

Galesville Tidings

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Heritage

According to my Webster Dictionary, 20th Century, Second Edition, the word “Heritage” is defined as: an inheritance, something handed down from one’s ancestors, or the past, a culture, tradition, etc., the rights, burdens or status of being born in certain time or place.

My thesaurus links it to – legacy – which then sends you to – giving – which leads to a much longer definition.

At times, I wonder if we all have grasped the true meaning and feeling of “Heritage” so that we are in the right mind-set to hand it down to the next residents of Galesville.

We must instill a desire to protect and sustain our heritage to all in our community so that future generations will appreciate what has been done for their benefit and

continue the practice. Once something is physically lost, it remains only as a memory to those who knew it and it may become something like the game of “whisper,” stories told that can change with each telling.

Our heritage is not only the stories, but also the calm sense and pride we develop from living in a place so steeped in the rich history of this country. Yes, I said, “COUNTRY.” Longevity is quite an impressive component. More than 350 years of history has unfolded all around our charming village. Our hope is that knowledge and appreciation of this fact should make it easier for all of us to be more than just willing to “Pass it along.”

Roberta

Photos from Maryland Day—Meet and Greet



To Our New Member:

Galesville Heritage Society would like to welcome our new member: *Barbara Bourg*

We hope you enjoy your association with the Galesville Heritage Society as we continue to grow.

GRANT RECEIVED from The Four Rivers Heritage Area

It is great to announce that we have been awarded a matching grant from the Four Rivers Heritage Area to develop a new brochure on the GHS Museum. We have begun working on it and it is going to be an easy to use, colorful brochure, which will showcase the museum and its place in Galesville.

However, a matching grant means just that, we must provide funding for a portion of the costs. We will be sending out a request for your financial support and we hope you will assist.

Quarterly Dinner Meeting—Galesville Memorial Hall

The second quarterly dinner meeting for 2008 will be held on Tuesday, June 10 at the Galesville Memorial Hall starting at 6:30.

The menu will be beef tenderloin, potato with a salad and dessert. The price for the dinner is \$15 per person for members and \$20 per person for nonmembers.

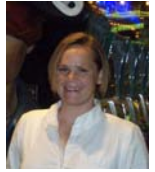
C. Jane Cox will present a program titled: "Modern Day Lighthouse Keepers on the Chesapeake." She will share the exciting world of Chesapeake Bay Lighthouses and up-to-date details on the on-going restoration efforts at both Thomas Point Shoal Light

and Baltimore Harbor Light.

Ms. Cox will relate the details of the unique public-private partnership that is making the restoration efforts at Thomas Point Shoal Light accessible to the public and share vignettes about the Light's history and its Keepers.

Ms. Cox will also talk about her experience as one of the new modern-day "keepers" of Baltimore Harbor Light, a lighthouse recently acquired by a private group, committed to the Light's preservation. Her presentation will include "virtual tours" of both

Lights, and provide information on how you can visit these lights or get involved in their restoration.



C. Jane Cox

Reservations for this dinner presentation must be made by contacting Dee Dixon, 410-867-3622 or email her at deedixon@yahoo.com by June 7. If you make a reservation and do not attend or cancel you will be billed.

Plan to join your neighbors and friends for an evening of great food and conversation.



July 4th Parade

If you remember last year's parade you will be glad to know that again Sue Hines is organizing the parade. This will celebrate our country's 232nd birthday. As it did last year, the parade will start at 2 PM on July 4th. The parade will follow the same route as previous years. Line up on Anchors Way, proceed down Main Street to East Benning.

"For this year's Fourth of July Parade," said Sue, "let's present the true heart of Galesville – its people, families, clubs, organizations and businesses. We need everyone to participate."

Some of the people of Galesville have participated but, this year; family groups are invited to march (or ride) in the parade. We are asking groups to carry identifying signs,

such as, "The Jones Family." This will allow the old and the new families to get to know and appreciate each other.

Of course, we welcome the participation of many groups that are not located in Galesville. We enjoy having the horses, fire engines, antique cars and tractors, color guard, history floats, politicians, etc. from other communities around our historical area.

Get in the spirit and help commemorate our country's 232nd birthday. Start planning now to help make this year's parade the best one ever!

Let us know how you plan to will participate. Contact Sue Hines at 410-867-3541, or email: goodlord@comcast.net."

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Galesville Heritage Society Website

As of May 15, we have had 2,576 visitors to our Web site. For more information on

our programs, events and the heritage of Galesville, visit our Web site often: www.galesvilleheritagesociety.org and build up our visitorship.

Galesville Heritage Museum

The museum has some changes to share with visitors. If you haven't visited in the recent past, plan to visit soon. We have some NEW things to show you.

We also have a new supply of our popular wine glasses for sale. Come on by and pick up a few for your summer entertaining.

Volunteers

NEEDED - Volunteers to do some research. Might you be interested? There is a need for information on a wide variety of subjects.

