One Ashland, Many Voices Oral History Project
Transcript of Interview with Faye Prichard

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KD: Please tell me how you came to Ashland.

FP: In 1983 my husband and I lived in Fredericksburg, Virginia and we both worked at Mary Washington Hospital and my husband was going to work for Virginia Power, North Anna, that’s a nuclear power station. And I wanted to live in the Fan of Richmond. I’m from the Richmond area and my husband wanted to live in Louisa. And there was no way in the world I was going to live in Louisa so Ashland was our compromise because I worked in the Fan. So we picked a midpoint that we could both stand. I could live a small town. He could live in a small town. He didn’t want to live in a city and I wasn’t going to live in the country. So it was sort of an accident really. Um a good one.

KD: What was your first impression of Ashland?

FP: Um I’ll tell you a little story that is really my first impression of after we moved here. We loved all the houses we looked at when we moved here and we moved into the house that we moved into primarily because it was springtime and there was a weeping cherry tree in the front yard. And it was maybe not the best house we saw that day but it was the prettiest yard so we
ended up moving for the cherry tree literally. But when we, we’ve only been here for about a week and I was…I worked the midnight shift at a hospital in Richmond and I came home from work one morning and there was a big Irish setter in my yard. Pretty pretty dog but it looked like perhaps like it was hit by a car. It was limping and I could not get my hands on it for anything. And at that time the neighbor across the street from me had a lot of property and had a farm hand who used to work in the back and I asked him what to do and he said, “Well call up the Town Hall. They can tell you.” So I called over here and explained where I lived and what was going on and the woman said, “Oh you must be those new people who live in that little white house next door to Mr. and Mrs. Tompkins. Well that’s Miss Faulk/Funk’s dog and it has arthritis and if you call her, she’ll be thrilled. So I looked her up in the book and called her and she said, “Oh you must be those new people who live in that little white house,” so my immediate impression was everybody knew everybody and everything about everybody but like home. And everybody does know everybody and it is like home.

KD: Who do you think were Ashland’s most colorful characters?

FP: Well certainly Dick Gillis would be one of Ashland’s most colorful characters. He used to say, “It’s a great day in the Center of the Universe!” He used to say that all the time. And she’ll probably kill me for saying it but Rosanne Shalf is probably one of our most colorful characters.

KD: So what kinds of activities did you do? What kinds of recreation did you find in Ashland?

FP: When we first moved here, I have to say we weren’t involved in a whole lot of activities primarily because we had a small child. The way people are involved with their kids, but we always went to the Strawberry Faire. We always walked. We knew our neighbors from walking and riding our bikes. So that was pretty much it.

KD: What was the experience of raising a child in Ashland?

FP: Oh it was absolutely Mayberry. You know I grew up on Andy Griffith. That was where I learned my social structure from and it was exactly like that. My daughter met her best friend for all of her growing up on the day we moved here. Megan, my daughter, was a year old when we moved here and the neighbors across the street had a six month old girl. And they were friends all of their lives. Um in fact when Megan was about nine, my neighbor called and said, “Look out your front window.” Megan and Leslie were punching each other out in the middle of the street in front of the houses. So we had to go out and part them. But it was such a neighborhood. You know we all knew each other’s kids and everybody knew what everybody else’s kids were up to. Um we were within walking distance of the school and there were always things for her to do and friends. And you always felt that you knew everybody. It felt as safe as it should feel when people are raising a child in the community.

KD: What schools did your daughter attend?
FP: She went to Henry Clay and then Gandy and then Patrick Henry.

KD: Did you like her education?

FP: I did. Megan was very happy. We...when we first came here, we were a little leery of public schools and we were thinking about private school but we decided to try Henry Clay for a year to see how it went and we never pulled her out of public schools. We were thrilled with her teachers and the experiences she had. And when she was in high school, she was in Show Choir and that really brought her out. Helped her develop some self-confidence. We always had great experiences here.

KD: What about the local businesses? What was your first impression of those?

