

Galesville Tidings

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Membership

Welcome to our new members: **Mr. & Mrs. Robert Coppersmith**, we hope you enjoy your membership with us as we continue to grow.

If you have already joined or renewed, please invite others you know to do the same. The GHS programs and activities need the support of many, many people. One of the benefits of membership is a reduced fee for our quarterly dinners.

The cost of membership is only \$15 for a single member and \$25 for family. Please take the time now, to write a check and send in your dues to the address on page four.

What is a Docent?

Good question, and we have some really good examples for the answer.



Docents: Lois Bird and Ann Hewitt

A docent is an explainer, and a teacher. Our docents sometimes make the first impression of Galesville to our visitors at the Galesville Heritage Museum. Docents are informed about the history of our area, with interesting stories to share and educate our visitors on the collections within the museum. They are willing to give up a few hours on Sunday afternoons to be at the museum, making sure the lights are on, dust is gone and a broad smile is on their face.

Docent is not just a "ladies" job, we have several men that have stepped up to the

task and bring another point of view to the job at hand. We welcome anyone who is interested in bringing our corner of history to life on Sunday afternoons. Docents enjoy what they do because they are enthusiastic about our village and want to keep our heritage alive.



Docents: Judy Silcox, Tom Tucker and Mary Ruth Tereshinski



Docents: Virginia Wood, Chris Tucker and Laura Mae Zang

Won't you join us to share your knowledge and enthusiasm? Call 410-867-2648 to sign up.

Maryland Day Recap — Homecoming in Galesville

"Home Coming" was the theme for our Maryland Day and it was appropriate because there were many old friends and some new ones that just happened to be related to the Kolb family. They enjoyed all the family connections we had for them to explore and they became one of our newest members, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Coppersmith.

A quilt display and demonstration by Grace Hays was one of the features drawing interest all day. Mary Ruth Tereshinski

had 100 year old quilts on display that belonged to her grandmother.



Grace Hays



Mary Ruth Tereshinski

President's Message

The Galesville Heritage Museum is open for the season once again (every Sunday from 1:00-4:00 PM) and I want to thank all those who have volunteered to be docents this year. I hope you will find it a pleasant and rewarding experience. I also encourage members to drop by the museum some Sunday afternoon.

Among the immediate needs being addressed by our Board of Directors is climate control and energy efficiency of the museum space, including the installation of central air conditioning. This is not just for comfort, but will accomplish the very important function of moisture control to preserve our collection. Better insulation and reduction of air infiltration should reduce our fuel costs significantly. We are looking into grants and tax credits available to assist in these efforts.

I welcome the input of our members and the community with regard to our museum and Galesville Heritage Society in general.

Bill Whitman

Galesville Heritage Society, Inc. Officers & Board Members 2009

Officers:

President: Bill Whitman
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Quarterly Dinner Meeting—Galesville Memorial Hall

The second quarterly dinner meeting for 2009 will be held June 9th, be sure you make your reservation by June 5th, by calling Dee Dixon, 410-867-3622, or emailing her at deedixon@yahoo.com.

To celebrate the start of the summer, the menu will be a fresh fruit and cheese tray, Caribbean Chicken (strips of chicken breast, sliced carrots and celery sautéed in a rich orange pineapple sauce) served with long grain rice, salad, bread and dessert.

The price is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. If you made a reservation and do not attend or cancel you will be billed.

It is important that our count for attendance be as accurate as possible both for our cooks and table seating.

The special dinner speaker will be Norman Hazard and he'll present his step-by-step story of building his most recent "West River Bateau." This boat design was initially built in Shade Side around 1904. It was the first

motorized log canoe built for hand-tonging oysters. Mr. Hazard has many photos which will illustrate his 14-month adventure building this 36 foot long, 8 foot wide boat. Please plan to join neighbors and friends as we hear about this lovely boat, which Norman plans to launch later in June.



Grounds Committee

The GHS was awarded a grant from Unity Gardens to purchase mulch, rain barrels and plants for the native plant garden and rain garden. Prior to awarding the grant, Unity Gardens' board member, Roger Banting visited the grounds and was impressed with our garden of serenity tucked away in South County.

Thanks to the generosity of our friends at Greenstreet Gardens, we were able to stretch our grant dollars to have a large amount of mulch delivered to the gardens. Mulch will help retain moisture in the drier months this summer and keep down the weeds. Our rainy spring has made it difficult to schedule a clean up day, but thanks to volunteers Susie Cosden, Bill Dudley and Dorothy Whitman, we are making progress in maintaining the garden.

