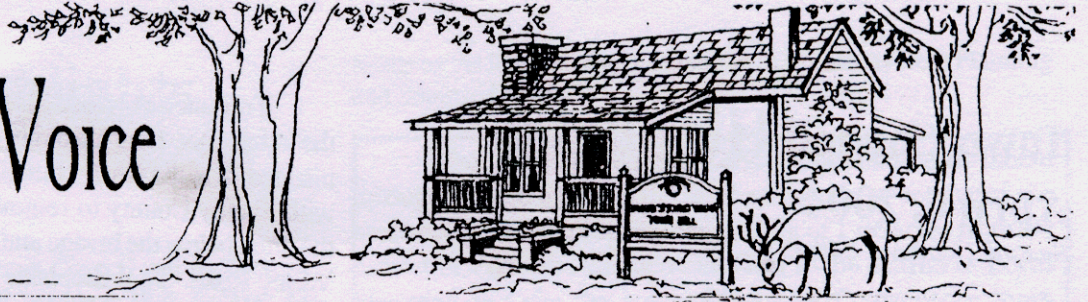


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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, May 18, 2004, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 1, 2004, 7:00 p.m.

Indian Springs Village Town Hall

Agenda

- I. Mayor/Council/Committee Reports
- II. Ordinances and Resolutions
- III. Zoning & Planning Public Hearing
- IV. Citizens' Forum

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Editor's Notes

The Village Voice is the official organ of Indian Springs Village, AL, established October 16, 1990. The mission of this newsletter is to foster a spirit of community and co-operation. It is the vehicle for reporting the monthly deliberations of the mayor and the council in town council meetings; additionally it provides these officials and other Villagers a means of communicating--it is a "voice." Expenses are covered by the efforts and donations of ISV volunteers. Deliveries are made at no charge by volunteer couriers.

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Editor's Appreciation to

ISV aluminum can recyclers for their support
Indian Springs Village couriers for hand delivery
Mildred Wyatt for the masthead drawing
Tricia Crapet, RealtySouth, for production

A Message From the Mayor

By Gene Weingarten

It's that time again. We enjoyed a very mild winter, and the mosquito population was not diminished whatsoever. The following suggestions will help our town if everyone participates.

NIP IT IN THE BUG!

Mosquitoes must have water to breed. Use this checklist to inspect your yard twice a week to reduce potential breeding sites.

- Dispose of unused containers that collect water in your yard such as old buckets, cans, bottles, or jars.
- Repair leaky pipes and outside faucets, and keep drains and gutters unclogged so that water does not collect in these areas.
- Change the water and scrub the sides of bird baths, animal troughs, and pet watering dishes often to get rid of mosquito eggs.
- Properly discard unused tires, make holes in them, or store them in a covered area so that water cannot collect in them.
- Turn wheelbarrows, tubs, children's wading pools, and boats upside down or store them under cover when not in use.
- Keep weeds, vines, and grass trimmed since mosquitoes use these shady areas as resting places during hot daylight hours.
- Fill tree holes with sand or mortar so that water does not collect in them.
- Change water in vases and pots holding flowers or cuttings twice weekly.

PREVENTION IS THE KEY:

- Wear loose clothing that covers up as much skin as possible. Dark clothing and fragrances attract mosquitoes, so avoid them.
- If you use a mosquito repellent that contains DEET, read the instructions carefully and wash treated skin after the need for protection is over. Use products containing 10% or less DEET for children and no more than 30% for adults.
- Avoid going out in early morning or late evening hours when mosquitoes are most active.
- Inspect your yard twice weekly for potential mosquito breeding sites and use larvacide if you have standing water that cannot be drained.

Town Council Highlights

April 6, 2004

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, April 6, 2004, 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided over the meeting with Council Members Herb Robins, Art Johnson, and Brian Stauss present.

The Mayor reminded all of the Easter Egg Hunt, an annual event being held this year on Saturday, April 10, and the fact that volunteers were needed.

Council Member Johnson expressed the concern that some Villagers were burning during the "no burn" season, and he was aware of several fires that had gotten out of control. Because of the extremely dry weather this spring it has been dangerous to burn; after rains the ban was lifted for a brief time but will go in effect again. Any Villager disregarding this ban is subject to a fine.

