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### SOCIETY'S 2019 ANNUAL DINNER

#### CLASS OF 2020-2021 – OFFICERS AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Society's Annual Dinner was held in September. George Harrison, President announced that the following Trustees will serve as the Officers of the Board of Trustees for 2020-2021:

President: William Walden

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The members then voted for the Trustees who will serve as the Class of 2020-2021. The Trustees include some current members Mark Dardozzi, Jennifer Dombeck, Angela Saccenti and Terry Trouyet, as well as new members Jacquelyn Seneschal, and Christine Potts.

#### ELIZABETH LEHMANN AWARDED THE GEORGE ARCHER FELLOW AWARD

The Historical Society established the George Archer Fellow Award to recognize Society members and others in the community who have demonstrated exceptional service and provided unique contributions toward the Society's mission to collect, preserve, promote and interpret the rich and diverse history of the Harford County area for the education and enjoyment of current and future generations. This year's award went to Elizabeth Lehmann recognizing her many years of service as chair of the Hays House Museum, the Textile Department and the Board of Trustees Recording Secretary..

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### SAVE THE DATE

On Tuesday, November 12 at 6 pm, join us at MaGerks Restaurant in Bel Air for the release party of the 2020 **Red Planks Calendar**.

Each year Sonipak Design publishes a Harford County Calendar and donates thousands to a chosen charity. This year's recipient is the Historical Society. Everyone is invited to attend the event and treat yourself to MaGerks signature drink "The Red Plank" and the Signature Craft Beer.

Attendees will receive a FREE copy of the Red Planks 2 Harford County 2020 Calendar; enjoy live music from Sons of Pirates; meet photographer Amy Jones and view the gorgeous gallery of canvas prints of each Harford County barn featured in the calendar. Free swag bags will be given to the first 100 guests. In addition to Sonipak Design's donation, MaGerks will donate a portion of sales from diners attending the party to the Historical Society.

Bring your friends, family and co-workers and help us celebrate this generous donation while enjoying a fine dinner and all the entertainment and displays.

### HAYS HOUSE HAPPENINGS



After a busy summer, Hays House is quieting down. In late summer, the Governor William Paca Chapter of the DAR installed a pollinator garden at Hays House. The ladies tilled the garden area and have planted and are maintaining a selection of plants attractive to bees and butterflies as these species struggle to survive in today's unfavorable environment. Stop by next year and hopefully you will see a burgeoning array of pollinators enjoying the area.

Unfortunately, our November hearth cooking presentation has been cancelled because of the unavailability of our presenter due to health issues. Our next and last event for the 2019 season will be our annual Christmas Open House on December 7 and 8, from 1 - 4 pm each day. Once again, the Country Garden Club of Harford County will provide fresh, seasonal décor, and on Sunday the Catherine Street Consort is scheduled to play holiday music.

The 1788 Hays House is showing its age and the exterior needs some extensive repair work, some of which is proving to be expensive. Much of the siding on the north side of the house, some of which is original, needs replacing. Bids are being considered for this work with the help of some funding provided by the Maryland Historical Trust. Porches at both the front and back are in need of repairs as is the fencing surrounding the property. Minor, stopgap repairs have been made to the roof but an entirely new roof is needed soon. Hopefully, funds can be found for this much needed work so that the historic Hays House can be made to serve for another 225 years.

Also of note, for many years the major shade trees at Hays House have been ash trees – two in front and a large one on the back lawn. Enter the Emerald Ash Beetle, which is killing all ash trees left untreated. The large, already unhealthy ash tree in back is scheduled for removal, and the two in front are scheduled for trimming and yearly treatment to save them – another costly undertaking.

Looking forward to 2020, we have scheduled a varied and, we hope, enjoyable selection of presentations from women's history events when we open in March to a major exhibit of clothing from the Society's ever-growing textile collection to open in June. Stay tuned for further details in the next newsletter.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This has been a sort of Wild and Crazy year at the Historical Society of Harford County, at least for me. A lot has been going on, and I, for one, learned a lot about how this organization operates and what it does for Harford County.

