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MOUNT IDA WILL HOST THE DÉJÀ VU AND NEARLY NEW SALE!

BY PAULETTE LUTZ

The Howard County Historical Society (HCHS) and Historic Ellicott City (HEC) are joining together to present the **Déjà vu and Nearly New Sale** at Mount Ida on Saturday, May 16 and Sunday, May 17, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Sale will benefit the Education Programs at HCHS and HEC. Mount Ida is located at 3691 Sarah's Lane behind the Circuit Court House with plenty of free parking. It is currently the headquarters for HEC and the Friends of the Patapsco Female Institute.

HEC restores and preserves the historic beauty and significance of Ellicott City's Historic District. Annually, HEC restores a historic home in Howard County through the Decorator Show House program held in October. Mount Ida, one of the former Decorator Show Houses was built in the 1828 by William Ellicott. William was the sixth of Jonathan and Sarah Ellicott's twelve children making him the grandson of Andrew Ellicott the founder. Mount Ida

has also been owned by the Tyson, Clark and Miller families.

There are several ways to participate in the Déjà vu and Nearly New sale. You can:

- Donate your treasures to HCHS from your spring cleaning, empty-nesting and downsizing and *receive a tax donation form*,
- Volunteer to receive and classify the donated items for the sale preparation from Monday, May 11th through Thursday, May 14th. Please contact Anne Clark Schoenhut for the day and time you would like to help,
- Sell your own items by renting a table for \$25.00,
- Bring your own table and rent a space for \$20.00,
- Bring your friends and shop for bargains,
- Help with clean-up on Monday, May 18th. All unsold items will be donated to a local charitable organization,
- Send a monetary donation to help defray the costs of the sale.



MOUNT IDA

We hope you will help HCHS and HEC in any way you can, to support the interesting and innovative educational programs that are being developed and presented for our children that encourages local history and cultural education. Contact Anne Schoenhut aclark-schoenhut@aol.com or Paulette Lutz lutz2574@comcast.net for information or to volunteer. You can also call HCHS 410-480-3250 for information or check our web site at www.hchsm.org. ☸

HCHS MUSEUM

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(Formerly First Presbyterian Church)
(410) 480-3250

Hours: Friday, Saturday and Sunday:
1:00 – 5:00 P.M.

www.hchsm.org

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9421 Frederick Rd., Ellicott City, Maryland 21042
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Hours: Monday and Tuesday, 1:00-8:00 P.M.
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 1:00- 5:00 P.M.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PAULETTE LUTZ

With the snow and bad weather behind us, we are excited and looking forward to our many events coming up in the spring and summer. Be sure to check our web site www.hchsm.org, our Facebook page or Twitter to keep up on all of the events this year. Here are a few that will catch your interest!

A new item for May 16th and 17th is the Déjà vu and Nearly New Sale held at Mount Ida in Ellicott City. HCHS and Historic Ellicott City, Inc. are sponsoring this sale in conjunction with the National Road Yard Sale to benefit the HCHS Education Program.

On May 23rd, back by popular demand, our Bootlegger's Paradise party. This will be the closing of our Bootlegger's exhibit, in order to get ready for the grand reopening of the Museum in September.

Also in June we will have our Membership Appreciation Day at Clark's Elioaks Farms. This event is free for members to express our appreciation for your support during the year. Bring your family for an evening of fun, food, music, petting zoo, pony rides and the lovely Enchanted Forest.

In September our grand reopening of the Museum will feature a very special Hometown Teams exhibit. Be sure to read the article by our Executive Director, Shawn Gladden, in this Legacy.

