

Galesville Tidings

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Congratulations

Gertrude Makell, the driving force behind the restoration of the Galesville Rosenwald School on West Benning Road received a Heritage Leadership Award this year from the Four Rivers Heritage Area. Thanks to her energy, commitment, and creativity, the Galesville Rosenwald School has been restored and will serve as a permanent home for the activities of the Galesville Community Center Organization.

Galesville Holiday House Tour

Sunday, December 5, from 1—5 pm

A must see event!

Sunday, December 5 from 1 PM – 5 PM, visit nine lovely, local homes all decked out for the holidays, plus the newly renovated Rosenwald School the Galesville Heritage Museum and local businesses.

- ◆ The buildings ages range from 18th Century to very modern contemporaries, and some with water views
- ◆ Their owners are eager and happy to share them with you.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children under 12.

On the day of the event, just go to Galesville Memorial Hall on Main Street to buy tickets and get your program, your entrance stamp and site map to all the houses and locations. The Hall will open at 11:30 AM for ticket and purchases.

Locations on the tour include:

Woodfield Road – Alison & Tim Woodfield

In Galesville Estates – Laurie Conway & Fred Reynolds, Neil & Eugenia Wilkie

On Church Lane – Rick & Betsy Derrick, Tim & Julie Wechsler



E. Benning Road – Mimi & Rodney Culver, Steve & Audrey Sharkey.

W. Benning Road—Rosenwald School

Cumberstone Road—Irene & Tony Gamboa

Sudley Road—Boxwood Farms, originally built in 1702, Katie & Brad Harris

From 11:30 AM until 1 PM, the West River Improvement Association will offer coffee and donuts for sale at Memorial Hall and after 1 PM, you may purchase a light lunch.

River Gallery, will be open from 11AM to 5PM.

For more information, call Ellen Benson at 410-867-2820, Adrienne Day at 410-867-8108 or visit our website www.galesvilleheritagesociety.org

Come early, enjoy donuts and coffee, and see all the village of Galesville, and the Holiday House Tour, has to offer.

Happy Holidays



President's Message

I'm pleased to report that nearly all of our Board of Directors and Officers are continuing to serve in 2011. I enjoy working with all of them to advance the mission of GHS. We do, however need to fill several positions in committees. In addition to finding someone to chair our Museum Committee as mentioned elsewhere in this issue, our Grounds Committee and Building Committee need leaders. These volunteers can come from our general membership and do not have to be Board Members. If you think you may be able to help, please drop me an email billwhitman3@comcast.net or call me at 443-254-2081 to discuss these positions. I promise you it will be a rewarding experience and we do need your help

Bill Whitman

Galesville Heritage Society, Inc. Officers & Board Members 2010

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President: Bill Whitman
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Winter Dinner Meeting—Galesville Memorial Hall

The final Quarterly Dinner meeting for 2010 will be held Tuesday, December 14, at the Galesville Memorial Hall starting at 6:30. This is also the Annual Meeting for GHS and the election of Board Officers will be held.

The menu will be meatloaf, mashed potatoes, succotash, salad and dessert. The price for the dinner is \$15 per person for members and \$20 for nonmembers.

Be sure you make your reservations with Dee Dixon, either by calling 410-867-3622 or emailing her – deedixon@yahoo.com by December 10. It is so important that our count for attendance be as accurate as possible both for our cooks and for table seating. If you make a reservation and do not attend or cancel, you will be billed.

The special dinner speaker will be Stephanie Sperling, a

research archeologist with Anne Arundel County's Lost Towns Project. Her presentation is titled: "*The Archeology and History of Java Farm.*"

She will discuss the recent excavations at the Java Farm on the Rhode River, on the land bequeathed to the Smithsonian Institution in the 1960s that has become the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC).

Her focus for this presentation will be primarily on the 18th and the 19th Century periods and the section of the property where the mansion of the plantation stood. This mansion was built by Nicolas McCuvin in the 1820s. Her slides will show how SERC has stabilized the ruins of the mansion, many of the artifacts that have been found and the future plans for the site.

Since coming to work for Lost Towns three years ago, Ms. Sperling has directed field excavations at SERC and is the lead researcher for a three-year study of the prehistory of Anne Arundel County.

Ms. Sperling has over ten years experience excavating in the Middle Atlantic region. She has a B.A. in Anthropology from Pennsylvania State University and a M.A.A. in Anthropology and Historic Preservation from University of Maryland.

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



2010 Veterans' Day Observance

On November 11th at 11:00 AM, GHS held our annual Veterans' Day Observance at Memorial Hall. Gathering to honor our veterans, sing patriotic songs and share in their stories is always heartwarming, although some of the stories are a little harrowing. Ed Grunwald, a longtime Cumberstone resident and a Retired U. S. Navy Captain, spoke to the group, giving very interesting insights into his time in the Navy, beginning at the close of World War II. State Delegate Ron George

also had a few words for our veterans.

