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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As custodians of our county's history, the Historical Society of Harford County is obligated to collect photographs, documents, clothing and textiles and other artifacts that reveal our past and provide insight into how our ancestors lived and how we got to where we are today. But we do more than collect.

Our lectures, Brown Bag Luncheons and programs both at our main facility in the historic Old Post Office building in Bel Air and the Hays House Museum are our way of bringing our collections to life, offering the public an opportunity to get a real feel for Harford's past and how it may have impacted our future. These programs have proved to be popular with the public and have greatly increased our awareness in the community.

Look at our schedule of events and make some time to attend one. You will undoubtedly learn something new about the county and its impact on our lives.

As our collections grow—history continues to be made every day and we must keep up with it—we must grow as well. We will soon begin a new capital campaign to raise funds to make repairs to our main building and the Hays House, as well as providing more efficient working space for researchers and creating a museum area to showcase our collections for the public.

We have a lot going on and we aim to keep it that way with the continued support of our members and our dedicated volunteers.

Thank you all.

*George F. Harrison, President*

### NEW MEMBERS

Everett Bransford, Chamonie Miller, Chris Potts,  
Debbie Chisholm, Thomas Sullivan, Darin Powell,  
Marvin Genshaw, Gregory Wardrope

### SAVE THE DATE

On Tuesday, November 12 at 6 pm, join us at Magerks Restaurant in Bel Air for the release party of the **Red Planks Calendar**. Each year Sonipak Design publishes a Harford County Calendar and sells sponsorship opportunities in the calendar, giving \$1,000 to a chosen charity. The 2020 calendar will feature red barns that grace out countryside and the \$1,000 donation will go to the Historical Society. In addition to this donation, Magerks will donate a portion of sales from diners attending the party to the Historical Society. It would be great if you could plan on attending the check presentation and grabbing a delicious dinner to further help the cause. There will be gift bags for attendees and lots of good food and fun. Hope to see you there.

### COMING EVENTS

#### *A NIGHT AT THE COPA*

Remember the good old days when you could step into the glamour of a nightclub, escape all your cares and woes for an evening of fun, a night on the town. Well for one evening in September, you can revisit those times, escape your cares and be entertained by the music of Elio Scaccio with special guest Julie Anna Gulenko and the comedy stylings of Larry Noto.

Richlin Ballroom will serve as the historic Copa Cabana with delicious dining and entertainment. The event will take place on **Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-10:30 pm**. Tickets for the dinner and show are \$75. Reservations are required. Call the Society at 410-838-7691 or order on-line at [www.HarfordHistory.org](http://www.HarfordHistory.org).

Proceeds will support the restoration and preservation of the Hays House Museum, the Historical Society and other Society initiatives. This is the Society's major fundraiser for the year, and we encourage you to be a part of the fun.



#### *ANNUAL DINNER*

This year's annual dinner at the Maryland Golf and Country Club will feature an appearance by award winning actress and Smithsonian scholar, Mary Ann Jung as Elizabeth Cady Stanton, one of the moving forces in the Suffragist movement. In addition to the dinner and show, there will be exhibits and a silent auction. The event will also include a brief update on the Society's programs and achievements in the past year and the election of the Board candidates for the Class of 2020-2021 and the announcement of Board Officers for the next term. The cost is \$40 per person. Menu options include a choice of the following:

Entree choices are:

- Chicken au Franchise (egg battered chicken breast with supreme sauce)
- Roasted Pork Loin (Rosemary roasted pork loin with Madeira demi-glace)



*Maryland Golf & Country Club*

- Grilled Vegetable Stir Fry (marinated and grilled zucchini, squash, asparagus, portabella served over rice pilaf with a sesame glaze)

The Board Candidates Class of 2020-2021 include existing Board members Mark Dardozzi, Jennifer Dombeck, Angela Saccenti, Terry Trouyet, and William Walden and new candidates Jacquelyn Magness Seneschal, Christine Steans Potts and Nancy Kroupa.