Before becoming involved with the Society I didn't think of it as more than a collection of pictures, documents, court records and artifacts documenting Harford's history. It is that, but a lot more. It's a research library for historians, history buffs and individuals trying to find out about their forebears. It's a collection of thousands of photographs that give us visual sense of our past. It's a repository of thousands of documents that tells us how we got to be where we are today.

I didn't realize just how many volunteers give of their time organizing, recording, filing, searching and just taking care of all the items housed in the headquarters building. They are the backbone of the Society and I am grateful for their work, which never ends because every day is another day of history.

But we do more than collect stuff; we also work to involve the public in ways that both educates and entertains. We do that with our series of lectures and presentations both at our headquarters and at the Hays House Museum.

One of the most successful ventures has been the Brown Bag Luncheons held once a month at the Old Post Office Building. They are just an hour, at lunch time (you bring your own), and they include a myriad of topics involving Harford's history. This past year we learned about fugitive slaves in Harford, the development of APG, horse racing in the county, the sale of the Havre de Grace racetrack and the history of Quakers in the county, as just a few of the topics at our luncheons.

We also had a good time at the wine and jazz program in February and the "Night at the Copa" a nightclub style performance in September. These were fun evenings.

One of our most successful programs has been the Genealogy Workshop overseen by our own Mary Schweers. It has opened up the Society to a whole new group of people and it is an example of what we can do to expand our relevance to the public.

All of this was going on as we worked to maintain our facilities. We are in the process of restoring the windows in the Old Post Office building as well as upgrading the lower level to better utilize that space. The Hays House, the oldest building in Bel Air, needs roof and siding repairs. This is just a sample of our needs.

It has been a busy year, and next year looks to be even busier. I will be stepping back a bit to let my successor, Bill Walden, take over. I wish him success in the new and probably just as exciting year ahead.

*George Harrison, President*

## COMING EVENTS

### *ARCHER LECTURE & TEA*

The Society is pleased to announce that the guest speakers for this year's Archer Lecture and Tea will be Dr. Marc DeSimone and Robert Dudley, co-authors of *Sam Smith, Star Spangled Hero* and *Lessons in Leadership from the War of 1812*. Join us on **Saturday, November 9 from 2- 4 pm** to learn the fascinating story of this unsung hero of the War of 1812 and enjoy our quarterly Tea.

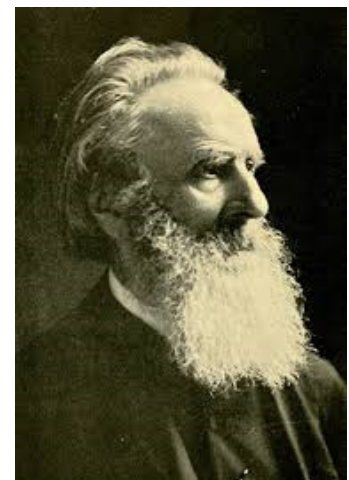
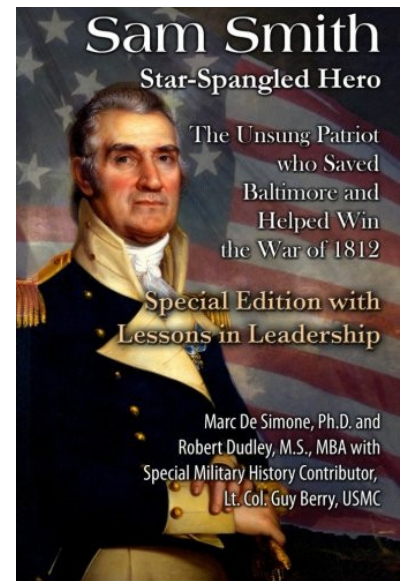
American independence was on the line in the War of 1812. Within two years, the British naval blockade of America was strangling the U.S. economy. The invasion of Washington D.C. by Wellington's "Invincibles" resulted in the burning of the Capitol and White House. Less than three weeks later, in the largest assembly of combatants of the war, Baltimore was attacked on September 12, 1814. Against all odds, one American heroically led the defense that saved his beloved city.

