

Galesville Tidings

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Membership

Welcome to our new members: Ellen Hambleton and family. We hope you enjoy your membership with us as we continue to grow and look forward to seeing you at the dinners and upcoming events.



Happy Holidays

Holiday Open House, Sunday, December 7

Plan to visit the Galesville Heritage Museum on Sunday, December 7 for a Holiday Open House from 1:00 to 4:00 PM.

John Colhoun of Ivy Neck, and a GHS member, will present the four display cases that were part of the exhibit "ANNAPOLIS COLLECTS" at The Mitchel Gallery, of St. Johns College. These four display cases were assembled by Dr. Al Lukenbach, the Anne Arundel County Archeologist, from items he selected from the Ivy Neck collection. Come and view

these very special artifacts. Some of particular note are more than 10,000 years old.

John promises the museum that he will have some extra special artifacts on display to surprise our visitors. One will be an ADENA point found on Ivy Neck from the Indian quarry at FLINT RIDGE, OHIO.

Please stop by for homemade holiday cookies and visit with John.



Christmas Caroling, Sunday, December 7

On Sunday, December 7 at 1:00 PM, meet at the Galesville United Methodist Church parking lot. We need singers, bell ringers and all happy people! Please join us for our annual caroling.

Bob "Santa" Brant will drive us around the village in his tractor-pulled wagon. We will have song sheets and dress warmly in red and green. Bring your bells and we will give lots

of Christmas cheer to Galesville. Refreshments will be served at the Galesville Heritage Museum.

If you would like to help decorate the "rig," I would love to have you join us there at 12:30 pm. Please call Ann Hewitt, at 410-867-6255 with any questions or bright ideas.



Join Us for
Caroling

2014 Year in Review

2014 has been a very active year for the Galesville Heritage Society and Museum. We celebrate all these accomplishments.

2014 Winter Lecture Series:

The 2014 winter lectures were held on the last Sunday of January and February. Many thanks to John Colhoun, Eric Steinlein, and Jeff Smith.

Maryland Day, March

The Galesville Heritage Museum celebrated Maryland Day exploring local and South County history.

4th of July Parade

Many thanks to Justin Novak and Allen Corrice for another great parade.

Steamboat Emma Giles

In October, visitors relived the excitement of the arrival of the Emma Giles as it docked on the

shores of the West River and other landings in South County.

Veterans Day

On November 11 at 11am we hold our annual Veterans' Day Observance.

Quarterly Dinners: March, June, September, December

Speaker Series give us time to gather with friends and neighbors, hear interesting speakers and enjoy good food.

We hope to see you in 2015!

President's Message

As 2014 comes to a close, we are thankful for the support we continue to have from the people of Galesville and surrounding communities.

We also look forward to 2015 as a year of continued service to our community. With your support, we will continue our stewardship of our Museum in the former Carrie Weedon house, quarterly dinners, Maryland Day event, our July 4th celebration, the Veterans Day Observance, Winter Lecture Series and other special events.

At this time of year when we ask for membership renewals and participation, we look forward to your generous response.

Sincerely,
Bill Whitman

Galesville Heritage Society, Inc. Officers & Board Members 2014

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Winter Dinner Meeting, Tuesday, December 9

Come to the Galesville Heritage Society's last Quarterly Dinner for 2014 at the Galesville Memorial Hall, 6:30 pm for good food and enjoy a great lecture.

The speaker will be Mr. Robin Hartge, who will relate the history of the class of sailboats



Robin Hartge

that became known as the Chesapeake 20s. He will tell us how the boats evolved from the hard chine to the popular round bottom, which

was designed by his grandfather Captain Dick Hartge in the mid-1930s. Robin will talk about the friendly sailing rivalries around the Bay – from the Eastern & Western sides and between the West River Boys and the Fairhaven Boys.

Come to the dinner and lecture and discover how the Chesapeake 20s were so



well suited to sail in the fickle winds of the West River and

the other tributaries that flow into the Bay.

The menu will be ham and turkey, potatoes, vegetables, salad and dessert. The price for the dinner is \$15 per person for members and \$20 for nonmembers.

Reservations: contact Dee Dixon, 410-867-3622 or email dewhitman@verizon.net by Saturday, December 6. It is important that our count for attendance be as accurate as possible both for our cooks and for table seating.



Galesville Heritage Museum requests: a Camera Chairman, Editors, Artifacts & Histories

The museum purchased a Canon movie and photo camera a few years ago and needs an individual or a group of people teamed to manage the camera. The board is looking for:

- *Someone or a group who will take responsibility for taking both photos and movies of events concerning the museum and its activities.*
- *Someone or group who has the interest and knowledge to take the movies and pictures from the camera to the computer and make discs.*
- *Someone who would be interested in transcribing these valuable interviews and programs so that they are more easily accessible to the general membership and public.*

When the museum later wants to create an exhibit on a particular topic we then

need an editor to sift the materials for the important pieces needed for the exhibit. This is a very important part of our museum's collection and is a wealth of rich material for future programs, exhibits and displays. We need help in taking the time to capture it and organize.

The Galesville Heritage Society museum committee also is requesting the donation or loan of artifacts and photographs to help explain and preserve Galesville's heritage. Documents and photographs could be scanned and returned. We would also like you to share written remembrances of everyday life in Galesville as well as special events. Recounting stories told by parents and grandparents would also be valued.

PLEASE, if you are interested in these important tasks for our museum's historical materials contact any of the board's officers:

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Thank you for your consideration in this important part of our museum activities.