A brief biography of each of the new candidates follows:

*Jacquelyn Magness Seneschal*

A former Board member and President of the Society, Jackie recently retired as Senior Supervising Planner for a major Baltimore planning firm after serving more than 30 years in both public and private agencies throughout the state providing policy and planning services related to transportation, community, environmental and facilities planning. She has managed numerous public workshops, citizen advisory committees, public meetings and retreats translating complicated issues into understandable language and explaining the consequences of actions. Currently, she is a volunteer on the Society's event committee and for St. Mary's Church in Pylesville.

*Christine Potts*

A resident of Bel Air, Christine (Stearns) Potts returned to Harford County in the summer of 2017 to renovate her grandparent's family home and reconnect with her childhood hometown. With a background in education, performing arts and working for non-profits, Potts holds MA degrees in English and Storytelling. She has taught and told stories at schools and universities both at home and abroad and is excited to celebrate and support the Society's rich tradition of historical preservation and community programming. Chris is currently serving on the Society's event committee, assisting with this year's Haunts and History Tour and leading the Suffragist Book Club.

*Nancy Kroupa*

Nancy Kroupa was born and raised in the Detroit, MI area. She moved to Harford County in 1998 as part of a job transfer. Nancy started her career as a Medical Technologist in a Microbiology laboratory and ended her career as a Global Training and Education Specialist at Becton-Dickenson. She officially retired in September of 2018 and is currently volunteering at the Historical Society on a regular basis. Next summer she will lead a 'Finding Your Roots' program for middle school age children based on the television show of the same name.

***BUS TRIP - DELAWARE ART MUSEUM & MORE***

On Saturday, October 26 the Society will sponsor a bus trip to the Delaware Art Museum and Sculpture Garden where a docent will guide us through their amazing collection.

The Delaware Art Museum features Pre-Raphaelite art, Brandywine school illustrators and a nine-acre sculpture garden. The collection holds more than 12,000 objects. Join us for a guided tour of the museum, a stroll through the gardens and a fine buffet lunch.



*Delaware Art Museum*

Following the lunch, the trip will continue to the Delaware Historical Society in Wilmington which was founded in 1864. The Society's main building has been transformed into the Delaware Historical Society Museum and the Jane & Littleton Mitchell Center for African American Heritage. Overall the campus encompasses seven historic structures across two blocks on Market Street in downtown Wilmington.

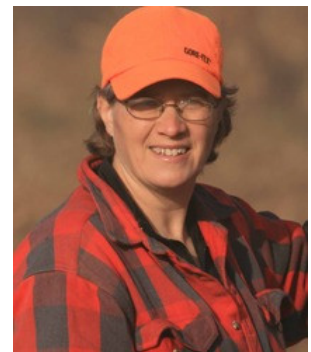
According to one visitor, "The Museum (which is an old Woolworth's store) has been fully renovated with new exhibits. One of the exhibits in the museum focuses on African American History. It is outstanding. The renovation also included a glass enclosed passageway that connects the museum building to Old Town Hall, which is spectacular. It is a building that was built in the late 1700's and has been renovated to preserve its existing condition. It is beautiful and a real treasure."

The tour group will gather at the Historical Society headquarters, 143 N. Main St. at 8:00 am and return at 5 pm. Tickets are \$80 and include the bus, snacks, lunch and admission to all venues. For more information or to order tickets call 410-838-7691 or purchase on our website [www.HarfordHistory.org](http://www.HarfordHistory.org).

***BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES***

The Society's Brown Bag lunch series continues on Tuesday, September 10 at 12:30 pm at the Historical Society's headquarters, 143 N. Main St., Bel Air with a presentation by Peggy Eppig on Country Living and the Back to the Land Movement.

Peggy Eppig is MAEF's Director of Middle School and Natural Resources Education. She develops integrated agriculture curriculum for grades 6 – 12 through undergrad, as well as formal and non-formal Ag/environmental science and social studies opportunities for teachers and students. Peggy



*Peggy Eppig*

collaborates with several other institutions, organizations and non-profits to support Farm Based Education, the Leopold Project training, the Maryland Farm-to-School program with Maryland Department of Agriculture and Project Green Classrooms.