Council Member Robins introduced Tracy Percer as an area property owner who may be interested in annexation of his property, approximately six acres, into ISV. His property is presently zoned agricultural and is contiguous with the town.

Robins also referred to an article in the *Birmingham News*/Shelby County section about a bill that has passed in one house to allow small municipalities to hire a policeman through the County Sheriff's Department. The bill, not yet become a law, was discussed in connection with ISV's taking advantage of the program.

Council Member Brian Stauss requested the status of posting a signed copy of the amended Zoning Ordinance passed at the last meeting which stated that the town wishes to be "notified and heard" by the Alabama Department of Transportation should the state decide at any future time to widen State Highway 119 within ISV's corporate limits.

Being "notified and heard" would allow the town to make known its desire for a grass median with trees, shrubs, etc. if widening is planned. The mayor has sent a copy of this proposed resolution requesting review to the town's attorney, Russell Allison, as well as Council Member Stewart Dudley, and the chairman of the ISV Planning and Zoning Commission, Wayne Jones. The mayor requesting tabling this proposed resolution until written responses from these three have been received.

Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt will be the director of the upcoming elections. Any Villager interested in running for an office--mayor, council person--should contact him for information in qualifying for a position.

Administrative Assistant Bart Trammell recommended listing in *The Village Voice* the Board of Zoning Adjustment's approved, pending, and special exceptions variances, in order to keep Villagers more informed, as does the listing of building permits approved.

Trammell expressed concern about flooding conditions in the ditch that runs through the town property. He recommended that the town council consider expediting a contract with Shelby County to remove the heavy buildup of gravel in the ditch below the bridge and extending to the drain at Cahaba Valley Road. Paul Stephens reported that Elmo Glenn might be interested in the cleanup of the heavy buildup of gravel; Willie Grimes will be working on diversions in this area to prevent flooding; Town Engineer Marty Martin, who specializes in water control, has investigated the situation and has a plan he feels will correct the problem.

Taylor Jones and Brendon West of Boy Scout Troop 5, Christ Methodist Church, attended the meeting. They are working on their Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge.

—Based on minutes of the meeting by Town Clerk Shirley Church

Building Permits Approved

By Marty Martin, Town Engineer

The listing is by address, applicant, request:
133 Miller Circle, Penmarc, additions & renovation
Alabama 119, Carter, new SF home
80 Star Trek Drive, Jones, accessory building

Aluminum Recycling - May 19

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place #4

Recycling is Wednesday evening, May 19. Please place your ISV recycling near the curb before 7:00 p.m. To help the recycling volunteers identify your recycling, please use light-colored or clear plastic bags and place your recycling on the other side of the driveway from your Waste Management trash pickup. Also, please securely tie your recycling bag with a knot to prevent can spillage. If the bags are not tied, our volunteers will have to take the time to tie them.

Although aluminum is less than one percent of the nation's municipal solid waste stream, it remains one of the most valuable recyclable materials. Used aluminum beverage cans remain the most recycled item in the U. S., but other types of aluminum, such as aluminum foil, siding, gutters, storm window frames, and lawn furniture, can also be recycled. Aluminum has a high market value and continues to provide an economic incentive to recycle. Of all the products recycled, aluminum continues to be the most recyclable.

Proceeds from ISV recycling help support the printing of *The Village Voice*. Watch for ISV recycling reminders along Highway 119, Indian Crest Drive, and the entrances to Homestead.

In April your recycling team members were Trudy and Paul Scokel, Pat and Russ Favorite, Margie and Herb Robins, Bo Holmes, and Art Johnson. Special thanks to Brian Stauss for bringing the recycling trailer to the town hall. New volunteers are needed to join the team. *Volunteers in all areas are needed*--recycling, helping with the pickup, or even managing the entire volunteer ISV recycling program.

Town Council Highlights

April 20, 2004

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, April 20, at 7:00 p.m. with Council Members Herb Robins, Art Johnson, Stewart Dudley, Patricia Crapet, and Brian Stauss present.

Town Clerk Shirley Clerk reported revenues for the month as follows: General account: variance applications, \$386; business license, \$100; insurance, \$474; real estate license, \$3; vehicle license, February \$606, March, \$606; January building permits, \$2,100; February beer tax, \$468; March beer tax, \$812; trust fund, \$11,830; resulting in a balance of \$73,914. The road fund received \$1,021, resulting in a balance of \$78,135.