Rain barrels will reduce the high energy water from rooftops that otherwise carry many contaminants into our waterways. The large

barrels also conveniently collect water, so it can be used for gardens and lawns. We are purchasing rain barrels from Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center in Millersville, Md.

This summer we will be following up with the Master Gardeners to have our Native Garden certified as Bay-Wise--a program that focuses on "better water quality through smarter gardening". If you would like more information on this program visit their website: <http://baywise.umd.edu/bwProgram.cfm>.

This spring, I was aided in the GHS garden by my teenage grandson, who earned community service credits from his high school for this work. If you have a student at home or know a student who needs to earn community service credits, the Grounds Committee can assist them. Contact Regina Bacon at 410-867-7404.

Galesville Heritage Society Website

As of May 18, we have had 3,979 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.

Museum

To welcome you to the Museum this year, there are some new and interesting exhibits. If you HAVE visited before, come again and see what's been added. You won't be disappointed. As has been said, everything old is new again. But that's all I'll say, you have to come and see for yourself.

If you haven't been to our museum, please take the time to visit and enjoy what has been collected for display on the history and heritage of our village and its surrounding areas.

The Museum is open on Sundays from 1-4 PM or for a special tour or appointment, call 410-867-9499. We look forward to seeing you.

There has been a lot of enthusiasm for another "baking" contest and if possible, this fall the kitchen gurus will be asked to dazzle you with their creations. Look for more information later.

4th of July Parade

We're all glad to know that Sue Hines is organizing the community's parade again this year. As it has in the past, the parade will start at 2 PM on July 4th and will follow the same route. Participants should line up on Anchors Way and proceed down Main Street to East Benning.

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

Family clans, business groups or neighborhoods are invited to march (or ride) in the parade. We do ask groups to carry identifying signs, such as, "The Jones Family" or the "Anchors Way Neighbors." This will help the old and the new families to better get to know and appreciate each other.

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

News Flash – The Drought is Over

No, this is not a weather forecast, but GHS has an abundant supply of Jean Trott's book "Galesville, the Legend, the Legacy." This is a must read for all Galesville residents and anyone interested in the history of this area and its future. Copies make good gifts for birthdays, Father's Day, graduation, etc. The price is \$18 plus 6% sales tax, which brings the total to \$19.08, with an additional charge for mailing.

An added reason to attend the Quarterly Dinner Meeting on June 9th at the hall is that Jean will be on hand to sign books. Please mark that date on your calendar and stop by to purchase a book, have it autographed and stay for the dinner.

If you can't attend on June 9th, stop by the museum or call 410-867-2648 and the docents on duty will be glad to help you.

**JOIN IN GALESVILLE'S
4TH OF JULY PARADE**
Calling all groups,
churches, businesses, clubs,
families, etc., to participate
at 2:00 P.M. on
July 4, 2009.
Contact Sue Hines
410-867-3541,
goodlord@comcast.net



Get in the spirit and help commemorate our country's birthday. Start planning now to 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.

50/50 Raffle

Holly Clark has agreed to run the July 4th 50/50 raffle again this year. Your tickets will arrive in the mail soon. This raffle helps run the museum and its many expenses and it is tax deductible as well. If you do not receive your raffle tickets, please call 410-867-9499.

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

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| June 2 – Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall
7:30 pm | July 7 – Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall
7:30 pm |
| June 5 – Deadline for Dinner Reservations | July 11 – Scrapbook Meeting at Galesville Heritage
Museum |
| June 9 – Quarterly Dinner Meeting at
Galesville Memorial Hall, 6:30 pm | July 29 – Museum Meeting, Galesville Heritage Museum,
7:30 pm |
| June 13 – Scrapbook Meeting at Galesville Heritage
Museum, 10 AM | Aug. 4 – Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall
7:30 pm |
| June 14 – Flag Day | Aug. 8 – Scrapbook Meeting at Galesville Heritage
Museum, 10 AM |
| June 21 – Father’s Day | Aug. 26 – Museum Meeting, Galesville Heritage Museum,
7:30 pm |
| June 24 – Museum Meeting, Galesville Heritage Museum,
7:30 pm | |
| July 4 – Independence Day & 4th of July Parade
50/50 Raffle Drawing | |

Galesville Rosenwald School Update

Galesville Community Center Organization is gearing up for renovation of the historic Galesville Rosenwald School.

Architectural designs are being completed and the organization is finalizing the easement process with Maryland Historical Trust. The permit process is nearing completion and the organization is beginning a public competitive bid process to obtain a general contractor for the renovations.

According to the proposed procurement and construction project schedule, construction would start October 2009 and the project would be completed within approximately six months, March 2010. For membership information or to make a tax deductible contribution, contact Gertrude Makell at 410-867-4612 or gmakell@verizon.net.



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