

Galesville Tidings

Spring 2023, Volume 24



GHS Spring Dinner

Almost St. Patrick's Day
Tuesday, March 14 at 6:30PM
Galesville Memorial Hall
Guest speaker: Matthew Ogburn
(see below for description)

This event will be filled with all your traditional favorites including delicious corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots and of course, Irish soda bread. Don't forget to leave room for dessert!

We have decided to raise the cost of our quarterly dinners by \$5 now making them \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Though no one likes a jump in price, it makes the all-inclusive cost of the meal more compatible with going out to a restaurant. Be sure you make your reservations by March 11, by contacting Dorothy Whitman 410-867-4731, or email her at dewhitman@verizon.net.

Spring Dinner Speaker

Matthew Ogburn

What's up with blue crabs?

Status of the fishery and recent SERC research.

As spring approaches, our speaker will have very timely information for us. Matthew Ogburn, researcher with the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center in Edgewater, will update us on his latest work on blue crabs and what the future holds for our favorite crustacean.

Your support of the Galesville Heritage Society is greatly appreciated, and your attendance at the Almost St. Patrick's Day dinner is vital to continuing the Society's efforts to preserve our heritage and pass it along to those who will come after us. We're looking forward to seeing you at the dinner!



Mark Your Calendar:

GHS Quartley Dinner	March 14
Museum Grounds Clean Up	March 25
Maryland Day Event	April 2
Museum Grounds Clean Up	April 15
Opening Day for Museum	April 30

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

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Join the fun...



Maryland Day Weekend

Sunday, April 2

Time: 1-4 PM

Location: Galesville Memorial Hall

DECOY CARVERS OF SOUTH COUNTY

Celebrating Maryland Day, the Deale Area Historical and Galesville Heritage Societies are partnering again to bring you another exciting event.



The Maryland Day celebration on April 2 will bring local decoy carvers to Galesville Memorial Hall. They will be discussing the art form that has been part of the area's culture for generations. This event is the perfect opportunity to learn more about a tradition that has evolved through the years and is still an important part of hunting. Decoys will be on display representing past and present carvers in the South County area. Carvers and their families will be on hand to tell you about carving, techniques and the art and use of both decorative and hunting decoys. There will be decoys of all shapes and sizes on display. Meet the carvers and ask questions of the experts! Enjoy a casual but informative atmosphere celebrating Maryland's culture. Join us for this one-of-a-kind event from 1 to 4 pm. Refreshments will be provided!

Visit our websites or Facebook for more information on this and other events galesvilleheritagesociety.org or www.dahs.us

Spring Yard Clean up at the Museum

Volunteers needed! The museum opens on April 30 and we need to get the grounds cleaned up, so we are ready to welcome visitors!

Get your hands dirty-it's fun! All you have to do is show up on Saturday, March 25 or Saturday, April 15, 9 am.

Past Events...

Winter Lecture Series

Chuck Dixon packed the house at the Galesville Heritage Museum, with his fascinating, diorama and explanation of pound net fishing. Chuck kicked off the winter lecture series by explaining this colonial era method of fishing. He brought his presentation to life with a scale model that took the attendees through the entire process of making nets, towing them to a site driving pine poles, and finally constructing a pound net. The crowd was full of questions for Chuck, who had done this type of fishing for years himself.

The second winter lecture was by local author, Kathy Smith about her new book, DEADLY GAMBLE, the true story of a shipwreck that took place not far from Galesville in 1955.



Holiday Re Cap

Last December was a festive month in Galesville. filled with joy, laughter and cheer. There were decorations strung up all over the village, to help bring some extra and cheer. The sounds of traditional carols were heard across town as the holiday carolers brought the party to everyone, old and young. Thanks again to Ann Hewitt for continuing the caroling tradition in Galesville. The museum was warm and inviting on a chilly day for the holiday Open House.



Pirates Cove Fundraiser

Our fundraising dinner at Pirates Cove was full of love and warmth just after Valentine's Day. It was also a huge success! The restaurant sold over 90 of the price fixed dinners, donating a generous portion of the proceeds. We love the opportunity to support our local businesses during the off-season and appreciate the generosity of their donation. As always, the food was good, and the company was convivial. Thanks to everyone who participated.



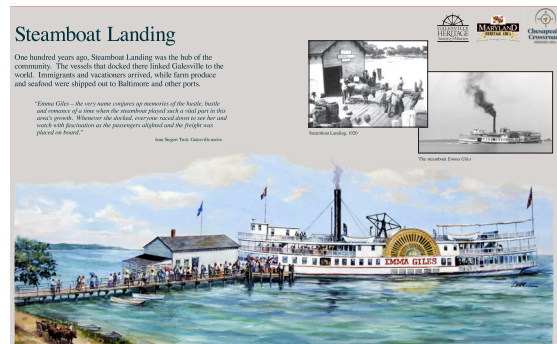
GHS Membership Report

GHS Membership Drive in Full Swing

The 2023 Galesville Heritage Society membership notices were sent out in early January. Over one hundred members have responded, and more are arriving in the mail each day. GHS especially welcomes our newest members, the Galesville based River Gallery/ReFind and John and Pat Smith of Church Lane and East Lyme Connecticut.