Town Clerk Emeritus/CFO Paul Stephens announced a \$100,000 Certificate of Deposit had been purchased for the town at Regions Bank, where the best rate available of 3.75% for five years was received. The town will have the option to re-negotiate at 18 months or 30 months from date of purchase if better rates are available at that time. Interest on this CD will be compounded annually.

Council Member Crapet reported the Easter Egg Hunt was a great success and thanked all involved, especially Mayor Gene Weingarten, First Lady Olivia Weingarten, Paul Stephens and his family and the Oak Mountain teenagers who helped stuff eggs and earn points toward their "Give me 5" program.

Council Member Johnson reminded everyone of the aluminum can recycling pickup Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m.

Council Member Stauss suggested the town consider upgrading the town clerk's personal computer to make it more compatible for sharing documents with other town council members. He will first determine if her PC can be configured to accommodate more recent Windows software.

Council member Robins said he is still working with Senior District Engineer Scott Holladay regarding the progress of the turn-lane project. The state and county are still negotiating a proposed 5-lane project that could extend from Lake Purdy to County Road 14 and could possibly take in two of the originally proposed turn-lane locations. Robins has again requested the state highway department to repair potholes on Indian Trail.

Mayor Weingarten shared a copy of a letter from Shelby County Attorney Butch Ellis to Margaret Bishop regarding who has responsibility for maintaining Bishop Lane. It was suggested that Town Attorney Russ Allison respond to the letter from Ellis.

Villager Steve Zerkis announced his plan to run for the position of Mayor of Indian Springs Village in the upcoming election since Mayor Weingarten will not be seeking re-election.

Council member Stauss introduced Stella Tipton, who asked for our support in her campaign for Shelby County Judge.

Stauss, representing the Planning and Zoning Commission, presented a re-zoning application. Danny Bowers submitted an application for annexation and re-zoning of a 4.9+/- acre parcel on the east side of Cahaba Valley Road immediately north of Gary's Barber Shop. The parcel is in unincorporated Shelby County and zoned O&I. Bowers is requesting re-zoning of 1+/- acre in the front corner to B-1 to allow construction of a convenience store with gas pumps. The town council accepted the application and scheduled a public hearing for May 18, 2004, to hear discussion from the requestor and nearby residents. Stauss will post all public hearing-related docu-

ments on the ISV website. The motion in its entirety from Planning and Zoning is as follows:

"That the Planning and Zoning Commission of Indian Springs Village approve the application for re-zoning of the presented parcel of property comprising of 1.06 acres from the district of Preferred Commercial O&I to the district of Local Shopping B-1, for the construction of a Convenience Store with a maximum of five (5) fuel pumps (2 fueling stations per pump) aligned in a row and under a single canopy. Contingent upon the following: (1) Annexation of the property into Indian Springs Village, (2) Complying with the city engineer's definition of "one (1) automobile fuel service island" subject to any variance granted by the Board of Zoning Adjustment; (3) The use of a single freestanding monument/marque ground sign only; (4) The exclusive use of diffused down lighting which will shield the direct lighting from the neighboring properties; (5) The installation of a minimum twenty-five (25) foot evergreen buffer which will reach a minimum height of twenty (20) feet and extending along the entirety of the property line which adjoins the properties located Parkside Drive and Parkside Circle which is in addition to any buffers required by any applicable ordinances; and (6) The Drainage off of the re-zoned property will not flow through the above stated buffer."

Mayor Weingarten obtained remaining signatures from town council for a resolution to adopt a modification of the Zoning Ordinance of Indian Springs Village to modify the definition of "family" and to include residential occupancy restrictions. A copy of this resolution will be posted for five days. The mayor also obtained remaining signatures from town council for an ordinance to create the position of Administrative Assistant. This ordinance will be posted for five days and then recorded in Shelby County.

It was announced that the town council is still in the process of reviewing the Comprehensive Plan.

A discussion followed by residents at the meeting regarding the Larry Maddox property at the corner of Highway 119 and Caldwell Mill Road. Councilman Robins stated that Maddox has not applied for a permit for work being performed on this property. He has already been notified to cease work immediately.

