



"Seasons of Love, Winter"
Twentieth Members-Only Print



"Warm Hearts"
Seventh Junior Members-Only Print

The Fourth Smith Year 2006

Rarely have the officers and directors remained the same from one year to the next, but 2006 was such a case.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The 2006 P. Buckley Moss Society — Anne and Matt Harbison Scholarship winner was Amanda Merrill of Highland Village, Texas. The amount was increased this year to \$1,500. She captained both her track and cross country teams, even though she was on crutches for several months. She served as president of her church youth group and received the Young Womanhood Recognition Award from her church for achieving personal goals and contributing many hours of

community service over a six year period. A dyslexic herself, Amanda loves tutoring children with learning disabilities. She also worked with children who struggle with obesity. She attends Brigham Young University where she is majoring in education, specializing in helping children with learning disabilities.

Tom Burkam, Bethany Elkins, and Blake Cammack received renewals of their scholarships.

Elissa Francis of Thousand Oaks, California, was the recipient of the \$1,000 2006 Cary Leadership Memorial Scholarship. A 2004 graduate of California Lutheran University with a degree in psychology, she is now working on her master's degree in special education plus



2006 membership card "Skating Day"

teaching credentials at California State University, Northridge. Elissa worked with special needs children at both the Institute for Applied Behavior Analysis and the Huntington Learning Center.

PRESIDENTS' AWARD

Implemented in 2003 to honor past Society presidents, this \$1,000 award is given for improving the education and well being of children. Floyd G. Boothe of Richmond, Virginia, is the fourth recipient of the Presidents' Award.

For many years, Floyd served as an ACT volunteer at Laburnum Elementary School. In 2004 he took on an even bigger responsibility as a Court Appointed Special Advocate. His responsibilities involve gathering information from schools, neighbors, and extended family members concerning the child assigned to him and then making a recommendation of best interest solution to the court. The judge will consider the reports from the CASA volunteer as well as the report from the Child Protective Agency in deciding where to place the child. Floyd epitomizes the qualities that define this award.

PROCEDURE CHANGES & ADDITIONS

Only a few minor changes occurred this year in office procedures.

- Late in 2004, a cyber chapter for members who are not in an area where chapters exist began on a trial basis. There were a number of problems trying to get such a chapter up and running. The concept has been abandoned and other methods of staying in touch with members are being explored.

- Over the years, many people have forgotten to submit their renewal payments on time. Beginning this spring, an automatic renewal option began. Each year when membership items are ready for shipment in March or April, an automatic payment will be charged to an enrollee's credit card and the items will be shipped then regardless of the official renewal date. The process will continue until the enrollee notifies the Society otherwise.

- Cridge, Inc. from Pennsylvania continues to provide the porcelain membership brooch, but the company no longer provides the shipping to members. All the fulfillment items are now stored at the office. At designated times, McClung Companies, which has printed the *Sentinel* for many years, will print



2006 Renewal Gift
"Eternal Spirit"

the membership cards, number the brooches, and package and mail them.

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The Board decision with the greatest impact for the future was to establish the P. Buckley Moss Endowed Scholarship in conjunction with the Foundation. The initial contribution to the fund was \$20,000, an appropriate number as the Society approaches its twentieth year.

The award will begin in 2007 with one scholarship of \$1,500. The recipient will be a graduating high school senior with a verified specific language-related learning disability who intends to pursue a career in a visual arts field. He/she must be



2006 Members-Only Giclée
"Just Visiting"

accepted to an accredited four-year college or university or a two-year community college.

Financial need

is a major component of the criteria. A potential for renewal exists, but the recipient must reapply and be approved to receive the scholarship for up to three subsequent years.

The funds will be invested and only the net earnings generated by the principal amount in the fund will be disbursed. Thus, the scholarship will be available for many years to come. The selection committee, comprised of a delegate from the Society, a delegate from the Foundation, and a designee of Pat, will determine the number and amount of scholarships to be awarded each year.

Efforts will be ongoing to add to the principal of this fund in order to expand the awards. The initial challenge to members was to raise an additional \$20,000 with donations throughout 2007. Fundraising efforts would also increase the amount. Pat is honored to have this scholarship exist forever in her name.

