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Virginia Secretary of Natural Resources Guest Speaker at FOSR Annual Banquet

The guest speaker at the FOSR Annual Membership and Awards banquet held on April 6, 2002, was Virginia's newly appointed Secretary of Natural Resources, W. Tayloe Murphy Jr., who praised the Friends for their water testing program and for sharing the results with all those interested in water quality in the Shenandoah.

Murphy urged the Friends to greater efforts, pointing out a National Geographic Survey conducted last year that showed only 15 percent of the American public knew what non-point source pollution is and what role they play in producing this diffuse pollution problem. He said 44 percent of those surveyed erroneously thought point sources, like industries, were the largest polluters of waterways. Few of those survey even knew what a watershed was,

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"The good news is that the same survey showed that 65 percent of the respondents said they wanted to become more personally involved in protecting our waterways," Murphy said. He urged the Friends of the Shenandoah River to "take a leadership role in taking this watershed message to

your local communities." He also asked the FOSR to work with local governments to aid land conservation efforts to improve the water quality of both the Shenandoah and the Chesapeake Bay. He noted that local governments will have greater responsibilities for meeting new caps on nutrients under a revised Chesapeake Bay Nutrient Reduction Strategy.

His final message concerned funding. "Less than 1 percent of the Commonwealth's general fund budget goes to protecting natural resources", Murphy said. "During my four years in office, I will work hard to promote the need for increased funding for water quality, land conservation and other natural resource efforts ..." Murphy said. He said much could be done if the funding level was increased to just 2 percent of the general fund budget. "But we cannot do it alone. Your legislators need to hear that this is an important goal for you, their constituents," he said. "So, remember to put in your two cents worth, because this is all we need from each dollar that goes to the general fund." Murphy said the concept is one he feels his friends and General Assembly colleague "Andy" Guest would have supported.

§ Fran Endicott Honored with the First Raymond R. "Andy" Guest, Jr. Conservation Award § (by Val Van Meter)

The Friends of the Shenandoah River honored Frances Endicott of Clarke County, with the first Raymond R Guest, Jr. Conservation Award at the its Annual Membership and Awards Banquet on April 6.

Fran began her involvement with the Shenandoah watershed in the mid-1970's, by protesting the proposed "pumpover" of water to supply Northern Virginia's population growth.

When the proposal was defeated, she turned her efforts to securing a state Scenic River designation for the Shenandoah to guarantee that its beauty and recreational use would receive notice in further efforts to consider the river as only a water supply line for municipalities.

Fran's daughter, Linda Thomas, in making the presentation to her mother, noted how fitting it was for Fran to receive the first award named in Guest's honor. Guest, who represented Warren County in the legislature, was recruited by Fran to push the designation through the Virginia General Assembly. He made a personal plea to Governor John Dalton to sign the bill that designated 14 miles of the Shenandoah in Clarke County as a State "Scenic River". To date, it is the only section of the river to receive this protection. In recognition of her efforts, Virginia's governor named Fran the first chair of the Scenic River Advisory Board for the Shenandoah.

Over nearly a decade, Fran has served on the Board of Directors of the FOSR, led the organization as its president., served as president of the Northern Shenandoah Valley Audubon Society and has registered endangered species in Calmes Neck with the Virginia Native Plant Society.

According to her daughter, Fran, now in her 80's, continues to spread her message to "preserve, be a good steward and get involved because it's everyone's responsibility." Fran, you are an inspiration to all who know you.

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Friend of the River

Steve Talley

For building communication among those dedicated to the protection of the Shenandoah River watershed

Director of the Year

V. Milton Boyce

For his tireless dedication to the goals of the FOSR and efforts to increase its effectiveness

Special Merit Award

John Simpers

In gratitude for his excellent work as FOSR Secretary as well as his assistance in the lab

Volunteer of the Year Award

Val Van Meter

For contributions to fund raising and membership recruitment

Special Merit Award

Web Committee

(Charles Vandervoort, Carla Vandervoort, Doug Janelle)

For special service in redesigning the FOSR website and making the analysis data available to all that are interested in the health of the Shenandoah River

The FOSR water monitoring program is made possible through the cooperation of dedicated volunteer citizen organizations. Each of these organizations was asked to select a volunteer monitor that shined a little brighter. These individuals were recognized by the FOSR for their dedication and contribution to the monitoring of the Shenandoah River and received a "Friend of the Shenandoah River, 2002 Monitor of the Year" cap.

