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The Galesville
Heritage Society
wishes everyone
a Happy
Holiday Season!



President's Message

Well, we have almost made it to the end of one crazy year. Oh yes, we were expecting the typical foolishness of an election year, but not a pandemic! The board and I attempted to keep things as normal as possible with an abundance of caution being paramount, but we did feel it was best to cancel a number of events to keep our neighbors safe.

Thankfully, in our village, the COVID19 has been a nuisance more than a tragedy. This was in no small part a result of neighbors taking care of neighbors, wearing our masks in tight spaces, quarantining when necessary and being tested when there was a possibility of infection. Thank you all for being such good neighbors.

Even with the COVID19 we were able to keep the spirit of Galesville going. We got in our St. Patrick's Day corn beef and cabbage before things went awry. The museum opening was delayed to comply with county guidance regarding safe openings. This year's Independence Day parade was a smaller in scale, but a welcome return to an event we all look forward to with anticipation. Thanks to our museum committee and docents for looking out for our museum and making it safely available to Galesville's visitors and residents. Volunteers took care of the yard and gardens with several clean-ups and some major planting of native plants to add to the garden-scape. This year Maryland Day was

moved to October, but was a big success with the help from some longtime residents.

The museum parking lot was a busy spot for the large number of ghosts on Halloween. Thank you Martie and the rest of the gang for not letting too much caution disappoint the kids. We had a nice Veterans Day Observance that we hope to build upon in the future.

Our board has been busy out of sight, organizing and focusing on taking advantage of programs that provide support to non-profit organizations like ours. Thanks to all serving board members and especially Cathy Oliver for her hard work that is showing great returns. Thank you to everyone who has kept GHS going this year.

Coming up in December we plan a Sunday afternoon fire-pit event on the 13th in lieu of our traditional open house. Please come by and make this event a success. Without our usual dinners, we have lost some traditional revenues so when renewing your 2021 membership, if you can, how about adding a little to help us continue to keep GHS a valued preserver of the Galesville heritage.

Jim Chandler



Happy Holidays!

Four Rivers Heritage Award

Cathy Oliver, GHS Vice President, was the recipient of the Four Rivers Heritage Volunteer Award for 2020. This award recognizes an outstanding volunteer who has made a significant difference to the growth, and sustainability, of a non-profit organization. Through Cathy's various leadership roles in the Galesville Heritage Society, she exemplifies the word "community" preserving the rich and vast heritage of our Galesville village.

Congratulations Cathy!

Galesville Heritage Society Officers & Board Members 2020

Officers:

President: Jim Chandler
Vice President: Cathy Oliver
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Betsy Derrick
Corresponding Secretary:
Julie Thackrah
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Eric Ruark
Kathy Smith
Mark Steinlein
Peter Stevens
Bruce Weidele
Dorothy Whitman

Cooking, Cheers and Charity

Get together while staying at home by participating in GHS Virtual Holiday Cooking Class.

On December 30 at 4 pm, join your neighbors for "COOKING, CHEERS and CHARITY."

We will get together, virtually, and cook along (or watch along) as Kelly Bell, a professional chef and caterer, shows us how to make two easy appetizers and a festive cocktail. After our lesson, we will stay tuned in and mix and mingle safely from our own homes.

The event is sponsored by GHS. Tickets are \$25 per household and completely tax deductible. You can secure your spot by sending a check. Once you are registered, you will receive:

- * an easy to fill ingredients shopping list to make the appetizers and holiday cocktail (if you choose to cook along) and
- * A Zoom meeting invitation from Kathy Smith, who if needed, can help you access the party.

This innovative fundraiser should prove to be a fun way

to see your neighbors over the holidays!

Interested? RSVP by sending an email to Susie Cosden (sscosden@gmail.com) to receive your shopping list. You can pay for your ticket by sending a check to Galesville Heritage Society at PO Box 373 Galesville, MD 20765. We are working on a PayPal link, to speed up your donation.



Gardens and Unity Gardens Grant

Weeding, pruning, raking – all necessary fall chores – were accomplished at the museum by our hearty volunteers at the annual clean ups. Thanks to all who volunteered; your help was greatly appreciated:

Joan Bell, Dick Bean and Shelley Hicks, Susie Cosden, Cynthia Czubat, Jim Chandler, Darrell Dockery, Diane Nowak-Waring, Eric Ruark, Jim Chandler, Guy Guthridge, Cathy Oliver, Dottie Rodda, Geoff Tobias and Bruce Weidele

Many thanks to Dottie Rodda who made sure the roses in front of the museum stayed healthy and blooming.

Unity Gardens Grant

GHS was awarded a grant from the Unity Gardens Foundation to pay for some needed native plants for the museum native plant garden, located within the brick wall.

It took a while for the weather to cooperate and finally, we were able to schedule time to prepare the gardens for the native planting.

Many thanks to Dick Bean and Shelley Hicks for their expertise and advice in choosing the museum native plants and their diligent work in the gardens. In addition to Dick and Shelley, Susie Cosden and Diane Nowak-Waring were true troopers and worked tirelessly to prepare the grounds for the new plantings. A few times everyone worked in mud and muck! And thanks to Jim Chandler who made a few trips to the garden center to provide the much-needed mulch for the garden.

We would not have completed this project without community efforts. Next year we will have an impressive native plant garden.

Outdoor Celebration Galesville Heritage Museum

The GHS Holiday Open House is cancelled due to COVID. Instead, there will be an outdoor celebration with a firepit, refreshments and for the kids who come by, a surprise. The hot fire and cider will warm our spirits.

Stop by on **Sunday, December 13 at 4 pm** for

refreshments and stroll to Galesville United Methodist Church to view the nativity scenes on display.

Weather Permitting. Please wear your mask and social distance.



Membership

2020 will soon be behind us. It has been a stressful year for all of us. However, Galesville Historical Society is pleased to report we have 145 members hailing not only from Galesville, but from surrounding communities and as far away as Arizona, California, Florida, Louisiana, Tennessee, Virginia and Washington state!

We wish to thank each of them—single, family and business members—for their continued support throughout a trying year, and for accepting the many cancelled functions so graciously. We are preparing for a wonderful New Year.

2021 Membership letters will be mailed within the next few weeks. Please take a moment

to fill out the enclosed membership form and return to: GHS, P O Box 373, Galesville, MD 20765. If you know of new folks to the area, or any unfamiliar with GHS, please extend a warm invitation to become acquainted with our GHS and join.

As soon as the pandemic conditions allow, we will continue to host all of our regularly scheduled events as well as some new and exciting happenings. As you read through this newsletter, you may already have noticed the GHS Board has found new ways to keep our community connected during our “new normal”.

Membership dues and proceeds from the quarterly

dinners are the organization’s primary source of income. This year, the society experienced considerable revenue losses due to mandated state and local Coronavirus closures. While we had a successful first quarter speakers dinner, the last three dinners and other fundraisers were cancelled, putting a strain on our operating budget. Fortunately, our GHS family stepped up and donated generously. These additional funds helped cover GHS recurring expenses and sponsor our usual community social events (with masks and social distancing, of course). Thank You!

GHS Membership Chair
Martie Black (410) 867-7075

Grateful Thanks to Museum Donors 2020

Thank You to the following members who increased their support through additional donations:

Eleanor Abbey, Jane Andreasen, Wayne & Sydney Army, Dick Bean & Shelley Hicks, Joan Bell, Leo & Martie Black, Robert Brant and Cathy Oliver, Jennifer Buchanan & Karen Yoeman, Rodney & Mimi Calver, F. Rawson Carter, Mark & Susan Case, Calvert and Liddy Chaney, Jim Clancy, Betty & John Colhoun, Don & Susie Cosden, John & Laura Cox, Stan & Cynthia Czubat, Colleen & Travers Daniel, Jim & Adrienne Day, Robert R. Dixon, Nancy & Rick Ferrer, Stan & Becky Fredricks,

