

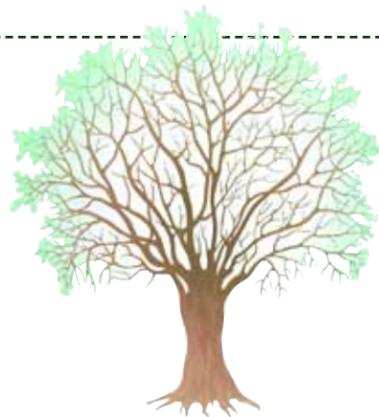
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## MUSIC IN THE WOODS

May 12, 2012, 10 AM – 4 PM

**MUSIC IN THE WOODS!** Just the name captures the imagination and inspires folks to circle the date of this event on their calendars. When the day finally arrives, spirits soar as soon as one begins the short hike up the driveway and hears the melodious sounds drifting through the tender, young leaves of the spring green trees. Dulcimer, mandolin, harmonica, banjo, guitar, harp, flute, mouth harp — there's just no guessing which instrument might tickle the eardrums.

Musicians of every caliber join in the fun and entertain with their special renditions of our favorite tunes. This year will feature the return of many of our most popular bands and performers, as well as some newcomers. If you enjoy playing and entertaining, you still have time to join in. Just call the Nature Center to sign-up for a spot.

If you just want to jam, bring your instrument along. There is a special corner for jam sessions. We hope to have a dancing troupe or two, and of course, a number of vendors will have their wares on display for those who are shopping for gifts — plants, pottery, musical instruments and more.

Music in the Woods has become one of our most popular events. It's a day of harmony

and song for families, friends, and music enthusiasts of all ages. So don those dancing shoes and come on over to tap your toes, sing along, meet new folks, mellow down, and enjoy a hotdog or two. Let your spirit soar. That's what it's all about at . . . (MJS)

## MUSIC IN THE WOODS

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## THE ICEMAN COMETH TO PRIMITIVE TECHNOLOGY WEEKEND

Saturday May 5 and Sunday May 6  
10 AM to 4 PM

Meet Otzi! In 1991, hikers found the mummified body of Otzi (*oot zee*) the Iceman frozen in the glacial regions of the Italian Alps. Thus began years of public fascination and intense scientific scrutiny of his body, clothing, tools, and weapons. At the time of his death over 5200 years ago, he was between 25 to 35 years old, 5' 2" tall, 110 lbs., and already suffering from osteoporosis, arthritis, worms, frostbite, and Lyme. He died due to blood loss from an arrow point lodged in his left shoulder. With him was found an array of leather clothing including a bearskin



hat, grass cloak, and a framed backpack used to carry the assortment of tools and weapons recovered in the area.

This year, visitors to Primitive Technology Weekend in Oregon Ridge Park will learn about Old World Technology, glimpsing Otzi's life through the Iceman's tools and hunting elements. You will see replicas of his weapons, his quiver for arrows, and even his backpack.

There will also be demonstrations of blade core technologies, featuring the Levallois (*la val wa*) blade core production. Other demonstrations include the manufacture of antler and bone harpoon heads festooned with micro blades, the weaving of a knife sheath from plant materials, and the crafting of baskets and gourd containers.

Not to be missed are the "usual activities" including archery, pottery making, and demonstrations of stonework skills. Sunday features a field archery shoot at 8:00 AM for people with traditional bows and arrows. All are welcome.

To obtain an agenda and more information, call Kirk Dreier 410 887-2817, or visit [www.marshypoint.org](http://www.marshypoint.org). (MJS)

## OREGON RIDGE NATURE CENTER COUNCIL'S 2012 SPEAKER SERIES

### BIODIVERSITY OF MARYLAND'S DRAINAGE DITCHES

Speaker Alan Leslie  
April 16, 7:30 PM

Artificial land drainage allows farming to take place on much of Maryland's Eastern Shore, where soils are naturally too swampy to support crops like corn. Alan Leslie will talk about the history of drainage and farming on the Eastern Shore, and how natural processes within drainage ditches are being used to improve water quality in streams draining to the Chesapeake Bay.

Drainage ditches also provide unique habitat to aquatic species within agricultural areas. Alan Leslie, who earned his BS in Marine Biology at the University of Maryland, is currently in his fourth year of pursuing a PhD in Entomology, focusing on species of aquatic insects and other invertebrates that survive in drainage ditches in the face of disappearing wetland habitats. He will share some of the surprising discoveries he has made through his research, and discuss the importance of aquatic invertebrates to the ecosystem.