REGIONAL CHAPTER TRAINING

Forty-four people representing eight chapters attended the Chapter Training program on August 11 at Sauder Village in Archbold, Ohio. Trees of Life Chapter (Defiance, OH) provided wonderful floral decorations as well as refreshments and snacks.



"Skating at the Star Barn"
membership brooch



Judy Burkholder of Sara's Garden uses volunteer Al Sandstrom to demonstrate the hyperbaric oxygen equipment.

The day's theme was "The Secret Garden," discovering the secret to chapter growth and success. Chapter attendees shared their "Bloomin' Good Ideas." Presenters included Bonnie Stump from the Moss Museum, whose slide program explained Pat's work and its symbolism; Randy and Ginny Myers, who showed slides of traveling through beautiful Ohio via Pat's art; Marlyn DeWaard, who discussed the *Sentinel*, and Trees of Life members Jenni Call and Jane Parker, who gave a PowerPoint presentation on producing a chapter newsletter; and Pat, who showed new products. Attendees also learned the fundamentals of playing bunco.



2006 porcelain nameplate "Seasons of Love, Winter"

Judy Burkholder of Saturday night's benefit dinner recipient, Sara's Garden, explained the nonprofit hyperbaric treatment facility named for her daughter-in-law. When Sara died unexpectedly during childbirth, her son Jackson was born with cerebral palsy. Judy and Sara's mother, Pam Rychener, began the hyperbaric oxygen therapy center to assist people like Jackson who had been deprived of oxygen. The one-day raffle of "The Flower Garden," won by Terri Meeks of Moss at Monticello, raised \$254 for the organization.

Thursday afternoon before dinner, a number of people visited the Lockport Covered Bridge, featured in Corner Gallery's show print for the weekend. That evening several people participated in a lively game of Moss Jeopardy, created by Deb Weisgerber. Saturday morning, the athletic ones walked with Pat in the Sauder Village area. The \$55 participation fee for the walk went to the Moss Foundation.



Several people joined Pat for a visit to the Lockport Covered Bridge.



Pat and her family members enjoy the Jimmy Buffett party at the Williamsburg Convention.

WILLIAMSBURG CONVENTION

The first convention to be held in Colonial Williamsburg was September 22 and 23. For those people who arrived early, the Society sponsored a program on Thursday evening preceding the convention. About 70 people joined Pat for dinner at the famed King's Arms Tavern, where a costumed wait staff welcomed the group and wandering balladeers serenaded them. Then 50 people went on a walking tour of the area to hear about ghosts and spirits in Williamsburg.

The Society had such fun at last year's Jimmy Buffett party in Roanoke that it repeated this theme. Visible again were the parrots, coconuts, seashells, leis, and palm trees. People enjoyed attending the dinner dance in more comfortable, colorful, casual clothing. During the evening, three teams of two were picked from the audience for a fun game. Each team answered questions about Moss, Jimmy Buffett, and Colonial Williamsburg. A few contestants even had to sing!

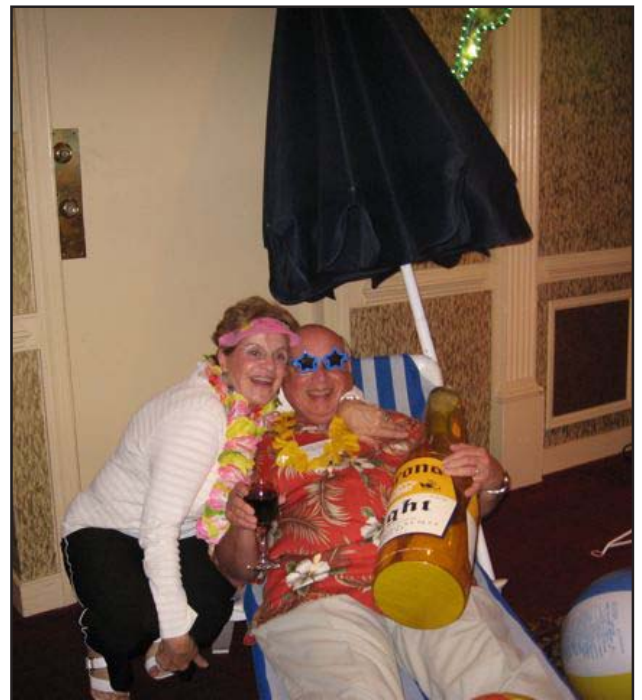
The combination of a raffle, the auction at the dinner dance, and the amount earned on the dinner itself raised \$7,328 for the Moss Foundation.