Betsy Derrick

Galesville Heritage Museum

Steamboat Emma Giles

On Sunday, October 12, 2014 the Galesville Heritage Museum hosted a program on the Emma Giles.

John Colhoun shared the story of the steamboat, Emma Giles, her history and her importance to the economy of this region with a PowerPoint presentation. More than 45 visitors enjoyed the presentation and shared their thoughts and memories.

On display, were artifacts, photographs and a model of the Emma Giles. Thanks to Robert Kidd for loaning to the museum his scale model of the Emma Giles for this event.

Halloween

Once again, GHS had a table of goodies and surprises for local Halloween trick or treaters on the porch of the old West River Market. Lots of "trickers" stopped by and everyone had a great time.

Veterans' Day

On November 11th at 11 AM we held our annual Veterans' Day Observance. Many veterans, their families and others gathered to honor all veterans and share in their stories. Our main speaker was Richard Riley Johnson, author and WWII veteran. We always get many appreciative comments at this event.

South County Café and Holly Clark provided a nice luncheon after the closing Benediction by Rev. Nick Szobota of Christ Episcopal Church, West River.

Volunteer Thank You

There are many people to thank for all their time and expertise, who helped make the events this year happen. Without volunteers and our docents, GHS and the museum could not operate.

Thanks to our docents: John Cornelius, Gertrude Makel, Norman Hazard, Chris Tucker, Julie Wechsler, Carolyn Morris, Jack Smith,

Cathy Oliver, Betsy Derrick, Mary Ruth Tereshinski, Jeff Beard, Jean Trott, Susie Cosden, Bill Gibbons, Bruce Weidele, Cynthia Czubat, Adrienne Day, Laura Mae Zang, Frank & Nancy McDonald.

A huge thank you to *Karen Czarnowski*, our docent coordinator, who made the task look easy. Karen did a skillful job of securing and scheduling our docents.

Year 2015

Again in 2015, we will continue our January and February Seminar Programs on the last Sunday of both months. The next seminar is scheduled for Sunday, January 25.

On February 22, Billy Woodfield will host a program on Woodfields Fish and Oyster Company.

Galesville Heritage Society will again participate in Maryland Day program on Sunday March 22, 2015. The event will focus on the Chesapeake 20, details to follow.

Central Middle School 7th Graders Study Galesville

On October 22th and 23th, 325 students from Central Middle School visited the village of Galesville. Community groups, including Galesville Heritage Society Museum docents, the County Public Schools, and Anne Arundel County joined forces to host students. They were here to participate in an interactive, immersive history and archaeology experience. This program, developed in coordination with the Galesville Community Center, Anne Arundel County's Cultural Resources Division, and the Anne Arundel County Public Schools STEM program, included a day-long field trip, which helped turn 7th graders into real life history detectives.

The students worked alongside professional historians and archaeologists who are conducting archaeological investigations at the County's Hot Sox Field at Wilson Park. Students participated in scientific excavations at the 1870s house site of a former slave Henry Wilson and learned about the heritage and importance of the Hot Sox, a 1920s era "Negro League" sandlot baseball team. Students then fanned out across the village on a "Historic Scavenger Hunt" to locate, learn about, and visit important historic sites and buildings

Membership

Thanks for your continuing support for GHS. It is through your interest and support that we are able to maintain and improve the museum and events which tell the stories and history of our little piece of America.

This year we welcomed as new members: Joe and Susan Kidwell, Louis Hays, Cel Petro, Allen Corrice, Justin Novak and Ellen Hambleton. We are pleased to have them as

part of the organization. We encourage everyone to invite family and friends to consider joining in the upcoming year.

Look for your 2015 membership application in the next few weeks. Your membership and contributions are tax deductible.

Susie Cosden, Membership Chair

Galesville Heritage Society Website

As of December 1 we have had 14,954 visitors to our website. For more information on our programs, events and the heritage of Galesville, visit our website www.galesvilleheritagesociety.org.

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Calendar

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| Dec. 5 – Galesville Holiday Social, Galesville Memorial Hall, 6:30 pm | Jan. 1 – New Years Day |
| Dec. 6 – Deadline for Dinner Reservations | Jan. 6 – Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall 7:30 pm |
| Dec. 7 – Holiday Open House and artifacts display at the Galesville Heritage Museum, 1-4 pm | Jan. 25 – Winter Lecture Series, Galesville Heritage Museum, 2 pm |
| Dec. 7 – Christmas Caroling, 1 pm | Jan. 27 – Museum Meeting, Galesville Heritage Museum 7:30 pm |
| Dec. 9 – Dinner Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall, 6:30 pm | Feb. 3 – Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall, 7:30 pm |
| Dec. 20 – Holiday Decorating Judging, 3 pm | Feb. 22 – Winter Lecture Series, Galesville Heritage Museum, 2 pm |
| Dec. 25 – Christmas Day | Feb. 24 – Museum Meeting, Galesville Heritage Museum 7:30 pm |
| Dec. 30 – Museum Meeting, Galesville Heritage Museum 7:30 pm | |

Mark your calendars

Mark your calendars for the following Galesville Heritage Society Dinner Meetings and Events:

- Holiday Open House, Sunday, December 7
- Artifacts Display, Sunday, December 7
- Christmas Caroling, Sunday, December 7
- Dinner, Tuesday, December 9
- Winter Lecture Series
Sunday, January 25, 2015
Sunday, February 22, 2015



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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.”