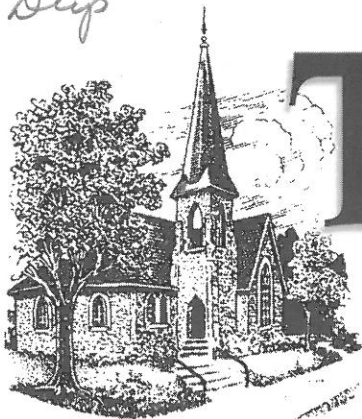


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Live Performance of Going Home: The Tour – April 18



Looking for a relaxing way to spend a Sunday afternoon? Look no further than the Howard County Historical Society Museum

where author Mary Batson and award-winning singer songwriter Bob Sima will be performing *Going Home: The Tour* on April 18th from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

A unique combination of spoken word and acoustic music, the show features excerpts from the book "Going Home" that journals the travels of a child and her grandmother in a timeless story of the love, learning, and losses that we all share. Sima's soulful vocals blend in to add depth that makes the performance an unforgettable exploration of the many meanings of going home.

Seating is limited. Purchase \$15 advance tickets by emailing info@frontporchrambles.com or pay \$20 at the door. 10% of the proceeds to benefit the Howard County Historical Society. Beverages will be provided. Bring a finger food to share.

Dance with the Arthur Murray Stars at the Candlelight Dinner and Ball – May 21

This year the Society's annual Candlelight Dinner and Ball will have a bit more dash. A touch more flash. And a whole lot more panache thanks to the addition of an exciting "Dancing with the Stars" style competition between a trio of top notch dancing couples from the Arthur Murray Dance Studio in Columbia.

Scheduled to be held on Friday, May 21, at the Eldridge Furnace Inn from 7 to 11 p.m., the annual fundraising gala will feature cocktails, fabulous food, a silent auction and the sounds of the 18-piece Swing Time Big Band. Just after dessert we'll clear the floor for our dance competition which will be judged by Howard County Council Chairwoman Courtney Watson, Society Board Director, Don Wessel and Howard County Library CEO, Valerie Gross.

Invitations have been mailed to all members as well as the clients of the Arthur Murray Dance Studio who will receive a complimentary 2010 Historical Society Membership if they come to the dance. Tickets are just \$85 per person – the same as last

year. So make sure and R.S.V.P. before May 14. If you didn't receive an invitation or need another, please call 410-750-0307 to request additional copies. Be sure to leave your name and phone number. Additional raffle tickets are also available at \$2 each or six for \$10 and may be purchased at the Library during open hours.



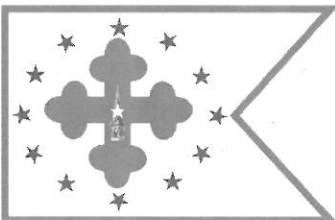
Want to dance like a star? Thanks to a generous offer from the Arthur Murray Dance Studio, Society members can get a FREE private ballroom, night club or Latin dance lesson, 25% off additional lessons – PLUS an extra \$50 off when you present this Legacy as a coupon. Call 410-772-7880 to schedule your free lesson today.

Museum

8328 Court Ave., Ellicott City, Maryland 21043
(Formerly First Presbyterian Church)
(410) 750-0370

Hours: Tuesday & Saturday: 12 Noon - 4:00 pm
Also By Appointment

www.hchsm.org



Library

8324 Court Ave., Ellicott City, Maryland 21043
(Located next to the Museum in the old Weir Building)
(410) 750-0370 (voice & fax)

Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday
12 Noon - 4:00 pm
Wednesday 11 am to 3 pm

Message from the President

By Shelley D. Wygant

I am writing this just a few days after spending a very productive day with the members of the Board of Directors of the Howard County Historical Society at

a retreat conducted by Anne Towne of the Town Group.

One of the many benefits that came out

of this vital planning and strategic exercise was the development of a mission statement for the Society. The work of the Board retreat is a major step toward the completion of a strategic plan that will chart our course for the future and allow us to apply for a wide range of grants for which we were not eligible for before.

The day provided a jump start

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- Volunteers to research, report and write articles for The Legacy.
- Never-before-seen historical photos of Howard County for inclusion in our upcoming book "Untold Stories of Howard County".

Please let us know if you can help us with any of these items by calling 410-750-0307 today.

in forming committees that will oversee our move to the library, reinvigorate our communication to our membership and outreach to the community, and look ahead to imagine the future at our Ellicott City campus as well as at the Historical Center at the new Miller Branch Library.

