



"Touching Lives"
Twenty-first Members-Only Print



"Leading the Way"
Eighth Junior Members-Only Print

The First McMillin Year

2007

Mary Lou McMillin became the sixth person to serve as president of the Society. Secretary Sally Gobrecht was appointed to fill the unexpired second year of Mary Lou's term as director. Peggy Goodwin replaced Hannes Meyers as the Society's liaison person on the Foundation's Board of Directors.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The 2007 P. Buckley Moss Society — Anne and Matt Harbison Scholarship winner was Kelley Reeves of Vinton, Virginia. In addition to working hard academically because of her challenges with dyslexia, Kelley was very active in other ways. She played volleyball for four years

and was voted captain her senior year. She was involved in several clubs, but her favorite was the Natural Helpers, which involved training and working with other students that need that little extra bit of help with a class, or maybe just a friend. She worked with the Special Olympics when her school hosted the event. She attends Virginia Tech, where she was accepted into the Apparel Design and Merchandising program, which will allow her to use her creativity as well as have some business and marketing experience.

Bethany Elkins, Blake Cammack, and Amanda Merrill received renewals of their scholarships.

Brandy Reeves of Fairbanks, Alaska, was the recipient of the \$1,000 2007 Cary



2007 membership card "Snowy Birches"

Leadership Memorial Scholarship. A 2006 graduate of the University of New Hampshire with a major in studio art and a minor in education, she is working on her master's degree in Special Education from UNH in Durham, New Hampshire. Brandy worked with children in a variety of ways. She taught ceramics to 500 campers, ages 7-15 for seven weeks. She volunteered as a side walker assisting young children with disabilities to learn basic horsemanship skills at the UNH Therapeutic Riding program. Her UNH cycling team sponsored frequent Bike Rodeos at elementary schools to teach bicycle safety and to encourage the students always to wear helmets.

The initial recipient of the \$1,500 P. Buckley Moss Endowed Scholarship is Fallon Crossman of Rowley, Massachusetts. Fallon easily fulfills the three major criteria for the scholarship. Her learning difference involves a reading disability and a broader language based learning disability. Her artistic talent involves a variety of mediums, including watercolor, charcoal, and jewelry making. She is using this talent to study interior design at Mount Ida College in Newton, Massachu-

setts. Finally, she has financial need since her father died when she was six years old and her single mom is raising her, her two younger sisters, and her younger brother. Since the money in the endowed account has not yet earned sufficient funds, the Society allocated the \$1,500 to fund this award this year.

PRESIDENTS' AWARD

Sarah Baird of Hemlock, Michigan, was the fifth recipient of this \$1,000 award, which was begun in 2003 to honor past Society presidents.

Sarah has been a special education teacher at St. Charles Elementary School in St. Charles for three years. One of the unique projects she created for her students was the Baird Store. Each day of the marking period, her students earn "Baird Bucks" as they accomplish goals. At the end of each period, the students get to spend their Bucks at the store for a variety of school supplies. The store becomes a



2007-8 Members-Only Giclée
"By the Light of the Moon"

valuable teaching tool as the students add and subtract how much they have spent. Her students have fun while learning.

PROCEDURE CHANGES & ADDITIONS

A few minor changes occurred this year in office procedures or Society events.



- To celebrate the Society's 20th anniversary, a special banner rocker was added to the Society logo just for this one year. The key phrase for the year was "Touching Lives for 20 Years."

- Because the long-time supplier of the bricks for the Commemorative Walkway went out of business, the Society had to seek a new provider. The costs went up significantly, causing the price of the bricks to be raised from \$25 to \$40.

- Carolyn McGuffin retired from the Society office in June after eight years. At the time, she had been employed the longest of anybody at the office. For several years, she packed and mailed membership brooches, but for the last three years she operated the charity print collection.

- As a thank you for supporting the Society for its entire 20 years, charter members received as a gift from the Soci-



"Evening Run"
20 Year Anniversary Pin

ety the 20 year anniversary pin, based on the print "Evening Run."

- The Society sponsored its third members-only giclée, "By the Light of the Moon." Sales began on October 1 until June 1, 2008 for \$400. After that date, the price went to \$600, unless it was purchased at a Moss event. This image is one which Pat first painted in 1977. It had been printed without her authorization and was never titled or signed. A court order directed that the publisher stop printing and the unsold prints be destroyed. Since Pat retained the rights to the image, she chose to release it in this medium. For non-Society members who wanted to purchase this piece, The Moss Portfolio offered to pay for a Society membership for any new member.