FP: I think I shopped in Peebles from the day I moved here on. We did do shopping in Richmond and around the area, but we always...you know I live on the same street as Charles and Cathy Walter who own Cross Brothers so we’ve bought our groceries from Cross Brothers literally from the first day we came here and I don’t know anywhere else in the world where you can get a Wonder Roast Chicken by calling up and saying, “Would you bring me one of those on your way home?” Um which they often do. Well often have. Ashland Coffee and Tea has been a central part of our experience here. My daughter worked there. It’s where I stopped for coffee almost every morning of my life for the last ten years. We’ve always been big users of local businesses and we’ve always had happy experiences with them. Um we’re big users of the Ace Hardware because again Robert lives on my street too. So the thing about local businesses is that local businesses are your neighbors and they’re your friends who you don’t shop with them…it makes the experience really different. You know I went into the Ace Hardware one day years ago before Robert was the owner and there was an older guy named Al who used to work in there. And I walked in for two little screws that I needed for something. He just gave them to me and said, “Get out of here. Nobody pays for that.” So it’s always been that you have been treated like a member of the community, not just some anonymous customers.

KD: Have you been a member of any organizations?

FP: I’ve been a member of the Hanover Citizens for Responsible Growth for many years. I don’t know exactly how many years. Um I’m a member of HAC of course and I’m a member of the Hanover Humane Society.

KD: Do you have any fond memories of any of those organizations?

FP: Well the Citizens for Responsible Growth helped me get here. They don’t of course support candidates because they’re a nonprofit group but those are some of the smartest folks I’ve ever earned and some of the most committed to their community. And for all the brouhaha over the Wal-Mart battle, ultimately when I look back on that. What’s so impressive to me is that those folks became my friends. They became my community. People that introduced me to more
people than I’d ever known. They were so passionate in their loved for this community that you
know Jeff Wyler who was a doctor became one of the biggest experts on public transportation
I’ve ever met in highways. He knew everything about everything. Those folks, it seems to me,
are what Ashland is. That they’re the…you know people that love the community so
passionately that they’d be willing to dress up like gorillas and stand on street corners trying to
keep things from happening that they didn’t want. I think too we took a bad rap there towards the
end because we were called the pink flamingos you know. And that all started because there was
a tradition in the Richmond area that local churches would take. They would buy up those tacky
plastic pink flamingos and you’d walk out on your lawn one morning and you might have 25 of
them on your lawn. And in order to get them removed, you had a give a donation to the church
and then you could pick where the flamingos went next. And we loved those things. We thought
they were great. So we had tons of them and they were all over Ashland. Um and in fact there
were some folks over on Snead Street who I don’t know who did a Santa and his reindeer
diorama in their yard one year and they had pink flamingos pulling the Santa’s sleigh which I
thought was pretty wonderful. So.

KD: What were your feelings about the Wal-Mart coming?

FP: Well clearly I wasn’t for it. Um and you know it’s a very complicated thing. It was never a
one or the other issue that I think most of us felt. There were a lot of issues I believe. Most of us
don’t like what Wal-Mart does as corporate policy. It has nothing to do with local folks who
work or shop in Wal-Mart. It’s not about that. Most of us feel that their corporate policy or many
of their corporate policies are pretty irresponsible. But we never tried to stop Wal-Mart from
coming to town. We tried to stop Wal-Mart from building on that property because we felt it was
pretty valuable industrial property and we shouldn’t be building retail stuff where good industrial
business would go because industrial business brings better jobs to town. And that was really the
hard part about that is that they could have gone somewhere else.

KD: So how does it feel to be the mayor of the Center of the Universe?

FP: Ask me on any day and there’ll be a different answer. Um mostly it feels like an honor. You
know it’s my job to be a spokesperson for the 7000 people who live here um and that’s a very
big job. Um and when people trust you enough to do that. I’m entering into my fifth year of that.
It’s a huge honor. Then there’s the other piece of it which is learning that your job sometimes
and very often is just saying no to people that you care about. You know this is not an easy job
where you get to give people everything they want and sometimes everything they need. That
you have to follow the law and you have to think of the greater good. It’s difficult to sit up there
lots of times and tell people who have very good reasons for wanting what they want that you’re
not going to be able to do it and then sometimes it feels wonderful to be out there fighting the
great battles and the little battles for people that you love very much. And some of those people I
love very much I know and some I don’t.
KD: When did you become involved in politics in Ashland?