Learn about past and current environmental and conservation programs throughout the county and the state. What is being done to help preserve our resources for the future, how our school programs are helping and how you can help as well.





Associate Professor  
Kenneth Jones

On Tuesday, October 8, 2019, at 12:30 pm, the Brown Bag Lunch speaker will be Kenneth Jones, Associate Professor of Art & Design at Harford Community College. Before arriving at HCC in 2000, he taught at the University of Delaware, Rutgers University and the Delaware College of Art & Design. A visual artist, curator and collector with years of professional experience as a designer, art director and photographer, Jones has exhibited his work internationally in over 80 solo and group shows. Humor, chance and context play big roles in Jones' artistic works fueled by his interests in research and history. His work has been featured at the Print Center in Philadelphia, The Delaware Art Museum, Marsh Art Gallery at the University of Richmond and the F-Stop Gallery in Bath England among other galleries and museums internationally.

He will present a slide show from an exhibition he curated about Japanese Graphic Design, sharing his extensive research and the history of Japanese design.

### BOOK CLUB

The Suffragist Book Club will hold its first meeting on Saturday, September 28 at 10 am at the Historical Society. There are still a few openings if you would like to join in the fun. The first book to be discussed is *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. Chris Potts, formerly with the Women's Studies program at Towson University, will lead the discussion that will take us on a journey from the beginning of the suffrage movement in the 1840s to the final adoption of women's right to vote in 1920. The journey is both terrifying and fascinating.

Also, we know that several Harford County residents helped with the Women's March on Washington in 1917 when the group came through Harford. If you have any photos, stories or knowledge of this local connection, please let us know. Email information to [info@HarfordHistory.org](mailto:info@HarfordHistory.org) or come to our meeting and share your stories.

## HAUNTS & HISTORY TOUR OF BEL AIR

Join us on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> for a social hour including a haunting exhibit at the Historical Society complete with your guide a ghostly postal worker and haunting treasures from deep in the bowels of the Society's cellars. Peruse collections that have never been seen before. Then partake of delicious refreshments before costumed docents lead you on a family-friendly tour featuring haunting stories, intriguing legends and amazing historical facts with stops at the restored Proctor House, Harford Mutual Insurance, the former Dunnigan's Hotel, the historic Harford County Courthouse and the county Sheriff's office. Journey back in time to enjoy the tales of Bel Air's most curious and mysterious history. Walk the streets lit by lanterns and visit some of the town's most legendary and haunted sites.

The evening begins at 4:30 pm with exhibits, a tour of the Society and refreshments followed by the walking tour at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$40. Additional tours, excluding the social hour, depart from the Historical Society at 6 pm and cost \$10. Children under 3 are free.

This event sells out quickly so get your tickets early. For tickets and more information go to [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com), *Haunts & History Tour of Bel Air*. The *Haunts & History Tour of Bel Air* benefits LASOS, Inc a Bel Air based nonprofit organization that provides adult literacy classes, civics instruction, financial literacy guidance and citizenship assistance.

### *HAYS HOUSE HAPPENINGS*

*Autumn is the second spring when every leaf is a flower - Albert Camus*

Another hot summer has passed. After a very busy Fourth of July Open House when we greeted over 200 visitors, Hays House volunteers are gearing up for the upcoming fall season of activities.

September is all about early American history. On September 8, bring the children for storytelling. We will learn why Maryland celebrates a little-known holiday on September 12 called Defenders' Day. As most of us know, the War of 1812 actually occurred in the United States in 1814, and combat with the British was particularly intense in and around Baltimore. Our second war for independence, as it was called, most famously took place with the defense of Fort McHenry and Francis Scott Key's scripting the story of the action, *The Star-Spangled Banner*, later set to the music of a popular song. It was to become our National Anthem – but not until 1931. On the afternoon of September 8, through stories and pictures, we will encourage children to be more aware of this important part of American history.