We have 265 members, so there must be someone interested in taking on a task or two. In addition to the research position, there are other areas where we could use some help.

If you have some time and please give us a call and we can talk about what might interest you—410-867-2648.

Thanks to current volunteers

That same Webster Dictionary that defined "heritage" has a great description for

"volunteer - a person who offers to enter into any service of his own free will." Our organization is lead by all volunteers and as the saying goes, "we couldn't do this without you". **Thank you.**

Docent Tour of William Brown House

GHS' docents were invited to tour the William Brown House at Londontown in April. This tour was free as a benefit for being a volunteer. It was a delightful day and our tour guide, Vicky Lerch, did a magnificent job of sharing the stories connected with the house, the surrounding property and the part it played in the history of the South River. This information will help us better tell Galesville's history in the context of the local area's stories.

We plan to make trips to visit other museums this year. If you would like to be a docent and be able to join us, please call Roberta 410-867-2648.

Spring Wrap Up

Maryland Day, March 30

The GHS' Maryland Day activity on March 30 attracted about 70 visitors to the museum. There may have been a few more, but these 70 or so signed our Visitors' Book.

Norman Hazard had a large display of his beautiful duck decoys. And for all who admired them, he was on hand to share the story that goes with each one.

Bea Poulin showcased her lovely photos of tobacco barns.

The tobacco display was a favorite stop for visitors, highlighted by the variety of tools and equipment from Mike Serbio used to plant and harvest tobacco, as well as an actual book that listed the tobacco records from 1928.

The scrapbook committee outdid themselves

getting ready and displaying a multitude of scrapbooks of differing subjects to appeal to the varying interests of our guests. (You can come to the Museum and see them for yourselves.)

The day was a success for many of the historic places that hosted activities around the county. The Four Rivers Heritage Area – of Annapolis, London Town and South County has met and plans are underway to hold a Maryland Day event next year, and the tentative date is Sunday, March 22, 2009.

March Dinner Speaker

Norman Hazard did an outstanding job of sharing the stories of the Hazard Family with those attending the March dinner meeting. Along with the historical facts he sprinkled humor here and there. It was very much enjoyed.

Volunteers Needed – NO MEETINGS TO ATTEND!

With a limited amount of time you can make a difference to the work at the museum and to the village of Galesville. Your help is greatly appreciated and needed.

Newspaper Clippings

Oral History Volunteer

Greeters and Docents

Coordinate educational and/or children projects at the museum.

Assist in fundraising opportunities and grant writing.

Write articles for quarterly newsletter.

Scrapbook production

If interested, please call Roberta at 410-867-2648.

Grants

GHS has been awarded several grants, which have significantly impacted our museum. *Our appreciation and grateful acknowledgement to the following:*

Cultural Arts Foundation of Anne Arundel County, Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network, Chesapeake Bay Trust, Four Rivers: The Heritage Area of Annapolis, London Town and South County, Unity Gardens and M&T Bank.

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The Mission of the Galesville Heritage Society is to:

“promote an understanding of and appreciation for the history of the village of Galesville and its immediate environs, within its community and the general public. Its historical resources, educational outreach efforts, and the Galesville Heritage Museum serve as catalysts to collect, preserve, and research the area's history and the Society encourages others to do the same.”

Calendar

- June 3 – Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall 7:30 pm
- June 7 – Deadline for Dinner Reservations
- June 7 – WRIA Yard Sale at Galesville Memorial Hall
- June 10 – Quarterly Dinner at Galesville Memorial Hall, 6:30 pm
- June 14 – Flag Day, fly it proudly and properly
- June 14 - Scrapbook Meeting at Galesville Heritage Museum, 10 am
- June 15 – Father’s Day
- June 25 - Museum Meeting at Galesville Heritage Museum, 7:30 pm
- July 1 – Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall 7:30 pm
- July 4 – 4th of July Parade, 2pm
- July 12 – Scrapbook Meeting at Galesville Heritage Museum, 10 am
- July 23 – Museum Meeting, Galesville Heritage Museum, 7:30 pm
- August 4 – Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall 7:30 pm
- August 9 – Scrapbook Meeting at Galesville Heritage Museum, 10 am
- August 27 –Museum Meeting, Galesville Heritage Museum, 7:30 pm
- Sept. 2 – Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall 7:30 pm
- Sept. 9 – Quarterly Dinner at Galesville Memorial Hall, 6:30 pm

2008 in View

Here are some GHS plans for the coming year. Please mark your calendars and plaJuly 4th Parade, 2 PM

September –Basket Bingo and the Fall dinner meeting on September 9th

October 31 – Halloween at the Museum

November 11th – Veterans Day, 11 A.M., Galesville Memorial Hall

December – Holiday House Tour and Holiday Decorating Contests and dinner meeting on the 9th.

This covers the last half of the year, but we wanted to get on your calendar before all the space was taken.

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