EDITOR'S NOTE

JANET KUSTERER

Isn't it nice to be out and about again after that bone chilling winter? And the Society is providing lots of reasons for you to come to the Historic District, with the concert series, the lunch lectures and stand-alone events like the Déjà Vu yard sale. One thing I especially like about the yard sale is that we are

**SPRING CLEANING?
DECLUTTERING?**

Save the good things for the

**DÉJÀ VU
&
NEARLY NEW SALE**



**May 16 & 17, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Historic Mt. Ida in Ellicott City**

Four ways to participate:

- **Donate items to the sale.**
- **Rent a table for \$25.**
- **Reserve a spot on the lawn and bring a table for \$20.**
- **Come and shop!**

**Drop-offs the week of May 11.
See details at www.hchsm.org**

**Sale benefits
the educational programs of the
Howard County Historical Society
and Historic Ellicott City**

We are already preparing for our Historical Holiday House Tour for 2015. This year the tour will focus on the western part of Howard County. If you know of the owners of a historic house that would like to participate in the house tour, please have them contact us at 410-480-3250. ♣

partnering with Historic Ellicott City, Inc. I'm sure that like me, many of you belong to more than one local non-profit and I think we can all do so much more while working together like this. I think that future collaborations with organizations like the Patapsco Heritage Greenway, The Howard County Conservancy and the Howard County Center for the Arts would enhance the missions of all involved. ♣

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Anyone interested in contributing articles or photographs or anything of interest to the Society, please call the Library at 410-480-3250 or email Janet Kusterer at janetkusterer@verizon.net

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT, SPRING 2015

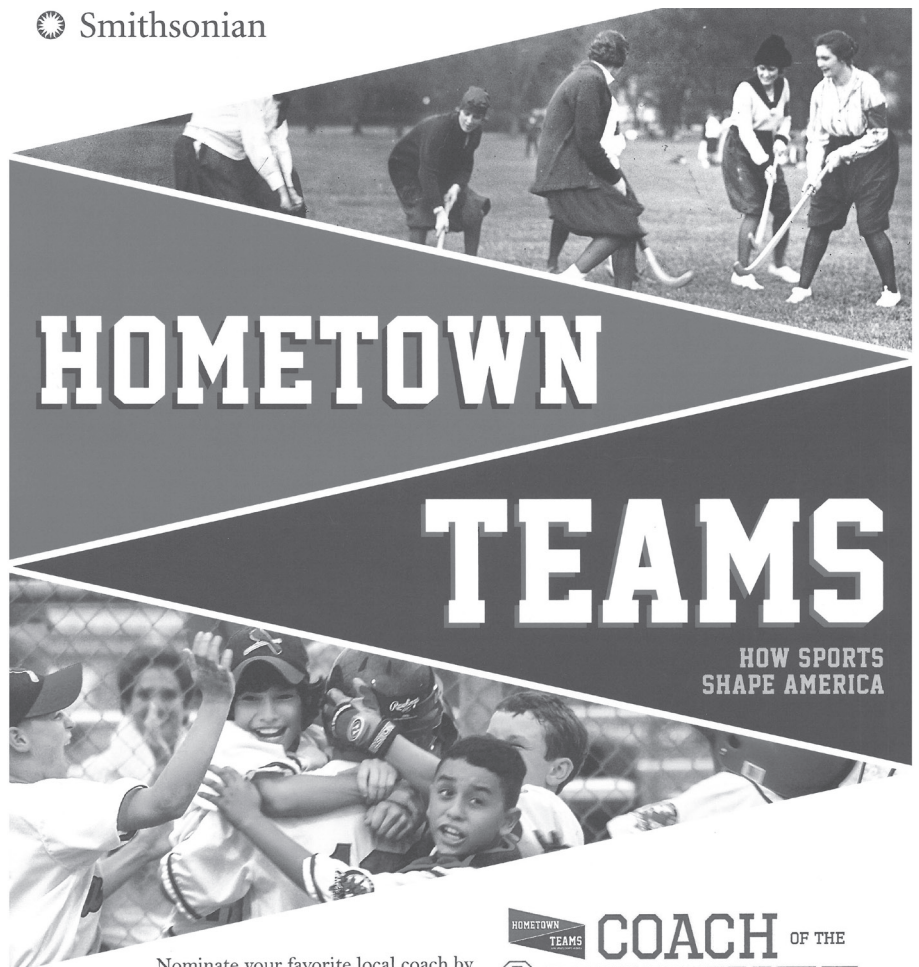
SHAWN GLADDEN

It's officially been two years since the Board of Directors hired me to take the Howard County Historical Society to the next level. Since that time we have accomplished so much; increased public programming, improvements to the museum, increased membership, and greater public awareness of our organization. It has been a great ride, but we are not done yet! This year is already shaping up to be the most dynamic so far. We are moving into the next phase of our museum renovations and improvements which include new exhibits and the repair of the roof at 8328 Court Avenue. The two new exhibits will open in September of this year, **Smithsonian's Hometown Teams: How Sports Shape America** and the permanent exhibit on Howard County History will kick off a museum "re-boot" that we hope will be an attraction for a revitalized historic district for 2016 and beyond.