FP: During the Wal-Mart battle. I had… I had always voted and I had always gone to the forums. I didn’t know a lot of the players. I knew what I saw in the public forums where candidates came out to talk. When I first moved here in ’83, there was a Town Council meeting where I knew they were considering the possibility of a public swimming pool long before we had Carter Park. And I went to that meeting and I didn’t know any of the council members and in fact I didn’t know anybody there at all. And there was a council member who brought forward the possibility of having a town pool. Dick Gillis said from the podium, “No no no. We brought that up right after World War II and nobody wanted a pool. We’re not doing that now.” And I knew I had entered into a different realm of politics where people thought about things in very longitudinal ways and not necessarily change was not happening quickly so. Over the years, I came to a few council meetings when there were issues I was interested in, but I wasn’t very much involved in local politics at all until the Wal-Mart issue. And with the Wal-Mart issue, the great thing about that whole battle was the notion of how involved people got into the process and how much they learned about their community from that battle. In fact, that’s the great positive outcome of that. For the better or the worse, the store being there, a lot of positive things came out of that. And so I went to every planning and commission meeting. I went to every council meeting for you know several years and you learn an awful lot about the process and there was an election coming up and some folks who had been involved with the Wal-Mart decision were not running again. And one was and I had been asked to run and I kept saying, “Not me. I am way too shy to be up there in front of people. I could never do this.” And my husband kept telling people, “Sure, she’ll do it. She’ll do it. Just keep at her. She’ll do it.” And finally…I finally agreed to do it because I finally thought, “Okay, I know I’m going to lose and I think my ego can handle that but it’s good to make a public stand.” And so I really believed until the names were announced that I had lost from day one.

KD: Do you have any special memories from your time as mayor?

FP: Oh I have lots of special memories from my time as mayor. When I was Vice-Mayor, the sniper was here of course um and that was one of the most tragic memories from the time I’ve been here. Um one of my precious memories is when Virginia Shelton who is our oldest resident turned 100. We gave her the very first key to the town that had ever been given out in anyone’s recollection. Um one of the things I’m proudest of is that we’ve initiated community meetings that when projects go on around town, we meet with the residents. I have lots of special memories about meeting with people and talking about the things that they care about. My memories are more general than particular because Town Council is in its own way a family and you know I care deeply about all the people I’ve served with. I’ve never served with anybody that I have hard feelings for, about. You work very hard to do this job and every morning this building feels like family. Our staff does breakfast every Friday morning. They all make…do a
Pot Luck breakfast and so some of my best memories are dropping by and they read each other little facto files stuff. “Did you know that,” or they tell jokes and so that kind of stuff.

KD: Have you seen any significant changes here in Ashland since you’ve been here?

FP: Well of course the growth has been significant since I’ve been here. It’s a small town. It’s still a small town but things are building up around us traumatically and that’s changing. But a kind of wonderful thing that Ashland is “No it is the same when I came here.” The attitude and how people are, the way that kids go to school and the activities that their parents do. It all seems very much the same when I talk to my friends who have much younger children. They’re doing the same things that my kid did when she was that age.

KD: How has having a college in the town influenced your career or affected your career?

FP: My career as Mayor? (KD: Mmhmm) Um, well I think you know the college is a significant piece of the town and the entity itself means that whenever you think about big decisions, you think about who’s going to be affected by those decisions. And the college has always been a significant part of our thinking. Um in how the college fits into the community and how the community views the college has always been a consideration. I have to say since Bob Lindgren’s been here, it’s dramatically changed my personal relationship with the college as far as when we do business with them. In the past, we had sort of perfunctory meetings with the college a couple of times a year and we talked about planning and zoning issues, those kinds of things. But I didn’t have a lot of interaction with the college on major planning long time for either the college or the town. Since Dr. Lindgren been here, it’s very very different. He partners very carefully with the town. The town partners very carefully with him. And it’s really nice to now think of ourselves as not just a town with a college but a college town and I think he’s been a big step for us in that happening. You know I’ve lived here for 25 years and we’ve walked at the college. We’ve known folks who worked for the college. We always had it as an integral part of our relationship. I think we’re finally moving into a place again. I’m sure this was the case many years ago. But I think we’re finally moving into a place again where the town and the college see themselves as partners in what’s going to happen in the future.

KD: How do you feel about student involvement in the town?

