



HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF BALTIMORE COUNTY



NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2012

RESEARCH CENTER REOPENED!

In our last newsletter (April 2012), we informed you we were temporarily closing due to renovations and an entire collections relocation process. In addition, we asked for your generous support to raise the much-needed funding to complete the project. Our members' response was outstanding! So far, we've raised nearly half of our \$40,000 goal for the project. While Baltimore County continues to repair and renovate sections of the Almshouse in anticipation of the building's new shared use, the society applied your generous contributions to purchasing new lighting for its new spaces (installation costs were donated in-kind), completing the assembly of new library stacks and reading rooms (installation cost were donated in-kind courtesy HSBC volunteer Jim Knapp), installing carpeting in those rooms, as well as performing tens of thousands of square feet of interior painting, and having hardwood floors refinished in our public spaces at a reduced rate courtesy Signature Hardwood Floors of Timonium. Moreover, the society was able to identify donors who provided and installed new air conditioning units in critical areas to protect HSBC's collections.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- *Research Center Reopens!*
- *Thank-you Donors!*
- *New Members*
- *History Trails*
- *Upcoming Events*
- *Volunteers!*



Meanwhile, our volunteers are hard at work reorganizing our new library stacks room, new archives storage room, new maps storage room and work area, research vertical files, and museum collections spaces. Without your generous and on-going support, none of this would have been possible.

At this time, we're happy to announce our new research library is reopened for normal operating hours: Fridays from noon to 4 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Because we successfully raised nearly half of our \$40,000 goal, and because of the many in-kind donations by our volunteers and contractors, we were able to complete the renovations deemed absolutely necessary in order to reopen in a timely fashion.

In the coming months, we'll continue pursuing our goal of raising a total of \$40,000 for our relocation renovations and improvements. The additional funds will help us install framed photographic prints from our collections and artistic renderings of Baltimore County scenes on our walls, providing aesthetic value and revenue generating potential through their sales. The funds will enable us to install improved ultraviolet protection in sensitive collections storage spaces, erect curtains in public spaces, and purchase upwards of four new computers for use by patrons and volunteer staff alike. Moreover, the society recently formed a committee to partner with the non-profit neighborhood redesign organization to contemplate, plan, and develop new exhibit space in the historic Almshouse. We welcome your contributions to these and other projects in the forms of volunteering your time, or your financial support.

With your help, we can better protect our collections, improve our public spaces and visitor assistance, and develop new exhibits meaningful to the history and heritage of Baltimore County. *Members/Donors - call to schedule a tour of our new library and storage spaces.*



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**HSBC wishes to thank the following donors and fundraisers for their support
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NEW MEMBERS

Angie Broomell of Monkton, MD; Andrew Dotterweich of Parkton, MD; Glenn Evans of Monkton, MD; Elizabeth Gray of Timonium, MD; Mark Griffin of Washington D.C.; LouAnn McCaughey of Sparks, MD; Barbara McClinton of Bozman, MD; Francis Taylor of Baltimore, MD.

HISTORY TRAILS

The society recently published its latest *History Trails* with an article by Martha Hendrickson titled, "The Montebello Water Filtration Plant I: Clean Water for City and Suburb Alike." Martha wishes to thank Ron Parks, Tim Bradin and Richard Vann for providing access to the house and research materials on-site at the Montebello Plant. We hope our members and friends enjoyed Martha's fascinating exploration of the impacts of germ theory, the City Beautiful movement, the Urban Progressive Era, advances in engineering, and their cumulative influences on the development of Baltimore's first water filtration plant.

In the "About the Author" section it noted Martha is involved in miniature recreations where she produced a miniature model of the Montebello engineer's residence. Below is a photograph of the Montebello engineer's residence with Martha's miniature production beside it.

The society is seeking new material for its *History Trails* publication. Preference is given to articles citing primary and secondary sources according to the *Chicago Manual of Style*. If you have a well researched and well written article that either directly or indirectly relates to the history and heritage of Baltimore County, please consider submitting it.



Montebello House, 2005



Completed Miniature

UPCOMING EVENTS

(PHONE, E-MAIL, OR SEE OUR WEBSITE AND FLYER INSERTS FOR MORE DETAILS)

August 24 - 26, and August 31 - September 3, 2012 - Visit our booth at the Maryland State Fair!

September 6, 2012, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (HSBC Almshouse) - Free Genealogy Instruction.

September 28, 2012, 6:30 p.m. - (Columbus Gardens) HSBC's 6th Annual Shrimp Feast, Bull Roast, Silent & Live Auction Fundraiser. See insert or visit www.hsobc.org/feast.

October 4, 2012, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (HSBC Almshouse) - Free Genealogy Instruction.

October 28, 2012 - HSBC Barn Exhibit Reopening - details to-be-announced.

November 3, 2012 - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bus Tour to the Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum in conjunction with The Preservation Alliance of Baltimore County - details to-be-announced.

November 18, 2012 - 2:00 p.m. - Baltimore County, Baltimore City: Separate but Together. Join Matthew Crenson, Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Johns Hopkins, and Edward Papenfuse, Maryland State Archivist for a fascinating exploration of the inseparable histories of Baltimore County and City. Registration opens October 2, 2012 - seating limited.



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CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The research library is looking for new volunteers for special tasks. New volunteers with some computer experience are needed for our growing archival collections project. Volunteers will do all or part of these tasks: evaluate collections items to be stored, package them in appropriate archival quality containers, make labels, and perform data entry.

We are also looking for volunteers to help us serve patrons on Fridays from noon to 4 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Duties might entail greeting visitors, and locating and retrieving materials for research. Again, while some computer experience is helpful, we will train volunteers in the use of our collections.



Hours of Operation:

Fridays from noon to 4 p.m.

Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

2nd Wednesdays 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.



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