SOCIETY TRIP — SOUTHWEST

Twenty Society members joined 14 members of the Virginia chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees on a Collette Vacations tour of the Southwest Sept. 3-10.

The tour began with three nights in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The two highlights there were a private class at the Santa Fe School of Cooking and a relaxing float trip on the Rio Grande River. The group watched Chef Enrique prepare a seasonal green salad, black beans, corn flan, raspberry-chile glazed chicken roulade, and capirotda



Pat and Society president Art Smith have fun with some of the Williamsburg Convention decorations.



Warren, the Park guide, explains life in the Spruce Tree Cliff Dwelling.

(pecan bread pudding). Then came the fun part — eating all the food.

After a group picture and putting on life vests, everybody climbed into the rafts. A Native American guide accompanied each raft and explained the history and culture of the area's indigenous people and their unique view of the land they inhabit. The morning concluded with a demonstration of the traditional art of pottery making and then a delicious customary feast prepared and served by a Pueblo Indian family. The afternoon drive included a stop at Taos Pueblo, a five-story pueblo community that has been continuously inhabited by descendants of the same tribe of Native Americans for over 1,000 years.

The next two nights were spent in Durango, Colorado. En route, the main stop was the Four Corners, the traditional homeland of several

Native American tribes and the only place in the country where one can stand in four states at the same time. The other attraction there was the large number of jewelry and craft vendors, especially the beautiful turquoise items. But the most fun purchase was found in downtown Durango with the discovery of flying monkeys, puppet-like critters that can be sent flying through the air as they screech wildly. Several people bought multiple monkeys to take home to grandchildren (or play with themselves!). A couple of the monkeys enjoyed participating in the remaining activities, even a hot air balloon ride.

Probably the most spectacular visit was to Mesa Verde National Park the next morning. The first ancestral Puebloans settled there 1,400 years ago. They lived in pithouses clustered into small villages usually built on mesa tops but sometimes in cliff recesses. For more than 700 years, they and their descendants lived there, eventually building elaborate stone com-



The group enjoyed Albuquerque's Historic Old Town.



*"Celebration Ride"
junior renewal pin*

munities in the sheltered alcoves of canyon walls. About half the group climbed down to see the Spruce Tree Cliff Dwelling. Fortunately, it did not begin to rain until they made the upward climb and stopped for lunch. The skies really opened up later on the drive back to Durango.

The final two nights were in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Included was a city tour with a walking trek of Historic Old Town. During the free day, some people took a morning hot air balloon ride, while others visited Sandia Peak by taking the world's longest aerial tramway.

Although only a handful of Society members participated, compared to some of the other trips, the tour was a wonderful mix of both fun planned activities and leisure time, with spectacular scenery thrown in.

FOUNDATION

Sammy Goodwin, an art therapist and visual arts teacher at Middle School Academy, a non-traditional school in Winston-Salem Forsyth County School System in North Carolina, was the only recipient of the 2006 National Teachers' Award. She received \$2,500; her school received a matching amount.

Five educators also received \$1,000 grants to further their programs to provide educational opportunities for children who learn differently. They were Mark Lago of Lincoln, Nebraska; Chris Watson of Warrensville, North Carolina; Jancy Cossin of Westerville, Ohio; Maria Ostrofsky of Copiague, New York; and Jenny Burrow of Fresno, California. Barbara Verbos of Stuart, Virginia, received an award of \$250.

Once again, the Foundation sponsored its Creative Mind Conference at Sweet Briar, Virginia, in the fall. It also sponsored a gala fundraising event in Roanoke, Virginia, on November 11, where it raised funds for its programs that benefit children.