Monitor of the Year from:

- Augusta County Volunteer Citizen Monitoring Group- Richard & Myrna Sternasty
- Friends of the North Fork of the Shenandoah River- Gary Proctor
- Friends of the North River- Rudy Tucker
- FOSR-Clarke County Volunteer Monitors- Bud Nagelvoort
- FOSR-Frederick County Volunteer Monitors- Jeff Thomas
- FOSR-Page County Volunteer Monitors- Hal Slover
- FOSR-Warren County Volunteer Monitors- Gene & Jolissa Mathews
- The Opequon Watershed- Jim Smith

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS & GENEROUS SUPPORT

The Board, on behalf of the Friends of the Shenandoah River, gratefully acknowledges the many gifts which we have received through the "appeal," "proposals," and "silent auction." These gifts will greatly enhance our organization's mission for the preservation and restoration of the aquatic environment of the Shenandoah River and its tributaries. Thank you for your kindness and generous support.

Appeals:

- Fred & Christine Andrea
- Louis Baker
- J. Smith & Rosalie Baldwin
- Phil & Sandy Baumgart
- Ted & Nancy Bishop
- Linda Borrer
- Nancy Bouse
- Milton & Margaret Boyce
- Collins Masonary c/o James D. Collins
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Grant Support:

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- Virginia Environmental Endowment
- Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
- Virginia Department of Conservation & Recreation
- Clarke County
- Warren County
- Shenandoah Basin Project
- Chesapeake Bay Licensing Fund
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Annual Membership & Awards Banquet/ Silent Auction:

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| Gail Souther | Omps Funeral Home | Lord & Lady | Mane Attraction | High Point Restaurant | Big Lots | |
| Joyce Scott | Coors | Emmart Oil | Mad Bomber | Panda Express Restaurant | Jerry's Tire | |
| Joy Costello | The Stop | Impressions Plus | Martins-- Berryville Ave. | Hot Body | Jo Anne's Fabrics | |
| Ed Ward | Element Sports | The River'd Inn | Fosters Jewelers | Belle Grove | Wayne's Garage | |
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| Dominion Health & Fitness | As It Turns Woodworking | Holiday Inn Express-Stephens City | Southern States-Winchester Cooperative | | Blue Ridge Hot Air Balloons | |

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY PURE WATER 2000 FORUM (by Charles Vandervoort)

On April 16 the Shenandoah Valley Pure Water 2000 forum held its annual meeting. This meeting also served to celebrate the Forum's fifth anniversary.

The morning session was devoted to four excellent presentations. Vernon Meachem of Harmony Products, Inc. showed slides and discussed the equipment and process his firm developed and uses to convert poultry litter into fertilizer that is sold at competitive prices to farmers. It is, of course, much preferred to convert litter into fertilizer than to dump it into the river.

The FOSR then presented slides on the status of the FOSR web page (www.fosr.org), especially as it relates to the online retrieval of water quality monitoring data. At this time the data are available in the form of an Excel spreadsheet, and retrieving these data requires some familiarity with spreadsheet manipulation. By mid-summer, easy-to-use queries will enable retrieval of data by users who are less sophisticated. And by the end of this year it is hoped that the water quality monitoring data can be blended in with a geographic information system (GIS). Terri Brown of the Terrane Environmental Company gave a presentation on the nature of karst aquifers, their vulnerability to pollu-

tion and impact of the drought, and the dearth of data available on karst. She also presented the outline of her Groundwater Guardian Pilot Program that aims to develop an action plan for increasing understanding of karst phenomena in the Shenandoah Valley. This was followed, in the afternoon, by a workshop on groundwater issues in the valley, and a field trip to Grand Caverns.

In essence, he said that the current drought is indeed a serious one and is comparable to the 1930 drought (a record) and the 3 to 4 year drought in the mid-nineteen sixties.