- Considerable discussion occurred about conducting a fundraising auction via the internet to supplement the three major fundraising dinners held during the year. The concept was ultimately dropped.

- Because of the focus on those three fundraisers, the Society did not sponsor a chapter training session this year. Also, the Society did not sponsor an official Society trip. Pat told many people about a trip to Italy, similar to the one in



2007 porcelain nameplate
"Touching Lives"



"Just Visiting"
2007 Society Brooch



"Skating Away"
2007 Junior Renewal Pin

2004, and all the spaces were sold before the Society could even advertise it.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

To celebrate the Society's 20th birthday, the Board sponsored three birthday party fundraising events. All were unqualified successes. In hopes of promoting attendance and bidding, the Board studied national charities to be one of the recipients of the funds. They chose the Ronald McDonald Houses. Unfortunately, the hoped-for support was limited.

The first event was a casual party at Blank Park Zoo in Des Moines, Iowa, on Saturday, April 28. Ninety-five people paid \$37.50 each for the gourmet hors d'oeuvres, which many claimed was the best food they had eaten at any Moss event. Blow-up balloon animals decorated the tables, and a zoo worker wandered around displaying three live zoo animals, a turtle, an owl, and a baby alligator. Young Shawn Peterson won the door prize, a framed print of "Blank Park Zoo." Each charter Society member received a ribbon to wear to identify those people who were also celebrating this anniversary.

Iowa has very strict gaming regulations, so the local Ronald McDonald House sponsored the raffle. Tickets cost \$10 per arm's length and raised \$725 for the House. Doug Peterson won the featured prize, the framed Society giclée of "Just Visiting"; Sharon Cubit won the newest Moss snow globe; and Peggy Goodwin took back to Virginia two Moss ornaments.

Marlyn De Waard and Mariann Peterson were in charge of procuring items for both auctions. Gary Peterson volunteered to act as the auctioneer. The live auction had some spirited bidding, especially for the three Easter eggs Pat had decorated and for the quilted wall hanging with Pat's center quilt square and pieced together by Betty Donahoe. The 13 items raised \$4,530. One attendee who was outbid for Pat's framed paint brush offered to pay \$600 to obtain one later. The 36 items in the silent auction included a number of unique items and baskets of goodies. These raised an additional \$2,677.

But the surprise hit of the evening



All the birthday parties had cakes to help celebrate.



Judy Roe, Jean Evenson, and Peggy Goodwin set out the surprisingly popular birthday bags.

Friday, June 15, at the P. Buckley Moss Museum in Waynesboro, Virginia, and cost \$50. It was a formal event (black tie optional) attended by 96 people. What fun to see everybody dressed in all their finery, even in tuxedos and long gowns! Charter members this time received corsages. The elegant hors d'oeuvres were served upstairs, which was also where the silent auction items were displayed and where the birthday bags and raffle tickets were sold. A harpist added to the

proved to be the birthday bags. The 40 bags cost \$20 each and were filled with an assortment of wonderful goodies, such as a Moss ornament, a coffee mug assortment, a candle, a Boyd's Bear, food products, assorted gift cards, and much more. Every bag also contained a gift certificate from The Moss Portfolio to be used on its web site; these ranged from \$5 to \$20. The prize bag contained a card identifying that person as the winner of a framed Moss miniature original painting. All of the bags sold before some people even registered. The lucky winner was Sara Wright of Cedar Rapids. Judy Roe was in charge of this project, and several Moss Society chapters contributed the items for the bags.

The funds raised were distributed as follows: \$725 to the Ronald McDonald House; \$3,000 to the Moss Foundation; and \$5,606 to the newly created P. Buckley Moss Endowed Scholarship Fund.

The second birthday party was held on



Patty Moss is excited about winning the original that her mom painted for the second party.



Floyd Boothe was the winning bidder on this beautiful quilt done by Ladye Buckner.

elegance of the evening. People moved to the first level for the live auction and the serving of the birthday cake.

Because of the popularity of the birthday bags in Iowa, the quantity was increased to 87 bags. After the winning bag number was announced, nobody leaped up to claim the framed miniature original as had happened in Iowa. Finally, Pat's daughter Patty Moss discovered she had the winning ticket. Peggy Goodwin chaired this project with the assistance of eight of the Virginia chapters.

The raffle raised \$545; winner of "Just Visiting" was Al Sandstrom, who had donated numerous items to all three fundraisers.

