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March Viewpoints Presentation at Rappahannock Westminister-Canterbury to feature musician Bill Gurley

On Monday, April 4, Rappahannock Westminister-Canterbury will host the second presentation in its Viewpoints 2011 series. Musician Bill Gurley will present a program on American music. Well known throughout Virginia for his exceptional talents, Gurley grew up in Newport News, where he was introduced to music by his father, who had been a band leader. He began his instrumental career as a guitarist, and was inspired to learn to play banjo by the music of the legendary Country duo Flatt & Scruggs. Today Gurley performs on guitar, fiddle, mandolin and banjo. His music has been described as “clean and polished, yet still rustic and natural,” providing “musical communication on a deep, honest level.”

Gurley has often appeared with his wife Pam, also a talented musician. The two have performed together for more than twenty-five years, and have released two CDs that feature a unique mix of folk, blue, and bluegrass. These albums include original music by Gurley, who is an

accomplished singer and songwriter. Recently Gurley's daughter Macon has joined her mother and father in the recording studio. The Gurley family's first CD, titled simply "The Gurleys," was released in 2009.

The third presentation in the Viewpoints season is scheduled for May 2. Christchurch School headmaster Jeb Byers will speak on "The 21st Century Schoolhouse: Educating for the Future in an Age of Change." Byers will focus on the impact that the rapid pace of change in the twenty-first century is having on education, and explain how Christchurch School is responding to this challenge.

The series will conclude on June 6 with a presentation by Dr. Christopher Kilmartin of the University of Mary Washington. Kilmartin, a professor of psychology who has also done stand-up comedy, will deliver a presentation titled "Guy Fi: The Fictions that Rule Men's Lives."

These free Viewpoints presentations begin at 11:00 a.m. and are held in the auditorium at RWC at 132 Lancaster Drive, Irvington. Attendees are invited to remain after the presentations for a complimentary buffet luncheon. Reservations are required, as space is limited. To give everyone interested an equal opportunity to reserve a seat, those wishing to attend are asked to call 438-4000 on or after March 21 for the April 4 event. RWC maintains a waiting list and will honor reservations in the order received. Separate reservations must be made for each event.

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Photo caption:

Virginia musician Bill Gurley will provide a program of education and entertainment as part of Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury's Viewpoints series on April 4, 2011.