The original, battered but preserved Star-Spangled Banner is now on permanent display at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, and the Francis Scott Key's original script entitled *The Defense of Fort McHenry* is exhibited at the Maryland Historical Society.



On September 22, costumed performer and local historian Christopher Smithson will talk about Thomas Hays and the War of 1812. The presentation will include information on Hays military unit, the men he served with, their uniforms and their travel during the war. Join us as we learn about the role this Bel Air resident played in our second war for independence from Britain. This event will also include information about the ratification of the US Constitution, which took place on September 17, 1787. The Governor William Paca Chapter of the DAR will bring to Hays House its program to inform and educate the public about the United States Constitution.

October bring Halloween, which may have started with pagan Celtic harvest festivals later translated into All Hallows' Eve, the day before Christians celebrate All Saints Day. On October 27, bring the children to Hays House to celebrate this increasing popular holiday with spooky tales and a costume contest.

Hays House hours for these events is from 1 pm to 4 pm with talks and storytelling starting about 1:30. The storytelling is free, and the September 22 special event cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and seniors. Children under 4 are free. Parking is free, and all events include a tour of the historic 1788 house.

## GENEALOGICAL SEMINAR: BRANCHING OUT

Expanding the Family Tree, Genealogy Weekend

by Mary Schweers

October is Family History Month and we will be presenting our first Genealogy Weekend which will be held on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM each day. The weekend will be full of activities and presentations which will expand the knowledge of genealogy researchers from the novice to the expert. On Saturday we will have representatives from various hereditary societies on site to answer questions on membership and records. On both days we will have a large genealogy-based book sale for participants only. *Ancestry.com* and *FamilySearch.org* have donated door prizes and each participant will receive a gift bag highlighting the presentations.

Saturday will begin with a presentation from Coyle Studios of Towson on "Caring for Your Photos" followed by a lunch break. We are pleased to announce Philip J. Merrill will be presenting "Black Americana Can Be Genealogical Gold." Mr. Merrill was named *Baltimore City Paper's* Best Historian in 2001 and 2002. He is the author of *The Art of Collecting Black Memorabilia* and *The Black America Series – Baltimore*. He is best known for his work on the PBS show *Antiques Roadshow* where he created the black memorabilia category and has also appeared on Maryland Public Television's *Chesapeake Collectibles*. We will end day one with a presentation on "Genealogical Software" by Christopher Smithson detailing available software to organize research and records.

On Sunday, our first presentation will be from the Maryland Jewish Genealogical Society. After a lunch break, Page Smart will present, "DNA and Genealogy, Answering Questions and Raising New Ones". Discover how to read DNA reports and link them to your family tree. Closing out our genealogy power weekend will be Robert Mosko, an expert in cemetery restoration who will provide guidance on the care and cleaning of grave markers.

Tickets for the full weekend are \$60, with a limited number of single day tickets available for \$30. Please call (410) 838-7691 to secure your reservation.

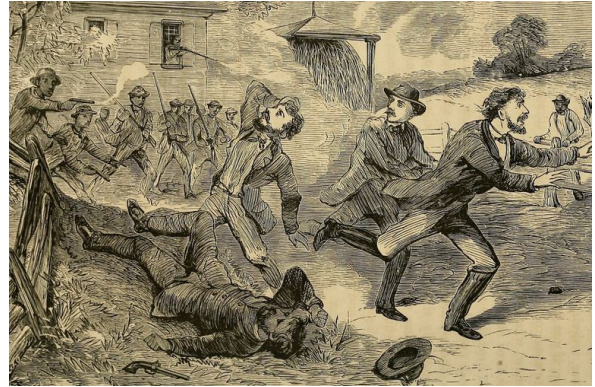
## ON DOING HISTORY

*Freedom Started in Christiana – The Harford County Connection* by Jim Chrismer

September 11, 2001 is a date every reader of this *Newsletter* vividly remembers. We recall where we were and remember what occurred at 8:45 AM. We are also aware of the lengthy military aftermath of that horrible tragedy. However, very few Americans realize that on the exact day 150 years earlier, at a nearly-precise moment of the morning, a similar historically critical event occurred: The September 11, 1851 confrontation at Christiana PA that contributed to the outbreak of the American Civil War, the preservation of the United States, and the consequent freedom for some 4 million African Americans. Of the leaders on the side of freedom at what historians today call the Christiana Resistance, nearly half had Harford County roots.

