

# E-News

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a volunteer service organization of the University of North Carolina School of the Arts

## November 2009

### Calendar of Upcoming Events

**Saturday/Sunday  
November 21-22**

Cookies for exams due at Connector Building between 12 noon and 5 p.m.

**Thursday, December 3**

Cookies for Nutcracker Feed due in Development Office by 12 Noon

**Saturday, December 5**

Nutcracker Feed  
Stevens Center  
2 -6 p.m.

**Sunday, December 6**

Hospitality Committee Gathering  
4-6 p.m.

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**Saturday, January 23, 2010**

Mozart's Birthday Party  
Watson Hall  
7:30 p.m.

**Cookies were the main topic** of conversation at the recent November board meeting, and you can see why as you look at the upcoming events calendar at left. Requests for baked goods were issued by Sarah Turner on behalf of the exam break effort; and by the Nutcracker Feed committee, which needs countless dozens of cookies for student dancers and crew for this year's "Nutcracker" performance on December 5.

You've been sent the particulars about **exam treats**; *please note* that the time for dropping the cookies off at the Connector Building on weekends is between 12 noon and 5 p.m. The following is a note from Jennifer Wells of Residence Life to Sarah Turner: "Thank you so much for sending this "call for cookies" out to The Associates. The students are VERY appreciative of the cookies that show up at exam time ... Again, thank you so much for coordinating this yearly treat for students!" Jennifer can be reached at [wellsj@unca.edu](mailto:wellsj@unca.edu) if you should have questions.

**"Nutcracker" cookie bakers:** please take note of the guidelines in **bold** type and provide several dozen cookies or baked goods on a **non-returnable sturdy** plate, **securely** wrapped, containing **no nuts**, on **Thursday, December 4**, at or before **noon**, to the development office, 1919 South Main Street (corner of Banner and Main). Michelle Snow will be there to receive and guard them until the committee picks up and delivers them to Stevens Center that afternoon. Let Betsy Hinkle ([hinklebetsy@yahoo.com](mailto:hinklebetsy@yahoo.com)) know if you can help out with this aspect of the project. Helpmates will be calling as the date draws nearer if we find we don't have enough.

**The Nutcracker Feed** on December 5, headed by Betsy Hinkle ([hinklebetsy@yahoo.com](mailto:hinklebetsy@yahoo.com)), is in the planning stages and gearing up to provide hot penne pasta, Subway sandwiches and cookies and baked goods to the 140 plus dancers and crew who can't return to campus between the 2 p.m. matinee and evening performances for a meal that Saturday. Associates members have been most generous in volunteering their time with this big undertaking. And if course, the call for cookies and baked goods needs your response as soon as possible.

**The Associates Present *Behind the Scenes*** was, as those of you attended already know, a sell-out event once again this year. The program put on by Dean Ethan Steifel was a fascinating look at the inner workings of the process of choreography for the new “Nutcracker” being developed by Steifel and his staff at the School of Dance, as well as the Department of Design and Production. It’s difficult to imagine how many details go into a final extravaganza such as “Nutcracker” and this program gave us a glimpse into the scope of such an undertaking. The audience was well pleased by the presentation and impressed by the specificity of each gesture and movement vital to choreography, and the concentration and hard work required by dancers, choreographer and the sound person. How do they do it? It always amazes.

**The Membership Committee** has gratifying news as it wraps up its annual sign-up and dues-collecting season. As of the board meeting November 3, we have 142 members, including 30 new members. Eighty percent of last year’s members signed up for another wonderful year of loving and supporting the North Carolina School of the Arts, and late-comers keep trickling in. If you know of anyone who missed joining this fall, please let us know and we’ll send you an application form to pass along. Let’s stop allowing UNCSA to be “the best-kept secret in Winston-Salem” and spread the fun and exhilaration of being part of such a rewarding organization.

**Some changes in the board of The Associates** have recently been announced. As you know, Sharon Applegate has resigned as membership chairman. Gary Trowbridge has been appointed her replacement as of November 3 and can be reached at [abigail2@bellsouth.net](mailto:abigail2@bellsouth.net). As of January 1, the position of Associates’ treasurer will be renamed Associates’ board financial liaison; Tim Prout has been appointed to this role and will be submitting monies, receipts and reimbursement requests to the UNCSA Foundation in new financial procedures. The Foundation will have no control over how Associates monies are spent.

**The Hospitality Committee** is basking in the glory of the fall kickoff and the first *Behind the Scenes* reception, which was an amazingly festive display of decoration and refreshments in the Flag Gallery. They are now planning a holiday gathering at the home of chairman Greta Gray on December 6 for Hospitality members to share holiday glee and talk about future events.

**Members at Large Film Locations Project** has received the following update from Stephanie Colopy, head of production, School of Filmmaking: “Our 3rd year students are going to be going out on their production starting at the end of January and throughout every weekend in February. They are in the process of finding locations and I will inform them that The Associates are offering their help. I will send along any requests to you and hope there are some locations you and The Associates can help us out with.”

**The directory of Associates members** for 2009-2010 has been distributed by Sharon Applegate by electronic mail. If you didn’t receive a copy or are a new member, please let us know by return e-mail and we’ll make sure you get one. Additional copies are also available at the development office on South Main Street.

**The UNCSA Website** process continues as we work at getting information about The Associates up on that site. As soon as the bylaws revisions have been vetted, they will be posted on the website along with other pertinent information, such as a schedule of events, a list of Associates board members, issues of last year’s E-News editions, the membership application and photographs of events and interaction with the school.

**Our next board meeting** will be December 1 at noon in the development office conference room. As always, all members are invited to attend board meetings, so join us if you’d like.

