

Foxdale Highlights

A newsletter for friends of Foxdale Village



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18th Encore Performance Brings the Music of Fred Waring to Foxdale Village by Bunny Moon, Foxdale Resident



For the past eighteen years, one of the highlights of the summer for me has been participation in a Penn State Elderhostel, "Join the Chorus of Fred Waring's America." This is a working Elderhostel—no lectures or field trips. Four days of rehearsal, during which the chorus is taught music in the Waring style by a pair of talented and personable directors, culminate in a concert. Though the singers are housed in the Nittany Lion Inn and rehearse in the Music Building on the Penn State campus, Foxdale plays an important role in the success of this wonderful Elderhostel.

Soon after Foxdale opened its doors in 1990, arrangements were made for the Waring Elderhostel to hold its annual concert in our auditorium—a win-win situation for everyone involved. Residents have the opportunity to listen to a program of music reminiscent of Fred Waring, who was called "the man who taught America how to sing," and whose musical group, the Pennsylvanians, delighted radio and television audiences for many years. The chorus has the opportunity to perform in a beautiful auditorium, complete with a Steinway concert grand piano, for an enthusiastic audience of Foxdale residents and people from the State College area. At each concert, I feel like the luckiest person in the room. Every year since I began attending the Elderhostel, I have had the privilege of serving as MC for the program and it is always heart-warming to realize that I belong to both the group behind me and the one in front of me. ■



■ *Participants who chose to "Join the Chorus of Fred Waring's America" performed a concert in the Foxdale Village Auditorium August 13, 2009.*

■ *Fred Waring at the NBC mic. Photo from the Fred Waring Collection at Penn State.*

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Open Door Policy Leads to an Enriching Exchange

by Jenifer Goetz, Foxdale Resident

The room reservations book at Foxdale's front desk reveals an active (and not highly publicized) involvement with many interest groups of State College. Held at Foxdale, monthly meetings of the Centre County Bird Club, the Centre County Genealogical Society, and the United Nations Association are some examples of activities that are easily attended by Foxdale residents. The State College Photo Club and the English Speaking Union also enjoy Foxdale's generous use of space and audio-visual equipment for their regular meetings.

Our community rooms of different sizes are offered to classes run by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, a highly successful volunteer organization now affiliated with Penn State. The result is a variety of interesting courses conveniently accessible to Foxdale residents.

Many other outside groups in which residents take part find it convenient to meet at



■ *The Foxdale Community Building (above) is home to a variety of sizes and styles of rooms available for use by residents and groups from outside of Foxdale.*

■ *The Auditorium (left) is used for lectures, meetings, movies and musical performances.*

In the Foxdale Village Gallery



Something More Interesting

Susan Nicholas Gephart

October 15 - December 3, 2009
Recent Works by the Farmland Preservation Artists

January 21 - March 23, 2010
Quilts by Members of the Art Alliance

March 26 - April 28, 2010
Collection: Local Women Artists

The Foxdale Art Gallery is located on the second floor of the Community Building. The exhibits are coordinated and produced by the Arts and Acquisitions Committee.

Foxdale—Affordable Housing, the Prison Society, Health Care for All, and several health support groups. Friends Meeting committees can also be found here from time to time. Our stage in the auditorium supports plays by State College Friends School students and is graced annually by the Fred Waring Elderhostel chorus. Occasionally a workshop or movie sponsored by the Diversity group at Foxdale is advertised to the public and community members have responded. The Foxdale Arts and Acquisitions Committee holds opening receptions for its art gallery displays, which draw many from the very active arts community at large, who are also seen viewing the showings at other times.

We have opened our doors for several large annual community events that have been held at Foxdale, including the Mid-state Literacy Council Spelling Bee and the Congregation Brit Shalom of Centre County's Community Passover Seder.

Why do they choose to meet at Foxdale? Our community building houses a variety of flexible spaces, able to accommodate a small committee in our puzzle room or a lecture for a large group in our auditorium. Why do we open our doors to groups? Because it is our good fortune to be located in this busy and generous town of State College and we all benefit from the interactions that enrich our Foxdale community. ■

A message from Bill James, Executive Director of Foxdale Village

Welcome to Foxdale Village

It has been about nine years since I first heard the words “Welcome to Foxdale Village”. As a new Executive Director in the fall of 2000, I had the sense that our community was a welcoming and active part of the wider State College and Centre County area. I cannot begin to tell you the number of times I have heard someone say those welcoming words since I arrived on the scene.

We enjoy many opportunities to welcome our new residents, new employees, family members and guests with open arms. As a part of our community outreach we have also made a concerted effort to open our doors and spaces to outside individuals, groups and organizations. As you can see in the adjacent article we have welcomed many area organizations and events.

If you have an interest in one of the groups mentioned, I encourage you to contact us. If you are considering moving to Foxdale Village, a community rich with reputation for service, care and enriching lifestyle, get in touch with us to learn more of the particulars. Join our Foxdale Village community and I am confident you will enjoy the enthusiasm and welcoming feeling. Just as I did in September 2000, you too will begin to appreciate the meaning behind the words “Welcome to Foxdale Village”. ■

Meet Two New Faces at Foxdale

Allison Baxter, Residency Planning Assistant



Allison Baxter has joined Foxdale as our new Residency Planning Assistant. She will be working with Jolene Hulson and Libby Mortensen on a part time basis, with the rest of her time spent working in the business office.

Originally from Montoursville, PA, Allison obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology from Penn State. Allison has experience in marketing and public relations and most recently worked with Bartell & Bartell, a leadership development firm in State College. Allison enjoys spending time with her two daughters Evie and Quinn and her husband Doug. We are very

excited to have Allison join the Foxdale team. ■

Sophie Penney, Development Director

Sophie comes to Foxdale Village with many years of successful experience in fund raising. Previously with Penn State, she held the position of Director of Development and Alumni Relations for the College of Liberal Arts since January 2004. Before joining Penn State, Sophie was with Bucknell University as a Major Gifts Officer as well as Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations.

She holds a B.S. and an M.A. from Indiana University Pennsylvania and a Ph.D. from Bowling Green State University.

Sophie’s impressive record of success and knowledge will guide us as we establish and build the foundation for Foxdale’s new development program. ■



Upcoming Programs

Following is a sampling of the special biweekly events that the Residents’ Association Program Committee has planned for the coming months:

NOVEMBER

10th *The State of the Firmament*
Chris Palma

14th *Bagpipes lecture/concert*
Paul Fehrenbach

28th *It’s a Family Affair*
Jean Tate, vocalist

DECEMBER

15th Westminster Bell Choir

20th *Christmas Play*
presented by children
of the United Baptist and
Brethren Church

JANUARY

12th “Leading the Sustainability
Revolution” featuring the
Eco Village at Ithaca, NY
Raymond Stiefel

26th *History of Jazz*
Jerry Zolten

FEBRUARY

9th *In the Wake of Disaster*
Blossom Aberg

23rd *Collapse of the Bees*
John McDonald

New Foxdalers

*Welcome to the following new
Foxdale Village residents:*

Jessie and L.J. Bright

Emilie and Dean Jansma

Barbara and Bob Seibel

Elaine and Ted Wickersham

Ruth Lyne Yeaton



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Foxdale Residents Exercise their Right to Assemble—with Collage Workshops



■ *This collage, by Foxdale resident Esther Burlingham, is one of many works adorning the walls of the Foxdale Community Building. A series of collage workshops, led by Betty Walker, resident and retired art instructor, were enjoyed by many Foxdalers.*