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If you have any artifacts or photographs you would like to share for the exhibit, please contact Julie Wechsler, 410-867-7767 or Dorothy Whitman, 410-867-4731.



YOUR MARYLAND, YOUR HISTORY, YOUR DAY! MARYLAND DAY CELEBRATION 2013 March 22, 23, and 24

Celebrating its sixth year, GHS, as a member of the Four Rivers Heritage Area, is participating in Maryland Day with other regional heritage organizations and businesses to showcase the area's historical, cultural and natural heritage.

On Sunday, March 24 – Visit the Galesville Heritage Museum for the opening of the “Story of Stores” Exhibit from 1–5 pm.

Two introductions to the exhibit will be given, one at 1:30 pm and the second at 3:30 pm

Story of Stores

Galesville has been the hub of commerce in Southern Anne Arundel County since the days of the first Quaker settlement in 1651. This village on the shore of the West River has only ever had about 500 residents, and yet Galesville has been able to support a number of general stores and other businesses over the years.



Why did such a small town have so many different stores throughout its history? This new interactive exhibit, “The Story of Stores,” uses multimedia, video, photographs, and objects collected from the very shelves of those long-closed stores to tell the stories that answer that question. Museum visitors will meet some of these outstanding characters, learn what they sold -- and what they didn't sell – how credit supported an economy based upon trust between neighbors, how the stores played an essential role in every childhood in the village and how these small stores served both as a social and economic anchors in the history of Galesville.

Museum visitors will view the video through a new touch screen computer and monitor. Seven short videos will be available on the touch screen:

- a historical overview of the stores,
- what the stores sold,

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President's Message

As 2012 comes to a close, I'm feeling very positive about the direction of Galesville Heritage Society. Although we don't have the membership base of Annapolis, London Town or even Captain Salem Avery Museum that can reach out to the many residents in their locales, I'm are pleased with the support we receive and the events we sponsor. Our Winter Lecture events have packed the museum this winter and our new interactive, touch screen presentation will be a permanent exhibit after Maryland Day Weekend, coming up on March 22-24.

We want to share the resources we have at the museum and increase attendance at the educational and interesting events we hold. We welcome more members to the organization and encourage you to become active participants, perhaps as docents at the Museum, to continue our work. We hope you, our loyal members, will consider taking a more active role and also reaching out to your family, friends and neighbors to suggest they become GHS members.

Bill Whitman

Spring Dinner Meeting

The first dinner Meeting for 2013 will be held on Tuesday, March 12 starting at 6:30 PM. The dinner menu will be corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots, salad, rolls, and dessert. The price for the dinner is \$15 per person for members and \$20 for non-members.

Be sure you make your reservations with Dee Dixon, either by calling 410-867-3622 or emailing her – deejdixon@yahoo.com by March 9. If you make a reservation and do not attend or cancel, you will be billed.

The featured speaker will be actress and Smithsonian scholar, *Mary Ann Jung*, who will present "Margaret Brent of Maryland, 1649," an interactive performance! Margaret Brent had fled Britain because of religious persecu-

tion and came to Maryland in 1638. She was an amazing colonist, who was the first female landowner in Maryland, the first female lawyer, and first woman in America to ask for the right to vote. Lord Baltimore, Governor Leonard Calvert and the Piscataway Indians all figure prominently in her story. This performance will delight young and old alike and we encourage the attendance of children who will learn some history and have a great time!

Mary Ann Jung is an award winning actress and has appeared on CNN, The Today Show and Good Morning America as famous women from history. She has been a lead actress and director of Renaissance History and Shakespearean Language at



Mary Ann Jung

the Maryland Renaissance Festival for 34 years. She received high praise from the Ambassador of France for her one-of-a-kind portrayal of Queen Catherine de Medici for his guests. Ms. Jung performs in authentic costumes, accents and attitudes for her characters' eras. Her shows are very energetic, interactive and fun!



Maryland Day Geocache

A new feature of Maryland Day 2013 will be a Geocache trail that will guide participants to sites in the Four Rivers Heritage Area.

Geocaching is an outdoor recreational activity, first played in May 2000, in which the participants use a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver or mobile device and other navigational techniques to hide and seek containers, called "geocaches" or "caches," anywhere in the world.

A typical cache is a small waterproof container con-

taining a logbook where the geocacher enters the date they found it and signs it with their established code name. Larger containers such as plastic storage containers (Tupperware or similar) or ammunition boxes can also contain items for trading, usually toys or trinkets of little value. Geocaching is a great family activity that can help teach kids about using a compass and a map in a fun way. Even if your children aren't interested in visiting a museum or historic site to celebrate Maryland Day, they might

be excited to spend some searching for a geocache! A geocache has been hidden in Galesville as part of the Maryland Day geocaching adventure. Make sure to mark your calendars for Maryland Day and get your GPS systems ready to lead you on a treasure hunt in the footsteps of history!

