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Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury Fall Bazaar Scheduled for September 24

Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury is hosting its annual Fall Bazaar on Saturday, September 24 on the campus at 132 Lancaster Drive outside the town of Irvington. The public is invited to come and join in the festivities. Doors open at 9:00 a.m. and sales continue until 1:00 p.m.

“This event always turns out to be a great time for our residents and the public alike,” says Amy Lewis, Senior Resident Life Coordinator at RWC. The Resident Life Department coordinates the event.

Again this year, RWC residents will staff various booths featuring an array of merchandise. The Attic Treasures booth, always an attraction to visitors, will have an exceptional selection this year. Furniture available will include a desk, an armoire, a pie crust table, pie safe, marble inlay table, five-drawer maple bureau, an oak drop-leaf side table and an assortment of stand-alone and wall mirrors. Among houseware and jewelry items will be an assortment of Depression glass and Carnival glass, sterling silver pieces, Dansk tableware, German steins, Tiffany flatware, Cross pens and pencils and a Georg Jensen 18-carat gold pin. A number of miniature portraits and silhouettes and an American character doll will be on sale as well.

The Boutique will feature a variety of handcrafted knitting and crocheted items. The Bountiful Books booth will have dozens of older and newer releases, with titles ranging from classic fiction, contemporary romance and mysteries, a selection of nonfiction titles and cookbooks. Delicacies for the table prepared by residents and staff will be offered at Granny's Kitchen. Visitors who come early can grab some breakfast at the Westbury Club Room Café. This outdoor venue set up on the front porch of RWC's Chesapeake Center will feature homemade chili, ham biscuits and coffee.

Whiz Harris, RWC's vice president for development, says the bazaar is popular because it gives people the chance to pick up some nice items for the holidays. "People enjoy the festive atmosphere and they find this a great way to get a head start on holiday shopping."

The Bazaar has been a major fundraiser for RWC since it began a quarter century ago. Proceeds from the various RWC booths are used to underwrite activities at the continuing care community. Sales from the Bountiful Books table support the residents' library. Attic Treasures sales support the RWC Foundation, which provides funds for the Fellowship Program that assists eligible residents in meeting monthly residence expenses. In the past decade, Attic Treasures has generated sales approaching \$100,000.

There are still a few spots available for vendors, Lewis says. Those interested in setting up a booth at the Bazaar should call Maria Ferrand, 438-201, or Lewis, 438-4024.

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