Jack Smith was master of ceremonies and other volunteers included Dee Dixon, Tom Tucker, and Holly Clark, who provided a wonderful lunch afterward.

The annual event complements the GHS mission and was established by our founder, Roberta Cassard. We look forward to continuing this important tradition.

Galesville Heritage Society Website

As of November 21 we have had 6,280 visitors to our website. For more information

on our programs, events and the heritage of Galesville, visit our website often: www.galesvilleheritagesociety.org

Museum Update

Searching for Galesville Heritage Society Museum Chair

The Galesville Heritage Society is searching for a passionate and enthusiastic person to chair the Galesville Heritage Museum committee. .

The Galesville Heritage Museum serves as an interpretive and orientation center for our historic waterside community

and the heritage that links both land and water to the people who have created this community and those who are helping to preserve it for generations to come. The Museum and its collections help us pass on our rich history to future generations.

The Museum Chair works with and leads the Museum Committee, an active group of knowledgeable volunteers

to make sure the museum runs smoothly. Other duties of the Chair include: representing the museum in contacts with the public, handling issues that arise and volunteering as a docent.

If you are interested, or know of someone, please contact Dorothy Whitman 410-867-4731.

Membership

The rapid approach of the Holiday Season means it's time to review our 2010 accomplishments, take stock of our current status and start planning for a productive and fun 2011.

Our quarterly dinner meetings were well attended this year thanks to a great line-up of speakers presenting a wide variety of topics. Dinners are \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. They are held on the second Tuesday of the month in March, June, September and December.

Watch your newsletters for information on these upcoming events. We encourage all members and friends to take advantage of the fellowship

and the opportunity to learn about our local culture and history and other topics of interest. We welcome suggestion for topics and speakers for these events, so please share your ideas with us.

We had a great bingo fundraiser. Many people took home baskets full of great prizes. We hosted Maryland Day and had wonderful turnout of 93 visitors on a Sunday afternoon in late March. The Museum was also the site of the South County Chamber of Commerce's August meeting. The museum is open to the public on Sundays, April through October. This year we had 199 visitors.

Our membership letters will be sent out in December. Please renew your membership and invite family, friends and neighbors to join. Your interest and dedication to our Heritage Society helps us to preserve our history and provide new programs and activities which promote the sense of community that we share in Galesville and within the other locales that make up South County. .

The Galesville Heritage Society is a 501 (c) 3, so dues and additional contributions are tax deductible.

Christmas Caroling in Galesville

Singers, bell ringers and all happy people! Please join us for our annual caroling on Sunday, December 12, 1:30 pm at the Galesville United Methodist Church parking lot. Bob "Santa" Brant will drive us around the village in his tractor-pulled wagon. We will have song sheets and serve hot cider and

cookies. Dress warmly in red and green, bring your bells and we will give lots of Christmas cheer to Galesville. If you would like to help decorate the "rig" I would love to have you there at 1:00 pm. Please call Ann Hewitt, at 410-867-6255 with any questions or bright ideas!



The Annual Meeting - Nomination Committee Report

Slate for 2011 Board Of Directors and Officers of Galesville Heritage Society

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President: Bill Whitman

Vice President: Julie Wechsler

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Jeff Beard

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Tom Tucker

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, Preservation MD, 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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| Dec. 5 – Galesville Holiday House Tour
1—5 pm | Dec. 25 – Christmas |
| Dec. 7 – Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall
7:30 pm | Jan 1 – New Year’s Day |
| Dec. 10 – Deadline for Dinner Reservations | Jan. 4 – Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall
7:30 pm |
| Dec. 10 – Village Holiday Social, Galesville Memorial Hall
7:00 pm | Jan. 17 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day |
| Dec 14 – Quarterly Dinner and Annual Meeting
with Election of Officers, Galesville Memorial
Hall, 6:30 pm | Feb. 1 – Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall
7:30 pm |
| Dec. 12 – Christmas Caroling | Feb. 14 – Valentines Day |
| | Feb. 21 – Presidents’ Day |

Galesville Rosenwald School Update

A Book Club from Edgewater, MD toured the Galesville Rosenwald School in August 2010. Several members of the Book Club had read “Julius Rosenwald” by the author Peter Max Ascoli in preparation for the tour and were pleased to have the opportunity to tour the newly renovated facility. The community center will be participating in the Galesville Heritage Society’s HOUSE TOUR on Sunday, December 5, 2010 from 1pm to 5pm.

Galesville Community Center Organization is still working to complete the process for permit approval for the commercial kitchen. The delay has been the location of the external grease trap. Storage sheds that replicate privies that were once a part of the Rosenwald School and the landscaping are complete.

You can still take a part in this new venture by purchasing or pledging to

purchase a table, chair or window for the newly renovated Center. All contributions are tax deductible. For information, contact Gertrude Makell, President at 410-867-4612 or gmakell@verizon.net.



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