Between now and then, we will continue to offer public programming designed to bring more visitors to our locations. Our **Museum Concert Series** has really proven to be the "best kept secret in Ellicott City." By the time you read this newsletter, we have already had 4 concerts with over 200 attendees, many who visited the museum for the very first time. For May, we have 4 shows scheduled, a little something for everyone: A capella with the **Showtime Singers**, Dixieland Jazz with the **Starvation Army Band**, 80's with the popular **I'm the Man Joe Jackson Tribute Band**, and Oldies with the duet **Rearview Mirror**. Reminder that these very entertaining shows are FREE for members! If you haven't been to a show, try and make one in May.

Our **Lunch Date with History Lecture** series has also been a big hit, averaging 20 people per lecture. We will continue these throughout the year on the first Friday of every month. Once

 Smithsonian



Nominate your favorite local coach by finishing the statement "My coach is my hometown hero because..."

- One "Coach of the Community" will be chosen for each of the five *Hometown Teams* tour stops.
- Winning coaches will receive an award and a team prize.
- One lucky awardee will receive the GRAND PRIZE of a two-night stay and two tickets to the December 2015 Army vs. Navy football game in Philadelphia.

COACH OF THE COMMUNITY CONTEST

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Nominate Your Coach Today!
MDSTORIES.COM/NOMINATE-YOUR -COACH/

Visit the *Hometown Teams* exhibition at the Howard County Historical Society Sept 19—Nov 7, 2015

Hometown Teams: How Sports Shape America is a Museum on Main Street exhibition organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service.
www.museumonmainstreet.org

Brought to you by the Maryland Humanities Council.
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TOP: Women's field hockey, about 1919. Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division, National Photo Company Collection, LC-PB-5183. BOTTOM: The Gulf Coast Cardinals, Lake Jackson, Texas, 2009. "Hometown Glory" by Brenda Reed Photography.

COMING TO THE HCHS MUSEUM SEPTEMBER 19-NOVEMBER 7

again, if you haven't made it to one of lectures they are FREE for our members. If you have a Friday off work this spring or summer, stop in for a fun and informative lunch in a wonderfully intimate setting.

We have big plans moving forward. We see ourselves growing to be one of the premier historical institutions in the state, but we cannot do it without the support of our volunteers and members. We want to grow our membership to match our colleagues in our neighboring

counties; we need your help to do this. Between the Archives at Miller branch, the Museum, and our public programming we feel that we offer a lot of value for our members. Bring a family member or friend to one of our concerts or maybe even the **Membership Picnic at Clark's Elloak Farm** in June; let them see that joining the Historical Society is a great way to support our mission to preserve our treasured history. Thank you all for your continued support. ♣

MARYLAND DAY CELEBRATION

BY PAULETTE LUTZ

On Wednesday, March 25, 2015, the Howard County Historical Society (HCHS) participated with the Maryland Historical Society (MHS) to celebrate Maryland Day at The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Baltimore, Md.