Upon hearing the news in London, the British government decided to quickly negotiate an end to the war. America was saved and Sam Smith became a military hero for the second time in his life. The Star-Spangled Banner was forever emblazoned on American hearts. This is the story of what can happen "when free men shall stand." Smith's life of leadership is a bold example of true American patriotism and wisdom. Inspiring us all today, this book is the authors' homage to the early American fight for freedom and liberty, and how one leader can make all the difference for the "land of the free and the home of the brave."

Dr. DeSimone is the Director of Training and Education for the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management, City of Baltimore, a Collegiate Professor at the University of Maryland University College, and an adjunct practitioner faculty at the Johns Hopkins University as well as an accomplished musician and a museum docent at the Homewood House Museum in Baltimore. Robert Dudley recently completed a screenplay on Francis Scott Key. He is a history buff and has traveled widely to some twenty-five countries which helped in the development of his books. He has a Bachelor Degree in General Liberal Arts, a Master of Science in Environmental Biology and an MBA. These authors have an amazing tale to tell and will hold a book signing after the presentation. This is a unique opportunity to learn about this historic battle, one that most of us know little about, but one that changed our destiny.

### *BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES*

Mary Worthington Schweers is the current historian of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Abingdon. A native Harford County resident, she has volunteered at the Historical Society for eight years where she teaches Genealogy and assists in other areas. On **Tuesday, November 12 at 12:30 pm**, she will be the guest speaker for this month's brown bag lunch, with her presentation, *Building a Cathedral in a Closet, the Work of Joannes Oertel*.







*The art of Johannes Oertel*

Oertel was a gifted artist, born in Germany, who immigrated to the United States to practice his craft. The struggling artist engraved plates for bank notes, painted portraits and other scenes to make a living while traveling to find his next commission. He was invited to assist in preparing new decorations for the capitol in Washington, DC and was swindled out of the rights of one of his greatest works. After documenting the Civil War by accompanying the Army of Virginia under General Burnside, he prepared himself for orders in the Episcopal Church and became a Deacon in 1865, later he was ordained as a priest. After that he dedicated his talent to Christian art which brought him to Bel Air where his artwork decorates two local churches. Finding space

to work was such a problem he acclimated to working anywhere he could get well-lit space including the Jury Room at the Bel Air Courthouse and small spaces in town. He told his wife he was so used to working in small spaces that he could build a cathedral in a closet. You may have seen his artwork without knowing the artist or recognizing his determination to present a sermon in every painting.

#### ***PAINT & SIP NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM***

The theme for this year's Paint & Sip night will be angels, not so elaborate as Mr. Oertel's angels but sure to be a fascinating and a fun subject. Sue Niewenhous and Meg Algren will be leading the group. All supplies including a slate and paints will be provided along with wine and snacks. This promises to be a great introduction to the holiday season and possibly a discovery of unknown talent. Join us on **Friday, December 6 at 7 pm** for an evening of fun and creativity. Cost is \$25. Reservations recommended.

#### ***DID YOU KNOW?***

**2020 CENSUS SPECULATION – HOW HIGH WILL IT GO?:** Everyone knows how much the county has grown with new homes, businesses and roads and soon the 2020 Census will give us a clearer picture of the number of people who now call Harford County home. To put this in perspective, in 1920 Harford's population was 29,291. Ninety years later in 2010, it was 244,826. What will 100 years of growth look like?