Basic reference works describe the Christiana Resistance in straight-forward fashion. In the fall of 1851 Baltimore County plantation owner Edward Gorsuch learned that three enslaved men who fled his property three years previously were located living as free persons in Lancaster County PA.

Emboldened by passage of the Federal Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 that empowered slave holders, the incensed Gorsuch gathered a posse of several men that included his son Dickinson. Gorsuch journeyed to Pennsylvania to secure an arrest warrant, engaged a federal marshal, wended his way to the hamlet of Christiana (33 miles from Havre de Grace), and planned to capture his slaves at the home of William Parker where Gorsuch believed his fugitives dwelled. The idea was to intimidate the occupants with force, demand their surrender, and return the runaways to Maryland.



William Parker may have just been a name to Gorsuch but was widely known in the area as a staunch defender of the rights of African Americans. The 29-year-old runaway laborer from Anne Arundel County had lived in the Lancaster area for twelve years, during which he aided fugitives, supported the rights of freed Blacks, and helped found the Lancaster Black Self-Protection Society to thwart kidnappers who regularly came into the area seeking Black victims to send to Maryland for sale.

Arriving at dawn, Gorsuch's party quickly realized that Parker and the nearby black community had been warned of their coming. Nonetheless the group surrounded the small two-story stone house that sat in a group of trees in an otherwise open field. The home held several freedom-seekers, including at least two of Gorsuch's escapees, as well as Parker's 34-year-old wife Eliza, sister-in-law Hannah (perhaps 39), and brother-in-law Alex Pinckney.

Almost immediately Gorsuch verbally and physically challenged an infuriated Parker at the front door but failed to move him. The Baltimore Countians pulled back and threatened to set the house ablaze. Several random shots rang out as the home's residents retreated to the second floor. Eliza Parker, from the garret, sounded a pre-arranged horn blast that attracted a volley of shots from the posse and a crowd of mostly black neighbors armed with agricultural tools including corn cutters and firearms to defy the invaders.

A stalemate slightly under two hours settled in as Gorsuch's men considered their options. Meanwhile Parker and Gorsuch continued to exchange a series of threats, convinced of the righteousness of their causes, and made obvious their unwillingness to back down. Eventually shots rang out from both sides, and a melee involving the principals and the assembled crowd ensued. In the end Edward Gorsuch was killed and his son suffered a near-fatal wound. The remainder of the party retreated.

Of the persons with Parker at least five had fled Harford County in the 1840s. These included Eliza Ann Elizabeth Howard Parker, her sister Hannah Pinckney, two brothers, and their 51-year-old mother Cassie Harris. Hannah's married name of Pinckney strongly suggests that her husband may also have originated in Harford County.

Back in Harford County, 42-year-old planter Albert Davis claimed all these individuals as his property. Davis, whose father Dr. Elijah Davis at one time kept 34 enslaved persons, had inherited Belle Vue, a 300-plus-acre estate abutting Oakington and Swan Harbor on the Chesapeake Bay near Havre de Grace. According to Cassie her sons had escaped on Easter 1843 and her daughters soon followed. She claimed Davis blamed her, demanded she tell him the whereabouts of her children, and threatened to



have everyone hung if they did not return. When Cassie proved unable to help, Davis banished the then-43-year-old unskilled house servant from the plantation.

In the following days Cassie's children had made their way across the Mason-Dixon Line to Lancaster County. Three years later, in 1846, Eliza married William Parker and had three children. At some point Hannah met and married Pinckney. Cassie herself somehow found her way to the group and helped care for the children.

