



# **News & Notes**

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## **NATIONAL HISTORY DAY - 2014**

Have you ever dreamed of becoming a judge? Now is your chance.  
You don't even have to be a member of the bar. Read on.

The Prince George's County Historical Society has partnered with "National History Day" to encourage young people to learn more about history.

"National History Day" began in 1974 when the professors in the history department of Case Western Reserve University in Ohio developed the idea for a history contest to make learning and teaching history a fun and exciting experience. The first contest was held in 1980 at Georgetown University, and, in 1981, the contest moved to the University of Maryland College Park and has been held there ever since.

Today, more than 600,000 students participate from every state and the District of Columbia. More than 2,700 students advance to the national level each year.

This is where you come in. There is a need for judges to assess the work of students from Prince George's County.

When: Saturday, March 15, 2014

Where: Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr., High School  
12650 Brooke Lane  
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Theme: "Rights & Responsibilities in History"

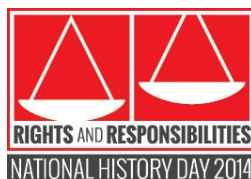
Presentations & Prizes: Website, Performance, Historical Papers, Documentary, and Exhibits

National Contest: In June, 2014, at the University of Maryland

Contact: Google - "Prince George's County History Day"

Then click and complete "Judges Registration Form,"  
and you will be the newest judge. Congratulations, Your Honor.

(We often hear that students don't take a liking to history - "it's boring, you have to memorize dates, what value does it have, etc." "National History Day" is one way to help reverse that trend. Thank you for your interest and please volunteer.)



## **NATIONAL HISTORY DAY EXPERT EXPLAINS COMPETITIONS**

Each June, students grade 6-12 represent their states at the National History Day (NHD) Contest finals at the University of Maryland. Students earn a slot at the Nationals by winning at their county, then state level competitions. Each year the NHD experience provides over 500,000 students with skill building in critical thinking, research, communication and problem solving. Participants' self esteem, confidence and involvement in the democratic process soar and students gain a sense of responsibility, all in the pursuit and application of history.

On Thursday evening, January 16, please join the University Park Historic Preservation Association to hear the history of NHD and the role it could play in your life. Dr. Cathy Gorn, Executive Director of NHD, has been invited to share her longtime experience with and plans for the future of NHD. This special event begins at 7:30 p.m. in Custis Hall at Riverdale Presbyterian Church, 6513 Queen's Chapel Rd. All UP residents are welcome.

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All Prince George's County Historical Society members are invited and welcome to attend Society Board meetings. We meet each month on the first Tuesday. Locations vary, so please call 301-249-9000 for meeting details.

If you would like to volunteer your time and talents to the Historical Society in any capacity, please call us.

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The following individuals were elected or re-elected at the December 18, 2013, meeting:

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## BRONZE PLAQUE PLACED AT DR. WILLIAM BEANES GRAVESITE

On a perfect autumn day, October 15, 2013, members of the National Society United States Daughters of 1812, Ella Virginia Houck Holloway Chapter, Maryland State Society, gathered in Upper Marlboro on the historic Academy Hill at the gravesite of Upper Marlboro's celebrated citizen, Dr. William Beanes. Now the site of three county historic sites, Academy Hill was once part of Dr. Beanes' farmstead. Also present were Steve Sonnett, President of the Commissioners of Upper Marlboro, along with members of the recently organized Town of Upper Marlboro Historical Committee; Joan Walker, President of The Forest Garden Club of Prince George's County, along with their representatives, including Beanes family descendants, who placed a wreath at the Beanes gravesite; and representatives of The Prince George's County Historical Society. Prince George's County Executive, Rushern Baker, III, accompanied by a contingent of his staff, joined the group as a guest speaker.

The "Daughters of 1812" promote American patriotism to preserve and increase knowledge of American history. Among other activities, they mark historic spots. The Dr. Beanes gravesite, established in 1822, and located at 14554 Elm Street, has long been a Prince George's County historic site and is included in the County's *Illustrated Inventory of Historic Sites and Districts* [79-019-22]. It sits beside two other County historic sites, the Old Marlboro Primary School and the Old Marlboro High School. In his day, Dr. Beanes was a highly respected and esteemed local doctor who, following the British military's burning of the Federal City, was taken prisoner by the British and put aboard a British ship in Baltimore Harbor. Concerned citizens engaged the young Georgetown lawyer, Francis Scott Key, to intercede in the dispute; Key, accompanied by Col. John Stuart Skinner, American agent for the exchange of prisoners, proceeded to Gen. Ross's ship where Beanes was held but were made to wait on a nearby sloop behind the British fleet. Key experienced the bombing of Fort McHenry, and was moved to write the now iconic text that is the basis for our nation's anthem, *The Star Spangled Banner*—the original manuscript of which is now on view at The Maryland Historical Society in Baltimore.

Following the patriotic service, Rushern Baker, III, spoke poignantly about the importance of history to him personally. He said the reason he had achieved his status in political life in Maryland and in Prince George's County was because of his love of and interest in history since childhood and the influence that it exerted on him. His love of history led him into public service. He told the audience that recently he had been re-reading the lives of the Founding Fathers which inspired and inspires him. It was, he said, because of that abiding interest in history that he stood before us.

The gravesite of Dr. William and Sarah Beanes, owned by Prince George's County, has undergone a recent transformation, having been handsomely refurbished by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Under the guidance of staff member, Anthony Nolan, the forlorn landscaping, damaged brickwork and rusted, damaged iron fencing has been totally refreshed so that visitors who visit this historic site on the Southern Maryland "Star Spangled Banner Trail" will find it cared for once again.

-Lynn Springer Roberts

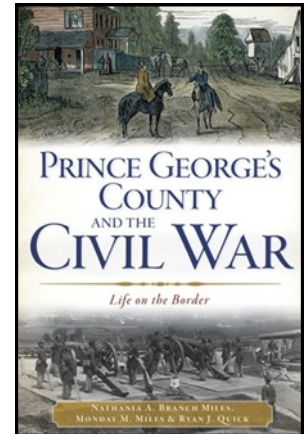
*Daughters of 1812, Lynn Springer Roberts (far right) at Dr. Beanes' gravesite plaque dedication*



## PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY AND THE CIVIL WAR: LIFE ON THE BORDER

by Nathania A. Branch Miles, Monday M. Miles and Ryan Quick

**Prince George's County and the Civil War: *Life on the Border*** describes some of the hardships that Prince George's County experienced during the civil war also known as the War Between the States. Bordered by the Federal capital but separated from Virginia and the Confederacy only by the Potomac River, the citizens of Prince George's County found themselves on the front lines of the Civil War. The specific reasons for the War Between the States may vary between scholars but the dispute between the North and the South can be linked to the (1) Economic and Social differences between the North and the South; (2) the question of State rights versus Federal rights; (3) The fight between Slave and Non-Slave State proponents to maintain or fight the spread of slavery to US territories; (4) the Growth of the Abolitionist Movement and (5) finally the election of Abraham Lincoln to the Presidency of the United States in 1860. The war lasted a lot longer than anyone had anticipated dividing the union into two separate governments, the Confederate States of America and the United States.



Maryland a pro-slavery state within Prince George's County bordering the federal city on three sides with divided loyalties to the south and north because of the plantation economy that existed in the southern counties and the industrial revolution in Baltimore. Prince George's County was known for being the largest slaveholding county in the state and its wealth and aristocratic status depended heavily on the slavery system. As a result, many of the county residents felt more loyal to the Confederacy than to the Union and many young men went further south to support the war. The Maryland Agricultural College, now known as the University of Maryland, established in 1856, was first started as a private college designed for the sons of the rich plantation owners. The war almost killed the college because of the many students and faculty who left in the early years to fight on both sides. The founder, Charles B. Calvert, was instrumental in the founding of the college with the assistance and support of the affluent Baltimore Club (wealthy farmers from Prince George's, Montgomery, Charles, Calvert, Baltimore counties to name a few). Almost all of its Board of Directors were slave holders but interestingly enough its first president, Benjamin Hallowell, was a known Quaker schoolmaster, noted scientist, practical farmer and Abolitionist.

While there were no major battles or skirmishes that took place in Prince George's County it was essential that Maryland and particularly the County because of its close proximity to Washington, DC, remain in the Union. During the war, there were no natural boundaries between the District of Columbia and Prince George's County, and the roads between the two were heavily guarded at all times. The federal government commissioned at least two forts to be built in Prince George's County during the War: Fort Foote to defend the capital of Washington, DC; and Fort Lincoln near the District line in Bladensburg. The communities of Bladensburg, Beltsville, Good Luck, Long Old Fields (Forestville), Upper Marlborough and Queen Anne (ghost town) were involved in the War through direct or indirect participation.

The war caused great divisions in families, took a terrible cost of human life and limb and was the ruination of many families who lost entire fortunes, property and homes. The County lost a generation of men who as spies and fought as soldiers, and died of disease. Walter "WAT" Bowie, son of W.W.W. and Adeline (Snowden) Bowie was a confederate spy and lost his life in a battle in Montgomery County, MD. John Surratt, Jr. was also a spy but left the country after his mother, Mary Elizabeth Surratt was hanged for the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. His sister, Anna lost her mind as a result of the trial and hanging. Colonel John Waring, kinsman to the Bowie family, lost two sons as well as property because of treason. Many families lost their homes or became destitute because both the Union and the Confederacy destroyed property and livestock depending on who the resident was supporting.

-Nathania Branch Miles

## MORE FROM THE BURROUGHS DIARY, DECEMBER 1863

One hundred and fifty years ago - John Burroughs' December 1863 diary is not as fulsome as previous months. Without his plantation overseer, details of plantation management take more of his time; he also has to deal with family illnesses. The diary does, however, give a picture of regular operations, such as ice supply and hog slaughter, as well as special expenses and activities at Christmastime during the Civil War.

Susan G. Pearl, December 2013

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Tuesday Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 1863 - Clear & very cold, ice one inch thick - Hands getting in corn - Rode to Marlboro' this afternoon. To Medley - board self & horse during Court - \$14.00  
*[James Medley and Daniel Dyer had opened a hotel in the venerable Marlborough House. The "Medley Hotel" became a popular gathering place in the County Seat.]*

Wednesday Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1863 - Moderated very much - Ella, Susie & Carrie in bed sick - it is really distressing to have them sick so much - Chills cannot be stopped it seems. Dr. here to see them. *[Burroughs' daughters were Ella (b. 1853), Susan (b. 1857), and Caroline (b. 1859).]*

Thursday Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1863 - Clear and pleasant. Ella well again, Susie better, Carrie still has fever. Dr Mac-cubbin has not been here to day, he has really neglected the children very much. *[Dr. John M.S. Mac-cubbin, local family doctor, lived in nearby Nottingham.]*

Friday & Sat. Dec 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 1863 - Dr. Mac came again and children all well again

Sunday Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 1863 - Clear - I have been quite unwell myself for a day or two, sore throat & general debility - took last night blue mass. *[Blue Mass - popular medication for many ailments in 19<sup>th</sup> century, composed of licorice, honey, and dangerously high amounts of mercury.]* . . . .

Monday Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 1863 - Willie was very ill all night had four convulsions. . . . Sent for Dr Mac in the night. He bled him this morning. . . . Dr came 2<sup>nd</sup> time to day *[John William ("Willie"), born in 1861 apparently recovered from this illness, but died 1864.]*

Tues. Wed. Thurs. Frid, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> 1863 - Willie still quite sick. Dr comes every day, I have not had my clothes off since he was taken Sunday afternoon

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1863 - Clear & warm - Willie has been very sick . . . all the week. Dr to see him every day . . . Willie is better to day. . . . To Mollie the other day - \$5.00

Thursday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> 1863 - Rain all day, Killed my hogs this morning . . . Pa's hands came over, finished by day break. Killed 31, brought them to the house & gutted them here. Pa's Charles - \$.50 Dorsett's Len - \$.50 Jim - \$.50 help to kill hogs

Friday Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> 1863 - Cloudy and cooler, prospect of clear weather - Cut up and salted away my hogs.

Sunday Dec 27<sup>th</sup> 1863 - Christmas day has passed and gone again with many joys and sorrows. Children had a beautiful Christmas tree. Christmas day I and Dick went to Church. *[Dick was Burroughs' eldest son, born 1855.]* . . . Filled in ice house yesterday.

To Mollie for Christmas things - \$25.00 To Hands Christmas eve - \$5.00  
To Hands getting ice yesterday \$25.00

Wednesday Dec 30<sup>th</sup> 1863 - Clear & warm . . . . I am so busy having no overseer, when I come in at night am so tired I find it impossible to keep up my journal with regularity. . . . . To Mollie \$10.00



## LECTURE SYNOPSIS: JIM HENSON: THE BIOGRAPHY

Prince George's County claims Jim Henson as one of our own by way of his graduation from the University of Maryland. It is while he was attending the university that he began to evolve his puppets, and puppetry.

Brian Jay Jones, author of the just published, **Jim Henson: The Biography**, was able to encapsulate some major tales from Jim Henson's life with props, clips from Henson's incursions into television, and a slide-show of photos (with Jones offering narration). Some of the older residents of University Park were even able to provide further embellishment on those stories.

If Jim Henson were alive today, we'd be calling him a visionary. This University of Maryland Home Economics Major created his famous pal, Kermit (the Frog), from his mother's old coat and ping pong balls. What was remarkable when the first Muppet was created, and what remains remarkable today, is that the humor inherent in each puppets character is both easy enough for a child to follow, and is subversive, at the same time. Brian Jay Jones regaled the attendees with poignant stories and humorous anecdotes.

Jim Henson had traits that endeared him to generations. He showed by example, integrity in action – being willing to walk away if an idea was proposed that didn't fit in with his puppet community's personas.

If you are looking for more interesting talks such as this, you can enter most of the local municipalities websites through the links on our webpage, [www.pghistory.org](http://www.pghistory.org).

-Sealani Weiner

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The staff at the Frederick S. DeMarr Library is continually on a search to add to our yearbook collection from local high schools, colleges and universities. If you have any yearbooks that you would like to donate, please contact Sarah Bourne at [sarahbourne1@verizon.net](mailto:sarahbourne1@verizon.net) or 301-277-5468. Thank you!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2014

**January-February 2014** - the National Capital Radio and Television Museum will feature "vintage" broadcasts" every Friday-Sunday at 2 PM; January is Historic Films About Radio and TV and February is Variety Show Month ; check [www.ncrtv.org](http://www.ncrtv.org) or call 301-390-1020 for a program schedule; free, but donations welcome

**January-February 2014** - M-NCPPC Department of Parks and Recreation has activities and programs celebrating Black History Month, visit [blackhistory.pgpc.org](http://blackhistory.pgpc.org) for an up-to-date list

**January 3-February 24** - Direct Current: A Multimedia Exploration of Black Life within Prince George's County at Montpelier Arts Center; depicts the rich, complex story of life in the county through works by artists 18 and older

**January 13-March 7** - Black History Month Opening Exhibit: Celebrating Civil Rights Milestones: From Emancipation to Administration in Prince George's County, 1864-1994 at Harmony Hall Regional Center, examines selected national events and profiles state and local outcomes; discover how these events changed social, education and political life for African-Americans in Prince George's County; free

**1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month** - Dinosaur Park has a program with paleontologists and volunteers to interpret fossil deposits; 12-4 PM, free

**January 11** - Bird Count 4 Kids! at National Wildlife Visitor Center, 8:30 AM—1 PM; for ages 5-14, bring binoculars and brown bag lunch, dress for the weather; registration required by January 7 by calling 301-497-5887

**January 11** - Twelfth Night Ball at Riversdale House Museum, 7:30 PM; celebrate the traditional end of the holiday season at a Regency-style ball and supper; black tie or period attire encouraged; reservations required by January 3, call 301-864-0420, \$40/resident, \$48/non-resident

**January 16** - National History Day Lecture, see page 1 for details

**February 6** - Concert & Art Exhibit: "History in Black & White" at Oxon Hill Manor, 7-8:30 PM; listen to a R&B and jazz concert and explore black and white photography by local artists; free

**February 8** - Tasting the Past: Taking Tea at Riversdale House Museum, 2 PM; learn about the history of tea as a beverage and the tradition of taking tea; registration required by January 31, call 301-864-0420, \$15/resident, \$18/non-resident

**February 8** - "Fighting Old Nep: The Food Culture of Enslaved Afro-Marylanders" at Surratt House Museum, 4 PM; Michael Twitty discusses the vast influence of enslaved and free blacks on the cuisine and culture of America; free

**February 9** - Grand Opening: Lost and Found Laurel at Laurel Museum, 1-4 PM; free

**February 19** - William's Adventure in Black History at the Publick Playhouse, 10:15 AM & 12 noon; a panorama of 400 years of Black History in America, meet remarkable people who shaped our country; audience members join historical figures onstage and experience events such as travelling into space with Mae Jemison and encouraging Rosa Parks to stay in her seat; ages 4-10; \$6/person, \$5/groups of 15 or more

**February 23** - The Plummers' Kitchen at Riversdale House Museum, 12-3:15 PM; using the open hearth in the dependency kitchen, the Riversdale Kitchen Guild cooks up foods typical of the Plummer family and other 19th c. African American residents of Riversdale; tour is included with demonstration

**National Colonial Farm** has classes and workshops; visit [www.accokeek.org](http://www.accokeek.org) for more details.

**Patuxent Research Refuge** has many free public programs ranging from art exhibits, bird, nature and flower walks, to owl prowls and hands-on wildlife activities; visit <http://patuxent.fws.gov> for more information or call 301-497-5887

**For details and additional events, visit:** [history.pgpc.org](http://history.pgpc.org), [www.marylandmilestones.org/events](http://www.marylandmilestones.org/events), [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org), [www.greenbeltmuseum.org](http://www.greenbeltmuseum.org), [www.laurelhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.laurelhistoricalsociety.org), [www.mdhs.org](http://www.mdhs.org), <http://pgcm.aahgs.org>, [www.fws.gov/northeast/patuxent/ntedu.html](http://www.fws.gov/northeast/patuxent/ntedu.html), [www.radiohistory.org](http://www.radiohistory.org), [www.surrattmuseum.org](http://www.surrattmuseum.org), [www.battleofbladensburg1812.com](http://www.battleofbladensburg1812.com), and, [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mdpgcgs/index.htm](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mdpgcgs/index.htm)

## PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

- 1. Landmarks of Prince George's County\*** – 125 black and white photographs of the rich architectural legacy of Prince George's County by Jack E. Boucher, 1993. Arranged chronologically, the photos and captions offer a panoramic overview of the county's architectural and historical development. Indexed. Hard-cover, 144 pages. Price: \$18.00.
- 2. Prince George's County: A Pictorial History\*** – The history and essence of Prince George's County come alive in words and pictures in this beautiful collector's edition, with more than 350 photographs, maps, and illustrations. Author: Alan Virta. 1998 - Revised and updated edition. Hardcover, 308 pages. Price: \$42.95.
- 3. Historic Prince George's County: A Confluence of Cultures\*** – A cultural history of Prince George's County, with many photographs from private collections. Authors George D. Denny, Jr., Nathania A. Branch Miles, Donna L. Schneider. Printed 2011. Hardcover, 192 pages. Price: \$39.95
- 4. Calvert of Maryland** – This fact-based novel shows the home life of the colonists from a child's viewpoint. This story is told in the first person by young George Calvert, godson of the first Lord Baltimore, George Calvert. Reprint of James Otis Kaler's 1910 publication. Hardcover, 166 pages. Pen and ink illustrations. **Price: \$5.00 - new lower price.**
- 5. Atlas of Fifteen Miles around Washington including the County of Prince George Maryland** – Compiled, drawn and published from actual surveys by G. M. Hopkins 1878 including "historical" sketches. Indexed. Reprint 1979. Soft cover, 32 pages. Price: \$10.00.
- 6. Atlas of Prince George's County, Maryland 1861** – Atlas was adapted from Martenet's Map of Prince George's County, Maryland, with information from 1860 federal census for each election district. Indexed. Reprint 1996. Soft cover, 32 pages. Price: \$10.00.
- 7. Prince George's County, Maryland, Indexes of Church Registers 1686-1885** – Volume I - Protestant Episcopal Church, King George's Parish, and Queen Anne's Parish. Author: Helen W. Brown. Reprint 2000. Soft cover, 200 pages. Price: \$20.00.
- 8. Prince George's County, Maryland, Indexes of Church Registers 1686-1885** – Volume 2 - Protestant Episcopal Church, St. Paul's Parish, and Prince George's Parish. Author: Helen W. Brown. Reprint 2000. Soft cover, 196 pages. Price: \$20.00.
- 9. Out of the Past – Prince Georgians and Their Land** – Chronicle of everyday life in Prince George's County, Maryland, from the time of its founding in 1696 until the beginning of the Civil War. (Information for this book was gleaned from public records, newspapers, and private papers.) Author: R. Lee Van Horn. Reprint 1996. Hardcover, 422 pages. Price: \$15.00
- 10. Tricentennial Cook Book** – Contains recipes collected from Prince George's County residents as part of the tricentennial celebration. Compiled and edited by Dorothy Rainwater and the Tricentennial Celebration Committee. Printed 1996. Soft cover, spiral bound, 150 pages. Price: \$5.00
- 11. Prince George's County Maryland** - A pictorial history of the county, an Arcadia Images of America book by Katharine D. Bryant and Donna L. Schneider. Soft cover, 128 pages. Price: \$18.99

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## MARYLAND HOUSE & GARDEN PILGRIMAGE 2014

The Prince George's County Historical Society is sponsoring the County's Maryland House & Garden Pilgrimage on Saturday, April 26, 2014, from 10 AM to 5 PM.

Prince George's County was a staging ground for the British on their march to seize and burn Washington, D.C. in the summer of 1814. Travel part of the Star Spangled Banner National Historic Trail and Byway that "connects the places, people and events that led to the birth of the National Anthem." On August 19 and 20, 1814, over fifty British ships landed an army of more than four thousand troops at Benedict, Maryland, under the command of Maj. Gen. Robert Ross. Their mission - the destruction of Washington, D.C. Over the next five days, this fighting force traveled north through Prince George's County, keeping parallel with the Patuxent River, as far as possible before they turned west toward the Nation's Capital. At the same time, the Royal Navy sailed north along the Patuxent River and provided protection to the land forces. Commodore Joshua Barney, commander of the U.S. Chesapeake Flotilla, had spent the summer successfully fending off British attempts to sail up the Chesapeake. However, on August 22, 1814, the British trapped the Flotilla in the Patuxent River near Pig Point. Barney ordered the Flotilla scuttled in order to keep it out of enemy hands. Barney and his men then marched to Bladensburg to join the American Army. One of the worst defeats in the War of 1812 occurred on August 24, 1814, at the Battle of Bladensburg. The inexperienced Americans were routed by the seasoned British troops and their Congreve rockets. Only Comm. Barney and his men put up a valiant attempt to stop the British advance. This devastating defeat allowed the British to proceed into Washington, D.C., where they burned numerous government buildings including the U.S. Capitol and the White House. This is the only time in our nation's history that a foreign army has invaded the United States and captured our capital. The British withdrew the next day and headed back to Benedict via Upper Marlboro.



Kingston



Pleasant Hills

The properties featured are the Patuxent Riverkeeper Center, Nottingham School, Magnolia Knoll, St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, Bellefields, Patuxent River Park, Waverly, Pleasant Hills, Content, Trinity Episcopal Church, Bunnell-Anderson House, Kingston, Thomas J. Turner House, Jarboe-Bowie House, Dr. Beanes Gravesite and Darnall's Chance. Milloff's Catering will provide a hot lunch at Trinity Episcopal Church from 11 AM to 2:30 PM. The menu includes Southern fried boneless chicken breast, Maryland Black Oak ham, cole slaw, seasoned green beans, old fashioned potato salad, dinner rolls and butter, chocolate or yellow cake, iced tea or water. Reservations are suggested by sending a check payable to PGCHS for \$15/meal. Please mail by April 15, 2014 to PGCHS, PO Box 14, Riverdale, MD 20738. Lunches will be available on the day of the tour at \$17 each. For more information about the tour, visit [www.MHGP.org](http://www.MHGP.org).

Tickets for the pilgrimage are \$30 per person plus a \$2.04 service if purchased in advance on-line at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/535000>. Tickets are available the day of the tour for \$35 at the first house visited or \$15 per house. The Pilgrimage asks that no children under the age of 10 attend, no high heels be worn, no smoking, and no photographs be taken. The tour is rain or shine.

Proceeds from the tour revenues will be used for ghost structures on the grounds of Mount Calvert and for signage of historic sites in the Town of Upper Marlboro.

The Historical Society would like to express our appreciation to the home and site owners and volunteers for assisting us in presenting the tour. Thank you!!

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## ST. GEORGE'S DAY AT ST. THOMAS' CHURCH

This year, in keeping with the theme of Prince George's County's role in the War of 1812, we will celebrate St. George's Day along the path of the British invaders in August 1814. Early on August 22, 1814, the British troops passed St. Thomas' Church in Croom, then the chapel-of-ease for St. Paul's Church in Baden. On April 27, 2014, we will celebrate St. George's Day, our County's 318<sup>th</sup> anniversary, at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church.

St. Thomas' is a handsome cruciform brick building, constructed between 1742 and 1745 as the chapel "for ye remote inhabitants" of St. Paul's Parish. It was built using a plan nearly identical to that of its mother church, St. Paul's, which had been built only a decade earlier. St. Thomas Church has particular significance because of its close association with its Rector Thomas John Claggett, the first Episcopal bishop to be consecrated (1792) in the United States. Reverend Claggett (1743-1816) was still active in 1814, having established the new Trinity Episcopal Church in Upper Marlborough just a few years earlier, and still living on his plantation in Croom.



The architectural importance of St. Thomas' Church is based not only on its original form, but also Gothic Revival details from the 1850s, and the bell tower constructed (1888) in memory of Bishop Claggett, resulting in a very handsome church building that today tells the full story of its evolution over more than 250 years. (St. Paul's also has had several architectural changes over the years, so that, although St. Paul's and St. Thomas' began with essentially the same plan, they have very different forms today.) St. Thomas' stands on a tree-shaded knoll surrounded by a landscaped burial ground; it is one of the most beautiful and picturesque historic buildings in Prince George's County.

Dinner will be served in the parish hall, catered by Pineapple Alley of Mount Airy Mansion, and will be followed by our traditional presentation of St. George's Day awards and a presentation by the Prince George's County Hall of Fame. Tours of the church and graveyard will be led by St. Thomas' Parish historian Franklin A. Robinson, Jr. You will soon receive your invitation in the mail; for further information, call Susan Pearl at 301-262-3367. We look forward to seeing you on St. George's Day!

-Susan G. Pearl

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR

We are looking for volunteers to help with selling and taking tickets at the tour locations. Volunteers can receive discounted tickets for the day. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jack Thompson at 301-237-6249 or email [pgchsmembers@hotmail.com](mailto:pgchsmembers@hotmail.com).

## NEWS FROM THE ACCOKEEK FOUNDATION

On March 9th at 2 PM we'll join our friends across the Potomac at Mount Vernon for "**Women with a View**," a symposium that will feature stories of the extraordinary women whose vision and leadership blazed new trails in historic preservation and land conservation: Ann Pamela Cunningham, Alice Ferguson, and our founder, Congresswoman Frances Payne Bolton. The symposium is one part of a deepening conversation on how important the public/private partnerships that led to the creation of Piscataway Park and preservation of the Mount Vernon Viewshed continue to be in stewarding this remarkable cultural landscape. Tickets are \$30 each and can be purchased at [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org), click on Buy Tickets, then Educational Symposium.

Last month, Lisa Hayes, the Accokeek Foundation's President and CEO, had the pleasure of attending the **ALTA Awards**, hosted by the Maryland Traditions program of the Maryland State Arts Council. The Achievement in Living Traditions and Arts (ALTA) Awards honor the people, places, and traditions that epitomize outstanding stewardship of state traditions. This year, "Piscataway Homelands: People, Culture and Traditions" was recognized in the category of "place." It was a thrill to watch as our friends from the Piscataway Indian Nation and Piscataway-Conoy Tribe joined on stage to share stories and performances representative of their culture, traditions, and places in Southern Maryland. Lisa was reminded that it was just two years ago that she witnessed Governor O'Malley's signing of executive orders that finally recognized the Piscataway tribes.

When taking on the Museum Garden, chief interpreter at the colonial farm, Matt Mattingly added "master gardener" to his repertoire of extraordinary gifts and talents. Matt has been working hard this winter to transform the interpretation of the Museum Garden, which is located in the park along "Cedar Lane" directly across the Tobacco Barn yard. Through the years, this garden space has been used for a variety of educational purposes from school tours and gardening workshops to a self-guided interpretive space on backyard gardening techniques. This season, with Matt's direction and the help of a core of dedicated volunteers, the garden will demonstrate the various cultural influences on gardening and agriculture through time. In addition to the various culinary herbs and perennials that can be found along the perimeter of the fenced garden space, there will be three sections each for interpreting gardening techniques representative of Native, African and European-descendant Americans. The Native garden area will demonstrate the transition of the People of the Potomac from hunter-gatherers who found food sources among the various native plants of this region like Jerusalem artichoke and groundnuts to the farmers and seed-savers impacted by the arrival of corn to the region.

There will be what Matt calls a "pretty English garden" space which represents the neat and ornamental style of most English-influenced gardens. These gardens had clear and straight paths, were often square or rectangular in shape, and had a focal point marked by a statue or fountain with a place to sit so that the beauty of the garden could be enjoyed. In this space you will find growing Copenhagen Market cabbage, Early Blood turnips, Champion of England peas, as well as varieties of Sweet William, Impatiens, and Hollyhocks.

The final space is the African keyhole garden. The keyhole garden design is a drought hardy sustainable raised-bed gardening method which uses kitchen and garden waste with water to provide a continual supply of nutrients for the garden. Its name is derived from the shape which is circular with a wedge-shaped opening leading to a basket in the center for compost that looks like a keyhole from above. Planted in the garden will be heirloom varieties like Cherokee Purple tomato and Fish pepper, as well as Collards Georgia Southern and Dipper gourds to interpret the food introduced to the region by Africans.

-Lisa Hayes

## SO LONG OLD FRIENDS

Two long time Society members passed away in February, John “Jack” B. Bourne and Robert “Bob” A. Crawley, Jr. Jack was the treasurer of the Society and Bob was heavily involved in the county’s Tricentennial activities and trying to establish of a county heritage center. Our condolences to both of their families.

### **John B. Bourne**

John B. Bourne, a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and Vice President-Finance at Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC) until his retirement in 1990, died peacefully on February 8, 2014, at his home in Hyattsville, MD. He was 86.

John Berry Bourne was born at home in University Park and lived in the University Park/Hyattsville area most of his life. He served in the US Army from 1946-47 and was stationed in Hawaii as World War II ended. After the war, he resumed his education and graduated from the University of Maryland, College of Business and Public Administration with a BS degree, majoring in accounting. His professional career began in Baltimore as a CPA for Lybrand, Ross Brothers, and Montgomery (LRB&M); Secretary/Treasurer, Canton Company; and Assistant Treasurer/Comptroller, Robert Garrett and Sons. He was Manager of the LRB&M office in Washington, D.C. before assuming his position as the first accounting officer of SIPC in 1970.

Jack was the past treasurer of Berwyn Presbyterian Church and the Prince George’s County Historical Society, active in a Boy Scout troop, a member of the Merchants Club of Baltimore, the Terrapin Club, the University of Maryland Golf Course (UMGC) Seniors group, and the Prince George’s Fish and Game Club. He enjoyed fine music, supporting the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, and joined a circle of dear friends that gathered on Thursday evenings to listen to jazz at the UMGC.

Survivors include his four children, Nancy Nagel and Jean Pirovic of Hyattsville, MD; Carol Bourne of Kuwait, and John Bourne of Silver Spring, MD; six grandchildren and one great grandchild; a brother, Richard Bourne of College Park, and a sister, Mary L. Merryman of West Salem, Ohio.

-Richard Bourne

### **Robert A. Crawley, Jr.**

Robert A. