MEETING ROOM AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE RENTAL

Are you planning a large holiday family event or a business meeting? Consider the recently renovated Galloway Room, conveniently located on the first floor of the historic Almshouse. Wheelchair accessible and seating up to 75, the room boasts power screen, data projector, microphone, podium, tables, chairs, and a rolling stand with electrical outlets for A/V or computer setups. To set a date, please contact the HSBC Secretary, Barbara Yingling at HSBC. (410) 666-1878.

NEW MEMBERS
Laura Aiken, Baltimore, Md.
Madeline Bryant, Hunt Valley, Md.
Carolyn and Frank Knott, Riderwood, Md.
Gail and Robert McComas, Salt Lake City, Ut.
Joyce Reier, Timonium, Md.
John Russo, Cockeysville, Md.
David Sedlak, Manassas, Va.
Joseph Stewart, Baltimore, Md.
Ron and Pat Stokes, Parkville, Md.
Ken and Deb Thomas, Baldwin, Md.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FUN ACTIVITIES
Volunteer opportunities have opened within our museum to help photograph and investigate our cultural collections, research historical events such as the War of 1812, and to research and develop our varying exhibits concerning the history of Baltimore County. Register here: http://www.hsobc.org/volunteerrecruitment.html

NEW WEBSITE AND DONATIONS
The society has long desired a new, modern, more attractive and user-friendly website. In order to fulfill this dream, the society is searching for donors to the project. We need to raise between $2,000 and $5,000 to accomplish our goal, which will then enable us to redesign the site, encourage new donors, volunteers, and members to get involved, and offer interactive features for members and the public when researching or discussing Baltimore County and Maryland history.

While we see upwards of 2,000 visitors in-person each year, our website boasts upwards of 20,000 visits - that’s 1,600 views each month. We believe a new and more attractive design will go a long way in encouraging them to visit, revealing what resources we have to offer, and garner a larger mailing list and increased public outreach. Please help us with this endeavor, and look for our redesigned website in the coming months.
WHITE GLOVES GANG

At the beginning of October 2011, the society hosted the White Gloves Gang. White Gloves is a group of museum professionals and graduate students who gather for a conference each year. One day of the conference entails the group volunteering at local museums and/or historic sites.

Our society was one of the local (Baltimore Metro.) sites that participated and benefitted from one day of their volunteering. Other locations included the Jewish Museum of Maryland and the United Methodist Historical Society (Lovely Lane). The society's eight White Gloves Gang volunteers spent one-day helping us reassemble the dollhouse representations of historic Baltimore County homes and transcribing ledgers.

They were a tremendous help to the society, and it was a wonderful event - check the Jewish Museum of Maryland blog site to see what they wrote about their visit to the society.

Thank-you to Jobi Zink and the Jewish Museum of Maryland for organizing the White Gloves Gang events.

CONDOLENCES

Remembering Virginia Morris

In marriages of long duration, it is common for both partners to establish distinct public roles. Lasting more than six decades, the marriage of Virginia and Clyde Morris was one such union. The couple often appeared together at meetings of the North County Historical Society, held at the eponymous Morris Meadows Museum in Freeland. Here, Clyde gravitated to the role of affable host and master of ceremonies, and it is our hope that he will continue in this role for many years to come. Virginia chose a place beyond the reach of the spotlight. At recent gatherings, she was to be found sitting in her wheelchair near the music theme room, chatting quietly with one or two friends of longstanding. And yet, for newcomers, she always had a genuine smile and a surprisingly firm handshake. I asked once why she never spoke in public about her family history. She looked into my eyes and replied, “Oh, I have no need to do that. That’s something Clyde enjoys.” Virginia’s voice is stilled now, and her wisdom will be missed far beyond the enduring circle of the Morris family.