During the week, Alan teaches biology labs at the University of Maryland. On weekends, he can be found up to his hip waders in the muddy waters on the Eastern Shore, or hanging from a climbing rope in West Virginia. (S. Leslie)



## TAKING "INVASIVE" ACTION

By Naturalist Courtney Peed

We all have something we find irksome. For me, it's invasive plants. Watching vines choke trees, or thorny plants grab at hikers, drives me crazy. My distress drove me to action. I joined our Habitat Team to cut, clip and pull invasives out of our Wildlife Management Area. It's been a cathartic experience. If you dislike these invaders as much as I do, here is some basic information to start you on your journey to weed them out.

Many wonder how to distinguish a *bad*, invasive plant from a *good*, native plant. These days, it is often hard to know. A native plant is a species that occurs naturally in areas, without human intervention. Most native plants were here before European settlement. Non-natives are those introduced from another continent, state, or ecosystem. Non-natives are now prevalent in many gardens and other vegetated areas. Unfortunately, some of them are invasive. This means that the plant reproduces rapidly, spreads over large areas of the landscape, and has few, if any, natural controls (i.e. herbivores, disease). Kudzu is a classic example of an invasive. Most of us have seen the devastating effects of this creepy vine. Brought over from Japan and China, kudzu overgrows anything in its path, shading out light and destroying acres of healthy trees and plants.

Some invasive plants are introduced accidentally. They may hitch a ride on a boat or ship. Some latch onto the fur of animals, or even your socks and shoes. Wind, insects, and birds help spread them from one area to another. Other invasives are intentionally brought in for agricultural value, erosion control, or some other seemingly valid reason. In the end, they are harmful to an ecosystem because they disrupt its natural balance, and like kudzu, can even create a "monoculture," where one plant takes over an entire area. Their presence provides little value for wildlife and decimates a landscape.

Working with the Habitat Team has helped me pinpoint the invaders I want to put at the top of my "Most Wanted" list.

**Privet**, first used in landscaping during the 1700's, is a hedge with small, white flowers clustered on the ends of its branches. These turn into blue/black berries in the fall. Birds and other animals disperse the berries. It can grow 15' tall and out-compete native foliage.

**Multiflora Rose** was used in the 1930's by the U.S. Soil Conservation Service as a living fence to contain livestock and control erosion. Its tenacious growth was finally recognized, and it's now considered a noxious weed in several states. It is

thorny and has fragrant pinkish flowers that grow in clusters. Rose hips (berries) develop after the flowers in the fall. One plant can produce one million seeds per year that can stay buried in the ground for up to 20 years!



**Oriental Bittersweet** was originally sold as an ornamental. This vine escaped into the wild and now literally has a stranglehold on many ecosystems. Despite its invasive properties, nurseries still sell it as a landscape plant! Small green flowers grow in clusters at leaf axils. This turns into a round, orange fruit that splits open when mature to reveal the fleshy, red berry inside. Birds and people spread the seeds.

**Bush Honeysuckle** out-competes natives for pollinators and light. This means less seed set for native species. Although this vine provides berries for wildlife, they are carbohydrate rich, not fatty, and thus do not provide migrating birds with the fat they need to make long flights. The flowers are cream to yellow in color and ripen into red, many seeded berries in the fall. Animals help spread this plant.

If you want to help in the crusade to control non-native, invasive plants, the first course of action is — Don't plant them! To learn how to identify some of these plants, help with a hands-on group like our Habitat Team (see article, pg. 9), or join an invasive plant

program that we, or others, provide. If some of these plants are taking over your own yard, arm yourself with clippers and attack them with gusto. Once they are eliminated, replace them with native plants that you have purchased from a "native friendly" nursery. Educate yourself, then educate others. As one of my favorite cartoon characters from the 80's, G.I. Joe, used to say, "Now you know! And knowing is half the battle!" The other half is taking "invasive" action!

(Top to bottom: Tiger Swallowtail sips from Privet, Multi-floral Rose, Oriental Bittersweet, Bush Honeysuckle . . . Beautiful and Bad)

KID'S CORNER

FRUIT AND VEGGIE WORD

S C R A M B L E

Do you know the difference between a fruit and a vegetable? The word vegetable describes a plant or parts of a plant that are grown to be eaten — the root, leaves, or stem. A vegetable is not the part of the plant that contains the seeds. The word fruit describes the fleshy part of a plant that develops around and carries the seeds. Using the clues, unscramble the words below to see some examples of your favorite fruits and vegetables. Very young children can circle the correct picture.

