

Galesville Tidings

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Membership

Welcome to our new member: **James and Mary Clancy and Cecelia Petro.** We hope you enjoy your membership with us as we continue to grow and look forward to seeing you at the dinners and upcoming events.



Holiday Open House, Sunday, December 8

Please plan to visit the Museum on Sunday, December 8th for a Holiday Open House from 1:00 to 4:00 PM.

We will be featuring a display of model boats of the Chesapeake Bay built by Tom Cosden. Tom is a local resident from Lothian. He began building models when he retired 20 years ago. His first few boats were replicas of the hydroplanes that he was racing in the late



'40s and early '50s. His work then focused on the progression of work boats of the Chesapeake Bay. His vast collection includes a Log Canoe, a Skipjack, a Bugeye and many other work boats used on the bay. He even has his own replica of The Emma Giles -- The Emma Durm -- which he named for his mother in law!



Please stop by for homemade holiday cookies and visit with Tom who will be there to answer questions about his boats.

Christmas Caroling, Sunday, December 8

On Sunday, December 8 at 1:00 pm, meet at the Galesville United Methodist Church parking lot. **We need singers, bell ringers and all happy people!** Please join us for our annual caroling.

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 join us there at 12:30 pm. Please call Ann Hewitt, at 410-867-6255 with any questions or bright ideas.



Join Us for Caroling

Happy Holidays



President's Message

Stewardship can be thought of as advance notice that a mission's existence and work will be supported and can continue. Your continued membership in 2014 will allow us to continue and let us know that our work is appreciated. Your membership supports our museum in the former Carrie Weedon house, our Winter Speakers' Series, Maryland Day, Galesville's July 4th parade, a Veterans' Day Observance and quarterly dinners at Memorial Hall, among other activities.

Joining in to help is also an important part of stewardship. We are in need of help in several areas. Projects and areas in need of volunteers:

- Someone for occasional Sunday afternoons from 1-4 pm to keep our museum open from April through November
- A couple of people who like gardening to improve our native species garden
- A handyman to repair or replace the door on our outdoor storage shed
- An organized person to improve the indexing and organization of our collection

If you can help, email me at williamhwhitman@gmail.com. I promise your experience will be rewarding and we do need your help.

Winter Dinner Meeting—Galesville Memorial Hall

Come to the Galesville Heritage Society Quarterly Dinner, the last one for 2013, and enjoy great food and company, and hear Greg Kearns present "Rails & Rice: Restoring Native Habitats on the Patuxent River." Greg will discuss the elusive Sora Rail and the restoration of the wild rice marshes. The Sora Rail is an American bird with grayish-brown plumage and a short stout bill. It is commonly heard in fresh and salt marshes and coastal estuaries, but seldom seen.

Greg presented a great program at one of our Quarterly Dinners more than a year ago on Ospreys. He has been a Maryland National

Capital Park & Planning Committee naturalist for more than 28 years at Patuxent River Park in Croom, Maryland. He is an accomplished photographer, world traveler and leader of eco-tours. He was named conservationist of the Year in 2006 by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

The menu will be ham and turkey, potatoes, vegetables, 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

Greg Kearns

man@verizon.net by December 8. 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.



Grant for GHS

The Four Rivers Heritage Area has awarded a matching grant of \$2,500 to the Galesville Heritage Society to enable us to build a new public website for GHS. A volunteer committee of GHS members will assess the website needs of our stakeholders (members, Board, supporters, other organizations and community), work with a website designer to

ensure our needs are met. The committee also will provide the initial content for the site.

GHS members will use the site to improve communications and management of activities within the organization and build partnerships and linkages with the public and other organizations working on heritage-area activities. GHS Board member, Rachael Myers, will lead the project.

Holiday Grocery Card Raffle

Galesville Heritage Society is holding a Holiday Grocery Card Raffle. You could be a winner and lessen your holiday stress. Your chances:

- 1st prize: \$200 Grocery card,
- 2nd prize: \$100 Grocery card and
- 3rd Prize: \$50 Grocery card.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Drawing is on Sunday, December 15, 2013. Contact Dorothy Whitman 410-867-4731, or Susie Cosden, 410-867-4175 to purchase your winning tickets.



Galesville Heritage Society Website

As of December 2 we have had 12,163 visitors to our website. For more information on our programs, events and the heritage of Galesville, visit our website often:

www.galesvilleheritagesociety.org

Galesville Heritage Society Update

Wine Tasting and Antiques Evaluation

A great evening was had by all who attended. The wine was excellent, food outstanding and treasures were discovered.

Friday's Creek Winery and Thanksgiving Farm provided exceptional wines to sample. Delicious food was brought by local restaurants: Skippers Pier, Pirates Cove, Thursdays, Herrington on the Bay, Bay Fish Market and Whitman's Catering.

Some of our treasurers weren't quite as valuable as we thought, but others proved to be "treasures." Our antique evaluators shared much information and much laughter. Thanks to Jennine Hedler, Dick Larrimore, Dave Landolfi, and Then... N Again Antiques. Delightful piano music was performed by Wil Scerbo and Cason Fluharty.

Thanks again to all who made this exceptional evening a success.

Art in the Afternoon

Many thanks to Joan Bell and two members of her artist group, Carolyn Councill and Claire Kincannon and from West River Gallery, Roxanne Weidele. The weather didn't cooperate, but the artists made the afternoon truly enjoyable. Thanks to these talented ladies, you made the afternoon a success.



Halloween

For the past few years, GHS had a table of goodies and surprises for local Halloween trick or treaters outside the museum.

Ginny Gargiolo suggested we move to the old West River Market porch and it proved to be a great suggestion. Lots of "trickers" stopped by and everyone had a great time.

Veterans Day

On November 11th at 11 AM, we held our annual Veteran's Day Observance, local people gathered to honor our veterans and share in their stories. Reverend Nick Szobota of Christ Episcopal Church, West River provided an invocation and benediction; Hope Steuart, Director of Community & Constituent Services for Anne Arundel Co addressed the group; and Ed Grunwald, U.S. Navy Capt, Retired, told of a harrowing experience on an aircraft carrier. A story written by Robert Leigh about his experiences as a child in England during WWII was



Ed Grunwald

read by Jim Day. After the event, a nice lunch was provided by South County Café and Holly Clark. We are grateful for all who participated in this wonderful event.

Volunteer Thank You

There are many people to thank for all their time and expertise, who helped make the events this year happen. Without volunteers and our docents, GHS and the museum could not operate.

Next Year

Again in 2014, we will continue our January and February Seminar Programs on the last Sunday of both months. On January, 26, John Colhoun will once again start off the season. The next seminar is scheduled for Sunday, February 23.

Galesville Heritage Society will once again participate in Maryland Day program on March 23, 2014. Stay tuned for more details

Galesville Residents – Post Office Reminder

The Galesville Post Office personnel require box numbers on mail to be distributed in the Galesville Post Office. Please remind your family and friends, who may be sending you holiday cards and packages, to include your box numbers as part of your address.

2013 Year in Review

2013 has been a very active year for the Galesville Heritage Society and Museum. We celebrate all these accomplishments.

2013 Winter Lecture Series:

Our second winter lecture series was held on the last Sunday of January and February. Many thanks to John Colhoun and Bill Whitman, Eric Steinlein, Norman Hazard and Dick Larrimore for sharing their personal knowledge and experience.

Maryland Day

New Exhibit Opening: Story of Stores

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.

4th of July Parade

Once again the village of Galesville displayed its ability to charm its residents and surrounding communities with a fabulous parade. Many thanks to Charlie Kidd for another great parade.

Quarterly Dinners:

The Quarterly Dinner and Speaker Series give us time to gather with friends and neighbors, hear interesting speakers and enjoy good food.

Museum Re-design

The interior of the museum was re-designed enhancing the exhibits to give visitors a better understanding of our rich and varied history.

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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. 8 – | Deadline for Dinner Reservations | Jan 1 – | New Year's Day |
| Dec. 8 – | Holiday Open House, Galesville Heritage Museum, 1-4 pm | Jan. 7 – | Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall 7:30 pm |
| Dec. 8 – | Christmas Caroling, meet at the Galesville United Methodist Church, 1 pm | Jan 26 – | Winter Lecture Series, Galesville Heritage Museum |
| Dec. 10 – | Quarterly Dinner Galesville Memorial Hall, 6:30 pm | Jan. 28 – | Museum Meeting, Galesville Heritage Museum 7:30 pm |
| Dec. 13 – | Galesville Holiday Social, Galesville Memorial Hall, 7 pm | Feb. 4 – | Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall 7:30 pm |
| Dec. 15 – | Holiday Grocery Card Raffle Drawing | Feb. 23 – | Winter Lecture Series, Galesville Heritage Museum |
| Dec. 22 – | Holiday Decorating Judging | Feb. 25 – | Museum Meeting, Galesville Heritage Museum 7:30 pm |
| Dec. 25 – | Christmas Day | | |

Membership Update

We would like to welcome new members James and Mary Clancy and Cecelia Petro.

The 2014 Membership applications will be available in early December. You will be receiving them via email or through the postal service. The dues will once again remain the same:

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| Individual | \$20 |
| Family | \$30 |
| Business | \$35 |

Please take a moment to complete and submit the application. Our membership dues and donations still remain a major source of our income to improve and maintain the museum and the grounds.

Galesville Heritage Society is a 501(c) organization, so your dues and donations are tax deductible. Thank you all in advance for your support.

Susie Cosden, Membership Chair

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