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Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury Fall Bazaar Set for September 25

Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury is hosting its annual Fall Bazaar on Saturday, September 25 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 is a fun day for our residents and the public alike,” says Betsy Douglas, Human Resources Manager at RWC. The Resident Life Department coordinates the event while Douglas oversees the Attic Treasures booth.

Again this year, RWC residents will staff various booths featuring an array of items. Granny's Garden will certainly attract those with green thumbs and those who simply like to putter around in the yard. The Boutique will feature a variety of handcrafted knitting and crocheted items. The Bountiful Books booth will have older and newer releases available, with titles ranging from the classics to cookbooks to Virginia history.

Delicacies for the table will be offered at Granny's Kitchen. Prepared by residents and staff, goodies such as rum cakes, banana bread, and a wide assortment of pickled products will tempt visitors' palates this year as they have done in the past.

The wide variety assures visitors that they can find the right item for their home or garden, or to add a special touch at the breakfast or dinner table. One can even buy the table, Douglas says, as a Pembroke-style dining table and a glass-topped table are among items available at the Attic Treasures booth. Donations of furniture and household decorations from RWC residents include sterling silver, gold and silver jewelry, an old steamer trunk, and a complete Rose Medallion tea set.

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, while those from the crafts, garden and kitchen booths go into the residents' activity fund. Attic Treasure sales support the RWC Foundation, which provides funds for the Fellowship Program that assists

eligible residents in meeting monthly residence expenses. Since 2003, Attic Treasures alone has generated sales approaching \$100,000.

In the past, visitors have lined up outside the RWC main entrance waiting for the doors to open, says RWC vice president for development Whiz Harris. She says the bazaar is popular because it gives people the chance to pick up some nice items and enjoy the festive atmosphere as they welcome in the fall season and start thinking about the end-of-year holidays.

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