The final presentation was by Dr. Patrick J. Michael, State Climatologist, University of Virginia who presented his "Drought Report for the Shenandoah Valley." In essence, he said that the current drought is indeed a serious one and is comparable to the 1930 drought (a record) and the 3 to 4 year drought in the mid-nineteen sixties. It is not clear to what extent the current drought is related to global warming, but there is no evidence that next year or the year after will be better. On a side note, the zone of higher-than-average temperatures lies in the heavily populated corridor between New York and Washington DC, and we can expect massive brownouts in that region this summer.

Virginia Environmental Endowment Celebrates 25 Years

Virginia Environmental Endowment (VEE) celebrates 25 years of service to the citizens of Virginia. During the 2002 Environment Virginia Conference, W. Taylor Murphy, VA Secretary of Natural Resources, presented Gerald P. McCarthy, VEE, Executive Director, a citation for VEE's service to improve the quality of the environment for the people of Virginia. Gerald has served as Executive

Director since VEE was established in 1977. The Endowment currently limits grant awards to nonprofit organizations for environmental programs conducted in Virginia and in the Kanawha and Ohio Valleys of Kentucky and West Virginia. VEE has been very supportive of the work of the FOSR. Presently VEE is supporting a grant for improving stream side water monitoring and lab efficiency.

In Memory of...

The FOSR extend their sympathy to the family and friends of Ray Luce of Strasburg, Virginia who died unexpectedly of a heart attack on May 3. Ray was looking forward to becoming an active member of the organization and contributing his experience as a businessman and fund-raiser. Ray had moved to Virginia from New Jersey two years ago in order to spend his semi-retirement in the Shenandoah Valley that he loved so much.

Friends of the North Fork Shenandoah River were saddened by the death of our Co-Founder, Garland Hudgins on March 24. In 1988, Garland recruited almost 50 water quality and 12 benthic monitors (critter counters) on the North Fork and originated our monitoring program. He spent hours in our office with his colleague, Doc Johnson, testing the water samples for

nitrates, phosphates, pH, ammonium-nitrate, and dissolved oxygen, all self-taught. Garland also located the First Spring of the North Fork and saw to it that a monument was placed at the site. Yearly Spring celebrations at the Spring were his idea. We'll miss his innovative thinking, his county expertise, his love of the North Fork, and his willingness to tackle anyone or any problem that had to do with the River. His talents were many, and his loss is great.

The FOSR also extends their sympathy to the family of Bob Marshall, a former FOSR board member, whose mother passed away.

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You Can Help:

- *June: Election of new FOSR Officers*
- *Interested in serving on the FOSR Board please contact Karen (540) 665-1286*
- *Join the many FOSR volunteers and do your part in restoring the health and beauty of the Shenandoah River watershed. Contact Karen (540)665-1286*

iUp-Coming Events:

Visit the season opening of the Old Town Neighbors Association Farmers Market, and swing by the Potomac Conservancy's brand-new Winchester field office and Shenandoah Resource Center to learn more about what we're doing for the Shenandoah Valley. Learn how we can work together to protect this one-of-a-kind resource!!!

When: Saturday, June 1- 9 a.m. to noon

Where: 10 South Loudoun Street on the Old Town Mall in Winchester, VA

Why: Learn about our conservation efforts in the Valley and how you can become involved!



VA Dept of Health Restrictions & Health Advisory for Consumption of Fish:

For the following Areas:

PCB's/Mercury Advisory- DO NOT CONSUME FISH CAUGHT

- Shenandoah-from the confluence of the North & South Forks to the W. VA line
- North Fork Shenandoah-downstream from Passage Creek
- South Fork Shenandoah-from RT. 619 bridge (near Front Royal) downstream
- South River-Footbridge @ DuPont in Waynesboro, downstream to confluence w/ North River @ Port Republic

South Fork Shenandoah-from Port Republic to Rt. 619 bridge near Front Royal-Mercury-Eat no more than two 8 oz fish per month. Small children, nursing moms, pregnant women, & women who may become pregnant should not eat fish from these waters

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