Following the violence of September 11, 1851 local, state, and federal law enforcement authorities descended on the area as pro-slavers insisted that laws protecting life and property be upheld. Officials rounded up almost anyone involved with the revolt, queried witnesses, and conducted hearings. Eventually federal officials oddly charged 41 persons, black and white, with treason against the United States, an offense that is extremely difficult to prove. When a friendly Philadelphia jury in late November quickly found innocent an anti-slavery Quaker who prosecutors believed represented their strongest case, authorities dropped all charges. Every defendant, Eliza, Hannah and Cassie included, went free.

In the immediate aftermath of the resistance, William Parker, Alex Pinckney, and Abraham John, a fugitive from Cecil County, fled north. Aided by the Pownalls, a neighboring Quaker family active with the Underground Railroad, the threesome headed straight to Rochester NY and Frederick Douglass. The nationally prominent Douglass, the Maryland-born fugitive whose own escape took him through Harford County, arranged to get the Christiana party into Canada beyond the authority of law enforcers from the United States.

Life for William Parker and his fellow outlaws in a foreign country was difficult. With their dark skin and without any particular skills the men found work scarce and lodging even more so. Parker especially wrote of missing his family. Eliza finally arrived in Toronto on November 24, 1851 but had been forced to leave the children behind in the care of her mother. During her trek northward she had been followed by Albert Davis, and kidnappers had once taken her into custody. Hannah, her child, and the three Parker children eventually reunited in Canada.

In time the families settled in Buxton, a small town in Southwest Ontario, barely 50 miles from Detroit. Founded in 1849 by Presbyterian ministers, the hamlet of about 400 persons in 1852 served as a refuge for African American freedom-seekers. For the most part the emigrants disappeared into the past, although William learned to read and write, became a reporter for Douglass' newspaper *The North Star*, took part in local politics, and served with the town government. He returned briefly to Christiana in 1871. One source indicates that William lived out his life in the U.S. and died in Kenton OH on April 14, 1891. That report cannot be verified.

### SHAMROCK AND THE BIBLE CHRISTIAN CENTER

by Marilou Bonge Sabina

A few months ago, I decided to browse the internet and look for information which I try to find from time to time on the Archer estate of "Shamrock". And I found the book, *Legendary Locals of Bel Air*, not only a source of new material with some information in it, but a very special photo. I had two photos of Shamrock, but one was so faded as to be almost invisible, and the other was from another book and

was taken many years before my acquaintance with Shamrock. This photo in *Legendary Locals of Bel Air* was perfect because it was exactly when it needed to be. The proof of that was the hand-lettered sign above the entrance that said "Bible Christian Center". I knew that sign so intimately because my dad had hand lettered it and hung it. It was the picture which I had in my memory for years, of a wonderful home that my dad bought with a vision that was as great as his heart for children.

He had started an organization called "Youth for Christ" which he held in the Bel Air Movie Theater, whenever he was able to rent it for a day. But he came to have a greater vision of starting a Christian orphanage, so he started looking for an appropriate property to start working toward this next goal. He found it in Bel Air, Maryland. Shamrock had been put on the market and my dad purchased the house and five beautiful acres with this dream of a Christian orphanage as his end goal. He started right in, working to get the house in shape. My dad was an architectural engineer by trade, so he knew what he was getting into and he was eager to push forward. For the next few years, he diligently worked in the large old house, with us kids keeping him company whenever we could. I remember quite vividly the magical joy we had in exploring this wonderful old home which had so many rooms as to seem almost endless to us. I remember spending so many precious hours "helping" our dad fix whatever was on the agenda that week, or creeping up the deliciously frightening attic stairway with my brother to find my dad in one of the attic rooms where he kept hundreds of tiny new testaments, gathering them up to go into the Town of Bel Air and hand them out to people, while inviting them to come to the next Youth For Christ meeting, which he had started conducting in the large front room of the home. The joy those years contained were so magical to me that from time to time, I still dream of this wonderful old house.