The next time you are in the grocery store, see if you can tell the difference between fruits and vegetables. Some are harder than you think. For instance, is a Green Bean a fruit or a vegetable? The answer may surprise you . . . and maybe your Mom and Dad. (L. Schulze)

This fruit is one of the main ingredients of pizza

Bugs Bunny is often seen eating this vegetable

We like to carve faces in this fruit for Halloween

Pickles are made from this fruit

Popeye the Sailor Man likes this vegetable

This vegetable is used to make the tasty treat, "Ants on a Log," along with the answer to the next clue

The seed of this fruit can be crushed until creamy and used with jelly for a sandwich

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A NATURALIST VISITS NEW ZEALAND

Speaker Robert W. Stanhope
May 21, 7:30 PM

Bob Stanhope, a fossil? In the photo, Bob jokingly calls himself one as he holds something close to a living fossil — a Tuatara, the world's oldest reptile and predecessor to the dinosaurs. Bob may be a senior citizen, but his presentation will prove he is no fossil.

After retiring as Chief Naturalist for Baltimore County, Bob and his wife Sally began their longtime plans to travel the world in search of birds and other wildlife. Their first trip was to New Zealand to look for the Tuatara and the Kiwi, a flightless bird endemic to New Zealand. They found both, as well as many other native species of New Zealand. They saw spotted bats, sperm whales, orchids, Kauri trees, and fifty different birds, including nesting albatrosses. For adventure, Bob and Sally climbed a glacier, canoed on a wilderness river, and sailed a sixty-foot

trimaran at 18 knots while enjoying local seafood and wine. In May, Bob will share his adventures on this auspicious start to his travels, using photos and anecdotal commentary.

In 1981, Bob Stanhope became Baltimore County's first Naturalist, beginning as the Director of the Oregon Ridge Nature Center and later as the Director of Marshy Point Nature Center. He is currently on the board of the Sparks/Glencoe Community Planning Council and the board of the Maryland Native Plant Society. He is an active member of the Education Committee of the Maryland



Two Living Fossils in New Zealand

Agricultural Resource Council, and he works on a committee to allow deer management in Baltimore County Parks. Bob has also returned to his roots as a trail guide for the Oregon Ridge Nature Center. (MJS)

MEMBERS!

Come to our FREE Family Picnic at the Lake June 18 6 PM



Welcome summer under the stars. Take an early evening swim or a woodland stroll, paddle a canoe into the twilight, stretch out on the beach, and when it is good and dark, gather round for campfire songs and roasting marshmallows over hot coals for tasty s'mores.

Pack a picnic basket with hamburgers, chicken or whatever you would like to eat, and maybe a bottle of cheer. The grills will be all set with hot coals. It's FREE, so bring family and friends. (MJS)

LOOKING FORWARD TO SUMMER AND FALL!

MEMBERS! OUR CAMP REGISTRATION BEGINS SOON! Our summer camps are affordable and popular for hands-on, dirty-shoes, and just-plain-fun activities. Council members are given the first opportunity to register. Open the Summer Calendar as soon as you receive it and call on the specified registration date. Don't delay! Camps fill quickly!

TRAIL GUIDE TRAINING - September 4 to 7, from 10 AM to 1 PM. The \$25 fee is refundable after leading your first solo hike. Learn about bees and other insects, primitive technology, and more.

Honey Harvest has moved to the last weekend in September, 2012!

Mark your calendar for September 29 & 30, 10 AM to 4 PM, FREE! It's a Honey of a Festival!

## ORNC COUNCIL UPDATE

By Jim Curtis, President

It was a busy winter at Oregon Ridge. In addition to the normal activities — the maple sugar weekends, the pancake breakfast, the newsletter, and many other programs — we have had to deal with several new problems and projects. I feel that our Council members should be aware of the complexities involved in operating this Council.

During 2011, the Executive Board struggled with many important decisions, one of which was incorporating the Council. After much insistence and persuasion from the County, and some internal controversy, the Executive Board decided to file for incorporation. As recommended by the County, we are also purchasing liability insurance. These actions became necessary after several meetings with the County Office of Law where we learned that the County would not represent the Council in most lawsuits.

Later in the year, we learned that the County would be insisting on a new financial review of all Councils, and also would be requiring a Council certification process. We intend to fully comply with their requirements, and we feel that our internal reviews and records are in order.

