

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

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FIRST ANNUAL HSBC SHRIMP FEAST FUNDRAISER

More than 200 members and friends of HSBC devoured spicy soup, steamed shrimp, and a variety of delicious food; danced to the songs of the last four decades; tried their hands at games of chance; and chatted with friends at the first annual HSBC Shrimp Feast Fundraiser at Columbus Gardens on August 3.

Lucky Peggy Schaefer won the raffle ticket drawing for two free tickets on Air Tran to anywhere in the continental United States!

Throughout the evening, guests placed bids on more than 40 items in a silent auction. Serious competition developed over some items, including one tapes-

try of cats donated by Marcia Shipley. Community businesses and cultural organizations contributed many fine gift certificates and services, all for the benefit of HSBC. (See complete list of donors below.)

Guest John Cree bid \$1,000 and won the grand prize item in the auction, a Sharp Aquos 37" LCD High Definition TV, donated by Pat Ichniowski, owner of JPI Enterprises.

The shrimp feast generated over \$5000 in profit for HSBC. This money will be used to boost the operating funds for 2008.

We plan to make this fundraiser an annual event and have already booked Co-



Library Director Kevin Clement presents raffle winner Peggy Schaefer with 2 round trip AirTran Airways tickets.

lumbus Gardens for September 12, 2008 for next year's feast. We hope to see you there!

Visit <www.hsbc.org/feastphotos.html> for photos of the event.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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RECOGNITION OF SHRIMP FEAST DONORS

- AirTran Airways
- Baltimore Chamber Orchestra
- Baltimore Opera Company
- Baltimore Symphony Orchestra
- Baltimore's Tremont Hotels
- Broadway Services, Inc
- Brooks-Huff Tire & Auto
- Boordy Vineyards
- Classic Catering
- Della Roses's Avenue Tavern
- JPI Enterprises
- Ladew Topiary Gardens
- Maryland Athletic Club
- Maryland Historical Society
- Maryland Public Television
- Midway Liquors
- National Aquarium in Baltimore
- Panera Bread
- Peppermill Restaurant and Lounge
- Ultimate Watersports
- Marcia Shipley, Volunteer
- Ann Blouse, Board Member
- Barbara Yingling, Board Pres.

BEQUEST FROM MR. JOSEPH L. GENNER, JR.

HSBC recently received a generous bequest from Mr. Joseph L. Genner, Jr. Although Mr. Genner, Jr. was not an HSBC member, he was a lifelong resident of Baltimore County. He was the son of Joseph and Caroline Genner and the grandson of Joseph and Fredrika Genner. The HSBC members, volunteers, staff, and Board of Directors are extremely grateful for this unrestricted contribution which will help

further our mission.

It is through generous contributions that we are able to care for and maintain our collections, offer and expand our programs and preserve the history of Baltimore County for future generations.

You may be interested in joining a very special group of Historical Society of Baltimore County supporters who include a bequest in their

estate plan. Such bequests may include money, stocks, real estate, antiques, folk art, and other objects.

Your attorney can help you design an estate plan that protects your family, preserves your property, and benefits the Historical Society of Baltimore County for years to come.

INTERNATIONAL DOLLHOUSE & MINIATURE MONTH



October is International Dollhouse and Miniature month.

Chairs that sit on the palm of your hand. China plates smaller than a fingernail. Market stalls that fit on a bookshelf. Traditional Baltimore row houses scaled to fit on a tabletop. Rooms and scenes from imagination and memory recreated in scales an inch to the foot and

smaller. Part hobby, part craft, part art, and part history, dollhouse miniatures are a hobby that enthrall people of all ages.

On October 27, 2007, Maryland Miniatures Unlimited, a chapter of the National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts (NAME), will present an exhibit of miniatures made by their members at the Alms-

house. The exhibit will be open from noon to 4:00 pm. In addition to dollhouse miniatures, there will be demonstrations of how to make paper punched flowers and other simple projects.

Program is free to HSBC and MMU members! Bring your membership cards. Non-member fees are \$5 for adults, \$2 for kids under 12.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

At the Annual HSBC Membership meeting held on July 15, 2007 votes from the attending members and absentee ballots ushered in three new board members.

