

Galesville Tidings

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Four Rivers: The Heritage Area of Annapolis, London Town and South County is a proud sponsor of the 7th Annual Maryland Day Celebration. Throughout the weekend, historical, cultural, and natural resources sites in Annapolis and southern Anne Arundel County will open their doors to the public with special tours, events, and programming for \$1.00 or less. For more information on all the participating heritage sites and their activities visit: www.marylandday.org.

New this year: Celebrate Maryland Day with a copy of this year's Maryland Day PASSPORT! Bring your passport to the participating Four Rivers' partner sites and receive a personalized stamp to mark your journey! Passports will be available at the sites and at the Visitors Center, 26 West Street, beginning March 21.

Galesville Heritage Museum will be open Sunday, March 23 from 1 to 5 pm.

Visit the Galesville Heritage Museum and explore local and South County history. Learn about the people who built the frame-

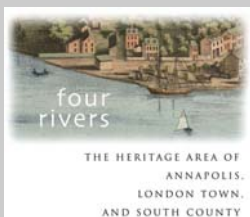
work for the Galesville village as we know it today, and who would lay the foundation

for the surrounding area. Search through videos, oral histories, photos, artifacts, and the enlightening "Stories of Stores" videos. Local historians will be onsite to answer questions on our Indian artifacts, Steward Shipyard and Tulip Hill artifacts.

For young people: Discover archaeology in your own backyard! In this hands-on program, participants become "Archaeologists-in-Training" by excavating a chocolate chip cookie, piecing together broken plates, and examining trash to learn about how people lived. The tools used by archaeologists will be discussed and examined, and archaeological methods used to discover what might be hidden under the surface of your backyard.



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This year Towne Transport will be providing FREE transportation from Annapolis to South County sites on Sunday, March 23 on two (2) twenty-five passenger Mini Coach Buses.

	Bus 1	Bus 1 Return	Bus 2	Bus 2 Return
CVB Visitor Center	11:30am	4:00pm	1:00pm	5:30pm
Historic London Town & Gardens	12:00pm	3:30pm	1:30pm	5:00pm
Galesville Community Center	12:30pm	3:02pm	2:00pm	4:32pm
Galesville Heritage Museum	12:32pm	3:00pm	2:02pm	4:30pm
Captain Avery Museum	1:00pm	2:30pm	2:30pm	4:00pm
Deale Area Historic Society	1:30pm	2:00pm	3:00pm	3:30pm

President's Message

I'm sure most everyone is pleased with the demise of winter! At the museum, it has burdened us with large heating oil bills and frozen pipe repairs. Many households have weathered these hardships as well. Our winter was brightened, however, by the great turnouts we had for our Winter Lecture Series that filled the museum, sometimes to overflowing!

Looking forward, we hope you will attend our upcoming dinner and stop by for Maryland Day events this month. I look forward to seeing you.

Bill Whitman

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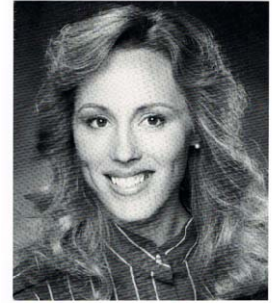
Spring Dinner Meeting

Tuesday, March 11, 6:30 pm

Come to the Galesville Heritage Society Quarterly Dinner, the first one for 2014, and enjoy great food and company. Mary Ann Jung, award winning actress and Smithsonian scholar, will return to Galesville, but this time, in her role as "Rosie the Riveter." Rosie will remind us of the changing roles of women in the work place and in American society during World War II. As usual, Mary Ann will include lots of audience participation.

The dinner menu will be corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots, salad, rolls, and dessert. The price for the dinner is \$15 per person for members and \$20 for non-members.

Be sure you make your reservations with Dee Dixon, by calling 410-867-3622 or emailing dewhitman@verizon.net by March 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



Mary Ann Jung

and do not attend or cancel, you will be billed.



Winter Lecture Series

Our third winter lecture series was held the last Sundays of January and February.

Many thanks to John Colhoun and Eric Steinlein for their enlightening and educational discussion in January on Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) Anne Arundel County, South of the South River. John and Eric presented a lively and informative presentation which included a video presentation of historical photographs. The discussion included:

- Londontown – Alms House
- All Hallows Church
- Port of Galesville
- Steamboat Landing
- Emma Giles
- Benning Oyster and Lime Company

In February, Jeff Smith presented a brief history of the Smith Brothers in Galesville.

Jeff Smith is the owner and president of Jeff Smith Pile Driving Inc. and is the son of one of the seven original Smith brothers, who began their business in 1918. They

drove piles, and built peers, wharfs and eventually bridges. Jeff explained the ways his family adapted their business strategy to meet the changing needs of the Galesville community and he attributed much of this information to a book written by Kathy Smith on the history of Smith Brothers.

Thanks again to John, Eric, and Jeff, you made our third lecture series a great success.

Model Boat Display

On Sunday May 4, 2014 from 1:00 – 4:00 PM, the Museum 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 some 20 years ago. His first few were replicas of the hydroplanes that he was racing in the late 40's and early 50's. His work then focused on the progression of work boats on

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, named for his mother-in-law!

Stop by for some refreshments and visit with Tom who will be on hand to answer questions.