Another situation has developed in the past year regarding our Natural Playground project. Much of the work for the project was to be performed by the Boy Scouts pursuing their Eagle Scout rank. However, the County has yet to approve Scout projects proposed as long as eight months ago. We have been in discussions with various County officials and hope to resolve the Scout project approval delays shortly.

Another delay in the playground progress involved the chain saw sculptures of two animal figures. Due to circumstances beyond our control, the sculptures were not completed in the anticipated time frame. The Board has contacted another chain saw sculptor to complete the sculptures this spring.

In the past year, we also encountered an odd problem involving a possible donation to the County. Back in October 2011, the Board submitted a proposal to donate a brand new all-wheel drive John Deere "Gator" to the County for use in the Park. As of March, the County has not responded to our proposal. We never realized that it would be so difficult to donate to the County.

We realize that the County is doing some belt-tightening and attempting to reduce their liabilities and costs, but we wish that they could speed up their decision-making processes. I want to assure our members that we hope to work out all of these issues in the coming months, and we will continue to strive to improve the Oregon Ridge Nature Center and Park.

Ending on a positive note, I want to mention some of the new projects that have been or are soon to be completed.

First, we have created a new portable Council display board. This board describes the Council's activities and programs and will be on display at all of our functions. Eventually, we will develop a permanent display for the Nature Center. We hope that this will help us to recruit new members.



ORNC Council Display Board, design and layout by Mary Jane Shanks, Membership Committee Chair and Newsletter Editor

Two other projects near completion are our tree exhibit and our bird exhibit. These exhibits, which will be located in ORNC's central exhibit area, will add to the learning experiences at the Nature Center. The tree display will feature an interactive video. The bird exhibit will identify birds commonly seen at Oregon Ridge.

I hope all of you will visit the Park and Nature Center this spring to see our exhibits and enjoy our natural setting. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at [curtisjim@comcast.net](mailto:curtisjim@comcast.net) or contact the Nature Center at [info@oregonridge.org](mailto:info@oregonridge.org).

**MEMBERS!**

**Jack the Starling says,**

*If you see an "X" on your mailing label, this will be your last issue of the Trailblazer.*

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## SO I SAVED SOME SEEDS — NOW WHAT?

How to Do a Germination Test

By Laura Schulze  
Master Naturalist

Have you ever wanted to start your own garden, but just haven't gotten around to it? Maybe you even have a few old seed packets that have been lying around for several years, waiting to be planted. Well, if this is the year when you finally have some free time to start this relaxing hobby, don't rush out to the store to buy new seeds. First, try doing a germination test. Those old seeds might still be good!



A germination test is easy. Take 10 seeds out of one of your seed packets and wrap them in a moist paper towel. Put the paper towel in a plastic sandwich bag. Place the bag on a windowsill for 5 to 10 days, depending on the germination rate of the seed that you are testing.

After 5 to 10 days have passed, take your seeds out of the paper towel and count how many sprouted. If 8 out of 10 sprouted, you know that you have an 80% germination rate. If 3 out of 10 sprouted, you know you have a 30% germination rate. Generally, a higher germination rate means that most if not all of your seeds should grow into adult plants.

Once you have decided on which seeds you would like to plant, don't forget about the seeds that you tested. If you had some that sprouted in the paper towel, you can still carefully place them in soil and give your new garden a head start!

For more information and gardening tips check out:

[www.ehow.com/video\\_5926931\\_do-seed-germination-test.html](http://www.ehow.com/video_5926931_do-seed-germination-test.html)

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE: VOLUNTEER WITH THE HABITAT TEAM

*It's a big park. Somebody's got to weed it.*

By Martha Johnston  
Master Naturalist

As spring arrives at Oregon Ridge Park and new growth emerges, volunteers will gather one Saturday morning a month to tackle one of the most critical jobs in the park — pulling up invasive plant growth and replacing it with native and beneficial plants. This is the Habitat Team at work!

Invasive plants — usually non-native species that have escaped from gardens or have hitchhiked as seeds into natural areas — crowd out native plants, disrupt local ecology, and destroy food and habitat for native wildlife. The Habitat Team protects and preserves the park by removing and replacing these destructive pests. The Team contributes to the health and enjoyment of the park in other ways, in some years planting trees and improving trails as well.

This spring, the Habitat Team will meet on four Saturdays: March 17, April 21, May 19 and June 16, from 10 AM to noon. Volunteers ages 12 and up are invited to join for any length of time. Bring gloves, water, and your favorite pruners. No experience is necessary. We'll show you exactly what to do. Call the Nature Center for more information or to sign up: 410 887-1815.