—Based on notes taken by Town Clerk Shirley Church

Destination ImagiNation Bound

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Amanda Beretta and Casey Click of ISV and three other Oak Mountain High School students will represent the state of Alabama in the secondary level of competition at the Destination ImagiNation Global Competition May 26-29 at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. The use of imagination, teamwork and creativity in problem solving is encouraged in this school/community based program. Teams from the USA and seven other countries will compete. The team manager is Tina Bennett (995-8879).

Villagers are encouraged to join the team by making a financial donation, as \$2,700 is needed to attend this competition. Make checks payable to Oak Mountain High School and mail to Amanda Beretta, 224 Jasmine Hill Road, Indian Springs, AL 35124.

Town Council Highlights

May 4, 2004

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday night, May 4, 2004, 7:00 p.m. at the ISV Town Hall on Cahaba Valley Road. Present were Mayor Gene Weingarten, Councilmen Art Johnson and Herb Robins. Absent were Brian Stauss, Patricia Crapet, and Stewart Dudley. Because a membership quorum was not present, no business could be conducted.

It was discussed and re-affirmed that our annual Fourth of July celebration this year will be held on Saturday, July 3, as Independence Day falls on Sunday this year.

Attending the meeting were the five members of the Destination ImagiNation team of Oak Mountain High School, Adam Bennett, Kelsey Andrich, and Tommy Bowen of North Shelby County and Villagers Amanda Beretta and Casey Click. How Villagers can help this team attend Global Competition May 26-29 in Knoxville is given on page 3.

With the arrival of Stewart Dudley as the meeting was about to adjourn, a quorum was present. The Zoning and Planning Commission Charman, Wayne Jones, presented a petition to divide property owned by Charles and Kelly Carlton, 350 Miller Circle, into two lots: one to be 1.4 acre and the other, 2.8 acres. The council approved the division. The Carltons will build a new home on the larger lot.

—Based on notes taken by Town Clerk Shirley Church.



Oak Mountain High School's Destination ImagiNation Team: Amanda Beretta, Kelsey Andrich, Adam Bennett, Tommy Bowen, and Casey Click

Fern Show and Sale Is June 16

We usually think of shade when we think of ferns, but there are types which can tolerate some sun, like the lovely *Southern Shield*, and other colors besides green, such as the burgandy and grey *Japanese Painted fern*. Forty varieties of ferns that do well in our planting zone will be on display at the Birmingham Fern Society's sale and show June 16 at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens, 1:00-6:00 p.m. Anyone who wishes to enter fronds in the show may do so between 8:00-10:00 a.m. Speaking at 7:00 p.m. will be a fern expert.

Schools Receive Grant Funding From Greater Shelby Foundation

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Creative and innovative Shelby County public school teachers are rewarded by the Greater Shelby County Education Foundation in the form of classroom grant funding. Over the past 11 years more than \$181,000 has been awarded to teachers for projects not otherwise funded through the school system budget, providing students with numerous new learning experiences. These teachers received such grants for the 2004 school term:

Oak Mountain Elementary: Kathy Olive, reading coach, received \$500 for "Ready, Set, Leap! Using Multisensory, Interactive Technology" (Leap Desk Work Station);

Oak Mountain Middle: Gayle L. Williams, science teacher, \$475 for "Exploring the Properties of Matter" (Frey Scientific Properties of Matter Kits);

Oak Mountain High School: Heather Hyatt, photography teacher, \$1,000 for "Cameras for Photography"

Teresa Boody, latin/history teacher, \$500 for "Civis Romanus: Civis Americanus" A Roman Citizen: An American Citizen (25 books)

Faye Walls, AP history teacher, \$500 for "Where in the World Are the AP students?" (Two atlas sets)

Carl Lett, history teacher, for \$499.50 "From Rags to Riches" (competition with other students across Alabama to increase interest in the economy and understanding of economic principles).

Jennifer Musser, biology teacher, \$500 for "Necesitamos Ayunda-We Need Help!" (thirty Oxford picture dictionaries)

Ed Cleveland, choral director, \$500 for "Smartscore and Scanner" (software program to scan printed musical scores, manipulate them, and play them through computers or midi devices).