The silent auction contained 57 items and raised \$3,586. The most competitive bidding was for six daylilies that Pat was determined to buy. Between her and daughter Patty, they managed to obtain four of those.

Dr. Wil Hahn served as the auctioneer for the live auction. The top three money earners were the rare "Moonlight Ride"

figurine, the large wall hanging quilted by Ladye Buckner with the center square painted by Pat, and a week's stay at Pat's home in Cortona, Italy. Altogether, the 17 live auction items raised \$10,325. At the end of the bidding, Dr. Hahn issued a challenge for people to donate to the PBM Endowed Scholarship Fund; he obtained \$1,400 for the fund.

Distribution of the funds for this event: \$1,000 to the Ronald McDonald House of Roanoke, \$5,000 to the Foundation, and \$11,596 to the Endowed Scholarship.

The third birthday party was the only one associated with a Moss Collectors' Convention. The Society sponsored the dinner dance at the Lancaster Host Resort on Saturday, July 21, at Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Because the committee selected the Western Round-up Buffet Dinner, country western casual dress was the order of the day with lots of cowboy boots, hats, jeans, and bandanas in attendance. Several of Pat's children and grandchildren were among the 107 attendees enjoying the fun. Cost for the dinner was \$45.

The birthday bags continued to be



Bonnie-Lou and Dick Binnig always dress for the occasion.

popular with all 89 of them sold before dinner was finished. Nancy Dixey of Mickleton, New Jersey, was the excited winner of the miniature Moss original.

The 42 items in the silent auction raised \$2,600. Popular once again were daylilies, including one developed and named for Pat. Sally Gobrecht worked extremely hard gathering items for this auction as well as for the birthday bags.

The live auction contained 15 items, including two from the Convention's framing competition. Two other framing competition pieces went to the Foundation for them to use at a later fundraiser. The top three money earners were a tray on which Pat added significant details (a real bargain considering the work she put into this item), the first place winner of the framing competition, and once again the wall hanging with Pat's center quilt square and put together by Mary Mar-

tin. The live auction with Lance Allen as the auctioneer raised \$4,675. Rev. Harold Henning again issued a challenge, which raised an additional \$555 for the Endowed Scholarship Fund.

One minor disaster occurred during the auction when one of the Easter eggs that Pat had painted was dropped and cracked while it was

being displayed. She promised to paint another one with cats, and it was auctioned anyway.

The funds raised at this event were distributed as follows: \$100 to Ronald McDonald House; \$3,800 to the Moss Foundation, which includes \$800 that it raised on its raffle; and \$6,660 for the Endowed Scholarship Fund.

An even more serious potential disaster occurred when Leland Roe was rushed to the hospital and missed dinner. Earlier in the afternoon he had fallen. His wife, Board director Judy, returned to the dance just in time to buy the earrings that Pat had decorated for the live auction.

The disk jockey, Chris Poje from It's Showtime DJ Entertainment, was one of the most fun entertainers at the conventions. In addition to singing, playing tunes, and teaching a couple dances, he hosted a family feud show. The girls were within one point of winning when the guys staged a miraculous (or rigged since Poje was a guy running the game) comeback. Once the guys tied the score, two dance offs took them into the lead. Lance Allen led the way in the dance offs, including showing off his talent as a stripper (but only his belt and shirt!).

FOUNDATION

During the fall, the P. Buckley Moss Foundation for Children's Education announced the 2007 National Teachers' Award winners. For the first time, all three of the recipients attended and presented at the Creative Mind Conference.

- First place (\$2,500 to the teacher and \$2,500 to the school): Kevin Hunt of



"Celebrate"
2007 Renewal Gift

Warren Area Elementary Center in Warren, Pennsylvania, emphasizes hands-on learning experiences, especially as his students study the various occupations in the field of theater.

- Second place (\$1,500 to each): S. K. Duff of Hoboken Charter School in Hoboken, New Jersey, focuses on the students' special talents and gifts before they design a trophy in clay for themselves.

- Third place (\$1,000 to each): Patricia W. Jordan of Ramah Elementary School in Ramah, New Mexico, had her students

create an imaginary country, including a map, name, capital city, boundaries, etc.

In addition, five educators each received \$1,000 grants to further their programs to provide educational opportunities for children who learn differently. They were Charles Addcox of San Francisco, California; Jason Coleman of Buena Vista, Virginia; Lynn Green of Westerville, Ohio; Chance Liscomb of Shenandoah, Virginia; and Janie York of Omaha, Nebraska.

