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HOWARD COUNTY WOMEN OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION

BY PAULETTE LUTZ



ALDA HOPKINS CLARK

In honor of the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment in 1920, the Howard County Historical Society will be honoring noteworthy women throughout history that are from Howard County for the year of 2020. We will be honoring one woman each week, so please check our Facebook Page to see who made a difference in Howard County. There are so many women in Howard County, who have contributed in so many ways to the community, and there are only 52 weeks in the year, so if we missed one of your favorites, we hope you will understand.

We have started our kickoff with a lady; who without her help and support, the Howard County Historical Society would not exist – Alda Tyson Hopkins Clark. In our second week, we are honoring Martha Ellicott Tyson, the granddaughter of the founding father of Ellicott City, Andrew Ellicott.

ALDA TYSON HOPKINS CLARK (1891 – 1969)

The benefactress and founder of the Howard County Historical Society, Alda Hopkins Clark purchased the First Presbyterian Church in the historic district in 1958 to serve as the home of the Historical Society and as a memorial for her distinguished husband, Judge James Clark, Sr.

Alda Tyson Hopkins was born at White Hall in 1891, one of five children born to Samuel and Martha Tyson Smith Hopkins.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TOM BOWER



Happy New Year!!! I'm happy to announce the Society had a very successful 2019. We exceeded membership and visitor goals, created several new exhibits, provided numerous events and outreach programs at the museum and other locations, and had very successful fundraising events (Holiday House Tour and Spring Gala). I am pleased to report that the Society operated within the approved 2019 budget, and is in good financial standing. To all that have provided donations, gifts, and supported our many events, thank you very much.

On February 23, 2020, the Howard County Historical Society (HCHS) will be holding its annual membership meeting. The meeting will be at the Charles Miller Library, on the 1st floor, at 1:00pm. In addition to providing our membership the Society's business and operational update, to celebrate the "Year of the Woman", we are honored to have Elizabeth Bobo as our guest speaker. She served as Howard County Executive and in the Maryland House of Delegates. Ms. Bobo the only female County Executive in the State and the first and only female Howard County Executive serving from 1986 to 1990.

I would like to give you an update on the Weir Building Quaker School rehabilitation project. The purpose of this rehabilitation is to create a Quaker School education center for the children of Howard County, recreating Life in a Mill Town during the early 1800's featuring education, home life, commerce, and industry during this period.

In September 2019, we received another \$100,000 from the County for Phase 2 construction/rehabilitation. Work started in September and the scope of work is to complete all required structural repairs and reinforcements, plumbing and electrical upgrades, and refurbish all windows on the 1st floor. All interior work was completed in January 2020, and the exterior porch will be completed as weather permits.

When we receive additional funding, Phase 3 will focus on the rehabilitation of the 2nd floor, which will house the Quaker School education center for the children of Howard County, Court Street porch, 3rd floor multi-purpose space, exterior rehabilitation, landscaping, signage and lighting. We will be seeking funding for this effort from the County and Maryland Historical Trust Capital Grant this year.

In closing, I want to thank our Executive Director, Shawn Gladden; Deputy Director, Paulette Lutz; Executive Officers, Board of Directors, and all the many dedicated volunteers that take their precious time to help support and run the Society in so many ways.

Please check our website at <http://hchsm.org> to see all that is happening with the Society. As always, thank you for your continued support. ❖

EDITOR'S NOTE

JANET KUSTERER

I am proud of our Historical Society for taking the lead in honoring Howard County women this year. I think of the strong leaders I have known in my work in the historic district of Ellicott City and am glad that people will recognize their stellar contributions. I am particularly appreciative of the fine work by women like Jean Hannon, Enalee Bounds, Doris Thompson and Ann Ryder—all of whom gave their all to make sure we honor our past while preparing for our future. ❖

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

SHAWN GLADDEN



There are times in a museum professional's life when certain historical events present themselves as topics to be celebrated, researched, and presented to the public. We have an opportunity in 2020 to commemorate and celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment and in doing so, recognize women of significance in our own county's history. The Howard County Historical Society, in partnership with other partner organizations, has proclaimed 2020 to be the *Year of the Howard County Woman*. This is a topic close to our organization's heart due to the fact that we are founded by a woman of great distinction and service to our county, Alda Hopkins Clark. We start our yearlong celebration with profiles of Alda and Martha Tyson Ellicott in this issue of "The Legacy".

In addition to featuring significant woman in our quarterly newsletter, we will also be highlighting 50 significant Howard County women (past and present) every Friday on our Facebook page and featuring an exhibit at this year's fair on the Howard County Suffragette Movement and the County's 1st Woman Voters in 1920. We will also be partnering with Patapsco Heritage Greenway for their "Patapsco Days" programs focusing on women's contributions in the Patapsco River Valley in March and featuring Women's history topics in our Library Lecture Series on the 3rd Monday of each month starting in March. As Abigail Adams so famously said, we are "Remembering the Ladies" all year long at the Historical Society.

I would also like to take this

opportunity to thank the family of our former Board President, Charles Edward Walter who served on the Board of Directors as President from 1983 – 1985. Mr. Walter was a professional engineer who served the Howard County Community starting in 1978, working in the Department of Public Works. He passed away last September and we were recently made aware of a significant donation left to the society in his name. At this time, we have decided to use a portion of the funds for an exhibit honoring Past

Presidents of the Historical Society at the Museum next to the portrait of Past Presidents, Sonny and Connie Wehland. This will be installed in the memory of Mr. Walter for future generations and a lasting tribute to his generosity and service to our organization.

We look forward to seeing all of our members at the Annual Meeting at Miller Library on Sunday Feb. 23rd, Guest Speaker, former County Executive Liz Bobo, the 1st Woman C.E. in Maryland History. ✦

Annual Membership Meeting Eat, Think, and Engage



Sunday, February 23, 2020

1:00 - 3:00 PM

Charles E. Miller Branch Library

9421 Frederick Road

Ellicott City, MD 21042

"Year of the Howard County Woman"

Special Guest Speaker:

Liz Bobo, Former Howard County Executive

***"Reflections from the 1st Woman Elected
as County Executive in Maryland"***

Potluck Lunch:

Last names beginning with

A to M: Bring appetizer, side, or main dish.

N to Z: Bring a dessert.

Drinks will be provided.

Annual Membership Meeting, State of the Society report,
and election of newboard members and officers.

Come mix, mingle, and meet your fellow
members at this fun and informative event!

Call or email to RSVP

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She attended the exclusive private school Arlington Institute of Virginia and the balance of her education was provided by her mother and governesses. Mrs. Clark's varied accomplishments clearly speak of her many talents and multiple interests. Among her many talents, she was one of the first women in Howard County to drive a car in the early 1900s.

From a young age, her love of horses led her to a career in thoroughbred horse breeding and riding. She was a "hands on" trainer and groomed some of the finest race horses in Maryland. In 1930, she founded the Howard County Hunt Club and held many events at her home at Keewaydin and Doughoregan Manor. Her passion for horses led her to write the book "Hold Hard" which documents her life in horse breeding, horse shows and riding.

She married James Clark, Sr. a renowned lawyer and Judge in Howard County. Judge Clark bought Keewaydin for Alda to raise and breed horses. She had four sons with Judge Clark – James, Jr., John, Joseph and Samuel. Her oldest son, James Clark, Jr. also had a very distinguished career as Senator for Howard County. She was very involved in the community and participated in many civic functions in her life time.