Local businesses, corporations, foundations, and individuals provide meaningful contributions to the educational system through the Greater Shelby County Education Foundation. More information on this foundation can be obtained from Carol Bruser at 980-8604.

Garden Club News

By Gladys Price, Secretary

May 27 will be our fourth annual plant exchange. It will be at the ISV Town Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. Other garden clubs will be joining us for the evening. Each member will tell about their plant, so we will hear about many unusual plants. Refreshments will be enjoyed prior to the meeting.

Tip of the Month:

Ants on your peony is a sign of a healthy plant.

The time to prune your flowering bushes is as they finish their flowers.

Library Buys New Computers; Hires New Reference Librarian

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The Shelby County Commission awarded \$62,000 to various libraries and museums in the county, including \$10,000 to North Shelby. The grant was given on condition the library would match that total, which was done, and the result is \$20,000 worth of new computer equipment now being configured and ready for use probably by June, Carol Farr, Acting Director, has said. Upstairs will be 10 replacement and two additional computers for public access and in the children's department, four replacement computers--16 in all.

Funds from the same Quality of Life Enrichment Grant awarded last year were used to buy current fiction, nonfiction and reference materials for adults, young adults, and juveniles.

Meet Michelyn Reid

A new part-time reference librarian is now on duty for 30 hours per week. Michelyn Reid, a native of Jacksonville, FL and graduate of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, is getting acquainted with the library patrons and the area since beginning work March 19.

While at North Carolina, Ms. Reid did an internship with Duke University, Chapel Hill, which hired her after her May 2003 graduation. In October 2003 she began work locally at Virginia College.

Ms. Reid is on duty these days and hours: Monday, 1:00-8:00 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, 12:00 noon-6:00 p.m.; Thursday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., and Friday, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. She is available to answer reference questions by telephone during those hours; her direct number is 439-5510.

Master Gardener to Speak and Offer Tour

"Basics of Home Vegetable Gardening" will be offered May 25 at a Brown Bag Luncheon at the library, beginning at 12:00 noon. Drinks will be provided. Alabama Master Gardener Tom Harris is the speaker. He will conduct attendees on a tour of his garden afterwards. The garden is located behind Attic Antiques and next to Oak Mountain Elementary. Attendees may park in the OMES parking lot.

ThinkFirst Program May 27

ThinkFirst, the National Injury Prevention Foundation whose slogan us "Use your mind to protect your body!" will conduct a program at the library on May 27, beginning at 10:00 a.m., for children in grades 1-3.

Entitled "ThinkFirst For Kids," this comprehensive injury prevention program is designed to help young children develop safety habits to minimize their risks of sustaining brain, spinal cord, and other traumatic injuries. Six main topics will be covered: introduction to the brain and spinal cord anatomy; vehicle, water, bicycle, sports and recreational safety; as well as safety around weapons and creative problem-solving. The program educates students about activities that place them at risk, while teaching them the best ways to stay safe and injury-free.

Summer Reading Program

The Kick-off Party to begin the 2004 summer reading program at North Shelby Library will be Saturday, June 5, with clowns, crafts, and snacks to add to the festivities. The program will run from June 5-July 16. Storytimes will be on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, with Special Programming each Tuesday, Crafts each Thursday, and the Wrap up Party, including the prize drawing, on Friday, July 16.

Pre-registration begins May 19 (no phone registrations, please!) Pre-schools should call 439-5500 for special Summer Reading arrangements. The reading goal suggested is at least six chapter books or 12 easy books to be read during this six-week period.

National Library Week

In celebration of National Library week, April 19-23, the North Shelby Library invited Jerry Tracey, Channel 13 meteorologist, to speak to homeschooled children in the area and their parents. The children, of all grade levels, listened intently as the weatherman taught them tornado safety and answered their questions. About 57 in all attended the program, held in the downstairs meeting room of the library. Book bags with the slogan, "Celebrate Libraries" were distributed to the students, and in appreciation the library presented Tracey with a large cake in the shape of a book.



A view of the crowd of homeschooled children & parents who heard Jerry Tracey



Many of the students had questions



Tracey displays the cake

Village Personals

By Ruth Goodwyn and Jana Hagan

In Memoriam

Haskins Williams Bowman, age 72, a longtime resident of Indian Springs Village, died Tuesday, April 13 at a local hospital.