James V. Fusco, Anton Gaug, Bill & Ginny Gargiulo, Paul J. & Margaret Gillis, Collot Guerard, Christine & Brian Haley, June & Dean Hall, Jeanne C. Hartge, Roy Louis Hays, Ava & Jerry Hill, Mary Hoffman & Cliff Habig, S. Rodney Hull, Jo Humber, Bob Kinzie, Sally Koch, Janet LaBella, Dr. Lloyd F. Lewis, Gertrude Makell, Faye E. Gessford & Gary Moreland, Bob Moreland, Karlton & Carolyn Morris, Paul & Ruby Naas, Bill & Edna Wynne Raley, David & Barbara Rieger, Eric Ruark, Jean Russo, Steve & Audrey Sharkey, John & Lois Sheckells, Jody Shuart, Peter C. Siegert IV, Guy

Guthridge & Lynn Simarski, Cyrena & Stoney Simons, Sarah L. Sinnickson, Jeffery & Kathleen Smith, Sharon & Marv Solberg, Judd & Joan Stafford, Mark Steinlein & Robin Allison, Mary Ruth Tereshinski, Christine Tucker, Bruce & Roxanne Weidele, Dorothy & John Whitman, Reed & Yang-ja Wickner, Buzz & Mary Todd Winchester, Bill & Marti Woodfield, Laura Mae Zang.

Our business donors:
Hardesty Funeral Home, and West River Yacht Harbor Condo Assoc.



Docents at the Museum

In this year of COVID, the Galesville Heritage Museum was able to open for the months June through November. Following CDC guidelines, Galesville Heritage Society prepared step-by-step instructions to safely open the museum for visitors and docents. We would like to thank all the docents for volunteering at the Galesville Heritage Museum this season.

The generous contribution of your time and energy makes it possible for us to share our community’s and

Special thanks to
Karen Czarnowski
for all her time and
energy keeping
track of the docent
schedule.

our region’s special legacy with visitors, residents, family and friends. Please know that your volunteer efforts are greatly appreciated, especially this year.

Thanks to the 2020 docents: *Eric Ruark, Cathy Oliver, Ann Hewitt, Chris Tucker, Jeff Beard, Susie Cosden, Bruce Weidele, Cynthia Czubat, Martie Black, Bill Gibbons, Julie Thackrah, Betsy Derrick, Kathy Smith, Diane Nowak-Waring, Dorothy Whitman and Adrienne Day*

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Calendar

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| Dec. 13 – Outdoor Holiday Celebration, Galesville Heritage Museum, 4 pm | Jan. 27 – Museum Meeting, Galesville Heritage Museum 9 am |
| Dec. 13 – Drive-in Christmas Cantata, Galesville United Methodist Church, 10 am | Feb. 2 – Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall 7:30 pm |
| Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Bell-A-Thon (details to follow) | Feb. 24– Museum Meeting, Galesville Heritage Museum 9 am |
| Dec. 25 – Christmas Day | March 2 – Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall 7:30 pm |
| Jan. 1 – New Years Day | |
| Jan. 5 – Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall 7:30 pm | |

Events Recap

Maryland Day

On October 18, after some delays, the Galesville Heritage Society held the sponsored Galesville's Maryland Day 2020 event. **Eric Steinlein** and **Chuck Dixon**, both native Galesvillians, assembled an educational display of maritime, hunting, and trapping tools for all to view. Following CDC guidelines, our visitors were able to enjoy the incredible display.

Many thanks to Eric, Chuck and Debbie Dixon for creating the displays and arranging for an easy walk around. Their combined experience and knowledge of the tools were beneficial to all viewer questions.



Veterans Day

This year's Veterans Day Observance was a little subdued out of concern it could become a COVID spreader event. Thanks to all the neighbors who showed up to support our Veterans, past and present. A special thanks goes out to Martie and Leo Black, Dorothy Whitman and Jim Chandler for putting together a safe and memorable observance. We are already planning a new format for future observances celebrating our Veterans.



The Mission of the Galesville Heritage Society is to:

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“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.”