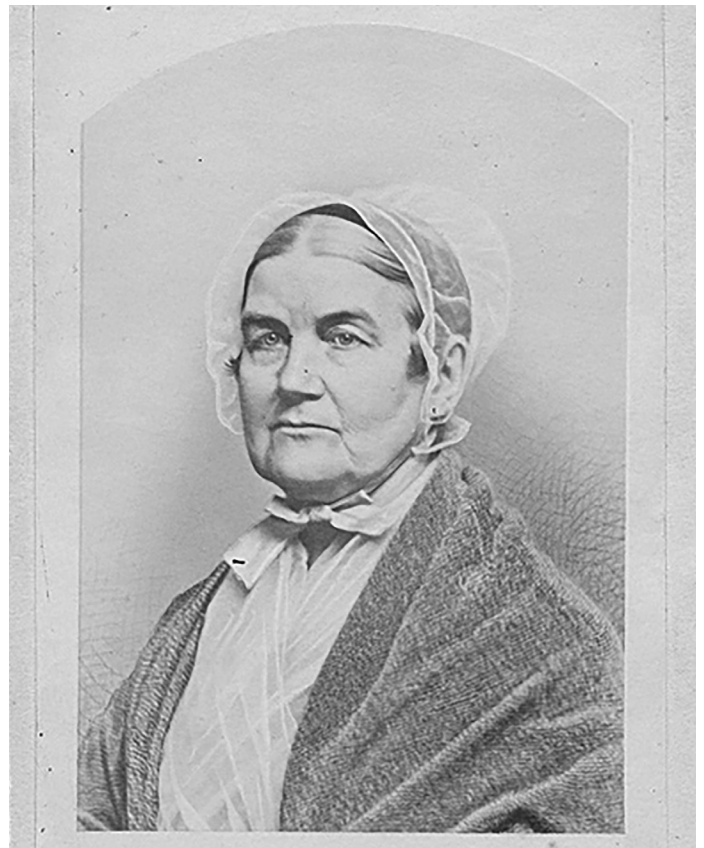
Her love of Howard County was not only evident in her community service, but also reflected in her artistic ability in ceramics which echoes her love for the hunt club life. Her artistic talents extended to painting many scenic paintings of Ellicott City. To learn more about Mrs. Clark, please visit the Museum of Howard County History to see the exhibit on Alda Tyson Hopkins Clark.

MARTHA ELlicOTT TYSON (1795 – 1873)

Martha Ellicott was the daughter of George and Elizabeth Ellicott. Her grandfather was one of the founding fathers of Ellicott Mills, Andrew Ellicott. The Ellicotts were Quakers that championed equality, education and progressive economic theories.

Martha Ellicott Tyson was an author, an early historian and social activist championing anti-slavery and women's rights issues of her day. Although her formal schooling was very basic, she was very well-educated and fluent in French. Her memories of her early childhood in Ellicott Mills provided documentation of many events in Ellicott Mills history.

She documented much of the early history of Ellicott Mills in her book, "Settlement of Ellicott Mills." Martha also wrote two biographies of Benjamin Banneker of Oella, one of the first African American scientists, astronomers and surveyors in the United States. She personally knew Benjamin Banneker and was



MARTHA ELlicOTT TYSON

able to provide many facts and vignettes from her memory on the fascinating life of Benjamin Banneker.

The Quakers were serious supporters of education for all including women, African Americans and Native Americans. All were allowed to attend the schools constructed by the Ellicott brothers. She documented her meeting with Native American "Little Turtle" in 1807 who attended the Ellicott Mills School

A profound believer in education, she was the key founder of Swarthmore College along with Lucretia Mott, Edward Parrish and Benjamin Hollowell in 1864, one of the first coeducational colleges in America. After a decade pushing for the founding of a coeducation Quaker college, Tyson and her husband hosted a meeting in their home of 30 Quaker leaders from Maryland, Pennsylvania, and New York. This meeting propelled the movement to start the second coeducation college in the United States.