The ceremony "Maryland: First in

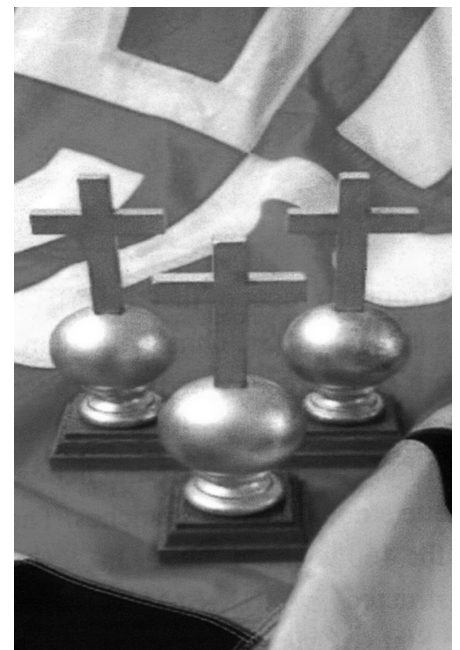
Freedom of Conscience" sponsored by MHS and The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Maryland (SCWMD) was a wonderful presentation of re-enactors in Maryland history. Churches, Historical Societies and historical organizations from all of Maryland participated in the program. Each historical organization posted their flag and laid a wreath at the

altar of the Basilica.

Of particular note was the presentation of The Roots of Liberty Crosses. The crosses were made from the roots of the "Liberty Tree," the 600 year old Tulip Poplar that stood on the grounds of St. Johns College in Annapolis. The bases for the cross and ball are made from the 460-year-old "Wye Oak" that was taken down in 1999 as a result of age and damage from Hurricane Floyd.

Under the branches of the Liberty Tree, Lord Baltimore signed the first treaty with the Susquehannocks in 1652. In 1774, the tree was the rallying point for the Sons of Liberty before the burning of the Peggy Stewart and her cargo of tea. It is also believed that Washington and Lafayette stood under its branches.

One cross will adorn the tabernacle of the reconstructed church in St. Mary's City as a gift from SCWMD and



ABOVE: ROOTS OF LIBERTY CROSSES

LEFT: DANIEL FIREHAWK ABBOTT OF THE NANTICOKE NATION REPRESENTING THE NATIVE PEOPLE OF THE CHESAPEAKE

Mr. Jeffrey Scott Watkins in memory of his ancestors Col. Edward Dorsey of Hockley and Hon Charles Ridgely of William (both from Howard County). The remaining two will be presented as gifts to His Holiness, Pope Francis and His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales for their defense of Freedom of Religion and their promotion of Unity through Diversity.

A reception was held at the MHS afterward for the opening of the new Maryland exhibit. Among the many artifacts on display at MHS were the uniform of Tench Tilghman, a painting of John Eager Howard and an exhibit of "Old Joe" a runaway slave from Ellicott City. ♣



REPRESENTATIVES OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY

HOWARD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

YES! I want to join/renew my membership with the Howard County Historical Society and support the Society's mission to collect, protect, and share Howard County's rich history. I've enclosed a check to cover annual dues at the following membership level(s):

☐ GOLD \$500 ☐ BRONZE \$100 ☐ FAMILY \$50 ☐ STUDENT \$10
☐ SILVER \$250 ☐ GIFT \$55 (NEW MEMBER) ☐ INDIVIDUAL \$35
 TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:

Basic benefits* for all members include:

- **Research:** Free research assistance, free or discount copies of Marriage Licenses.
- **Events:** Discounted admission to paid HCHS programs and events. Free concert tickets available on first come, first serve basis. Invitation to Annual Members only events. Pre-sale available for all events.
- **Gift Shop:** 10% discount on all publications and 15% discount on all HCHS logo items.
- **Newsletter:** Receive our Newsletter *The Legacy* via print or email.

* Please see our website www.hchsm.org/join for full membership benefits broken down by level.

☐ YES, I would like to receive *The Legacy* electronically.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE: (____) _____

E-MAIL: _____



Please mail this completed form and your check made payable to the Howard County Historical Society to:
9421 Frederick Road Ellicott City, MD 21042 THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

2015 EVENTS



BOOTLEGGER'S PARADISE PARTY



I'M THE MAN!



SHOWTIME SINGERS

MAY

5/3

Museum Concert Series:
Showtime Singers Concert
 7:00-8:30 pm.

5/9

Museum Concert Series:
"Starvation Army Band"
 7:00-9:00 pm.

5/16

Re-scheduled
Museum Concert Series:
I'm the Man
Ultimate Joe Jackson Tribute Band
 7:00-9:00 pm.