The HSBC wishes to welcome Christopher W. Poverman, Jane W. Michael, and Glenn T. Johnson to the Board of Directors of the Historical

Society of Baltimore County.

The Board now boasts 16 regular members who will use their expertise and resources to benefit the HSBC.

The Society also welcomes Dr. Rhoda Dorsey, President Emeritus of Goucher College, to honorary Board membership.

In September the Board will elect the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

We look forward to what new ideas, programs, and events the future may hold.

HISTORY RESOURCE CENTER NEWS

Kevin and the volunteers have made good progress this summer on the two major cataloging projects of the History Research Center (HRC). The purpose of these projects is to make it easy to search for and find information from the HRC resource files. Soon we plan to have a computer in the Microfilm Room where researchers can access the information database.

Thanks to dedicated volunteers Jim Long, Stuart Russell, and Marcia Shipley the process of digitizing the HSBC photo collection and cataloging the photos into the software database is nearing completion. The project to clean, copy, and index into the database information in the vertical files is also underway by volunteers Sharon Leggin, Ann Blouse, and Tim

Dugan.

Additional volunteers are needed for both of these projects, as we are constantly receiving new photographs and material for the vertical files. Although a computer is used in these projects, prior computer experience is not required. Hands-on training and a step-by-step procedure guide will be provided.

VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED FOR
ONGOING
PROJECTS! AS
LITTLE AS FOUR
HOURS A WEEK
CAN HELP!

WISH LIST

Equipment:

- Book carts
- Atlas stand
- Chairs and tables for the library

Books:

• *History of the Seventy Ninth Division A.E.F During WW 1917-1919* compiled, by History Committee 79th Division Association, published by Steinman & Steiman, Lancaster, PA.

- *German Immigrants*, by Gary Zimmerman.
Volume 3: 1863-1867
Volume 4: 1868-1871
- *Baltimore County, Maryland, Wills, 1802-1803*, by Keddie
- *Baltimore County, Maryland, Wills, 1804- October 1805*, by Keddie
- *Baltimore County, Maryland, Wills, 1805-1807*, by Keddie
- *Maryland and Virginia Colonials : genealogies of some Colonial families : families of Bacon, Beall, Beasley, Cheney, Duckett, Dunbar, Ellyson, Elmore, Graves, Heydon, Howard, Jacob, Morris, Nuthall, Odell, Pearce, Reeder, Ridgley, Prather, Sprigg, Wesson, Williams, and collateral kin.* S. Doliante.

NEW HSBC MEMBERS

- Michael Rahnis of White Hall, MD
- Carolyn Umphrey of Boyd, TX
- Bob and Carol Covahey of Phoenix, MD
- David and Joanna Cox of Baltimore, MD
- Richard and Jane Gill-Shatler of High Point, NC
- Beryl Frank of Pikesville, MD
- Julia Ferguson of Springboro, OH
- Mary Renner of Towson, MD

THE HSBC HAS
ACQUIRED 39
NEW
MEMBERSHIPS SO
FAR THIS YEAR



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STEWARDS OF THE PAST FOR THE
PRESENT AND FUTURE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS (NEXT 3 MONTHS)

September

September 1-3, 2007

Closed in recognition of Labor Day.

September 16, 2007; 2pm

What's New Online at the State Archives? HSBC members are free; \$5 for non-members.

October

October 14, 2007; 2pm

The History of Relay/Granite Featuring Oral Histories. Free to HSBC and OHCBC members; \$5 for non-members.

October 21, 2007; 2pm

Native American in Maryland before European Contact, by Stephen Israel. Free to HSBC members, \$5 for non-members.

October 27, 2007; 12 - 4pm

MMO exhibit. Free to HSBC and MMU Members. \$5 for non-member, \$2 for children under 12.

November

November 11, 2007; 2pm

The History of Dundalk/Turner Station Featuring Oral Histories. Free to HSBC and OHCBC members, \$5 for non-members.

November 18, 2007; 2pm

HSBC Quarterly meeting. Members, please come!

and

The History of Wine Making in Maryland. \$15 for HSBC members; \$25 for non-members.



All events are held at the HSBC Almshouse in Cockeysville, MD unless otherwise stated.