Martha married Nathan Tyson (from a prominent Baltimore Quaker family) and together raised 12 children. They later moved to Baltimore and in 1830 at the age of 35, she was chosen as an Elder of the Baltimore Quaker Meeting. Certainly her influence in education founded the strong education legacy that exists in Howard County today. ✦

MUSEUM ARTIFACT SPOTLIGHT:

PORTRAITS OF FAMOUS WOMEN ON CHINA PLATES

BY MARY SANPHILIPPO

Hand-painted Haviland china plates are featured in the newest showcase exhibit at the Museum. Twelve plates were painted by Rebecca Talbott (1847-1919), daughter of Edward Alexander and Mary Jane (Wareham) Talbott. Miss Talbott lived in Ellicott City and was a Howard County school teacher for most of her life.

It is believed that she painted these plates and entered them in the 1892 Chicago World's Fair, where it is claimed that she won a blue ribbon for her efforts.

The painting of china was once considered an acceptable past time for women along with needlework and other mannerly pursuits. Following the American Civil War it became a fashionable fad among middle and upper class ladies. It was so popular that by 1877 articles on the subject began appearing in *The Ladies Home Journal* magazine.

The plates represent famous woman of the past including:

Anne Boleyn (c1501-1536)

Queen Elizabeth I (1533-1603)

Marie Stuart, Mary Queen of Scots (1542-1587)

Marie de Medici (1575-1642)

Empress Marie Theresa (1717-1780)

Martha Washington (1731-1802)

Mary Caton, Marchioness of Wellesley (1788-1853)

Elizabeth Caton, Lady Stafford (1790-1862)

Louisa Caton, Duchess of Leeds (1792-1874)

Empress Josephine (1763-1814)

Queen Victoria (1819-1901)

Empress Eugenie (1826-1920)

We will be featuring woman centric exhibits all this year in our rotating exhibit space at the Museum so visit the museum for a new exhibit this summer. ✦













PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Last year, as a part of the 60th Anniversary of the Howard County Historical Society exhibit opening, we honored the memory of two of our Past Presidents, Sonny & Connie Wehland, by installing their refurbished portrait at the museum. In January, the Historical Society received a very generous donation from the estate of another past President, Mr. Charles Edward Walter. We are using a portion of that donation to fabricate an exhibit honoring the Society's past Board Leaders. This "Past Presidents" exhibit piece will list all Presidents of the Board starting in 1958 and will be flanked by the Wehland portrait and a panel acknowledging Mr. Walter's donation and service on our board. ✦

CHARLES WALTER EDWARD, PRESIDENT OF THE HOWARD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 1984-1987.

Upcoming Events

 <p>FEBRUARY 7TH "Historic Love Letters" w/ Ed Lilley, MD History Tours</p>	 <p>MAY 1ST The History of Howard County Agriculture w/ John Frank, Howard County Living Farm Heritage Museum</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER 4TH United States Colored Troops w/ Living Historian Ed Gantt</p> 
<p>MARCH 6TH "The Lynching of Jacob Henson: Politics and Race in Reconstruction Howard County" w/ Shawn Gladden, HCHS Executive Director</p>	<p>JUNE 5TH Native American Tool Making in Howard County, from Projectiles to Ceramics w/ Lee Preston</p> 	 <p>OCTOBER 2ND Restoration of 3 Schoolhouses w/ HCHS Vice President Pat Greenwald</p>
	 <p>AUGUST 7TH "The Journey Home: Reflections of a Life Spent in Howard and Out of Howard County" w/ Deacon Allen Greene, St. Paul's Church</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 6TH Elkridge History w/ Fred Dorsey, Preservation Howard County</p> 
<p>APRIL 3RD Patapsco Valley State Park Lecture & Book Signing w/ Betsy McMillon & Edward Johnson</p> 	<p>2020 LECTURE SERIES SCHEDULE</p>	
		 <p>DECEMBER 4TH Howard County in the 1920's w/ Shawn Gladden, HCHS Executive Director</p>

LUNCH DATES WITH HISTORY 2020 LECTURE SERIES AT THE HCHS MUSEUM

The Museum of Howard County History (8328 Court Ave, Ellicott City) is proud to host a series of lectures for 2020. Bring your own lunch. Drinks and treats will be provided. Tickets are free for HCHS Members and only \$5 for non-members.