Donna Keuck, PhD
November 10, 2011

[Mrs. Morris, age 94, passed away on November 7, 2011]

Long time Lutherville resident, Nola Stuart passed away on October 31, 2011. “Nonie” as she was known, would have been 105 on November 18th. She was a cousin of former HSBC president, Joshua Wheeler and aunt to Dr. Joan Koslovsky.

Richard Anthony Petraska, 81, of Union Bridge, MD, passed away on November 20, 2011. His daughter, Kathryn R. Aspden (Kathy) is a HSBC volunteer. Kathy led the last Annual Shrimp Feast Committee and other Historical Society functions.
Thank You For Supporting HSBC
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Member’s Community Outreach

HSBC is providing a new service. If you have a business card, consider advertising here.

Send us your business card and it will go in the next HSBC newsletter, to be published in February. Cost is only $25 per issue. Circulation is approximately 400. No long term commitment.

You May Have Missed...

September, 2011: HSBC, represented by Martha Hendrickson, Johnna Suter and Bud Cornell, participated in the Cockeysville Recreation Showcase.

October, 2011: In celebration of Dollhouse Month, Dollhouses, Then and Now was presented by Maryland Miniatures Unlimited, HSBC’s own Martha Hendrickson and 29 volunteers. It was a success, attracting 122 patrons and raised $700 for HSBC.


November, 2011: Tempest From a Tea Cup: Maryland’s Early Trade with China, 1643-1840 was presented by John Danz of Notre Dame of Maryland University.

See page 6 for photos of the events.
ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER

Our Fifth Annual Shrimp Feast and Silent Auction in October was a great success. The event netted approximately $7,600 for the Society and its mission, and met rave reviews from the attendees. Diners enjoyed a wonderful buffet, with ice cream donated by the Prigel Family Creamery, and many departed having won Baltimore Ravens club level tickets, Blu-Ray players, $400 cash prizes, memberships and admission to local museums or wineries, and dozens of other items. A big thank-you to all the events donors.

Baltimore County has been made up of vibrant communities for over 350 years and HSBC applauds efforts to maintain this way of life. A concerted effort was made this year to highlight smaller, independent County retailers, artists and restaurants to illustrate their diversity and our support of their endeavors to invest in existing and new communities.

Please “play tourist” in communities other than your own and patronize our donors to appreciate the variety of Baltimore County communities and neighborhoods.

OUR GENEROUS DONORS:

Baltimore Ravens, Baltimore, Small Mega-ball signed by Ravens player
Barks and Blooms Pet Care, Baldwin, Basket of owner & pet treats
Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Owings Mills, Book-"M.O.M."
Basignani Winery, Sparks, Tour & wine tasting for 10
Black-eyed Susan Coffee, Candy, Cream & More, Glyndon, Three Gift Cards
Black-eyed Susan Coffee, Candy, Cream & More, Glyndon, DOOR PRIZE—Basket of MD products
Bluestone Grill, Timonium, Gift Card
Boordy Vineyards, Hydes, 2 Cellar Event tickets
Bowie Baysox, Bowie, 4 gen. admission tickets, Sun-Thurs, Apr-May 2012
Boxwood Collection, Glyndon, Box of gourmet food items
Brewer’s Art Restaurant, Baltimore-Mt. Vernon, Gift Card
Brooks-Huff, Cockeysville, 2 Gift Cards for misc. car maintenance
BSO, Baltimore-Bolton Hill, 2 tickets to either Nov 10th or Nov 17th concert
Butler Gallery, Hunt Valley, Framed print of historic map of England
Butler Gallery, Hunt Valley, Dali weeping clock
Candle Light Inn, Catonsville, Gift Card
Costa’s Inn Restaurant, Dundalk, Gift Card
Cuomo’s Sparks Antiques, Sparks, Antique Oriental stacked canisters
Deborah Rudacille, Sparrows Point, Autographed book-“Roots of Steel”
Delmarva Shorebirds, Salisbury, 4 box seats, Sun-Thurs, regular 2012 season

