

# Galesville Tidings

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**Membership**

Welcome to our new members: **Charlie & Penny Kidd, Bernard Mahon, Cathy & Richard Mahon, Portside, Hartge Yacht Harbor and Galesville Harbor Yacht Yard.** We hope you enjoy your membership with us as we continue to grow.

## Galesville Heritage Society's 2010 Maryland Day Celebration Saturday, March 20, 2010



### Reflections of Susan Mathiot Gale: A 19th Century Woman

Portrayed by Alison Woodfield and Mary Ruth Tereshinski  
Introduction by Jack Smith.

A free event.

The half-hour program will be repeated on the hour from 1:00 PM through 4:00 PM

Learn how the diary of Susan Mathiot Gale, wife of George Gale, Esquire, a member of the family for whom Galesville is named, was found.

Susan was born in Baltimore in 1831 and married George Gale in 1856. She moved to George's valuable estate on the West River. George was much older than Susan, and died soon after they were married, leaving his young, pregnant wife to oversee the estate.

From readings of Susan's own words, hear how the young Susan responded to life on the estate, raising her daughter, visiting neighbors, traveling to Baltimore and writing in her journal. And learn how the mature Susan's views on religion and slavery affected her in later life.

The setting in the Museum will be of a plantation parlor of the 19th Century, with various pieces of period furniture. Visitors will be welcomed by docents in period dress and encouraged to ask questions of the two Susans from the different periods of her life.

Copies of the transcribed diary will be on hand for review, along with the copy of the original diary.

Light refreshments will be served at the end of each performance.

## YOUR MARYLAND, YOUR HISTORY, YOUR DAY! MARCH 19, 20, 21, 2010

"Maryland Day" is a collaborative event sponsored by Four Rivers: The Heritage Area of Annapolis, London Town & South County. Whether you like historic sites, cultural activities, natural resources and conservation, or all of the above, Four Rivers Heritage Area has it all. There is something for every member of the family to enjoy during this annual celebration of all things "Maryland."

So plan to come out in March 2010 for our Third Annual Maryland Day Celebration in the Four Rivers Heritage Area, to say goodbye to winter and discover what is waiting for you – right here in your own backyard! Our events will take place at different times all around the heritage area, and they will be offered for ONE DOLLAR OR FREE! Visit [www.marylandday.org](http://www.marylandday.org) to get the latest updates on all activities planned for Maryland Day weekend.

### President's Message

Although winter has done all it can to conquer, Spring is finally upon us! We are finalizing plans for upcoming activities including our participation in the celebration of Maryland Day, our March Dinner Meeting and opening the museum for the season in April! I hope many of you will attend these events and visit the museum this Spring.

The Galesville Heritage Museum is a rich depository supporting our mission of promoting an appreciation of the history of the village of Galesville and it's immediate environs.

*Bill Whitman*

#### Galesville Heritage Society, Inc. Officers & Board Members 2010

##### Officers:

President: Bill Whitman  
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## Spring Dinner Meeting—Galesville Memorial Hall

The first quarterly dinner meeting for 2010 will be held March 9, be sure you make your reservation by March 6, by calling Dee Dixon, 410-867-3622, or emailing her at [deedixon@yahoo.com](mailto:deedixon@yahoo.com).

In honor of St. Patrick's Day, the menu will be corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, salad 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.

The special dinner speaker will be John Page Williams, Senior Naturalist for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Inc. His presentation will be "Seeing the Chesapeake with New Eyes – Exploring the Water Trail of Captain John Smith." In this presentation, Mr. Williams will share some of the adventures he had as

he traversed much of the water trail that Captain Smith did in the 17th Century. Though Mr. Williams covered the trail in a variety of boats, he used primarily two – a 17' Grumman and a 17' Whaler. His goal is to encourage people to explore the Bay and

**"The biggest issue we and our Bay face today is how to live lightly on it and its surrounding land in ways that keep us from loving it to death."**

*John Page Williams*

the rivers that make up this unique waterway. Mr. Williams' documented all this in his recent book on the topic.

As part of this project, a non-profit organization was formed -- The Captain John Smith Chesapeake National



*John Page Williams*

Historic Water Trail. It is a partnership among The Conservation Fund, the National Geographic Society, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and now the National Park Service. Its mission is "To celebrate the unique history and environment of the Chesapeake Bay, while highlighting current efforts to restore the Chesapeake's health and create a lasting legacy for future generations.



## 2010 Membership Dues Reminder

Thank you to all those who responded and renewed your membership in GHS.

There are so many rewards in being a member. You are helping to continue the unique heritage of Galesville by providing funds for the upkeep of the museum and for the many ongoing projects to improve the house and the grounds. We have quarterly dinner meetings that feature speakers whose programs are relevant to our area and members receive a discount on the dinner fee. We are researching grants that would assist us to develop programs about our collections that we could take to the school system to help teach students about the importance of our local history.

Please continue to help us with your support. If you have not yet renewed for the current year please do so by submitting your dues. This year, the cost of membership has remained the same. A family membership is only \$25, single membership is \$15 and business \$30. You can download an application from our website:  
[www.galesvilleheritagesociety.org](http://www.galesvilleheritagesociety.org).

Or you can just send your check, marked for Membership, along with your contact information, including email address to:

GHS, P.O Box 373, Galesville, MD 20765

Thank you for your continuing support of our very special organization.

