

# Galesville Tidings

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## Join Us for the Almost St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Tuesday March 11th, doors open at 6 pm, followed by the speaker

Where: Galesville Memorial Hall

What: St. Patrick's Day favorites Menu: Corned Beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots, and delicious Irish soda bread. Don't forget to leave room for dessert!

Cost \$25 per person (members) \$30.00 per person (non-members)

RSVP by March 9th. Contact Dorothy Whitman by email [dewhitman@verizon.net](mailto:dewhitman@verizon.net) or call 410-867-4731 or to make your reservation

After Dinner Presentation

## Spring Dinner Speaker

### Anna Chaney

#### *Permaculture in South County*

Anna Chaney is a 13th generation Anne Arundel County resident and lives with her three children at Honey's Harvest Farm. Anna believes that "nature is our greatest teacher, and when we emulate nature, we grow the most nutrient dense, healthy foods and medicines possible."



Anna will talk about permaculture and all that Honey's Harvest Farm has to offer.

## Mark Your Calendar:

Spring Dinner & Speaker	March 11
Maryland Day	March 23
Opening Day for Museum	April 27
Spring Tea Party	May 18

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

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# Join Us...



## Maryland Day Celebration 2025

Chesapeake Crossroads Heritage Area

March 21 – 23

Galesville Heritage Museum

Date: Sunday, March 23

Time: 1 – 4 pm

GHS, a member of Chesapeake Crossroads, is participating with other regional heritage organizations to showcase the area's historical, cultural and natural heritage.



## You're invited to a Spring Tea at the Museum

**A Fun-Filled Afternoon for All!**

Sunday, May 18,

Time: 2 to 4 p.m.

Spring is in the air and what better way to celebrate the season than with an afternoon tea? The Galesville Heritage Society is delighted to host a Spring Tea on Sunday, May 18, at the

Museum. We invite you to step back in time and enjoy a traditional tea affair in a welcoming setting.

Guests will be treated to a selection of mini sandwiches, freshly baked scones, pastries and, of course, a variety of fine teas to sip and savor. Whether you are a devoted tea enthusiast or simply looking for a lovely way to spend a Sunday afternoon, this event should be a wonderful gathering of friends and neighbors.

Stay tuned for more details and mark your calendars for the special event. We look forward to sharing a cup of tea with you.



## Blacksmith Trade Exhibit

This season, we are excited to unveil renovations to the annex, made possible by the generous volunteer work of Mike Broglie. The space has been refreshed and will now house an exhibit on the blacksmith's trade. One of the highlights of this display is a one-horse carriage built by Galesville's longtime blacksmith, Joe Bean. This exhibit offers a glimpse into the essential work of blacksmiths in our town's early days.

The Galesville Heritage Museum will be open where you can explore local and South County history. Learn about the people who built the framework for the Galesville village as we know it today, and who would lay the foundation for the surrounding area.

For information on all the participating heritage sites and their activities visit: [www.marylandday.org](http://www.marylandday.org).

## Galesville Heritage Museum

### Opens for 2025 Season

Spring is here, and with it comes the reopening of the Galesville Heritage Society Museum for the 2025 season. Mark your calendars - Doors open on Sunday April 27th, welcoming visitors back for another year of exploration into our town's rich history.

Inside the museum, we are debuting a new exhibit: "Then and Now" This display will highlight early photographs of Galesville's historic structures, paired with present-day images to highlight how the town has evolved over time. It is a unique way of helping us appreciate both the preservation and progress that have shaped our community. We look forward to seeing you on the opening day, April 27.

# Winter in Galesville

*Galesville's winter season was filled with a variety of events that brought the community together.*

## Winter Lecture Series Recap

*Bringing Butterflies Home* presented by Lynn Simarski was a colorful presentation with details of how she turned her yard in Galesville into a haven for various kinds of butterflies. Lynn shared slides of different butterflies and explained what native plants can help attract these beautiful creatures to our own yards. The event was very well attended at the Galesville Methodist Church and all guests went home with a list of plants, trees and shrubs to try in their own native gardens. The program ended with some Q&A and delicious refreshments.