The Habitat Team is just one of many ways volunteers make a difference at ORNC. Volunteers are needed to lead nature walks for school groups, tend gardens, help at special events and get the word out about Oregon Ridge. Whatever your interest or skills, you can make a difference as a volunteer at ORNC.



## RIDGE RUNNER LANDON SILVERMAN: HE'S A KEEPER

Landon Silverman has quite a bit to say about why he wanted to become a Ridge Runner at Oregon Ridge. "I enjoy caring for all animals and especially for animals that I could not have at home, like hawks, snakes, chickens, and flying squirrels," he says, adding, "I also wanted to help out at a place where I attended many camps and visited many times." Landon nicely expresses the feelings of many of the teen Ridge Runner volunteers here at Oregon Ridge.



Landon is one of the Ridge Runners who prefers working with the snakes. His favorite is Copper the Corn Snake. He says he likes Copper because, "he is friendly and loves to explore outside. He has a mellow personality and is easy to hold." Many Ridge Runners choose a favorite animal because they share similar personality traits. Perhaps this means Landon is mellow, too, and it's obvious that he loves to explore the outdoors.

Landon is in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and is home schooled. He plans on going to college, but hasn't decided on a course of study, although his favorite subjects give us a clue. He most enjoys the sciences — astronomy, physics, and chemistry.

At home Landon cares for two pet frogs, Spot and Waldo. He has had them since he was 7 years old, so he must be a good caretaker. He loves playing sports, especially soccer, basketball, and football. His special talent is playing the violin, and he enjoys reading. He loves some of the Rick Riordin series —

*30 Clues* and *Kane Chronicles*. He also enjoys reading J. K. Rawlings *Harry Potter Series*.

Landon is a dependable Ridge Runner and is very efficient at his work. We hope he will encourage some of his friends to join the Ridge Runner team. He has a good sales pitch to give them. He thinks other teens his age should join up because, "You are a volunteer at a local nature center in your community, and also, there are fun Ridge Runner activities."

We are happy that Landon attended our summer camps in his youth and that those experiences led him to volunteer here. We hope he will stay with us throughout his high school experience. We like to hold on to the good ones. (MJS)

## MASTER NATURALIST CLASS BEGINS SEPTEMBER 10

The Master Naturalist class is for individuals who enjoy learning about the natural world and sharing their knowledge with others, or using it to care for our earth. Master Naturalist Martha Johnston explains it this way, "If your interests lean towards field work or public programs, as a Master Naturalist you will be more knowledgeable, better prepared, and more intentional in whatever you do as a volunteer to preserve our natural world." She describes the program as "an incomparable opportunity."

Modeled after the Master Gardener program, the Master Naturalist program offers 60 hours of classroom and hands-on learning with expert instructors. Final certification comes with the completion of 40 hours of volunteer service. Training will take place on most Mondays and some Saturdays, from September 10 through October 29. A detailed agenda will be available soon. The \$250 fee includes materials. Space is limited. Please call Winny Tan at 410 887-1815, or visit [www.masternaturalist.umd.edu](http://www.masternaturalist.umd.edu) for more information. Application deadline is June 10.

This will be the third time the Master Naturalist class has been offered by Oregon Ridge Nature Center. This session will be held in conjunction with Robert E. Lee Park. (MJS)



## IT ALL STARTED WITH TWO YANKEES AND A MARYLAND BOY

The staff and Council volunteers at Oregon Ridge Nature Center have been tapping maple sap, boiling up syrup, and flipping pancakes for hungry supporters for so long, we often forget how it all began. Recently, Bob Stanhope reminded us that it all started with two Yankees. . . and a Maryland boy.

When Bob left his naturalist position in Boston to become the first Director of the Oregon Ridge Nature Center in 1981, he brought with him a couple of ideas for programs having well-established Yankee origins. One of these was hiking to the "sugar bush" to show visitors the entire sugaring process culminating in the tasting of freshly boiled, real maple syrup. During the first two years, Bob set up a cement block stove in front of the Lodge and made a few quarts of syrup in a 2' x 4' flat pan. In 1983, Bob and his young, part-time naturalist Kirk Dreier set up in front of the Center before it officially opened in May, and faithfully kept the pan going from 9 AM to *midnight* to produce just one gallon! In 1985, they finally purchased a "Pleasure Model" evaporator pan designed for better heat exchange and slower boiling temperatures, and they were able to produce more than a gallon in just six hours.