Galesville Heritage Museum

Museum Opens Sunday, April 27

Please plan to take the time to visit and enjoy what has been collected for display on the history and heritage of our village and the surrounding areas. Learn about the rich and diverse history of Galesville and the surrounding area. Our library of books and oral histories tell many stories of the past and present. If you call the village or the surrounding area home, come and enjoy the heritage we enjoy.

Stop by and see the "Story of Stores" exhibit and learn

about what makes Galesville a very special place to live.

The Museum is open on Sundays from 1:00 – 4:00 PM or for a special tour or appointment, call 410-867-4731. We look forward to seeing you.

The Galesville Heritage Museum Needs You

If you are interested in our community and its history, sign up to become a docent at the Galesville Heritage Museum. Pairs of docents are scheduled on Sundays from 1:00 – 4:00 PM from April to November.

Very often, it's our docents who make the first impression on visitors who come to the Heritage Museum as their first stop in Galesville. Docents are informed about the history of our area, educate our visitors on the collections within the museum and from both their training and personal knowledge and have interesting stories to share.

We welcome anyone who is interested in bringing our corner of history to life on Sunday afternoons. Won't you join us to share your knowledge and enthusiasm? Call 410-867-4731 to sign up.

Proposed Changes to the GHS By-Laws

The board has recently reviewed the GHS By-Laws with an eye towards allowing more flexibility in the number of board members and to better reflect available technology and in communicating important information throughout the organization. The changes will specify a "minimum of 10" board members, enabling us to include new members as the opportunity arises.

Other changes will insert the words "to include electronic means" after the word "written" throughout the document. Note that paper communication, in addition to electronic messages, as long as members want it. Copies showing the recommended changes will be available at the March dinner meeting for your review.

Membership

Galesville Heritage Society would like to welcome all the new members who have joined us this year. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming dinners and events! Thanks to the many members that have already renewed their memberships. Membership funds are used to improve and maintain the museum.

If you have not yet submitted your dues for 2014, please take a moment and do so. The forms are available on the website www.galesvilleheritagesociety.org and click on the tab "Join GHS".

If you are unsure of your status, please contact Susie Cosden at 410-867-4175 or sscosden@comcast.net.

We would like to thank the following members and business for additional contributions above the standard dues: Joan Bell, Robert & Barbara Bourg, Cathy Oliver & Bob Brandt, F. Rawson Carter, Richard Cassard, Dorie Christie, John & Betty Colhoun, Laurie Conway and Fred Reynolds, John & Betty Cornelius, Don & Susie Cosden, John Cox, Johanna Darrow, Bobby & Dee Dixon, Stan & Becky Fredricks, Preston & Jeanette Hartge,

Melody Spicknall & Andrew Hartge, Hartge Yacht Harbor, Philip & Ruth Hazen, Sue Hines, Sally Koch, Janet La-Bella, Lynn MacAdam, Carl & Mary McWalters, Gertrude Makell, Frank & Nancy Mc Donald, Bob & Betty Moreland, Karlton & Carolyn Morris, Paul & Ruby Naas, James & Donna Olfson, Jim & Deborah Pyles, Steve and Audrey Sharkey, John & Lois Sheckells, Amy Sloan & Pete Siegert, Judy Silcox, Jack Smith, Marv & Sharon Solberg, Calvin & Jean Trott, Chris Tucker, John & Dorothy Whitman and Laura Mae Zang.

Galesville Heritage Society Website

As of March 3 we have had 12,578 visitors to our website. For more information on our programs, events and the heritage of Galesville, visit our website often:

www.galesvilleheritagesociety.org

Grants

GHS has been awarded several grants, which have significantly impacted our museum. *Our appreciation and grateful acknowledgement to the following:*

Cultural Arts Foundation of Anne Arundel County, Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network, Chesapeake Bay Trust, Four Rivers: The Heritage Area of Annapolis, London Town and South County, Unity Gardens and M&T Bank.

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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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| March 8 – Deadline for Dinner Reservations | May 4 – Model Boat Display, Galesville Heritage Museum
1-4 pm |
| March 11 – Dinner Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall,
6:30 pm | May 6 – Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall,
7:30 pm |
| March 18 – Charitable Giving Seminar, Galesville Memorial
Hall, 7 pm | May 11 – Mother’s Day |
| March 23 – Maryland Day at the Galesville Heritage
Museum, 1-5 pm | May 26 – Memorial Day |
| March 25 – Museum Meeting, Galesville Heritage Museum
7:30 pm | May 27 – Museum Meeting, Galesville Heritage Museum
7:30 pm |
| April 1 – Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall
7:30 pm | June 3 – Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall
7:30 pm |
| April 5 – WRIA Oyster and Ham Dinner, Galesville
Memorial Hall, 2:00 pm | June 7 – Deadline for Dinner Reservations |
| April 27 – Galesville Heritage Museum opens for season | June 10 – Dinner Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall
6:30 pm |
| April 29 – Museum Meeting, Galesville Heritage Museum
7:30 pm | June 24 – Museum Meeting, Galesville Heritage Museum
7:30 pm |

Mark your calendars

- Mark your calendars for the following Galesville Heritage Society Dinner Meetings:
- Tuesday, June 10
- Tuesday, September 9 and
- Tuesday, December 9



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