*West River Market Memories* was our February event led by John Whitman. The talk was at the museum on 2-23 and many Galesville folks listened to stories of the old market and shared their own tales. John told some stories of the early days at the market as well as giving us a glimpse into how hard they worked to keep that business running. Guests heard about the special 4th of July and Halloween decorations that were a tradition, including a mischievous spider that dropped on unsuspecting customers. It was a lively discussion about one of our cultural landmarks and inspired hope for the Galesville Market to come.

## Christmas Cheer at the Galesville Heritage Museum

Holiday Carolers brought lots of Christmas cheer to Galesville on December 15th. Many thanks to Ann Hewitt for organizing this event every year. Also, thanks to Santa, Jim Chandler, for providing his tractor and wagon. Hot cider and cookies were served at the museum after caroling.

## Valentine's Dinner

Thanks to all who attended the Feb 18th Valentine's Dinner fundraiser at Pirate's Cove. It was great to see our friends and neighbors out for a nice meal to support GHS.

# Looking for Docents

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, on a Sunday, to a three-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 a 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 27, the first day of the 2025 season, museum opens from 1-4 pm.

If you are interested in being a docent, email the docent coordinator, Karen Czarnowski at [kdrum12@yahoo.com](mailto:kdrum12@yahoo.com).

## 2025 GHS Membership Drive Is Underway

2025 Membership forms were mailed out in early January. There are forms on the bulletin board at the Galesville Post Office if your renewal information failed to reach you or if you have misplaced it.

GHS welcomes and thanks all 112 single, family or business members who have responded thus far. This is a good start toward reaching our goal and record of 165 members.

We are especially happy to welcome new members, Robin Gross, Cassie and Josh Moore, Doreen and Pastor Pat Packett, Sandi and Bill Shenan and Parklawn Sailing Association.

Galesville Heritage Society is THE organization for young and old, natives, long-time residents and newcomers! Its museum and functions are where neighbors, and friends and family meet to tell stories, share ideas, learn the lore (and lure) of Galesville and surrounding South County, and perpetuate its remarkable heritage and history.

So, please, remember to renew your membership. Tell a neighbor about us, visit our ever expanding museum, and join us for one or all of the GHS wonderful events!



## Message from President

*Lately, it seems that change is on everyone's mind. In our 373 years, our small village has certainly seen a good deal of change.* At times, these changes must have been unsettling, arriving like an unexpected visitor and shaking the foundations of familiarity and tradition.

Yet, embracing these changes has been the key to preserving the village's vitality and resilience. Whether it's the introduction of new technology (such as adding Grinders), going in a new direction, changes in the types of residents, or evolving social dynamics, accepting change allows a community to grow, adapt, and thrive. It's about finding balance—honoring the past while welcoming the future, and recognizing that change, however daunting, presents an invaluable opportunity for renewal and progress. In this dance of continuity and transformation, the true spirit of the village can flourish, bringing people together in shared endeavors, collective growth and championing the way for the future well-being of our residents and organizations.

Currently circulating around are several initiatives under consideration. Long range planning began a couple years ago in preparation for the formal "AA County 2040 Plan" which is currently under development. Our residents contributed to the "Envision Galesville" document which was a thought-filled sensing of

issues and perspectives important to our village and out of that spun off a Riverside Drive Revitalization study. Our own GHS Board has been working for almost a year on a new Building and Grounds Master Plan.

If we lean forward and guide change, we will seldom be a victim of it. Looking at change from a "what's best for my neighbors" perspective will always steer us correctly. Also, if we look at the changes as opportunities for growth, we will ensure the village is moving in the right direction. Therefore, I encourage everyone to actively participate in the various opportunities available to make our village a better place for all. Let's come together to ensure a bright future for Galesville.

~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."