FP: You know I am a little schizophrenic about that. Um students don’t do a lot of stuff in the town. Like their shopping mostly doesn’t take place within the town. Their social activities mostly don’t take place in the town. And sometimes for good reasons. I mean things that are not here and we don’t have an active social scene that students can avail themselves of. And so in some ways they’re very very separate from the town. They keep themselves separate. On the other hand, students do a lot of volunteer stuff with the town. Um the stuff that Dr. Dunkel and Dr. Gowen have been doing in the last couple of years with the environmental things in the town. And the way that students have really come out and done hard work doing those kinds of things,
has been very impressive. So I’m always impressed by the kinds of things that Randolph-Macon College students step out into the community to do. Sometimes they don’t seem so much a part of the community and then you guys are that very odd entity. You drive to class. You and your cars. We talk about that all the time. Umm so there are ways in which Randolph-Macon students are very different from a lot of other residents in the town, but there are also ways in which many students step out and become real members of the town. That’s really impressive.

KD: Have there…have there been any concerns about the college such as zoning and property ownership?

FP: Sure there have. And again I think those are things we are slowly but surely coming to terms with. Um there was an ordinance passed I think in the ‘90s that says no more than three unrelated adults can live in a house together. And the reason for that is that we did have a fair number of students who lived off campus and students like to party and we had some problems with noise and disrespectful behavior towards people in their neighborhoods. Um we’ve seen less and less of that over the course of the last ten years as you guys are making an effort to bring everybody onto campus. So there’s been some of that kind of stuff. There’s also been, you know you are surrounded by some very unique neighborhoods and you are in a very unique position in town that you are right next to a historic black community. You’re right next to a very affluent community. And you’re not very far removed from a very traditional working class community over in the northern part of Ashland. And two of those communities at least have been very concerned over the years with the ways in which the college was growing and encroaching into their neighborhoods and disruptions of lifestyles that they’ve built over a very long time. And feeling that the college didn’t necessarily respect their communities as they moved into that. Um we were quite lucky to have a planning director that we only recently lost who did a great job of working with the college about making decisions about those kinds of growths that would be more respectful to those communities. And I think again too, and again I sound like Dr. Lindgren’s cheerleader, and that’s okay. He’s been very good since he got here about understanding how people feel when you’re moving into their communities or touching their communities. Um and so I think that those concerns and those problems are becoming less and less. And honestly nobody has called me with a complaint like that in some time and so that is considerable because I used to get a lot of those when I first came onto the council.

KD: What about the master plan for the college? Do you have any thoughts about that?

FP: Um…I think it’s all pretty good and pretty wonderful. I teach at a college as well and I know that there are good ways for a college to grow and not so good ways for a college to grow. Historically, what of a lot of colleges have done is bought up property that was on the tax rolls, taking property off of the tax rolls. The town, the area is not getting any money. All that happens is that the college gets bigger but it doesn’t necessarily influence in a positive way what’s happening otherwise in the town. I think the terrific thing about the master plan now is that the college didn’t create it in a vacuum. The college called in all the stakeholders and said, “What do...
you need for this to work?” And so it seems to me that the long term plans this time doesn’t benefit the college in a way that the town perhaps gets some spill-over benefit from. But this time the plan is set up in such a way that everybody benefits as the college grows. And so it’s again it’s the whole partnership thing. We were invited into that process from the very beginning and I feel that people really believe in the town that they’ve been included. And so if they have problems with it, they’re probably thought about it from the beginning but I don’t see those problems will feel like they’re inflicted upon them.

KD: What have been your plans for the 150th Celebration?

FP: Well I have quite a lot of plans for the 150th Celebration. Um I think the greatest thing about the 150th is that we did try to create a new unique thing that ignored everything that we’ve done along. So the greatest thing is that we’ve been celebrating all year long. Um everything that we traditionally do in Ashland has been a celebration of our birthday. For me, what’s been fun so far was the party we had here at Town Hall on the actual day of incorporation which just happened to fall on a Town Council day. So we were here already, we had a ton of people, and we had birthday cake. I am not a weeper but there are days when I look around me and it always happens to me on the Fourth of July. When I look around at this town and see who were are and I can never get through that one without tears. I didn’t get through that night without tears either. The wonderful party of just having so many people coming here to talk about how they felt about the town. Having…there was a man who came to the celebration who was the mayor the year I was born was here and that was really fabulous. So everything’s been a big celebration all year long and we’re looking forward to the big party in September. The worst thing and I’ll be on record saying this and Sue Watson will hear it is having to wear Sue’ great big birthday hats. Big 150th Birthday hats because those things are really hard to keep on. You have to stand straight and stiff and tall. If that’s the worst thing I have bad, I don’t have much bad.

