FUN WITH MINIATURES – A FAMILY EVENT

HSBC and Maryland Miniatures Unlimited are once again having an exhibit to benefit HSBC. It will be held on Saturday, October 20th, from 11-4 and Sunday, October 21st, from 11-3 at the Almshouse.

This event has typically been held biennially, and this year we have some returning favorites and new exhibits. Maryland Miniatures will be showing their creations that include the popular Baltimore Row House. These creations are so perfectly detailed that you would think you were looking down a street in Baltimore! The design is based on an historic row house plan, complete with painted screens. Each house is individually decorated and lighted inside and out according to the designers taste. We will also have a military miniatures display based on an historic battle. New this year is a large 3-story lighted Victorian house complete with tower and widows walk decorated for Halloween. In addition, there will be miniature log cabins and other intricate creations. To interest railroad buffs, there will be two train gardens with vintage trains restored to running order. Lego enthusiasts will enjoy an original Lego space-themed construction. There will be lots of activities to interest children and adults, including a free make-and-take project for kids, weaving demonstrations, and demos on dollhouse decorations.

Finally, HSBC will display items from its collection, including the Sudbrook house and other exhibits. For a minimal admission price, there will be lots of fun for the everyone, so don’t miss this exhibit. Come out, bring family and friends to support HSBC! Admission $6.00 for adults, $2.00 for children 6-16, free for children under six. Proceeds to benefit the Historical Society of Baltimore County.

Hope you will join us!
STAFF CHANGES AT HSBC
Dr. Kathleen Barry, HSBC Executive Director since 2016, has resigned to take a position at Johns Hopkins University. We will miss her knowledge, abilities and leadership. She was the driving force that won for us the Smithsonian Museums on Main Street traveling exhibit, Water/Ways, which HSBC will host in 2019. We wish her much success in her new position.

A Search Committee is working to recruit a new Executive Director.

In the interim, Jim Long has assumed responsibility for administrative management of HSBC, assisted by other volunteers and members of the Board of Directors. You may contact Jim at jameslong@hsobc.org.

ADDENDUM JULY-AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER

We regret omitting this new member from our Board of Directors.

W. BRUCE QUACKENBUSCH, JR.

Mr. Quackenbush is the co-owner of American Contracting Services, Inc. Founded in 1998, ACSI is a general contractor specializing in residential and commercial renovations. He is also a former Executive Director of Pride of Baltimore, Inc. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia and Hamline University School of Law. He and his wife Toni live in Baldwin.

HSBC TO HOST SMITHSONIAN TRAVELLING EXHIBITION, WATER/WAYS

We just received wonderful news that we want to share with all friends of the Historical Society of Baltimore County (HSBC)! In 2019 we will be hosting the Smithsonian Institution travelling exhibition, Water/Ways, in the Cockeysville Almshouse. We were selected by the Maryland Humanities Museum on Main Street program as the first site in a statewide tour. The exhibit will be open to the public from May 25 to July 6, 2019, during HSBC’s 60th anniversary year.

The Water/Ways exhibition dives into water—an essential component of life on our planet, environmentally, culturally, and historically. Water also plays a practical role in American society. The availability of water affected settlement and migration patterns. Access to water and control of water resources have long been a central part of political and economic planning. Human creativity and resourcefulness provide new ways of protecting water resources and renewing respect for the natural environment.

With the programmatic support and guidance of Maryland Humanities, HSBC and our partners will host public programs, develop complementary exhibits, and facilitate educational initiatives to raise people’s understanding of what water means culturally, socially and spiritually in our community. HSBC will focus on telling the historical, cultural, and economic stories of our local waterways. We will trace how the people and places of Baltimore County, founded in 1659, have interacted with water, from settlement, through industrialization, suburbanization, and the current tensions between economic development and environmental concerns.

For further information, or to express your interest in helping us to stage this exhibition, please contact us at 410-666-1878 or info@hsobc.org.
UPCOMING EVENTS
All events held at HSBC/Almshouse, 9811 Van Buren Lane, Cockeysville, Md.
Admission: free for members, $5 for non-members unless otherwise noted.

Sunday, September 16th 2 pm–4 pm
The Feminine Touch: Women in Baltimore History
Speaker: Wayne Schaumburg
Join Baltimore historian and educator Wayne R. Schaumburg for an illustrated program that looks at the role played by women in Baltimore's history. The talk will focus on the period from 1776 to 1960, and will cover famous and not-so-famous women who have contributed to Baltimore's growth. They include Mary Katherine Goddard, Betsy Patterson, Mary Elizabeth Lange, Frances Ellen Watkins Harper, Henrietta Szold, Mary Elizabeth Garrett, Lizette Woodworth Reese, Grace Turnbull, Etta Haynie Maddox, Lucille Polk Carter, Lillie Carroll Jackson, the Cone sisters, Marie Bauernschmidt, and others.