**HARFORD'S AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY:** Recent Brown Bag Lunch programs featured Harford's agricultural industry. Speakers shared their knowledge of the past and present states of this significant segment of the county's economy. Representatives from the Agricultural Advisory Board, the Soil Conservation Service, and the State Extension Agency and Agricultural specialist, Jason Gallion provided an overview of the state of agriculture in Harford County and a tour of the new County Agricultural Center in Street. The program focused on art, architecture and agriculture culminating in a tour of some of the artwork housed at the Center and the historic Joesting Gorsuch House located adjacent to the Center. In another program, Natalie Weeks and her granddaughters shared the tale of their poultry business and the story of area farmers markets and CSA's. Together these programs

highlighted a thriving industry that provides a strong economic and cultural base for county citizens. The following are just a couple of take aways gathered from the presentations:

- Currently, there are 628 farms in Harford County accounting for 74,273 acres of farmland in production. Forty-three percent of the county's 1,156 farmers are women. The county's fruit and vegetable production ranks in the top 20% nationally. There are nearly 2,000 horses and ponies (ranking in top 10% nationally), and the county boasts nearly 10,000 cattle and calves, placing these farms sixth in the country in herd size. The majority of the corn and soybeans grown in Harford are marketed to the poultry and feed industry.



*Joesting-Gorsuch House at the  
County Agricultural Center, Street, MD*

*Source: University of Maryland Extension Service*

- Barn quilts dot the countryside of Harford County. These unique quilt designs form a trail where you will find farm breweries, wineries and opportunities to enjoy fresh ice cream, meats, produce flowers and more while enjoying the rich agricultural heritage of Harford. Images of the quilts and an online map along with histories of the trail locations are available at [barnquiltsforharfordcounty.com](http://barnquiltsforharfordcounty.com).

**BOYD & FULFORD DRUG STORE CLOSES:** Boyd and Fulford Pharmacy, an icon of Main Street in Bel Air, closed on September 30, 2019 after serving the community for 127 years. Dr. Eugene Streett and his late wife Mary Therese provided outstanding care and service to the community for 75 of those years. While this is a well-deserved retirement for Dr. Streett, he will be sorely missed.

***EXCERPT FROM THE JANUARY 6, 1922 AEGIS AND INTELLIGENCIER:***

"Harford's lone woman delegate at Annapolis is making quite a hit and receiving a round of congratulations. In response to inquiries as to how she felt, she said she felt natural."

A quote from the first woman to serve in the House of Delegates, Harford County's Mary Risteau. To put this in context, several news articles of the time claimed it was unnatural for women to speak in public or in front of a mixed audience.

**GENEALOGY WORKSHOP**

The next Society Genealogy Workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13 at 7 pm at the Historical Society Headquarters with a timely presentation on *Expanding the Census*. Christopher Smithson will lead attendees through the sometimes confusing changes to the Census over time and how these may affect your Genealogy search. The last Genealogy workshop of the year will be held on Wednesday, December 11 at 7 pm when Mr. Smithson will provide an overview of methods for researching ancestors who worked for the railroad in his program, *Exploring Railroad and Employment Records*. For information on these events, please call the Society at 410-838-7691.

## BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CELEBRATES ITS 250TH ANNIVERSARY

by Jim Chrismer

Among Harford County's good fortunes has been its strong religious heritage. One of its oldest congregations is Madonna's Bethel Presbyterian Church, which celebrated its 250th Anniversary this year.



*Bethel as a log house in the 1700s.*

Established in 1769 in the Upper Node Forest of the colony of Maryland by settlers of Scots-Irish descent, the church outdates both the Baltimore Presbytery and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. The Rev. John Clark was the first of its 28 called pastors and remained through 1775, conducting worship services in a log cabin church.

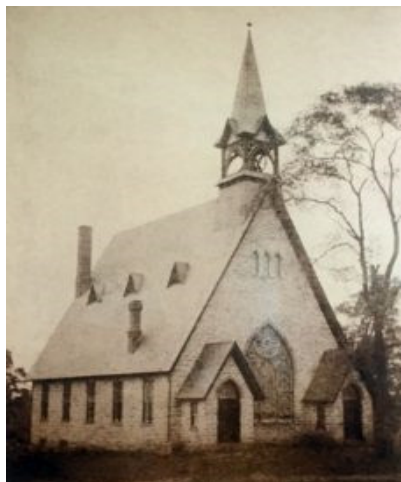
Flourishing from the start, the congregation incorporated as the Trustees of Bethel Church in 1804 (later changed to The Trustees of Bethel Church and Congregation of Harford County), and two years later took legal possession of the land gifted by member Thomas Hope. By 1855 the Trustees had managed to become self-supporting, freeing itself of further assistance from the Presbytery.

