

# Saxapahaw Current

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## Finding Saxapahaw

by Linda Pucci

For the past several issues, we have chatted with Saxapahonians whose families go back generations, and others who stumbled upon the village, returning again and again, only to finally settle here. We explored their attraction to the area and found that they all described the synergy between local nature and creative energy among their friends and acquaintances here.

In this issue, we meet Emma and Margaret. Both knew about Saxapahaw and fluttered like butterflies around its attractions until they recently alighted right in its middle.

Emma comes from Northern Virginia and moved to North Carolina to go to college. She has a degree in Human Services with a minor in public health and psychology. Emma is currently employed as Program and Outreach Coordinator with Benevolence Farm. She also works part time at the Eddy Pub. She became familiar with the village as a student, finding an oasis away from university life. Here she could enjoy the slower pace and quiet the village offered (with, of course, the exception of Saturdays in Saxapahaw). Later, working at Benevolence Farm, she met community

Margaret (top) Emma (right)



members and developed a better understanding of farmers in the area. Her job at the Eddy drew her into the community as she met more and more locals. She was commuting from Durham where she felt disoriented and isolated. When an opportunity opened up for her to move to Saxapahaw, she told me that it felt like she was supposed to be here. She realized that she needed to be close to nature and the land. She sensed that the community was developing in an intentional and thoughtful way. And she began to realize that it was necessary to have pleasure and extend friendships across the age divide.

Margaret is a triplet who grew up with her siblings in Nigeria, children of missionaries. She returned to the USA for college and eventually received a Masters of English from George Mason University. She met and began studying with Kathy Oddenino, a career RN, who taught a spiritual health philosophy to clients, in seminars and in books.\* Margaret began editing Kathy's works and when Kathy moved from Annapolis MD to Pittsboro, Margaret followed. She

purchased a home in Saxapahaw and continued studying and editing for Kathy. After several years she moved to Pittsboro to facilitate her work with Kathy. When Kathy passed away last year at 86, Margaret returned to her home in Saxapahaw. She

got a job at the Saxapahaw General Store, where she works as general front of house staff and writes the Store's website.

Over the years, she has come to appreciate Saxapahaw as a lively and interesting place. She experiences the area as welcoming and fitting into her holistic philosophy.

Emma and Margaret moved to Saxapahaw drawn by its focus and vitality. What about you? How did you get here? What was the driving force? What were your early impressions of the village and its people? Let us know. Give us your brief comments and we'll include them in the next issue of Saxapahaw Current.

\* Books by Kathy Oddenino. *Spirit of Consciousness: Our Intelligent Design* - 2007; *Joy of Health*, 2010.

## A & Omega

### Birds on the Haw.

In our last issue, Joe Jacob told about our avian friends on the Haw. We were short of space to show them - So we thought we'd include them in this issue. Have you seen them?



## Goin's On

Don't miss the **Eli Whitney Fire Department Country Breakfast** at the Eli Whitney Community Center corner of Old Greensboro and Highway 87. It's happening on **October 21** from 6:30 to 10:00 am. While you're there, check out their bake sale.



The United Methodist Church of Saxapahaw invites the community to its annual **Fall Festival and Trunk-or-Treat** gathering on **October 28** at B. Everette Jordan Ball Park. Food and games from



3:30 - 5:00 pm. Parade of costumes at 4:45. Trunks open at 5:00 pm. Bring the whole family to enjoy free hot dogs, games for everyone, bouncy houses among other things. Last year we had over 600 visitors.

Can we beat that this year? Join us!

Saxapahaw's annual **Oktoberfest** takes place this year on **October 29th** from 5-9 pm. Market, games, arts and crafts, Halloween

Costume contest from 5:45 - 6:00. And Square Dance at 6:00. Enjoy Violet Bell featuring Lizzy Ross and Omar Ruiz-Lopez in the River Amphitheater outside the Haw River Ballroom - we will be passing the Swan and giving the donations to the wonderful bands. See you there!



Join the Haw River Trail and Saxapahaw village for its **4th Annual Trailathon**. This **November 4th** event, is a fundraiser for the Saxapahaw Island Park project. It includes a paddle on Saxapahaw



Lake, a countryside bike ride and a trail run. It is not competitive, but rather affords participants an opportunity to enjoy the natural setting along the river. For more information

call 336 229 2389 or visit the Trailthon's website.

Don't forget to order your **Christmas Tree**. Fraser Firs from Hensley Farm in Virginia arrive at SUMC on Friday after Thanksgiving (**November 24**). To find out more about this SAFE (South Alamance Family Empowerment) fundraiser, contact [woodkatt@gmail.com](mailto:woodkatt@gmail.com) or [bchristy8501@msn.com](mailto:bchristy8501@msn.com). Orders must be in by November 15th.

See you at Saxapahaw's annual **Holiday Market** on Saturday, **December 9th** from 9 am to 8 pm and Sunday, December 10th from noon to 5 pm. Like holiday markets of old you can visit local vendors and choose from their fine handcrafts including art works, jewelry, pottery, wood working, gift baskets and more. Get all your shopping done in one place while supporting local artisans.

## UNDERCURRENTS

By Linda Pucci

### Sycamore

Last year, we wrote about the South Saxapahaw Homeowners Association's (SSHA) water company. It is one of the smallest in North Carolina serving, 44 households across the bridge from the village. We told you how, in 2010, the Association, focused on renovating the well house and and the entire system.

In the process they cleared the land and took down several large

sycamore trees. It is these sycamores that take the spotlight today. The

Association contacted a local cabinet maker, who milled and cured the wood. He

lyrically described it as having beautiful black striations and being really good hard wood to work with. Recently he

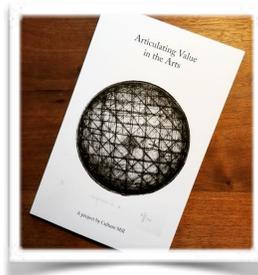
transformed the planks into legs for new tables in the Eddy's Farm Table Room. This is the nature of

our village, to use what we have at hand. The concept of recycling is ingrained in our lives.



### Culture Mill

Culture Mill is an investment in civil society. Just as textile mills of old were the heart of Saxapahaw, today, Saxapahaw's Culture Mill draws on ideas and expressions from artists' natural creativity. It weaves them into renewed artistic expressions. Just as the textile mill spinners and weavers created fabric, Culture mill, through its residencies, education, outreach and immersive art works programs, focuses our attention on life around us. Recently, Culture Mill completed a book project, Mission and Vision. You find a digital copy at [www.articulatingvalue.com](http://www.articulatingvalue.com).



Haiku to you

FALL HAS ARRIVED WHEN  
HICK'RY TREE BEHIND MY HOUSE  
DONS HER GOLDEN DRESS

## SAXAPAHAW OKTOBERFEST



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Happy Fall, Y'all!

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