However, Board cannot do it alone. We are going to need the

The mission of the Howard County Historical Society is to promote the history of Howard County through programs, exhibits, and opportunities for research.

help of members like you to take an active role by participating in our efforts in whatever ways you

are able to. With that in mind we will be contacting each of you by phone to verify your contact information and talk about how you might be able to contribute your time and talents to help us navigate this time of transition. Another component in this transition has been a change in the leadership of the Society. Richard Flint has stepped down from the position of Executive Director and former Board member Rebecca Reich will be Acting Director for the next few months while we conduct a search for a new Executive Director. I hope you join me in welcoming Rebecca in her new role and wholeheartedly thanking her for stepping up to offer her time and talents to the Society.

Howard County Historical Society

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Message from the Curator

By Karen Griffith

This winter was devastating to the trees of the county. Everywhere you looked there were limbs of pine



trees on the ground and in some areas whole trees uprooted. Even though there was a massive amount of material after the snow melted I doubt if many people thought of making something creative from the wood. In our collection at the Museum there are three pieces of wooden ware, two pitchers and a tray made from a tree in the Ellicott graveyard on Old Columbia Pike. According to the records, they were designed around 1926 by a man named George Horseshoe who lived on Fels Avenue off Main St. in Ellicott City. Mrs. Frank Higginbotham, Sr., wife of one of the undertakers in town, purchased these for \$5.00 and they were later inherited by her daughter-in-law, Cora Hig-

ginbotham who lived on Hill St. All three items are hand-carved, the tray having delicate leaves on the top rim and tiny feet on the underside. One of the pitchers still has the branch nubs protruding from the sides just as the tree looked when it stood. The mystery of Mr. Horseshoe's life remains to be discovered. Connie Scholl, one of our Research Library Volunteers is searching the Census Records and we are checking Cemetery lists as well. Any other information would be most welcomed.

The artifacts are currently on display in a case in the Museum along with other items from the collection such as a metal meat tender-
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Oakdale on Tour Saturday, May 1

The Warfield family of Howard County and their homes is the focus of a day-long luxury motorcoach tour for Howard County Historical Society members on Saturday, May 1. Seating is limited to only one bus and a box lunch will be provided. Five houses, now all private residences, will be visited and there will be several drive-bys of other historic places important in Warfield family history. Departure for HCHS members will be at 9:30 a.m. from the Court House parking lot behind the museum and library, returning there about 4:30 p.m.

Among the sites being visited on the tour are Solopha, originally the home of Charles Alexander Warfield Sr., with its oldest section dating to 1718 and its main section being a Gothic Revival work from 1889. Next on the tour will be Raincliffe, dating from 1856 and once the

home of Charles Alexander Warfield Jr. and his son Wade Hampton DeVries Warfield. Other homes to be visited include Longwood, with its still-standing slave quarters, and the former home of Gustavus Warfield, M.D., veteran of the war of 1812. Cherry Grove, regarded as the family

seat and the burial ground for many Warfields including a former Governor, remains in the family and is a beautiful farm in a most magnificent setting. Finally, Oakdale, which served as the country house of Gov-

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Oakdale, long the home of former Governor Edwin Warfield who was born and died there., is one of the tour stops on May 1.

HCHS looks to the future with bold new logo

From the iconic image of our church museum building to our handsome flag that will always be proudly flown at the Library and Museum, the Howard County Historical Society has used a variety of symbols to identify itself to the public. Today as the organization looks to the future and our Library and Archives move to our new at the Historical Center at the new Miller Branch Library, the Board of Directors has participated in the design and selection of a new logo for the Society.

Based on the design of the Andrew Ellicott compass which is part of the collection of the Howard County Historical Society, this bold new emblem is a symbol of



our strong ties to the past as well as our commitment to charting a path to the future.

Look forward to seeing our new logo on the Society's letterhead and incorporated into the design of the next edition of The Legacy.