Clues for the Maryland Day Geocache Trail will be available Maryland Day weekend from any of the Four Rivers Heritage sites.

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- what people produced themselves--with input from the stores,
- the role the stores played in the community economy by providing credit,
- the personalities of the various stores,
- a child's view of the stores, and
- how changes in Galesville's infrastructure changed the relationship between the community and the stores.

The local stars on the videos provide valuable insight, knowledge and laughter. They are:

- *Kathleen Turner, worked at Kolb's Store*
- *Goldie Watkins & Phyllis Smith, the daughters of Jack Watkins who worked at Kolb's Store*
- *Marjorie Skinner, a Galesville resident and farmer*
- *Cynthia Czubat & Gay Wood Green, Galesville Residents*
- *Mary Ruth Tereshinski, Galesville resident*
- *Laura Mae Zang, member of tobacco farming family*
- *Jean Trott, granddaughter of "Capt'n Harvey" Leatherbury, store owner*
- *Jack Smith, owner of Smith's Store*
- *Marjorie Skinner, farmer and Galesville resident*
- *Georgia Lee Mauk, worked at Kolb's Store*
- *Walter Dixon, Galesville resident*
- *John Whitman, owner of West River Market*
- *Roberta Hughes, worked at Kolb's Store*
- *Carol Sue (Hines) Sherbert, Galesville resident and daughter of store owner John Hines*
- *Susie (Smith) Cosden, raised in Galesville, daughter of store owner Jack Smith*
- *Madeline (Dixon) Hunt- grew up in Galesville*

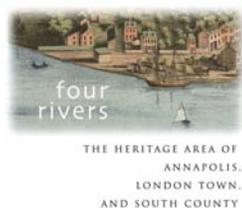


These small businesses helped build and sustain community in Galesville and provide valuable insight on how rural communities grew and prospered.

Maryland Day commemorates the formal founding of the colony of Maryland, on March 25, either 1633 or 1634 at the colonists' first landfall in Maryland. In 1916, the Maryland General Assembly authorized Maryland Day as a legal holiday devoted to Maryland history. This year, free or \$1 events and activities will take place throughout our heritage area on the weekend of March 22, 23, and 24.

Plan to join us for this free educational and entertaining program and learn more about the "Stores" of Galesville and their impact on the community. If you have any artifacts or photographs you would like to share for the exhibit, please contact Julie Wechsler, 410-867-7767 or Dorothy Whitman, 410-867-4731.

If you don't recognize the photos in the article, come to the museum on Maryland Day and discover their history.



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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 Website

As of March 1 we have had 10,537 visitors to our website. For more information on our programs, events and the heritage of Galesville, visit our website often:

www.galesvilleheritagesociety.org

Membership

Galesville Heritage Society would like to welcome our new members. Thanks go to: Jim Fusco, Mike Smith, Joe & Allison Elutrio, Jon & Jessica Opert, Becca & Lee Derrick and Michael Parkinson for joining in to support our local history and preserve its heritage.

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If you have not yet renewed for 2013, please take a moment and go to Galesville Heritage website www.galesvilleheritagesociety.org/ click on the tab "Join the GHS" and fill out the membership form.

If unsure of your status, please contact Susie Cosden, 410-867-4175 or sscoden@comcast.net.

We would like acknowledge the following members and businesses for their additional contributions above the standard dues.

F. Rawson Carter Jr., Sue Hines, Steve Sharky, Dorothy & John Whitman, Bill &

Lois Bird, Don & Susie Cosden, Jeanette & Preston Hartge, Bob & Betty Moreland, John & Lois Sheckells, Cathy Oliver & Bob Brant, Frank & Nancy McDonald, Betty Moreland, Calvin & Jean Trott, Barbara Broton, John & Elizabeth Cornelius, Bobby & Dee Dixon, Lynne MacAdam, Gertrude Makell, Judy Silcox, Johanna Martin Darrow, Laura Mae Zang, Jeff Franko & Deb Cressman, Anton Gaug, Ava & George Hill, James & Deborah Pyles, Amy Sloan & Peter & James Siegert, Joan Bell, Melody Spicknall & Andrew Hartge, James Fusco, Sharon Solbrg, Jane Andeasen, Pirates Cove, Hartge Yacht Harbor, and Galesville Harbor Yacht Yard

Their extra generosity enables us to continue to maintain and improve the museum.

Thank you,

Susie Cosden, Membership Chair



Norman Hazard



Eric Steinlein

Winter Lecture Series 2013

Our second winter lecture series was held the last Sunday of January and February.

