

Galesville Tidings

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Heritage Award

Four Rivers: The Heritage Area of Annapolis, London Town & South County held its fourth annual heritage awards ceremony on November 7th at Historic London Town & Gardens in Edgewater.

Heritage awards recognize individuals, organizations, partnerships, and products that contribute significantly to the community by interpreting, preserving, researching or supporting our historical legacy.

Four Rivers' most prestigious honor, the Heritage Award, for significant and long-lasting contributions to local history and heritage went to two dedicated individuals who have devoted years of time and effort to their community's heritage—Galesville's own Roberta Cassard and Jack Smith.

Roberta and Jack were honored for their years of preserving what they remembered of old Galesville and creating a museum to house this collection.

"The Galesville Heritage Museum stand as testimony to their vision and their determination to secure a place to house the artifacts, manuscripts and oral history collection that tells the rich and diverse history of Galesville," said Four Rivers Executive Director Donna Dudley.



Roberta Cassard and Jack Smith

Roberta and Jack have made many contributions to the village of Galesville and the surrounding area. Anyone who has met them knows what incredible people they are. The things important to them -- family, friends and neighbors -- are the basis of their

lives. They are always there to lend their time, energy, and problem solving skills.

The Galesville Heritage Society Board is grateful to have had the opportunity to learn from their vast knowledge and experience and benefit from their generous actions.

Congratulations Roberta and Jack!

Holiday Events

Join the Galesville Heritage Society in our annual events.

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Southern Anne Arundel Chamber of Commerce Award

On Sunday, October 14th at the Shady Side Oyster Festival, the Chamber of Commerce awarded certificates to the winners of the 2007 Beautification Challenge. The GHS new gardens had been nominated and – sure enough – won the prize for “SO Green Natural and Native Plant Garden”.

Thank you, Chamber, for the recognition.

Winter Dinner Meeting—Galesville Memorial Hall

The last quarterly dinner meeting for 2007 will be held on Tuesday, December 11 at the Galesville Memorial Hall starting at 6:30. The menu will be Holly’s delicious meatloaf, mashed potatoes, vegetable with a salad and dessert. The price for the dinner is \$15 per person. Make your reservations by calling Dee Dixon, 410-867-3622 by December 8th. If you make a reservation and do not attend or cancel, you will be billed. During the dinner, GHS will hold its election of officers and board of directors.

Dean Hall will be the guest speaker. He will relate the

true story of the burning of the Stephen Steward Shipyard that took place on March 31, 1781, during the Revolutionary War and was the only battle during the war that took place in Anne Arundel County. This Shipyard was located at the historical site now called Norman's Retreat. Much of the story will revolve around what had become a British warship, named the General Monk, which had been built as an American warship, with the original name of the General Washington, but was captured by the British.

Mr. Hall will also tell of the exploits of a Maryland

Revolutionary war hero, Joshua Barney, who led the revenge on the warship. Mr. Hall’s presentation will be highlighted with color drawings, maps, and illustrations. It is a true story of South County, the West River, the Chesapeake Bay and Maryland's part in the creation of the United States of America.

Please plan to join your neighbors and friends for an evening of great food, conversation and history.



“Thank You” Volunteer Reception

We begin with a special THANK YOU to Jack & Barbara Smith for hosting the event on their front lawn and to John & Dorothy Whitman and crew for a wonderful array of appetizers - we all agreed Mmmm.

But the main reason for the event was to thank all those seen and unseen helping hands that have worked many hours this past year. Many volunteers help keep the Museum going, and others help with the innumerable Society activities that require constant “hands on” attention, so necessary to get the jobs done. Perhaps a simple

“Thanks” doesn’t really cover it, but please know it is said with sincere gratitude.

And an extra thanks goes out to Tom Tucker, Dick Cassard and Norman Hazard for helping with the “work day” chores at the museum in October. We had Tom digging, Dick shoveling and Norman hammering. Next time we hope to have some more helping hands. If you can help with some of the remaining tasks that can be done at your convenience, please call Roberta (410-867-2648), because as with all buildings, there is always a list.