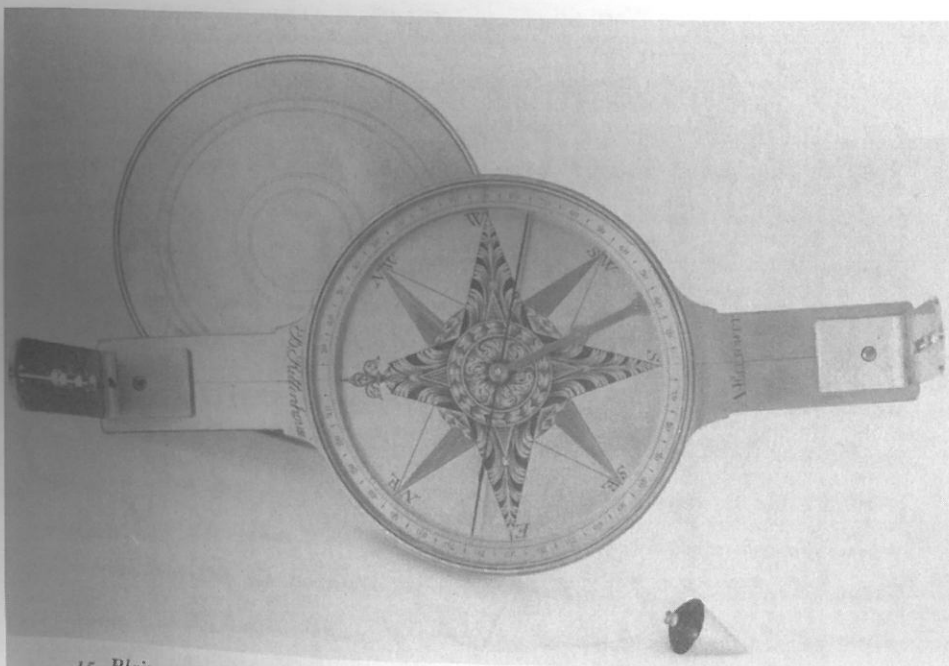
Calling all file folders for the HCHS Document Amnesty Program

Springtime is a great time for cleaning up your house – and your file drawers. As part of an effort to take advantage of all the insights, procedures, and information the Society's past officers, board members and committee chairs have put together over the years, the Society is launching what we are calling the "HCHS Document Amnesty Program". In simple terms, we are out to collect any old HCHS records, file folders, binders that you may have compiled in the course of Society business over the past 50 years. (And yes we are interested in materials that go back that far!) So take this opportunity to make a clean sweep and contribute a piece of the Society's past to help us build a stronger future by boxing up and bringing any materials you might have to the HCHS Library during regular hours. Many thanks in advance for your help.

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ernor Edwin Warfield who greatly enlarged the original 1838 house to its present grandeur, will welcome HCHS guests. The entire tour will be led by local and family historian Lee Warfield.

The tour is co-sponsored with the Maryland Historical Society and reservations must be made directly with them. A mailing about the tour will go to all HCHS members. The cost is \$95 including lunch and reservations can be made by contacting Alex Beiter at 410-685-3750, extension 319, or at abeiter@mdhs.org. Seating is limited to 55 participants on a first-come, first-served basis, so HCHS members should respond promptly.



15. Plain surveying compass made by Benjamin Rittenhouse for Andrew Ellicott and used in the latter's surveys; it is signed with both names

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izer, a lace-making pillow including the bobbins which hold the thread, a few local glass bottles, an early lighting device called a betty lamp which could be hung from a wooden beam, and shoe making equipment.

Recently, we were able to rescue a few things before the Clarksville Middle School was torn down. A metal and laminated school desk and chair, one of the original blackboards, U.S. Flag, a speaker for the P.A. system, the Cafeteria sign and some relics left behind by an Explorer Troop are now part of our ever-growing collection of items that help document everyday life in Howard County. Come in on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. to see these and other artifacts from the thousands of pieces we have in our collection.

Show your pride with a handsome HCHS car magnet.

Join the Society today at the Charter Member level or higher – or upgrade your Single or Family Membership to Charter Member level with an additional contribution of \$30 today and we'll send one out to you in the mail right away.



Become a fan of HCHC on FaceBook

Want to get the latest news about the Society between Legacy newsletters? Become a fan of the Howard County Historical Society on FaceBook. In addition to finding out about exciting events and exhibits, you can also visit our FaceBook Fan page to post comments, questions, photos you've taken at Society events or even old historical photos of Howard County that we might add to our photo collection or include in our upcoming Arcadia book. If you're not on FaceBook yet, sign up today at www.facebook.com. It's easy, fast and free.

Howard County Historical Society Membership Application

YES, I would like to join the Howard County Historical Society and enjoy membership benefits include a subscription to The Legacy, invitations to exclusive events, discounts on publications – plus a handsome HCHC car magnet emblem if I join at the Charter Member level or higher.

My check, made payable to Howard County Historical Society is for the following category (check one):

Memberships

- ☐ Single.....\$30
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