My dad's dream was suddenly ended one beautiful Sunday afternoon in March, right between morning and evening church. My brother and I were playing in the back yard of our home in Aberdeen as my dad worked outside fixing something on the house. I remember the drone of his hammer in the background as the afternoon wore on. As we played on a sliding board that we had disobediently turned upside down, I heard the most innocent sounding clatter followed by silence that gave me a sense that something wasn't right. I told my brother to go see what that noise was, and I pointed him in the direction of the outside basement stairwell, from where I had heard it come. He ran over and looked down the stairs and I instantly knew my instincts were correct by the way he was standing dumbfounded and speechless. I ran over and saw that my dad had fallen from scaffolding where he had been sitting repairing something on the ceiling of the stairway. The rest was a blur for the next several days. My dad died that night on the operating table and his dream died with him. But not completely.

After his death, my mother had decisions to make and one of them was whether to stay in our home in Aberdeen or to sell that house and move to the home in Bel Air, which we knew simply as "the Bible Center". She quickly was made to understand that the Bible Center would not be the best choice for a widow with 4 kids because it was still in such a state of disrepair. She hung on for another year, but it was looking increasingly grim to try and keep it. This home that had stood with quiet grace giving generations of people nothing but joy was now being systematically vandalized by people who couldn't know the pain they were inflicting on our already crushed spirits with each disrespectful blow to this majestic haven that represented my dad and his vision to us.

So, my mother started taking steps to sell it. But she quickly hit a snag. Because my dad had raised much of the money for the repairs and upkeep through donations he received from 15 minute radio

sermons he had given, he had put a committee in charge of any possible future sale of the house and he had given a stipulation that in the case of his demise, it could only be sold to a Baptist church. My mother had found two men that wished to purchase it for a fancy restaurant and club, but she had to go to the committee to ask for a release on my dad's stipulation, which they eventually gave her. The men purchased the property but could never get the zoning that they needed from the Town of Bel Air so they sold it. This part I am hazy on but it was apparently sold to Sparr investment who owned it during the last days of this home's existence. Sadly, it was decided to allow the Bel Air fire department to burn this beautiful wonderful historic home to the ground for a fire training exercise. After that, the land that it stood on stayed dejectedly empty until one day when nothing other than a Baptist church purchased it.

In March, I visited Maryland to place flowers on my dad's grave and as we always do when we drive up there, we drove by the property that I loved so well to marvel as I also always do when I see that on just about the exact spot where the "Bible Center" once majestically stood, a beautiful Baptist church, now stands. I marvel because despite the ability to override the stipulation that this property would not pass into the secular world, in the end it worked out as if it was predestined.



### RESERVATION FORM

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u># Tickets</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sep 18	Annual Dinner (indicate quantity below)	\$40	_____	\$_____
	____ Chicken au Franchise (egg battered chicken breast with supreme sauce)			
	____ Roasted Pork Loin (Rosemary roasted pork loin with Madeira demi-glaze)			
	____ Grilled Vegetable Stir Fry (marinated and grilled zucchini, squash, asparagus, portabella served over rice pilaf with a sesame glaze)			
Sep 28	<i>A Night at the Copa</i>	\$75	_____	\$_____
Oct 12-13	Genealogical Seminar: <i>Branching Out</i>	\$60*	_____	\$_____
	[*Call 410-838-7691 for availability of one day \$30 tickets]			
Oct 26	Bus Trip, Delaware sites	\$80	_____	\$_____
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED .....</b>				<b>\$_____</b>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Ph. or E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

(Hays House Museum events are ticketed at door, no Reservations required.)

For more information, check the Society's website at [www.HarfordHistory.org](http://www.HarfordHistory.org), [www.Facebook.com/HarfordCountyHistoricalSociety](https://www.facebook.com/HarfordCountyHistoricalSociety) or call 410-838-7691. Return your Reservation form to the Historical Society, 143 N. Main Street, Bel Air, MD. 21014.

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Wednesday  
ARCHIVES  
9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Third Wednesday  
ARCHIVES & HENRY  
C. PEDEN Jr. LIBRARY  
5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Thursday  
HENRY C. PEDEN Jr.  
RESEARCH LIBRARY  
9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Fourth Saturday  
ARCHIVES & HENRY  
C. PEDEN Jr. LIBRARY  
10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.