Mr. Bowman grew up in the Five Points area and is a graduate of Darlington in Rome, GA, and the College of Engineering at Auburn. Upon his return from military service with the Air Force and Army, he married, and the Bowmans settled and raised their family in Vestavia Hills before moving to Indian Springs. He founded Bowman Manufacturing, Inc., a metalwork company.

The Bowmans were active in the Indian Springs Civic Association, an association which disbanded in the 1980's, and have always participated in civic affairs.

Mr. Bowman is survived by his wife of 41 years, Mary Stallworth Bowman; their three daughters, Margaret Bowman King of Starkville, Ms, wife of Robert L. King; Elizabeth Bowman Cooper of Harrisonburg, VA, wife of Charles P. Cooper; and Mary Haskins Bowman of Indian Springs. He is the grandfather of Mary Carolyn, Jackson Preston, Emily Margaret, Samuel Bowman, and Claire Elizabeth.

Visitation was held on Friday evening, April 16, at St. Francis of Assissi Episcopal Church, Cahaba Valley Road, and funeral services on Saturday, 11:00 a.m. at the church. Interment was at Southern Heritage Cemetery.

After the funeral a reception was held at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall by the Bowmans' neighbors on Mallard Circle and members of the ISV Garden Club. Mary Bowman reported that their out-of-town relatives and others were astonished at the availability of the town hall and the kindness of friends and neighbors.

From the Homestead Subdivision

Juanita Gaines, mother of William "Billy" Gaines of 5117 Hollow Log Lane, died at age 86 after a long illness. She was a former resident of ISV, having lived on Star Trek Drive.

Gover Fulmer, father of Blake Fulmer of 5124 Hollow Log Lane, died at age 87 after a long illness.

W. T. Bradley, relative of Mike and Terry Lovett of 5126 Split Rail Trail, died on February 1 at age 86 after a long illness.

All three of the above died right around the same time early this year.

New Baby

Paul and Heather Arthur of 5102 Split Rail Trail welcomed **Lillie** on Nov. 25, 2003. She joined big brother **Daton** and big sister **Lindy**.

That Growing Luster Family

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

It's hard to catch Sandy Luster at a quiet moment these days because she is always grandmothering a large number of children belonging to her and Ron's offspring--and there's two more.

Oldest daughter Kelly and her husband Reed Wertz welcomed Joshua Daniel on February 25 to add to their family of Neely, 16, Oak Mountain High School; Daniel, 10, Oak Mountain Intermediate School, and Jordan (Jordy), almost 9, who attends Oak Mountain Elementary; also Faith, 3 1/2, and Joy, age 20 months.

Second daughter Karen and husband Patrick Eddins live in the Cedars, across from Eagle Point, and have three children, Grace Ann, 4, Cole Patrick, 2, and Baby Sam. Kelly and Karen had Joshua and Sam three days apart.

Ronald Luster, Jr., and wife Amy live at Shadowwood on Valleydale. Their children are Michael, 2, and Molly, 6 months.

There it stops (for now, anyway). Youngest son Michael is in divinity school at Talbot Seminary in Whittier, California, and works in Los Angeles, putting to use his master's degree in social work. His wife, Lynn, teaches high school art.

WWII Memorial to Be Dedicated

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Nearly 59 years after the end of World War II, the National World War II Memorial will be dedicated in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, May 29. The memorial will honor the 16 million who served in the armed forces during World War II, the more than 400,000 who died, and the millions who supported the effort on the home front.

The four days of activities from May 27-May 30 for this "Tribute to a Generation" comes after eight years of planning, six years of public debate, and four years of construction of the memorial. Located on the Washington Mall, the memorial is at the Rainbow Pool site at the east end of the Reflecting Pool between the Lincoln Memorial and Washington Monument.

Former Senator Bob Dole, a World War II veteran seriously wounded on the battlefield, led the fund-raising campaign, which resulted in more than \$195 million in cash and pledges. The federal government provided 16 million.

The American Battle Monuments Commission was authorized May 25, 1993, to establish the monument, which, according to Senator Dole, the generation of Americans that defeated the forces of tyranny neither asked for nor expected "They came home," he said. "And they built a nation that remains the world's most powerful example of democratic freedom in action."

The Memorial website is www.wwiimemorial.com.