Many thanks to *John Colhoun* for his enlightening and educational discussion in January on the *The Founding of Anne Arundel County*.

John's topics included:

- *Events leading up to the expulsion of the Puritans from Virginia 1649.*
- *The founding of Maryland in 1634 by the Calverts.*
- *Why Providence and why was it abandoned.*
- *Friction between the Puritans and the Calverts.*
- *The Battle of the Severn on March 25, 1656.*
- *Why Puritanism failed and Quakerism flourished.*

In February, *Bill Whitman, Eric Steinlein, Norman Hazard* and *Dick Larrimore* did an outstanding job sharing their personal knowl-

edge on *Working Decoys of the Chesapeake-From Chincoteague, VA to the Susquehanna Flats*. Together, they brought more than 60 antique working decoys to the museum for display, and spoke of the rich history of the carvers.

Thanks again to John, Bill, Eric, Norman and Dick, you made our second lecture series a great success.



Bill Whitman



Dick Larrimore

Museum Update

On Sunday, December 9, 2012 a Holiday Open House and Antique Sled Display was held at the museum. Twenty antiques sleds were on display from the collection of Jeff Beard. You can view a slide show of the antique sled display on the Galesville Heritage website.



Jeff Beard

On the same day, Ann Hewitt lead carolers, in a tractor pulled wagon, around the village singing Christmas carols for all to enjoy. Many thanks to Jeff, Ann and Bob Brant for spreading holiday cheer.

Museum Opens Sunday, April 28

Please plan to take the time to visit and enjoy what has been collected for display on the history and heritage of our village and the surrounding areas. Learn about the rich and diverse history of Galesville and the surrounding area. Our library of books and oral histories tell many stories of the past and present. If you call the village or the surrounding area home, come and enjoy the heritage we enjoy.

The Museum is open on Sundays from 1:00 – 4:00 PM or for a special tour or appointment, call 410-867-4731. We look forward to seeing you.



Antique sled display



Decorated tractor & wagon

Docents Needed

If you are interested in our community and its history, sign up to become a docent at the Galesville Heritage Museum. Pairs of docents are scheduled on Sundays from 1 PM – 4 PM from April to November.

A docent is an interpreter and a teacher. Very often, it's our docents who make the first impression of Galesville to the visitors who come to the Heritage Museum as their first stop in Galesville. Docents are informed about the history of our area, educate our visitors on the collections within the museum and from both their training and personal knowledge, have interesting stories to share

We welcome anyone who is interested in bringing our corner of history to life on

Sunday afternoons. Won't you join us to share your knowledge and enthusiasm? Call 410-867-4731 to sign up.

Docent Training Class—April 6 & 14

Docent training class will be on Saturday, April 6 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am and Sunday, April 14, from 2 pm to 3:30 pm at the museum. Please call or sign up at the March dinner meeting to attend. If you would like to be a docent please call 410-867-4731 for more information.

Many, many thanks to Ann Hewitt who has lead our docent program for many years. Ann is stepping down and Ellen Berson has agreed to take on the challenge.

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Marie M. Smith Scholarship

The Marie M. Smith Scholarship is awarded each year to the student who best answers these following questions.

- Why is understanding and appreciating the history of South County valuable to you?
- How has living in South County contributed to your personal growth and development?

Students and others who are seeking to further their education in a trade school, junior college or a 4-year program are eligible for the \$1,000 award.

Essays may be submitted directly to GHS P.O. Box 373, Galesville, MD 20765. Southern High school students should submit to their Guidance Office. The deadline for submission is April 1.



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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 9 – Deadline for Dinner Reservations | April 30 – Museum Meeting, Galesville Heritage Museum
7:30 pm |
| March 12 – Dinner Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall,
6:30 pm | May 7 – Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall
7:30 pm |
| March 24 – Maryland Day at the Galesville Heritage
Museum, exhibit, “Story of Stores”, 1-5 pm | May 12 – Mother’s Day |
| March 26 – Museum Meeting, Galesville Heritage Museum
7:30 pm | May 27 – Memorial Day |
| April 2 – Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall
7:30 pm | May 28 – Museum Meeting, Galesville Heritage Museum
7:30 pm |
| April 6 – WRIA Oyster and Ham Dinner, Galesville
Memorial Hall, 2:30 pm | June 4 – Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall
7:30 pm |
| April 6 – Docent Training, 10 am, Galesville Heritage
Museum | June 8 – Deadline for Dinner Reservations |
| April 14 – Docent Training, 2 pm, Galesville Heritage
Museum | June 11 – Dinner Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall
6:30 pm |
| April 28 – Galesville Heritage Museum opens for season | June 25 – Museum Meeting, Galesville Heritage Museum
7:30 pm |
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