Doors open at 11:30am. Each lecture runs noon-1:00pm followed by an optional tour of the museum 1:00-1:30pm. For more information, call 410-480-3250 or email info@hchsmd.org.



**"THE EARLY HISTORY OF ROCK N' ROLL WITH THE VILLAGERS":
A MUSICAL HISTORY LESSON**
MUSEUM CONCERT

Saturday, February 22, 7:00pm-9:00pm
\$10 general admission, \$5 Members

VISIT THE MUSEUM OF HOWARD COUNTY HISTORY

Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

The Museum of Howard County History is located at 8328 Court Avenue off Main Street in Ellicott City. Parking is available in the Circuit Court House Parking lot or in public parking lot E behind Ellicott Mills Brewing Company where you can use the staircase to the museum. Please call 410-480-3250 if you wish an appointment.

HOWARD COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY HELP DESK

Third Saturday of Every Month, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

THE GENEALOGICAL HELP DESK IS HELD AT THE MILLER BRANCH LIBRARY HISTORICAL CENTER (9421 FREDERICK ROAD ELLICOTT CITY)

The Howard County Genealogical Society hosts a free help desk on the third Saturday of every month at our Archive and Research Library located on the second floor of the Miller Branch Library. This help desk is open to genealogical research in all areas of the United States, Europe and other countries. Anyone interested in genealogical research is invited to stop by and have experienced genealogists help you to "break down the brick wall" or get started on your family history. For more information call 410-480-3250.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT ANY OF OUR EVENTS
PLEASE CALL 410-480-3250
OR VISIT WWW.HCHSMD.ORG/EVENTS

CLASSES AT THE MUSEUM

It has come to my attention that many of our members are unaware of the ongoing classes that are offered at the Museum so let me tell you more.



YOGA CLASSES

We offer weekly yoga classes through Danielle Beyers Yoga
www.daniellebeyers.com

Sunday mornings:

9:30 am Restorative Yoga

11:00 am Vin Flow Yoga

Tuesday evenings:

5:30 pm Slow Flow

7:00 pm Vin Flow Yoga

Danielle has been a student, of self-transformation and healing for over 20 years. She strives to create balance and vitality within each of her students so they may bring their 'best self' to life.

Danielle encourages people to simplify their lives, introducing them to the healing power of yoga, meditation, and breath. She learned this through her own journey and practices bringing her studies of yoga, meditation, and teaching over the past 10 years.

Teaching students to cultivate their inner beauty and strength is her passion. Danielle attracts students of all ages and ability. Helping to bring students to the edge of their practice is her strength.



DANCE CLASSES

The Museum also offers ballroom and social dance classes through Clifton DanceSport www.facebook.com/CliftonDanceSport

Classes are offered in conjunction with the Howard Community College www.howardcc.edu/programs-courses/continuing-education/courses/personal-enrichment/dancing.html

Private lessons are also available – 410-465-5985 Raymond Clifton – lead instructor

In a professional dance career spanning over 30 years, Raymond Clifton has been a finalist in numerous dance competitions as a Professional and Pro/Am competitor. He trained with world class coaches.

Mr. Clifton owned and operated a ballroom dance studio for 12 years in Ellicott City and has been a dance instructor for the Howard Community College (HCC) for over 20 years.

Currently, besides instructing for HCC, he offers private and group class lessons training students of all ages, from beginners to advance levels, for weddings or other social events, nights out dancing or showcases, and competitions as amateur couples or in Pro/Am. He specializes in International Standard, International Latin, American Smooth and American Rhythm (in everyday words ballroom, Latin, swing and social).



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