Galesville Heritage Society Website

As of November 15th, we have had 2,247 visitors to our Web site. For more informa-

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

Galesville Heritage Society, Inc. Officers & Board Members 2007

Officers:

President: Roberta Cassard
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Dorothy Whitman

Galesville Heritage Museum

A woman from West Chester, Pennsylvania called and wanted to come to the museum to see what information we had on “Thomas Hooker,” the man whose name is on the historical marker by the museum. She visited, was very pleased to see what was in the museum and shared that she hoped her father could also visit.

He is a descendant of Thomas Hooker on his mother’s side and is tracking all leads as he undertakes an extensive genealogy search. In October, this woman did bring her 93-year old father to the museum. They reviewed all our materials, took pictures in front of historical marker and then her father went home to Michigan happy with his new found material. He plans to write a book.

We also have received an inquiry from a Preservation student at St. Mary’s College

about the West River Market. We have been in touch and will follow through when her time allows a trip here.

Docent Critique Meeting

A Docent Critique Meeting was held to review the past museum season and to develop a plan to see where tweaks, nips and tucks could help improve the operation for both docents and visitors for the coming years. If you are interested in being a docent, please call Roberta 410-867-2648.

Scrapbook Committee

This committee has been working on the scrapbooks and hopes to have an Open House to share with everyone all the information that has been selected to be part of our records. It looks like sometime in March will be “SHOW TIME”.

Holiday Events

Singing Holiday Carols— December 15

Again this year, Ann Hewitt is eager to lead us in singing carols. December 15th (rain date 16th) at 2:00 PM, carolers will travel around the village in a tractor-pulled wagon while singing. Ann will provide the music sheets and have a rehearsal, starting at 1:00 PM at the Galesville United Methodist Church. Come join your neighbors in this happy holiday activity. Please give Ann a call so she’ll know how many to expect, 410-867-6255. There will be cookies and hot cider for everyone at the church and the Museum will have a mini holiday display.

Christmas Open House— December 16, 1-4 pm

The Holiday Display on December 16 will include angels, snowmen, Santas, manger scenes, along with a Kwanza and Hanukah table, in addition to light refreshments.

Holiday Decorating Has Begun— December 18

You still have time to get out the lights, bows or reindeer to decorate for the holidays. The judges will start their rounds at 2:00 PM on December 18th to evaluate the daytime decorations (those that don’t need lights). Then later that same day – at 7:00 PM – the judging takes place for the lighted decorations. Remember to put your lights on by 6:30 PM. Judging goes on even if it rains.

There will be 5 daytime winners and 10 nighttime winners. Daytime winners are not eligible to also win a nighttime award in the same year. All winners will be given a sign to post in their yards for two weeks that declares, “GHS Holiday Decorating Winner.” The village really has been festive these past years and many neighbors and friends enjoy touring the village to see how creative our residents are.

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.

Veterans' Day—November 11th

Because Veterans' Day fell on a Sunday this year, we waited until most church services were finished and held our program at 1:00 PM. Reverend Charlotte Hendee, pastor of Galesville United Methodist Church, offered the invocation. The Men's Choir from Ebenezer AME Church sang for us.

In attendance were 25 veterans and more than 50 other friends and family members of our veterans. Our Master of Ceremonies, Jack Smith remembered the three men from the village who were killed in action since WW I. After roll call, during which each veteran identifies themselves and gives their branch and time of service, Maryland State Senator John Astle spoke of his military experience. Roberta Cassard read a poem and spoke on the Tomb of the Unknowns. Elea-

nor Abbey, widow of Major General Richard Abbey who served during WWI, WWII, Korea and Vietnam, laid a wreath by the flagpole, which is dedicated to our veterans.

The formal program concluded with everyone singing "God Bless America." During refreshments, people examined the displays and memorabilia generously provided by our veterans and their families. Pictures taken at last year's event were also displayed.



Nominating Committee Report

As of early November, the Nominating Committee had one final meeting to complete their roster of nominations for the new officers and Board of Directors. The final roster will be presented to the membership at the December Quarterly Dinner Meeting for the election.