Sunday, October 7th 2 pm–4 pm
Rumor or Fact? A Town Under Loch Raven Reservoir
Speaker: Sally Riley
Ever drive over the Warren Road Bridge crossing the Loch Raven Reservoir and wonder if the large water expanse has always been there? Ever wonder what else could have been there? Find out at HSBC researcher Sally Riley’s illustrated presentation on Loch Raven Reservoir and the “lost” town of Warren. Due to the popularity of this talk, admission will be by advance ticketing only; location and ticket sales will be announced soon.

Saturday, October 20th 11 am-4 pm
Sunday, October 21st 11 am-3 pm
Fun with Miniatures Exhibition
Co-Sponsored with Maryland Miniatures Unlimited
Mark your calendars for this joint exhibition featuring dollhouses (including large and small, and room boxes) and other miniatures, toy model trains, Lego creations, demonstrations, children’s activities, and more. A great event for the entire family. [See article on Page 1]
Sunday, November 4th  2 pm–4 pm  
**Rumor or Fact? Part 2: Another Reservoir, Other Towns**  
**Speaker: Sally Riley**  
If you are fascinated by the story of Warren and its final resting place under Loch Raven Reservoir, did you know that there is another reservoir on the Gunpowder Falls that covers another town, another industrial site? HSBC researcher Sally Riley will discuss the history of Prettyboy Reservoir and its surrounding area.

Our 7th Annual Joint Program with the Baltimore City Historical Society

Saturday, November 17th  2 pm–4 pm  
**The History of the Fire Service in Baltimore County and City**  
Presenters Stephen Heaver of the Fire Museum of Maryland, James Doran of the Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen’s Association, Division Chief Francis DiPaula of the Baltimore County Fire Department, and George Collins, President & Founder African American Fire Fighters Historical Society will discuss the historic work of firefighters in protecting Baltimore County and City residents’ safety.  
*Admission free to all*

Sunday, December 16th  2 pm–4 pm  
**Turning Rocks into Gold, and Roads: The Northampton Iron Furnace**  
**Speaker: Bill Curtis, Ranger, National Park Service**  
What natural resources do you need to create wealth? How do you do it? What are the environmental consequences, good and bad? And what is left on the ground 200 years later? The Northampton Iron Furnace, built by the Ridgley family, was the 10th furnace erected in Maryland. Bill Curtis will talk about the history of the furnace and its workers, as well as the ways that Americans have exploited and changed our natural resources including stone, minerals, wood and water. Bill will also touch on transportation history.

**MONTHLY GENEALOGY WORKSHOP**

1st Thursdays, monthly  10 am–2 pm  
**Genealogy Instruction**  
Free workshop with local genealogist Noreen Goodson and professional genealogist Angela Walton-Raji, M.Ed. Both instructors have a wealth of general and niche genealogy knowledge, experience and resources to share. Please bring your laptop and lunch.
DATABASE OF DEFENDERS OF BALTIMORE

Do you know who the Defenders of Baltimore were?

They were the men and boys of Baltimore County and the surrounding area, who took up arms in the Defense of Baltimore during the War of 1812. They fought in the Battle of North Point, engaged the British war vessels from Fort McHenry and provided the defense of Baltimore at Hampstead Hill, known as Patterson Park today. At that time, Baltimore Town was the seat of Baltimore County.

These brave, proud citizens of Maryland took a stand and repelled the British in the deciding engagement of what has been called the Second War of Independence. They were determined that Baltimore would not experience the fate of Washington, D.C. just 3 weeks earlier. Some lost their lives in those battles and skirmishes. Most went back to their homes, families and everyday jobs, led productive lives, and, in time, died and were buried.

Unfortunately, over 200+ years, the location of those burials has been lost to memory. The Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland is working to reverse that, to determine the location of the graves of the Defenders of Baltimore and Maryland. Since 2015, Sam Smith, Jr., a collateral descendant of Major General (MD) Samuel Smith, has been working on a project of the Society’s Maryland War of 1812 Veterans to “find” those buried in Maryland cemeteries. To date, 4000+ have been identified. He continues to look for “just one more veteran burial” every day!

Mr. Smith and the Society have graciously donated a copy of the databases, which list these locations, to the Historical Society of Baltimore County Research Library. The HSBC Research Librarians are happy to help you find your War of 1812 ancestor’s gravesite. Stop by our Research Library on a Friday or Saturday and learn about your early American ancestors. If your ancestor’s surname is missing from the list, please let us know. We will pass the information along to Mr. Smith.

VOLUNTEER REQUEST

We occasionally need the services of an American Sign Language interpreter and are looking for a volunteer(s) who can assist us. Please contact Jim Long at HSBC if you are able to help.

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