



HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF BALTIMORE COUNTY



NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2011

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.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- *New members*
- *Fundraiser Recap*
- *Recent Donors*
- *New Web site*
- *White Gloves Gang*
- *Condolences*
- *Shrimp Feast recap*
- *Photos of events*

The Historical Society of Baltimore County wishes our members a joyous and healthy Holiday Season!

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.

HSBC PUBLICATIONS CATALOG

Historical maps, prints, books and booklets are available from HSBC. The publications span the years 1742-present and range in price from \$.50 to \$40.

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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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.

October, 2011: Fifth Annual Fundraiser. See page 4.

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:

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| Baltimore Ravens, <i>Baltimore</i> , Small Mega-ball signed by Ravens player | Dr. Sheldon Amsel, Original abstract-impressionist painting |
| Barks and Blooms Pet Care, <i>Baldwin</i> , Basket of owner & pet treats | Earth Treks Climbing Center, <i>Timonium</i> , Two climbing passes |
| Barnes & Noble Booksellers, <i>Owings Mills</i> , Book-
"M.O.M." | Elizabeth Cockey, Original painting of donor's home or pet |
| Basignani Winery, <i>Sparks</i> , Tour & wine tasting for 10 | Facets of Hair, <i>Timonium</i> , Haircut & style by Dwayne, |
| Black-eyed Susan Coffee, Candy, Cream & More,
<i>Glyndon</i> , Three Gift Cards | Fire Museum of MD, <i>Lutherville</i> , 4 admission passes |
| Black-eyed Susan Coffee, Candy, Cream & More,
<i>Glyndon</i> , DOOR PRIZE—Basket of MD products | G.L. Shacks Grill, <i>Catonsville</i> , Gift Card |
| Bluestone Grill, <i>Timonium</i> , Gift Card | Glass Grille Restaurant, <i>Essex</i> , Two Gift Cards |
| Boordy Vineyards, <i>Hydes</i> , 2 Cellar Event tickets | Glyndon Gardens, <i>Glyndon</i> , Patio pot of colorful flowers |
| Bowie Baysox, <i>Bowie</i> , 4 gen. admission tickets, Sun-
Thurs, Apr-May 2012 | Gourmet Girls Gourmet Market & Catering, <i>Owings
Mills</i> , Basket of gourmet food items |
| Boxwood Collection, <i>Glyndon</i> , Box of gourmet food
items | Gramercy Mansion, <i>Stevenson</i> , One overnight stay, Sun-
Thurs |
| Brewer's Art Restaurant, <i>Baltimore-Mt. Vernon</i> , Gift Card | Grilled Cheese & Co., <i>Catonsville</i> , Two Gift Cards |
| Brooks-Huff, <i>Cockeysville</i> , 2 Gift Cards for misc. car
maintenance | Historic Ships in Baltimore, <i>Baltimore</i> , 4 tickets-1 visit to
each: USS Constellation, USS Torsk sub, USCGC
Taney, Lightship Chesapeake & 7-Ft. Knoll Light-
house |
| BSO, <i>Baltimore-Bolton Hill</i> , 2 tickets to either Nov 10th
or Nov 17th concert | Iced Gems, <i>Catonsville</i> , Gift card for 6 gourmet cupcakes |
| Butler Gallery, <i>Hunt Valley</i> , Framed print of historic
map of England | Illianos J&P Restaurant and Pizzeria, <i>Glyndon</i> , Gift card |
| Butler Gallery, <i>Hunt Valley</i> , Dali weeping clock | Janna's Salon & Spa, <i>New Towne-Owings Mills</i> , Free mani-
cure |
| Candle Light Inn, <i>Catonsville</i> , Gift Card | James Lillie, Skeet shooting lesson & round for 2 @
Loch Raven Skeet and Trap Center |
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Baltimore" |
| Deborah Rudacille, <i>Sparrows Point</i> , Autographed book-
"Roots of Steel" | Ladew Topiary Gardens, <i>Monkton</i> , 4 passes for gardens,
nature walk & manor house |
| Delmarva Shorebirds, <i>Salisbury</i> , 4 box seats, Sun-Thurs,
regular 2012 season | |

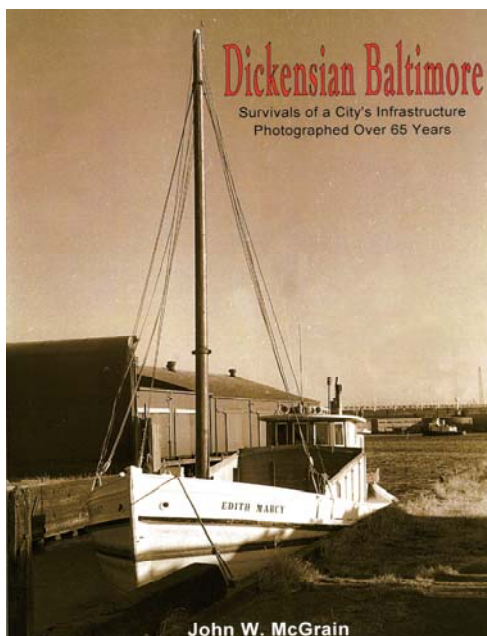
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Linganore Winecellars, *Mount Airy*, 2 passes to June or August 2012 Linganore Wine Festivals
 Loch Raven Liquors, *Parkville*, 1 bottle of wine
 MAC, *Timonium*, 1 mo. Membership
 Martha & Mary's Restaurant, *Reisterstown*, Gift Card
 Maryland Mosaics, *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!
 Reter'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
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 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
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 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

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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]

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>

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...

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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