation. Further donations added \$251.

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**SOUTHSIDE VIRGINIA** Chapter (Colonial Heights, VA) worked on three service projects in 2009 before it became inactive. Members made fleece blankets for Operation Smiles, a program in which dentists, dental hygienists, and assistants donate their time, service, and talents in third world countries to repair oral/dental problems for children. Each

child treated is given a blanket. They made Vitamin E cream from over-the-counter products, filled four-ounce new cosmetic jars, and delivered them to a local nursing home. They also collected toiletries for the local Cares Program, which provides safe houses for women and children whose lives are in danger. The group used the remaining funds in its treasury (\$177) to provide three backpacks filled with school supplies for needy students, plus some of the classroom needs like tissues, paper, and pencils for the students.

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**MOSS APPEAL** Chapter (Fairmont, MN) sponsored its annual garden tour/luncheon. It raised \$5,000 for the Southern Plains School for Autism in Welcome, Minnesota to purchase special adaptive equipment for its students. Additional funds were donated to the Denise Schweiger Scholarships for students planning to major in the arts. This chapter also became inactive at the conclusion of 2009.

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**APPLESEEDS OF MOSS** Chapter (Bellefontaine, OH) had members read *The Christmas Jar* by Jason F. Write and then collect their loose change for the year in quart canning jars. They obtained the names of three nursing home residents who did not have family to celebrate Christmas with and purchased needed items for them, wrapped the gifts, and delivered them to the recipients, who were thrilled and surprised to have their own special Christmas. The remainder of the \$270 they raised was donated to a local charity to purchase webcams for two families with members in the military stationed in Afghanistan in order for them to communicate with each other. ❖

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**TOTAL:**

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\_\_\_\_ YES! I authorize you to enroll me in the Automatic Renewal Program for future P. Buckley Moss Society membership renewals. Each year when membership items are ready for shipment in March or April, an automatic payment will be charged to my credit card, according to the information I've provided below. This process will begin with my 2011 renewal and continue until I notify the P. Buckley Moss Society otherwise.

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