KD: So what are you planning to do? I know 150 birthday cakes are going to be baked.

FP: 150 birthday cakes and we’re going to have things for kids. We’re going to have live music. We’ll probably have some exhibits. The plan’s not finalized yet. The committee’s working like crazy on that but lots of things for kids and families because that’s what we are. We’re a town that’s about family so we want to be sure that there are things for adults and that there are things for kids and there are things for every member of the community. One of the things that is so important about this community is the kind of diversity that we have and we want to have things that appeal to all members of the community not some.

KD: Tell me more about the diversity in the community.

FP: Well I guess when I say diversity, I mean we have some diversity of races. We have a significant African American community here and a pretty significant Caucasian community. We don’t, as far as I am aware of, at least a very vocal, a very visual communities of other races.
within those two communities, we have rich people, we have poor people, we have middle class people. We have people of all religions. We have people of all sorts of political persuasions. I think we may the only place I know of that in the last political election that went exactly 50/50 on both sides. Um and what’s always interesting to me is that we don’t particularly feel divisions among those communities. Most people I know in Ashland have friends that cut across classes, that cut across races, that cut across religions. I think we’re lucky here that we don’t have a lot of division within our diversity. And I think two years ago we had our very first town sponsored Black History Month. We’ve never done that in the history of the town I think. Part of why that works here is we try very hard to listen. We try very hard to do things for everybody and not to the exclusion of anybody. I’m not trying to paint a rainbow picture. We are not perfect here but we try very hard to make sure that we at least think about what other people need and want as we make decisions.

KD: So relatively, race relations have been good?

FP: I’ve never known them to be anything but good. Certainly there are ripples of concern but when I first ran for Council, Jay Pace was the editor of the Herald-Progres and the letter that he…the editorial that he published the week after I was elected pointed out that for a small town, you know at the time we had two black members of Council, two women on Council, and one old white guy who’s still here and we’re pretty fond of that old white guy. For a small town, that’s a pretty amazing mix. For a Southern town, that’s a pretty amazing mix of elected officials. And no, I’ve never known it to be major divisions over race. Where the problems occur is that we sometimes make decisions not understanding what everybody else needs. Not that we’re not looking but it’s very hard sometimes to put yourself in other people’s shoes and I think we got pretty good at asking a lot of opinions and getting a lot of input. So I don’t think we have huge race problems. Not that I have heard of.

KD: What do you feel about the college representation on the Town Council with Dr. Spa…Spagna and Anthony Keitt who’s no longer on the Council?

FP: That’s always been valuable. I mean it’s tricky when you got to have a vote and maybe there’s a divided vote and two people can’t vote because that’s the issue. But that can happen with anything and it’s always been valuable to have good input from the college perspective. You know Anthony and George were my friends before they were my council colleagues and so I respected them as people first and I always knew that whatever they’ve got from the college came from the same respectful place so I think it’s healthy. I think it’s healthy for the college but I think it’s healthy for the rest of us as well. They’re always partners.

KD: What about the new members of the Council?

FP: Well I certainly don’t have anything negative things to say about the new members of the Council. I think Terri Abri will bring us a fresh perspective. She is the first African American
woman elected to Council. She’s been involved with the community for years. Ned Henson might be one of the smartest people I’ve ever met in my life and that can not be a bad thing. Plus he’s also the comic relief. What you don’t know is that he’s the great jokester who loves to tease and kid all the time. And I think it’s good to have new people come in and you never want any elected body to get too old and too stagnant. And I don’t mean old age-wise because I’m going to be there before too long myself. But to get too sedentary. It’s good to have a mix up of new people and it’s great to get new perspectives so I couldn’t be happier.

KD: I want to ask you about your opinions on the train. How does it feel to be the mayor of a town with a train running through it?

