

THE GUILFORD BUILDING NEWS



Judi Hill and Kelly Sham

ART-SAVVY NEIGHBOR BRIGHTENS LOBBY

Walk across Washington Street to Thousands 'o Prints at 233 South Elm Street and experience a cozy, welcoming world filled with visual pleasures. This is the shop of Judi and Dave Hill where some 12,000 art prints await customers. And it is the source of the new framed art that now hangs in the Guilford Building lobby.

Judi Hill is featured in a beautiful color layout in the March issue of *Southern Living* magazine as part of a story called *The Revival of Downtown Greensboro*. Indeed Judi has been instrumental in the comeback of this neighborhood. She and her husband joined the Old Greensborough Preservation Society 20 years ago when they moved to their Elm Street location and have remained active members ever since.

Starting with the 1897 building where her shop and upstairs apartment are housed, Judi has labored to restore pieces of downtown architecture. She tells of scrubbing the smoke-damaged seats in the old Carolina Theatre as part of a volunteer effort to save the building after a fire ravaged it in the early eighties. Over the years she worked on countless other projects to rebuild this community.

Judi's son, Kelly Sham, also has a lot invested in downtown Greensboro. He moved here when he was in sixth grade and spent his adolescent years exploring the

nooks and crannies of this territory. After graduating from high school, Kelly left to serve in the US Marine Corps. In 1990, he moved back to Greensboro and became the frame shop manager at Thousands 'o Prints. Eighteen months ago Kelly married, and now his wife, Lorrie, has joined the family business as a sales associate.

Thanks to the efforts of people like Judi Hill and her family, downtown Greensboro has passed through dull days of dilapidation into a sunny season of revitalization. Judi remembers the splendor of the Guilford Building, its fall into disrepair, and now revels in its resurgence.

Visit the people at Thousands 'o Prints next time you cross the street. They specialize in wall art for offices and commercial settings.

GENO RETURNS TO FINISH LOBBY

Geno Iorio, the stone restoration expert who repaired the marble walls in the lobby last fall, is back. This time he will repair and restore the marble and obsidian floor and finish repairs around the security station.

You may remember that Geno usually works in the evening. He sets up big lights and polishes and grinds after most of us have left for the day.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns as the restoration moves forward, contact Diana Poston in the business office at 272-0038.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Downtown Greensboro Inc. and the Greensboro Merchant's Association have joined forces to form an Internet and Technology Committee to promote local high-tech companies, especially those in our neighborhood. Creating an angel investment fund for technology companies and offering educational seminars are among the ideas the Committee will pursue.

The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 9, at 8 a.m. at the Greater Greensboro Merchant's Association, 225 Commerce Place, Downtown Greensboro. Contact Scott Harrington at the CryptoComm Group on the 3rd Floor of the Guilford Building for more information: 336-333-2214.

TRASH TALK

Keeping downtown clean and well-groomed is a big issue these days as the revival of this area continues. To do our part at the Guilford Building, we all need to abide by our trash disposal rules.

1. Trash should be securely bagged and placed in the hallway outside office doors for pickup between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. on trash days, which are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.
2. Please do not place trash in hallways on Wednesdays, weekends, or holidays. There is no pickup on these days.
3. Deposit "must-dispose trash" in the green dumpster at the rear of the building on days when there is no pickup. No trash of any kind should be left on Elm Street in front of the building.

FIND YOOHOO DRINKS ON FOURTH FLOOR

To satisfy the chocolate lovers among us, YooHoo has been added to the drink machine in the fourth floor refreshment room. Also, Oreo cookies are now a regular treat in the snack machine on 4.

Our snack patrol checks the suggestion boxes in the refreshment rooms on Floors M and 4 every week. We will continue to accommodate as many food and drink requests as possible.