
NEWSLETTER

President's Message

We are heading into the home stretch of 2009 and will be entering the most exciting time of year for retail merchants. With many wonderful events and activities planned for the next several weeks, we should be seeing lots of people walking the streets and coming into the shops and restaurants.

We have an exciting meeting planned for you in November with Beth Erickson doing her presentation on The Journey through Hallowed Ground. Liz Via will also give an update on the progress being made on the parking and signage committee. Combine that with the wonderful breakfast prepared by LaCapilla and you won't want to be anywhere else but at the OTBA meeting on November 11th. We will try to begin the meeting precisely at 8:30 am, but you are welcome to arrive at 8:15 for coffee and socializing.

Bills have been sent out for our annual membership dues. We have decided not to increase dues for this year, but we would like you to know that our distribution of Guides to Shops and Services has increased considerably in the past several months.



They are now available at all the businesses, at the Visitors' Center, HMI's Main Street offices, the Manassas Museum, City Hall, Center for the Arts, Chamber of Commerce and the Battlefield. They are also mailed out in packets distributed by HMI, Manassas Museum and the CVB. Various members of OTBA have been asked to speak at communities outside of Manassas such as Dunbarton, Heritage Hunt and others. They bring plenty of Guides to pass out each time. Your OTBA membership of \$100 is quite a value

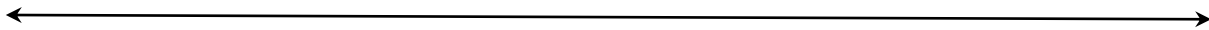
Looking forward to seeing each of you at our last OTBA meeting of 2009 on November 11th at LaCapilla.

Joanne Wunderly

Attention: Renewing OTBA Membership

As we enter into a new membership year, we will be updating the *Guides to Shops and Services*. For members who renew, all current listings will remain the same in the next guide. If a change is needed, such as incorrect addresses or phone numbers, then a request should be sent in writing or by email to Mary Reilly at Creative Brush Studio. Requests for changes will not necessarily be made if given verbally or given to a member other than Mary. A confirmation will be sent to you to verify the request was received.

Mary's address is mary@creativebrush.com.



November Monthly OTBA General Meeting

Just a reminder that our monthly meeting will be held at the La Capilla Restaurant at 8:30AM November 11, with coffee and danish provided. Guest speakers will be Liz Via and Beth Erickson.



Upcoming Events

Nov. 6 Friday - 6:00 - 9:30
Fall Gallery Walk

Nov. 7 Saturday - 11:00
Veterans Day Parade

Nov. 11 Wednesday - 8:30
OTBA General Meeting

Dec. 5 Saturday - Christmas Parade

Dec. 6 Sunday – 12:00-5:00 Old Town
Merchants Holiday Open House



*Featured OTBA Member***Wanda Pitt**

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We want to feature a member of OTBA in each monthly edition of the OTBA newsletter. This month, Wanda Pitt, owner of the Social Butterfly Fashions & Accessories.

Originally from Bluefield, VA, Wanda Pitt was graduated from Virginia Tech with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. She married in 1971 and with her husband, who was in the military, moved to Virginia Beach. She started a teaching career there, but another relocation in 1974 brought her to Manassas. Wanda started a family with two sons, worked briefly in the medical technology field, then taught again. She began at Emmanuel Christian School teaching math and science. She transferred to Garfield High School, where she was a teacher for sixteen years, ending her rewarding teaching career in 2000.

Pitt had a desire to own a boutique fashion store. Coincidentally, the former store at the corner of Center & Main Streets, known then as the “Cobblehouse Lady,” was being sold by the owner. They agreed to a sale price and, in August 2000, Pitt opened her own business! Within a year, she changed the store’s name to the current “Social Butterfly,” a name she chose from a brochure she had been reading.

In 2005, Pitt moved the boutique to her current location. She wanted more space to display her fashions and accessories to her customers, who include woman 25 years and older, plus high school young women seeking prom dresses. Many customers are from throughout Northern VA and particularly Manassas.

To celebrate 10 years in business, Pitt has a year-long sales campaign ending August 10, 2010. Customers receive a 10% discount on their entire purchase of non-sale items on the 10th of the month, and other special offers for those with a birthday, anniversary or child’s birthday on the 10th of the month. More details are available at the store.