FP: I wouldn’t know how it would feel to be the mayor of a town without a train running through it. Um you know the train is like Ashland. The best and the worst of everything that happens here. When CSX first made the decision that they may be considering getting the train passenger rail off of our tracks um what I think I was quoted in the paper as saying is, “It’s a little bit like having your mother tell you she’s not your mother anymore.” Because we’re a train town, we are, and it’s what we’ve always been. And the town was built around the railroad so not having the passenger rail here would be devastating not only for transportation reasons but for the character of who we are. I love listening to the train at night time when it’s quiet. It’s probably one of the most romantic things in my life is sitting out on my deck and listening to the train at night or leaving my window open just a crack in the winter time so I can still hear it in the night. It’s like a sleep sound. On the other hand, we have over 50 to 60 trains a day and if you’re on your way to work and you’re in a hurry you do seem to get there as soon as the train gets there and that’s a piece of learning the charm of the town. When we had the issues of the whistles blowing coming through town and we drove the merchants pretty crazy with the train whistles coming through. And I don’t think I got that at first because people were complaining about the train whistles blowing all the time. And you know from my house a quarter of a mile away, it sounded pretty good until I was downtown shopping on about the third day and thought, “Oh my God, I’d be deaf if I had to listen to this all the time.” On the other hand, my neighbors across the street who were Randolph-Macon students themselves over fifty years ago used to live in the tracks when they were at the college and the train whistles blew all the time then and they said that they got so used to it that this didn’t seem to be much for them.

KD: Do you use the train services?

FP: I use the train a lot. We go to D.C. every year for the summer at least for a couple of days for vacation and we travel to New York a couple of times each year. We always take the train. I like the train for any variety of reasons including the fact that I don’t have to drive but we are probably some of the most frequent fliers of train service.

KD: What about the plans for the train clock?
FP: Couldn’t be more excited. I have made my own donation. I think of course for the 150th anniversary we would do something around trains. It just celebrates exactly what we are and it’s beautiful.

KD: Have you heard any stories of any interesting people stepping off the train at the station?

FP: I have not although I guess I’ve heard rumors about circus trains coming through before my time and there are always those apocryphal stories that you hear and that you just don’t know about. Somebody told me about six months ago that they saw the FBI arresting somebody and taking them off the train here in Ashland. I guess the funny story happened fairly recently…um this will be an interesting oral history piece…I was doing the proclamation for Train Day because National Train Day just happened to fall on a Saturday. You know I arrived at the train station with an audience of about ten people for me to read the proclamation to and there was a drag queen at the train station. And “she” lives in the northeast, somewhere far north, and loves trains and comes here every year to watch the train on Train Day. So as I’m talking some of the elderly hallowed citizens of Ashland about Train Day, I’m also talking to a drag queen about how cool the trains are.

KD: Do you have any questions Laurie? (LP: No) What do you think the future holds for Ashland?

FP: I approach the future here with utter optimism but it’s cautious optimism that what we have here is such a precious, precious thing. A small community where people know one another. People truly care about the future of the community. My husband and I, we were at a neighborhood barbeque on the Fourth and a friend of ours from Richmond came out to the barbeque and she said, “I’ve never been in a place where everybody knew what was going on around town. Everybody at your barbeque knew local politics and local people, local everything!” And we said, “Everywhere we go in Ashland is like that because people love this community so much that they do know everything is going on.” It’s why Mrs. Funk knew we were the new people in the little white house. Everybody knows everything about the people around and they make it their business. You know you shouldn’t do anything in Ashland that you don’t want people to know about. But there are fewer and fewer of these precious communities and as long as people, not elected officials necessarily, but as long as the citizens pay really close attention and stay really involved, we’ll continue to be what we’ve always been. But with growth happening around the country as it is, with more and more people driving to strip malls and that kind of stuff. If people don’t pay attention, that’s when things could dwindle and we wouldn’t have the base that keeps people here.

KD: For my final question, what do you think makes Ashland so special?

FP: All of it. You know there’s not one thing that you could pick out. You couldn’t say because we have a railroad although we are the only small town with a railroad that runs through it
anywhere for I don’t know 100 miles. But it’s not just the railroads. You couldn’t say it’s the small businesses because or just the small businesses because there’s lots of places that have small business. And you couldn’t say it’s just the people because there are great people that live all over the place. It’s how all of that comes together here. It’s the sense of history. It’s the sense of place. You get into organizations and what I forgot to say earlier that one of my proudest accomplishments of my whole time in Ashland is that I’m a member of the Woman’s Club of Ashland which is the second oldest woman’s club in Virginia. You get into a group like that and you realize that people know what happened here 100 years ago because their families were here. And yet they welcome people here like me who have only been here for a shorter time and then you hope at some point your own child will look back and say, “My mother was a part of that.” It’s the sense of history and place here, the way it comes together here. It’s the whole package.

KD: Thank you very much.

FP: Thank you.