

Galesville Tidings

Winter 2025, Volume 33



GHS Winter Dinner

WHEN: Tuesday, December 9, Doors open at 6 pm, Dinner at 6:30 pm

WHERE: Galesville Memorial Hall

The evening will include the election of officers, followed by the guest speaker.

MENU: Salad, rolls, meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, vegetable, and dessert.

COST: \$25.00 per person for members, \$30.00 per person for non-members

Please make your reservations by December 7 by email to Dorothy Whitman, dewhitman@verizon.net or call 410-867-4731.

GHS Winter Dinner Speaker Mick Blackistone



Mick Blackistone has been writing award-winning books for adults and children for more than 20 years. At the GHS winter dinner, Mick will speak about watermen and women and the state of commercial fishing in Maryland. His talk will address

foreign crab competition, the impact of oyster sanctuaries, New England's push for a larger share of the Chesapeake fishery and how legislators are responding to these challenges.

Mr. Blackistone will also highlight his newest book, *Badass Women Who Work the Chesapeake*. Mitzi Bernard, the book's photographer and artist, will share visuals of her work. Mick will have several of his books available for sale and signing, including, *Dancing with the Tide*, *Watermen of the Chesapeake*, (non-fiction), *Just Passing Through* (poetry with Marion Warren photographs), *Remembering You*, (essays of people in our lives) and children's book, *The Day They Left The Bay*.

Mark Your Calendar:

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Keep up to date on information for events times and details via email and Facebook.

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Like us on Facebook for up to date events and information. (Galesville Heritage Society, Inc.)

Join Us...

Holiday House Tour

Sunday, December 7

Time: 1-5 PM

Meet: Galesville Heritage Museum

Mark your calendar and join us for the Holiday House Tour, presented by the Galesville Heritage Society. It's been 10 years since our last tour, and we are thrilled to bring this beloved tradition back!

This year's tour features 10 unique homes, each beautifully decorated for the season. The Galesville Heritage Museum will also feature a special antique sled display. Our wonderful houses have been busy decking their halls, and many will offer special displays to help spark the holiday season.

Mark your Calendar: 2026 Winter Lecture Series

The first lecture will be held on Sunday, January 25 at 2 pm at the Galesville Heritage Museum. Speaker: Watershed Steward Academy.

The second lecture will take place on Sunday, February 22 at 2 pm at

You won't want to miss this festive community event- be sure to save the date!

Tickets: Adults \$35

Children under 12: \$15

Tickets may be purchased on Sunday December 7th, beginning at 12:30 pm at Galesville Memorial Hall. Each ticket includes a wristband, a program describing each home, and a map of the tour route.

For more information, please contact Susie Cosden at 410-353-3136 or email Susie Cosden sscosden@gmail.com.

the Galesville Heritage Museum. Our speaker will present a program on the Chesapeake 20's.

More details will be shared as the dates approach- stay tuned!



Join Us for Christmas Caroling!

Sunday, December 14
Time: 12:30 - 1:30 PM
Meet: Galesville Heritage Museum

Celebrate the holiday season with festive caroling throughout Galesville! Meet at the Museum at 12:30 pm dressed warmly in red and green. Song sheets will be provided- just bring your bells and plenty of holiday spirit.

Special Highlights:

- Santa Jim will lead the way with his tractor and wagon.
- Enjoy hot cider and cookies back at the museum after caroling

For questions, contact Ann Hewitt at 410-867-6255. Susie Cosden sscosden@gmail.com.

Fall in Galesville

Galesville's fall season began with an engaging Blacksmith demonstration showcasing traditional skills. The festivities continued with the lively Pet Parade. The season wrapped up with Halloween treats, bringing the community together for fun and celebration.



Photo: Mick Blackstone

Pet Parade

Our second Pet Parade was an amazing success — and it's all thanks to you!

We loved seeing the creative costumes, wagging tails and smiling faces from both pets and their humans. A huge shout out to everyone who participated, cheered and joined in the fun.

Congratulations to our winners in each category:

Owner-Pet Lookalike:	Stella
Best Costume:	Benny
Most Original:	Skipper
Cutest:	Pepper
Most Unusual:	Kobe
Best Behaved:	Rufus
Most Active Tail:	Stormy

We also extend our gratitude to our fabulous judges: Maddie Weedy, Dottie Rodda and Julie Thachrah. Thank you for helping make this year's Pet Parade such a wonderful success!



GHS Membership Report

With the new Fall Season upon us, it is time to reflect on this past year; to be thankful for our families, friends and neighbors, and our ability to improve our community and celebrate its successes.

Galesville Heritage Society is grateful to all of you, the members who have enabled us to maintain and grow our museum, preserve our heritage and work toward a fruitful future. You have provided the means to maintain communications and enjoy a host of activities with our community. We will close in 2025 with 147 members. Thank you all!