The outward reflection of Bethel's prosperity has been the development of its expansive buildings and grounds. In 1802 the congregation built its first stone sanctuary, a 1½-story rectangular structure that served the community for eight decades before members outgrew it. In 1888 the church dedicated its current building, the handsome granite structure with its distinctive stained-glass windows and soaring roofline and steeple. Rev. William Stull helped oversee the design and construction of the edifice and even helped fashion some features of the pews.

The constant growth of the Bethel ("House of God") congregation has required regular additions to its acreage and physical plant. The most notable after the sanctuary was the construction in 1952 of a separate Christian Education Building to meet the demand for additional space to accommodate large meetings and offices and especially for the Sunday School, which grown enormously since its establishment in 1851. In 1992 the congregation built a connecting functional vestibule, using granite from the original quarry, to tie the sanctuary and the Education Building into a pleasing architectural whole.

Bethel has benefitted over the years from a number of particularly effective pastors. These included its second leader, Rev. George Luckey, a Princeton-educated "classical scholar [and] an intellectual preacher," who served the parish for 39 years. Reverends Thomas S. C. Smith, Benjamin Myers, and George Morrison, Jr. helped Bethel avoid any serious rupture during the tumultuous antebellum years of the Civil War and Reconstruction. Indeed, the congregation during Rev. Smith's tenure established a mission church at North Bend and a Common School that later became absorbed into the public school system.





*Bethel Church in the 1880s (l) and today (r)*

Other notable pastors were George Morrison, Sr. (1825-1837), a cavalryman in the War of 1812 who later taught at the Bel Air Academy and was seriously wounded by a pistol shot from a "vicious youth." Andrew Cross (1837-1845), a controversial figure during his stays in Baltimore, succeeded Rev. Morrison, served with the Christian Commission of Maryland during the Civil War, and became General Missionary of the Presbyterian Church in Maryland. Johannes Mol (1956-1962), a Dutch native and former Nazi POW who worked with the Resistance during WWII, completed his doctorate while at Bethel and went on to become an international authority in Christian Sociology.

Of special note to readers of this *Newsletter* is Bethel's creation in 1944 of a Historical Committee to collect, retain, and care for records and artifacts having to do with the history of the congregation. This came in response to a popular exhibit of church treasures assembled by the late Herbert Cairnes, father and father-in-law of late Society members George and Evelyn Cairnes, whose bequest underwrote Bethel's year-long 250<sup>th</sup> celebration.

The congregation of Bethel Church has been and continues to be a very vibrant community unto itself. In addition to its many social and liturgical activities, the church pays particular attention to its educational and missionary pursuits, and remains very much an integral part of the larger community of Harford County. A quotation from the Old Testament, used on the program cover of an earlier anniversary, gives witness to Bethel's abiding philosophy: "One generation passeth away and another generation cometh but the earth abideth forever (Ecclesiastes 1:4)."

*Special Thanks to Ms. Nancy Berigtold, Ms. Meliss Dick and Dr. Dennis Kirkwood  
for their assistance in the writing of this account.*

### NEW MEMBERS

Jacquelyn Gaufft, Elaine Bubela, Christopher M. Vaught, John Kennedy

**You should be receiving your membership renewal forms very soon. We hope you will continue your membership and encourage anyone who is interested in the county's history or local genealogy to consider becoming a member. Gift memberships are also available.**





# Give a Membership

Share your love of the rich history of Harford County with a friend or loved one by giving them the gift of an annual membership to the Historical Society of Harford County, Inc. — the oldest county historical society in Maryland. Membership includes receipt of Society publications and newsletters, use of all research collections, admission to Hays House Museum and Headquarters Museum, advanced invitations to Society dinners, special events, lectures and more!