## Galesville Rosenwald School Update March 2010

Great progress has been made on the renovations at the Galesville Rosenwald School, considering the recent historic Snow Blizzards we have had this season. The contractor continued to work tirelessly during the inclement weather.

Originally built as a one-room school in 1929, the Galesville Rosenwald School became a two-room school in 1931.

When the top flooring was removed during renovations, ghost markings remained of the location of the students' seats in the 1929 portion of the building.

Concrete was poured for front steps and the handicap ramp, and the electrical and mechanical rough-ins were completed and inspected. The walls in the 1929 section of the building have been installed. The interior framing substantially is complete. HVAC units are set and the HVAC duct work is being installed.

On Sunday, January 17th, a Weekend Community Building Tour was conducted with the assistance of Kevin Phillips, Superintendent of Albrecht Construction. The building was open for all

those interested in viewing progress of the interior renovations.



A ribbon cutting ceremony will be scheduled once the project is complete.

Membership fee for the Galesville Community Center Organization is \$25 annually. For membership information or to make tax deductible contributions, contact Gertrude Makell at 410- 867-4612 or gmakell@verizon.net.

## Grounds Committee Report

Although we have been experiencing record snow storms this season, spring will be here before we know it. And that means the Grounds Committee will be busy. As a result of the severe winter weather, there will be more than the usual spring cleanup required. There is a tree down in the backyard that must be removed. We have wood chips to spread in the native plant garden, roses to prune, and leaves to rake. Clean-up Day will be scheduled in March and your help will be needed.

This year, we plan to increase the flowering plants in the native garden and fill in bare spots in the front sections. To pay for some of the needed plants, we will apply for a grant from the Unity Gardens Foundation.

Last fall, we asked members to share divisions of plants growing in their gardens. Thank-you to those who generously responded.

We are still in need of more flowering plants such as cone-flowers, bee balm, peonies, Black-eyed Susan, daisies, foxglove, and more. We also need plants that tolerate shade such as hosta, and ferns. If you have any of these or other plants to share, we will come and divide the plants for you and transplant a portion to the GHS grounds.

Other committee projects include:

Installing a brick walkway to the museum - converting the current oyster shell path. We are gathering proposals from local contractors and explor-

ing ways to finance the project. We are specifically looking for a source of low cost (or no cost) brick pavers.

Solving the drainage problem around the Museum – when it rains, water is collecting beside the building. Last year we installed rain barrels that have helped to collect water from the downspouts. This collected water is then drained into the rain garden in the backyard. This has proved somewhat effective in the warmer months, but does not function well in the winter. We are looking for a more permanent, year-round solution. If you have Ideas, please let us hear from you.

If you would like to help with clean-up, have plants to share, or have good ideas--call Regina Bacon 867-7404.

## Museum Update

### Museum Housecleaning— March 17

Prior to our Maryland Day event, the inside of the museum needs a good housecleaning. We'll also be setting the stage for the Maryland Day event. There are lots of job, so give a call at 410-867-4731 to sign up! We will be spending approx. two hours, from 9 - 11 am on Wednesday, March 17.

### Museum Opens for 2010 with New Exhibits

The Museum will open from mid-April through November on Sunday afternoons from 1-4 PM, or by appointment.

Stop by and see the new exhibit "Where Water Meets the Land" and also items that cover "Before the White Man Came." Including in the exhibit is a collection of Indian artifacts dating from 10,000 BC—1500 AD some of which were found on Benning Road. Also included are Colonial artifacts from the 18th Century. Don't miss these new exhibits!

## 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.**

## Galesville Heritage Society, Inc.

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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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| March 2 – Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall<br>7:30 pm                                   | April 4– Easter Sunday   |
| March 6 – Deadline for Dinner Reservations   | April 6 – Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall<br>7:30 pm     |
| March 9 – Quarterly Dinner Galesville Memorial Hall,<br>6:30 pm                                | April 28 – Museum Meeting, Galesville Heritage Museum<br>7:30 pm |
| March 17 – Housecleaning at Museum, 9—11 am  | May 4 – Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall<br>7:30 pm       |
| March 20 – Maryland Day event at Museum, 12—5 pm   | May 9 – Mother’s Day   |
| March 20 – WRIA Oyster and Ham Dinner, Galesville<br>Memorial Hall, 2 pm until oysters run out | May 26 – Museum Meeting, Galesville Heritage Museum<br>7:30 pm   |
| March 30 – Passover begins   | May 31– Memorial Day   |
| March 31– Museum Meeting, Galesville Heritage Museum<br>7:30 pm                                |  |

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### Marie M. Smith Scholarship

The annual \$1,000 scholarship is available again this year. To qualify, students must be graduating from high school and seeking further education in a trade school, junior college or a 4-year program. They must submit an essay “How Growing up in South County Influenced My Life.” If they

are students at Southern High School, they must check with the Guidance Office. All other applicants may submit directly to GHS at P.O. Box 373, Galesville, MD 20765.

Please encourage any qualified student to participate. The deadline is May 15, 2010.

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### Galesville Heritage Society Website

As of February 17, we have had 5,050 visitors to our website. For more information on our programs, events and

the heritage of Galesville, visit our website often:  
[www.galesvilleheritagesociety.org](http://www.galesvilleheritagesociety.org)

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