The following year, BCPS Archaeologist/Teacher George Brauer and his students from Kenwood High School funded and built the Sugar Shack on an old barn foundation. Bob remembers, "I'll never forget the look on the face of Recreation and Parks Director Bob Staab when he came to see the new sugarhouse and the hot stovepipe briefly set the roof on fire!"

In those days, volunteer Mel Stairs, a transplant from Maine and one of the founding members of the Council, would sit outside the sugarhouse and tell stories. His favorite boyhood story was of watching Maine Native Americans using heated rocks to make maple syrup. When their boiling was done, they would allow young Mel to lick off the syrup remnants from the cooled rocks.

According to Bob, the first pancake breakfast was held after a 6 AM Halley's Comet watch in 1986. Bob and Kirk set up tables in the classroom and served fifty people in two shifts. Mel Stairs was so inspired, he went out and found a book printed by Aunt Jemima on how to hold a BIG pancake breakfast, presented it to the Council as a fundraiser for the next year, and the rest is hotcake history. (MJS)



Kirk Dreier and Bob Stanhope in 1983. Finally! One gallon by midnight!



Mel Stairs and Joe Warfield chat in front of a new Sugar Shack in 1986.



(Above) Kirk Dreier tends the fire under a full moon.

(Below) Kirk Dreier, Liz Stanhope and Mel Stairs feast on pancakes and real ORNC syrup

## SAP SLOW BUT ENTHUSIASM HIGH AT MAPLE SUGAR SEASON 2012

Mother Nature's unusually warm winter had people hopping in their cars and running over to Maple Sugar Weekends, but it put the brakes on running sap. A little staff ingenuity made it possible for people to still enjoy the entire maple sugaring experience. To celebrate the end of sugaring, nearly 1300 hungry people feasted on hot pancakes and grilled sausage at our 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast. Profits from the breakfast and sugaring weekends approached \$8500 and will go to the Council's continued support of the Nature Center's interpretive educational programs and exhibits, animal care, scholarships, and other activities. The Oregon Ridge Nature Center Council thanks everyone who supported this important fundraiser.

What started on a small scale at that first breakfast back in 1986, now requires over 100 volunteers to guarantee a smooth dining experience. A small Pancake Breakfast Committee does extensive planning during the months and weeks leading up to the breakfast. These hard working volunteers deserve a generous pat on the back for their efficient preliminary work: Bill LaBarre, Ginna Naylor, Pat Krasowski, Ann Canoles, Noot Canoles, Dave Power, Jim Curtis, and

(Top center - Nan Neely displays excellent salesmanship. Bottom center- Polly Roberts and niece Tanya Krasauskas enjoy their breakfast together.)

ORNC Director Courtney Peed. Without the hard work of these folks, the breakfast would not occur.

John Canoles also deserves recognition for coordinating the box raffles, which are so much fun and bring in more than a quarter of our profits each year. We want to recognize the organizations and individuals who donated to the box raffles: Aqua Ventures, Auto Spa, Boordy Vineyards, Brick Bodies Fitness Center, Brooks Huff Tire & Auto, Graul's Market, Green Turtle Sports Bar and Grill, Greetings and Readings, Ladew Topiary Gardens, McCormick, Oregon Ridge Swim Club, REI, Turf Valley Golf Club foursome donated by Commercial Contractors, Wegmans, a signed photograph from Oriole Brian Matusz, tickets to the National Aquarium of Baltimore donated by Pat Krasowski, a large wine basket from Ginna Naylor, a Pheasant Painting from Gayle Meier, and a Kids Golf Set donated by Jack and Ann Kerns.

To the dedicated volunteers who waited tables, flipped hotcakes, grilled sausage, served food, washed dishes, mixed batter, displayed salesmanship at their various stations, painted faces, mastered the ceremonies, and filled the room with rousing music . . . **THANK YOU!** (MJS)



Mary Genovese paints faces



Winny Tan and Laurie Psoras are as pretty as pansies



Ridgely, Chuck and John Parks sell lots of tickets for the box raffles



Erin McCleary flips cakes



(l-r) Marlin Ballard, Dave Erhardt, Cindy Atkinson, Carol Erhardt, Griff Atkinson, and Sylvia Sackleh fill the room with music



Jeanne Cole cleans tables



Walter Massey teases Angie McDaniels



Nancy Mattingly sells the sweet stuff



Noot Canoles, a real gift to ORNC

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