Dr. Sheldon Amsel, Original abstract-impressionist painting
Earth Treks Climbing Center, Timonium, Two climbing passes
Elizabeth Cockey, Original painting of donor’s home or pet
Facets of Hair, Timonium, Haircut & style by Dwayne
Fire Museum of MD, Lutherville, 4 admission passes
G.L. Shacks Grill, Catonsville, Gift Card
Glass Grille Restaurant, Essex, Two Gift Cards
Glyndon Gardens, Glyndon, Patio pot of colorful flowers
Gourmet Girls Gourmet Market & Catering, Owings Mills, Basket of gourmet food items
Gramercy Mansion, Stevenson, One overnight stay, Sun-Thurs
Grilled Cheese & Co., Catonsville, Two Gift Cards
Historic Ships in Baltimore, Baltimore, 4 tickets-1 visit to each: USS Constellation, USS Torsk sub, USCGC Taney, Lightship Chesapeake & 7-Ft. Knoll Lighthouse
Iced Gems, Catonsville, Gift card for 6 gourmet cupcakes
Illianos J&P Restaurant and Pizzeria, Glyndon, Gift card
Janna’s Salon & Spa, New Towne-Owings Mills, Free manicure
James Lillie, Skeet shooting lesson & round for 2 @ Loch Raven Skeet and Trap Center
JPI, Baldwin, Private tasting & tour for 10 at Dejon Winery
John McGrain, Towson, Autographed book “Dickensian Baltimore”
Ladew Topiary Gardens, Monkton, 4 passes for gardens, nature walk & manor house

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Linganore Winecellars, Mount Airy, 2 passes to June or August 2012 Linganore Wine Festivals
Loch Raven Liquors, Parkville, 1 bottle of wine
MAC, Timonium, 1 mo. Membership
Martha & Mary's Restaurant, Reisterstown, Gift Card
Maryland Mosaics, Glyndon, Mosaic Mirror kit
McFadden Art Glass Custom Glassblowing Studio & Gallery, Essex, Free "Make your own" glassblowing activity at a Date Night Event
MD International Raceway, Mechanicsville, 4 VIP passes to general admission, Pit & VIP parking
Michael Dersin Photography, Photo of Baltimore's Washington monument
Mitchell's Golf Course, Reisterstown, Gift Card
Padonia Liquors, Timonium, Bottle of wine
Pat Rouston, Framed print of Stonewall Jackson during Civil War
Phyllis Bailey, 2 Ravens Club Seat tickets, Nov 2011, w/ transp.
Prigel Family Creamery, Glen Arm, Basket of promo items & ice cream for Feast!
Retter's Crabhouse, Reisterstown, Gift Card
Richard Martin, Glyndon, Homemade dollhouse
River Watch Restaurant, Essex, Gift Card
Roz Corasaniti, Reisterstown, Handmade baby hat, sweater & blanket
Roz Corasaniti, Reisterstown, 2 small handmade afghans
Roz Corasaniti, Reisterstown, Large handmade afghan
Rutland Beard Florist, Ruston, Gift Card
Sally Riley, McCormick spice set & tea pot
Santoni's Market & Catering, Glyndon, Gift Card
Serio & Higdon, Parkton, Panasonic 3D/2D Blu-Ray player
Serio & Higdon, Parkton, Tickets to Aberdeen Ironbirds game
Ships Café Restaurant & Crab House, Catonsville, Sunday Brunch for 2
Starbucks Coffee, New Towne-Owings Mills, 2 lbs of coffee
The Stitching Post, Catonsville, Gift Card
Sully's Comedy Cellar, Parkville, 6 passes to performance
The Wine Post, Glyndon, Gift Card
Treasure Chest, Berlin, Sterling silver lapis earrings
Victorian Charm, Berlin, Vera Bradley handbag
Western MD Scenic RR, Cumberland, 4 Standard excursion train tickets
Wild Bird Unlimited, Timonium, Gift Card
Woodhall Wine Cellars, Parkton, Assortment of own wine
Woodhall Wine Cellars, Parkton, Wine tasting and tour for 12
Woolstock Yarn Shop, Glyndon, Specialty skein of yarn

NEW BOOK IS AVAILABLE THROUGH HSBC

Dickensian Baltimore. Survivals of a City's Infrastructure Photographed Over 65 Years.