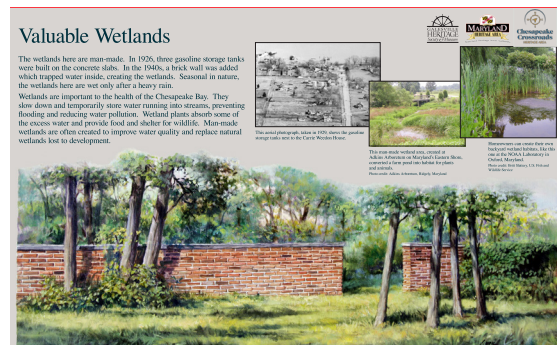
GHS truly appreciates the members' interest, participation and support. Galesville Heritage Society is THE organization for young and old, natives, long-time residents and newcomers. It's museum and functions are where friends and family meet, share stories, learn the lore (and lure) of the Galesville area, and perpetuate the history of this remarkable locale.

Museum News



Interpretive Panels

Galesville has long been a bustling farming and fishing hub on the Chesapeake Bay. This spring and summer, the GHS is installing interpretive panels around the museum and around the village to help visitors and residents delve into our rich history. Discover the past through a rich tapestry of compelling facts, illustrations, and photographs featuring the people, places and events. Take a stroll or a drive and learn the stories of this historical port town, brought to life through immersive interactive content. These panels are the result of the hard work done by our volunteer researchers with funding from the Maryland Heritage Area Authority (MHAA.)



Oral History Snapshots

The Galesville Heritage Society received a grant from the Arts Council of Anne Arundel County to turn a portion of our collection of oral history videos into oral history snapshots. These snapshots will bring to life many facets of the Galesville's community early history and contribute to our understanding of how our present is linked to our past. These short oral histories will be accessible in the museum and on social media.

Museum Opening for 2023 Season

The museum will open for the season on April 30! 1 to 4 pm, come down and check out the 2023 exhibits.

Please join in the many and varied activities planned for the 2023 season. Bring a friend or tell a neighbor. New members are always welcome. It's never too late to renew or join! If you have misplaced your mailing, there are forms on the Post Office bulletin board, or contact Martie Black:

blacklm@mac.com
or call 410 867-7075.

Docent Appeal

Do you have an appreciation for Galesville's history? Consider volunteering to be a docent at the Galesville Heritage Museum.

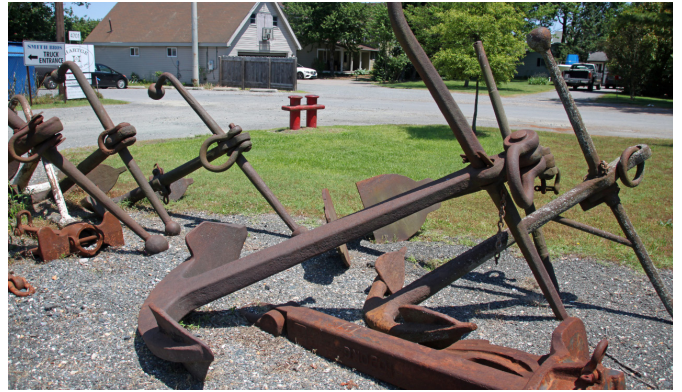
We are looking for friendly and polite individuals who have the time to commit to a four-hour shift sometime between May and October. You don't need to have extensive knowledge of the museum - just be a good host to the visitors! It's pleasant duty, often neighbors just drop by to say hello, and sometimes will even bring you a snack.

Join us and spend one or two Sunday afternoons giving back to the museum and to the community!

Find out more by swinging by the museum on April 30, the first day of the 2023 season, the museum is open from 1- 4 pm. If you are interested, contact our docent coordinator, Karen Czarnowski at kdrum12@yahoo.com.

Message from President

With spring come thoughts of possibilities and “this will be the year I” will echo in many of our minds.



As the daylight hours expand so often do our personal project lists and GHS is prone to do the same. The board got together in early January and identified a list of projects we will concentrate on in the coming year. I'm pleased to report we are already well on our way to completing half before the museum opens for the season, with the remainder to be completed shortly thereafter. You'll see, expanded walkways on the grounds, some landscaping to help mitigate the standing water, improving the audio-visual capabilities in the museum and adding an ADA door connecting to the new pathways. One project we're all

excited about is increasing the number of historic signs around the village. Watch for the big revel later in the spring.

GHS will sponsor nearly 20 events throughout the year and I encourage everyone to come out and enjoy the “community” we nurture with these events. In addition to our events, Galesville Community Center Organization, West River Improvement Association and West River Sailing Club all have planned activities which add to the fun of living in Galesville; plan to attend some of those events too. When we turn out for village events, we make

new friends and reconnect with forgotten ones.

Now a few words on pollution in its less obvious forms, we are pretty good at picking up the trash, but there are other ways we can help reduce pollution in our village. Not using chemicals on yards that quickly end up in our local waters. Noise and light can also pollute our community. Good neighbors are considerate of others. I encourage everyone to do what they can to be good stewards of this great little peninsula of ours.

~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.”