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## 2020 PROGRAM SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Again this year the Historical Society is planning numerous programs to fulfill our mission of promoting and interpreting the rich and diverse history of Harford County. The programs also help us raise the funds necessary to fulfill this mission. If you or someone you know has a business that would benefit from advertising with us or would just like to help continue the many programs offered by the Society, please consider becoming a sponsor. All sponsors are recognized in event advertising, event flyers, on the Society's website and Facebook page and at the sponsored event. Sponsors also receive a complimentary membership for the year. The following Sponsorship Opportunities are available for your consideration:

- Brown Bag Lunch Series \$1,000 series/\$100 single event
- Tea & Lecture Series \$1,000 series/\$350 single event
- Genealogy Workshops \$500
- Hays House Speaker/Exhibit Series \$1,000 series/\$100 single event
- Founder's Day Event \$500
- Bulletin \$500 per edition
- Newsletter \$2,500 for year or \$500 per edition

### THE TOWPATH TEA HOUSE

Excerpt from *A Journey through Berkley* by Constance R. Beims & Christine P. Tolbert

After graduation from Vassar College in 1918 Evelyn Mason moved from Germantown, Pennsylvania to Harford County. Her parents, Samuel and Katherine Stokes Mason "set her up" at Red Gate Farm in Berkley. At that time there was no place in the area for a traveler on Route 1 to buy refreshment, so the owners of the Berkley Store placed an ice chest on their porch to hold cold drinks. Perhaps this inspired Evelyn to establish the towpath Tea House.

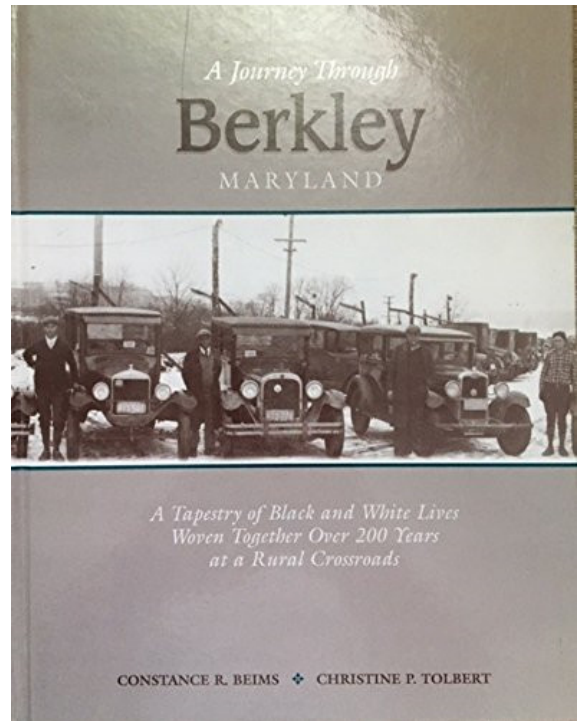
She employed several local men to help with the construction of her restaurant but worked alongside of them, shingling the roof herself. Will Cleary, "a quaint gentleman who smoked a corn cob pipe," was very handy, so she hired him. At one point in his career, he is known to have modestly insisted that he couldn't accept a raise because he "wasn't worth 4.75 an hour."

The Towpath Tea House sat near US Route 1 which was a macadam road that crossed the Susquehanna on a long narrow bridge north of Glen Cove. Intriguing little green signs were erected a mile apart to "count down" the distance for prospective diners traveling toward the Tea House. Other billboards were posted as far north as Media and Kennett Square, Pennsylvania.

The Tea House was open for tea and lunches from May through October. Over 6,750 signatures were listed in the guest book between May 18, 1920 and October 26, 1926, when the Tea House was torn down to clear land for the construction of the Conowingo Dam. Visitors from 34 states as well as Denmark, London, Paris, Spain, Panama Canal Zone and Sidney Australia stopped. On June 4, 1921, President Warren G. Harding and his wife, Florence Kling Harding and their entourage had lunch there. Samuel Mason included a brief account of their visit in his book, *Historical Sketches of Harford County Maryland*. "Between 1920 and 1927, my sister operated one of the first tea houses in the East. It was called the Towpath Tea House, and was situated on the land side of the canal just below Glen Cove, now under water. Here she and her helpers served many people including President Harding and his staff. Shortly after their arrival, two of his henchmen came to my sister and inquired about liquor but were told that no liquor was sold on the premises, the only exception being in the case of snakebite. The men crossed to the towpath where they were soon forgotten. Presently back they hurried, went to my sister and in the most agitated tone said "Get the liquor quick, we have both been bitten by copperheads."

Soon after the closure of the Towpath Tea House, Evelyn Mason accompanied her parents on a trip to Jamaica. There she met Basil Monro Gregory, a banker from Barbados, B.W.I. this was the beginning of a courtship that led to their wedding on March 15, 1929. After their marriage, Basil Gregory moved to Red Gate Farm where they owned and managed a turkey farm until his death in 1938 at the age of 42.

Note: This is one of the many fascinating stories in this amazing book. Copies are available at the Historical Society if you are interested in exploring more of the history of this Rural Crossroad Village.



### HSHC QUARTLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2020

- Jan 8** Genealogy Workshop, Getting Down to Business, Using Business Records in Genealogy. Mary Schweers, 7 – 9 pm \$
- Jan 14** Brown bag lunch speaker, Gary Scholl – *Cheyenne Moccasins: A Glimpse of Native American Heritage*, 12:30 -1:30 pm
- Jan18** Quarterly Lecture and Tea, guest speaker – Mike Dixon: *The Mason-Dixon Line*, 2 -4 pm, \$
- Feb 8** Ma & Pa Railroad Presentation, Walter Holloway, 2 – 4 pm, \$
- Feb 11** Brown bag lunch speaker, Brian Reynolds – *Fort McHenry in WW I: The Great General Hospital Story*. 12:30 – 1:30 pm
- Feb 12** Genealogy Workshop, *African American Genealogy Resources*, 7 – 9 pm, \$
- Mar 8** Hays House Opening: Women's history month – Mary Ann Jung: *Rosalie Calvert and the War of 1812*, 1 -4 pm, \$
- Mar 10** Brown bag lunch speaker, Kimber Allan Vought –*The Fourth Estate: 50 years of Journalism in Harford*, 12:30 – 1:30 pm
- Mar 11** Genealogy Workshop, *Irish Genealogy*, 7 – 9 pm, \$
- Mar 22** Books about Women in History, Hays House Museum, 1-4 pm, \$
- Mar 28** Volunteer Open House, 10 am – 2 pm

Note: All lectures, Brown Bag Lunches and Genealogy events are held at the Historical Society, 143 N. Main St. in Bel Air unless otherwise noted. Hays House events are held at the Hays House Museum, 324 Kenmore Avenue in Bel Air. Brown bag lunches are free to members and \$5 for non-members. For more information, visit our website [HarfordHistory.org](http://HarfordHistory.org) or call 410-838-7691.



### RESERVATION FORM

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u># Tickets</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Nov 9	Archer Lecture & Tea w/ Marc DeSimone Sr. PhD	\$15	_____	\$_____
Nov 13	Genealogy Workshop: Expanding the Census	\$10	_____	\$_____
Dec 6	Holiday Paint and Sip Night at the Museum	\$25	_____	\$_____
Dec 11	Genealogy Workshop: Exploring Railroad and Employment Records	\$10	_____	\$_____

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED** ..... \$\_\_\_\_\_

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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**HISTORICAL SOCIETY and GIFT SHOP HOURS**

Tuesday  
COURT RECORDS  
9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

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

Third Wednesday  
ARCHIVES & HENRY  
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