5/23

Bootlegger's Paradise
Speakeasy Party
 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

5/25

Memorial Day, 3:00 p.m.
 Come to Ellicott City to hear the church bells chime for "Ring and Remember."

5/30

Children's Summer Reading Program,
Miller Branch Library
 Come in and pick up your "Passport to History" and visit historic places during your summer vacation.

5/30

Museum Concert Series:
Rear View Mirror
 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.



AIN'T MISBEHAVIN

JUNE

6/5

Lunch Date with History
"Archeology in Howard County"
by Lee Preston, Jr.
 11:30 a.m., Museum

6/13

Museum Concert Series:
Ain't Misbehavin
 7:00-9:00 p.m.

6/13-14

Benjamin Banneker Colonial
Market Days.

Come and visit our booth at the Benjamin Banneker Museum!

6/27

Membership Appreciation Day
at Clark's Elloaks Farm!

Members and family get in free at our annual event to thank you for being the best part of the Howard County Historical Society. Celtic Music by Dileab Phriseal, food, pony rides, petting zoo, train ride and the Enchanted Forest Storybook land!!

JULY

7/4

4th of July

Come to Ellicott City to hear the church bells chime for "Ring and Remember."
 12:00 p.m.

7/10

Lunch Date with History
"The Howard County Living
Farm Museum"

by John Frank
 11:30 a.m., Museum

7/11

Museum Concert Series:
Willie Poole & the Durham Station
Blue Grass Band,
 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

7/25

Museum Concert Series:
Doug Alan Wilcox & Friends,
 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

MUSEUM ARTIFACT SPOTLIGHT

THOMAS JOHNSON'S DENTURES

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Thomas Johnson was a major historic figure during the Revolutionary period and the first Governor of Maryland. Johnson was born in Calvert County in 1732, one of ten children who were all home-educated. Thomas took an interest in legal studies and eventually became a lawyer in 1753 with a practice in Frederick County by 1760. During the American Revolution, he served as a delegate for Maryland to the Continental Congress and also served in the Maryland militia out of Elkridge. Along with his brothers, he also supported the war effort by producing ammunition and cannons at their Catoctin Furnace near Frederick.

After the Revolution he served as Maryland's 1st Governor from 1777-1779, served as senior justice in the Maryland General Court, and was also on the commission that would lay out the federal capital in 1791, Washington D.C.

This interesting set of upper and lower false teeth set in 10 carat gold with gold springs was donated to the Howard County Historical Society Museum by Dr. R.D. Menton who was given them by Mrs. M. Owings Buck, who was a direct descendant of Thomas Johnson. These dentures are one of the first artifacts to greet you when you enter the museum and certainly get their fair share of visitor comments. We plan on having these displayed in the Revolution section of our new permanent exhibit that will open in September of this year. 🇺🇸

HCHS IS ON **facebook** BECOME A FAN TODAY!

For up-to-the minute news on happenings at the Society, become a fan on FaceBook. In addition to finding out what we are up to, you can also

post comments, questions and photos of Society events and Howard County history. If you aren't on FaceBook yet, sign up today at www.facebook.com. 🇺🇸

LUNCH DATES WITH HISTORY 2015 LECTURE SERIES

Pack your lunch and join us at 11:30 in the Howard County Historical Society Museum on the first Friday of the month - exception being July when it is the second Friday. A bottle of water and a treat are provided. The cost is free for members and \$5.00 for non-members. If you enjoy the series be sure to join the Howard County Historical Society so you can enjoy this free event.

The lectures are from 12-1 and an optional tour of the Museum is available at 1:00 by our Executive Director Shawn Gladden.

Join us on June 5th for "Archaeology in Howard County" given by Lee Preston. Copies of his books will also be available for sale. On July 10th we welcome John Frank who will talk about "The Howard County Living Farm Museum."

So far this year we have enjoyed lectures by Ray and Pat Greenwald on "Restoring a Historic House", "World War I" by Shawn Gladden, Virginia Frank's "The National Road" and "Maryland Flags" by Richard Clark.

We are already planning for the 2016 series so if you are interested in being a presenter or have an idea for a lecture please contact us at hchsm.org. We are looking forward to seeing you there! 🇺🇸





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