Take a walk down memory lane with prominent Baltimore historian, writer and photographer, John W. McGrain.

About 150 old Baltimore photographs are complete with titles. You can view everything from what may be the narrowest row house in Baltimore to numerous nautical photos and much more.

Great gift idea
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MARYLAND MINIATURES EVENT

Clockwise from left: attendees examine a HSBC dollhouse; Martha Hendrickson (on right) shows her creation, Montebello House; HSBC’s George Wythe House.

SHRIMP FEAST

Clockwise from left: Councilman Todd Huff, HSBC President, Phyllis Bailey and John Gasparini, board member and auctioneer; the Gibbons Road Reunion table; John Gasparini conducts the event’s auction.

TEMPEST FROM A TEA CUP

John Danz, standing, presents his lecture to an attentive audience.

Photos are courtesy of HSBC’s Jim Long
**ESSEX WORLD WAR II VETERAN RECALLS HIS SERVICE**

Essex resident and WW II vet, Alvin T. Jones, 89, flew 32 combat missions; many with Navy pilot Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. The two had flown together for 2 1/2 years. Kennedy was later killed in action.

Veterans Day offers the nation an opportunity to reflect on all those who have served and to take note of their stories. Mark Evans, historian with the Naval History and Heritage Command, said recording the recollections of veterans like Jones, is critical. “Almost everybody knew somebody in the armed forces then. There were epic battles, where more men were lost in a few days than in the last 10 years of war across the world.”

*An excerpt from the Baltimore Sun, November 11, 2011 written by Mary Gail Hare*

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**HSBC LIBRARY NEWS**

Our research library is in need of new volunteers to help us on Saturdays. By volunteering on one Saturday a month (or more if you desire) you can help us remain fully staffed to serve the membership and other patrons.

The Saturday hours of operation are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you can help, please contact Mr. Jim Long at HSBC or fill out an application from our website.

[http://www.hsobc.org/volunteerrecruitment.html](http://www.hsobc.org/volunteerrecruitment.html)

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**HISTORY TRAILS PUBLICATION HAS BEEN DELAYED**

To our membership, we apologize for the delay in your next issue of *History Trails*. Rest assured it is forthcoming, and we hope to have it to you this December.

Our next issue is written by Baltimore County Historic Preservationist Teri Rising, and titled, "'Best Cultivated Farm,' The Back-story of Hayfields and the LaFayette Premium of 1824." Hayfields Farm, established ca. 1810, by Nicholas Merryman Bosley, is located in northern Baltimore County and designated an official Baltimore County Landmark. The mansion and farm buildings have been preserved, and presently form the core of the Hayfields Country Club. The farm is also popularly known for its connection to John Merryman, who inherited it from Nicholas Bosley. Merryman was locally famous for breeding Hereford cattle, and nationally known for his involvement in the rebellious burning of the Northern Central Railroad bridges during the Civil War. Merryman's actions resulted in the famed *Ex Parte Merryman* opinion issued by Supreme Court Justice Robert B. Taney (for whom Taneytown is named). Stay tuned...

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**MEMBERSHIP**

Annual and life members recently received a "Membership Renewal & Donation Plea" in the mail. If you received one of these notices, please renew your 2012 membership at your earliest convenience. Or, for our life members, please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the society to show your support for the only organization dedicated to collecting, preserving, and interpreting the entirety of Baltimore County's rich history.

Your membership dues account for approximately 18% of our operating budget, while donations account for another 19%. Given that, your renewals and donations are integral to the on-going success of the Historical Society of Baltimore County.
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