Here are those that have agreed to be placed in nomination: President, Roberta Cassard; Vice President, Tom Tucker; Treasurer, Adrienne Day; Recording Secretary, Betsy Derrick; Corresponding Secretary, Karen Czarnowski. Two-Year Directors: Susie Cosden, Dean Hall, Diane Nowak-Waring, Doro-

thy Whitman, Regina Bacon, Judy Silcox, Marti Woodfield. One-Year Directors: Gertrude Makell, Grace Hays, Ken Wydlle, Maureen Sorenson, John Cox.

We would like to recognize some very dedicated people who have been working diligently as members of the board of directors and as officers, but are taking a little time off to catch their breath. We still look forward to their continued support and helping hands: Ellen Berson, Bill Brewer, Dee Dixon, Norman Hazard, and Rever Sellman. Thank you for all your support and hard work.

Welcome New Members

As of November 10th, we have the following new members, who we hope will enjoy many years of association with GHS: Roy Battle, Carol & David Baynes, Catherine Bower, Ann & Miles Bradbury, Daniel & Toni Braden, Laura & Rich Brentzel, H.T. Cassidy, John Crook, Agnes Dixon, John & Patricia Donaldson, Kevin & Tammy Doring, Norman Evans, Corbin & Pamela Gwalthney, Neal Groom, Ted & Mary McWaters, Heidi & Ray Mudd, Judy, Katie & Lyle Neighoff, Rev. Pat & Dee Packett, Ray Proulx, Pete Siegert & Amy Sloan, Pete & Cindy Tollini, Frank Tremel, Valerie & Paul Wagner and Tim & Alison Woodfield.

Funds from Membership pay for the ongoing expenses of the GHS Museum and grounds, as well as the variety of educational and community programs the Society sponsors. If you haven't had a chance to send in your membership dues, please take a minute and do so today. Individual memberships are \$15 and Family memberships are \$25.

Send names, home and email address, along with your check to:

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WRSC Parade of Lights

December 1

6:00 pm

Village Holiday Social

December 7

7 pm

Winter Dinner Meeting

December 11

6:30 pm

Holiday Caroling

December 15

2 pm

Museum Holiday Open House & Display

December 16

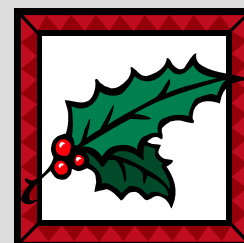
1-4 pm

Holiday Decorations Judging

December 18

2 & 7 pm

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



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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

- Dec. 1 – WRSC Parade of Lights, 6 pm
- Dec. 4 – Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall 7:30 pm
- Dec. 7 - Village Holiday Social at Galesville Memorial Hall, 7 pm
- Dec. 8 – Deadline for Dinner Reservations
- Dec. 8 – Scrapbook Meeting at Galesville Heritage Museum, 10 am
- Dec. 11 – Quarterly Dinner at Galesville Memorial Hall, 6:30 pm
- Dec. 15 – Christmas Caroling, 2pm
- Dec. 16 – Holiday Open House, Galesville Heritage Museum, 1-4 pm
- Dec. 18 – Judging of Holiday Decorations 2 pm and 7pm
- Dec. 28 – Museum Meeting, Galesville Heritage Museum, 7:30 pm
- Jan. 8 – Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall 7:30 pm
- Jan. 12 – Scrapbook Meeting at Galesville Heritage Museum, 10 am
- Jan. 30 – Museum meeting, Galesville Heritage Museum, 7:30 pm

Holiday Seasons

As I was shopping for some Halloween items, I had to work my way through the Christmas displays. Now, I remember when folks used to complain that they weren't over Thanksgiving before the jingle time was here.

I know for a fact that the clock runs faster each year, but we should all take the time to realize WHAT holiday we are celebrating or observing, not just hurry to get it over with, to run on to the next big day. Ice cream tastes better

if you eat it slowly and enjoy each spoonful. Some of us remember when you had to sit on the ice cream churn while someone else turned the handle to make the ice cream, and how good it was, but it took time.

The holidays and our heritage are like this – we need to take the time to appreciate what we have and grasp each opportunity to make a memory. Someone down the road will thank you for it.

Roberta Cassard, President

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