Thomas & Lyn Aga, Joseph & Elizabeth Amato, Duane Bailey & Kerstin Hasse, David & Verna Banner, Dick Bean & Shelly Hicks, Joan Bell, Leo & Martie Black, Phillip & Pam Brackett, Robert Brant & Cathy Oliver, Christian & Marisa Britton, Barbara Broton, Jenni & Bridgette Brown, Garry & Jess Carneal, Mark & Susan Case, Richard Sr. & Richard Jr. Cassard, Susan Cosden, John Cox & Family, John & Linda Crandell, Lee & Diane Crockett, Stanley & Cynthia Czubat, Jim & Adrienne Day, Shirley Day, Charles & Debbie Dixon, Robert R. Dixon, Dan & Suzy Donohoe, Richard & Nancy Ferrer, Stan & Becky Fredericks, Stephen & Emily Gagliardi, William Gibbons & Janis Trisha, Tom Friderichs & Cynthia Giese, Collot Guerard, Guy Guthridge & Lynn Teo Simarski, Brian & Christine Haley, Hardesty Funeral Home, P.A., Martha Hardesty, Andrew Hartge & Melody Spicknall, Hartge, LLC (Alex Schlegel), Wm. Preston & Jeanette Hartge, Ann Hewitt, Scott & Debbie Hewitt, George & Ava Hill, Mary (Sue) Hines, Charles & Penny Kidd, Bruce & Arlene Kisliuk, Robert Oliver & Sally Koch, Mary Lucy Leggiero & Justin Hardeman, Carl & Mary McWaters, Gary Moreland & Faye Gessford, Roy (Louis) & Pamela Hayes, Karlton & Carolyn Morris, Paul & Ruby Naas, Christopher & Bree Northrop, Parklawn Sailing Association, George & Melodie Pavlik, Pirate's Cove Restaurant, Tracey & Bradley Richardson, David & Barbara Rieger, Rick & Dottie Rodda, Erik & Becky Ruark, Alex & Donna Schlegel, Susan Schult, Steve & Audrey Sharkey, Bill & Sandy Shenan, Jody Shuart, Peter C. Siegert IV, Jeff & Kathy Smith, John & Pat Smith, Marvin & Sharon Solberg, Wm. Judd & Joan Stafford, Marvin & Michele Steed, Mark Steinlein & Leslie, Geoffrey Tobias, Don, Katie & Joe Trott, Christine Tucker, Timothy & Julie Wechler, Bruce & Roxanne Weidele, West River Inc. (Jeffery Smith), West River Harbour Condo Association (Michelle Walker), Reed & Yang-Ja Wickner, Warren & Jill Williams, John & Dorothy Whitman, Albert W. III (Chuck) Woodfield & Jan-Marie Kain, Bill & Marti Woodfield.

THANK YOU TO OUR YARD CLEANUP VOLUNTEERS!

Weeding, pruning, raking – thanks to our hardy volunteers, all the essential spring and fall chores were accomplished at the museum during our annual clean ups. We extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who pitched in: Dick Bean and Shelley Hicks, Susie Cosden, Cynthia Czubat, Jim Chandler, Guy Guthridge, Betsy Derrick, Dottie Rodda, Susan Schult, Jody Shuart, Mark Steinlein, Geoff Tobias, Joan Bell, Bruce Weidele, Jenni Brown and Dorothy Whitman.

If you missed out this year, no worries, we'll be looking for you to join us in the spring.

Docent Thank You: Nearly 375 people visited the museum this summer!

The Galesville Heritage Society would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all the docents who volunteered at the Galesville Heritage Museum this season.

Special thanks to Karen Czarnowski, our docent coordinator, for all her time, energy, and dedication in managing the docent schedule.

Your generous contributions make it possible for us to share our community's and region's special legacy with visitors, residents, family and friends. Please know that your volunteer efforts are deeply appreciated and we could not pursue our mission without your help.

The Galesville Heritage Museum has wonderful stories to tell about our community's more than 350-year history. Thank you for helping to discover, preserve, and share those stories with residents, visitors, and future generations. Thank you to our 2025 docents: Ann Hewitt, Jeff Beard, Susie Cosden, Bruce Weidele, Cynthia Czubat, Eric Ruark, Dorothy Whitman, Betsy Derrick, Chris Tucker, Petey Kitzmiller, Diane Crockett, Adrienne Day and Suzy Donohoe.

Announcing the 2026 slate of Officers & Board Members:

PRESIDENT: Eric Ruark

VICE-PRESIDENT: Kathy Smith

TREASURER: Adrienne Day

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Betsy Derrick

BOARD: Martie Black, Christian Britton, Susie Cosden, John Cox, Diane Crockett, Cassie Rayman, Susan Schult, Bruce Weidele, Dorothy Whitman

Welcome to the 2026 Board and
Thank You for volunteering
your time and energy.



Give a Lasting and Unique Gift This Holiday Season

Commemorate your family, friends, business, or even your favorite sports team with an engraved brick on the museum's *Pathway to Memories*.

Each brick can be customized with up to three lines of text, 16 characters per line (including spaces). You might choose to honor family members, remember a loved one who contributed to Galesville's rich history, or recognize a business or organization. **COST: \$100 per brick**

To purchase a brick, simply send a check to: GHS, P.O. Box 373, Galesville, MD 20765

Please include your desired inscription with your check.

Thank you for supporting GHS through our *Pathway to Memories* initiative. This special and visible tribute helps memorialize our village heritage while supporting the museum's ongoing mission. For more information, email Susie Cosden sscosden@gmail.com.

Message from President

Friends,

After eight years as President of the Galesville Heritage Society, the time has come for me to step aside and entrust this role to new leadership. Serving alongside an amazing group of fellow board members has been one of the most rewarding chapters of my life and one that I am most proud of. Together, we have not only preserved and presented the village history but created opportunities for our community to experience it in fresh and meaningful ways.

Over these years, we expanded the display space at our museum, giving old and new stories room to breathe and grow. We have shared our stories with visitors in new ways as seen on the many new signs around the village. We launched new events that brought neighbors together, and we revitalized long-standing traditions so they could shine anew; each project, each gathering, each shared effort has been a testament to what we can achieve when we work together with vision and heart.

I leave deeply grateful for your support. The Heritage Society is stronger today because of the collective energy we have poured into it. My hope is that the foundation we have built together this far will continue to inspire future generations to protect, celebrate, and expand the legacy of Galesville Heritage Society.

Though I step down as President, I remain committed to our mission and to our village. I look forward to seeing how GHS continues to grow, evolve, and flourish under new leadership.



*With gratitude and confidence
in our shared future,*

Jim

~GHS President: Jim Chandler



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.”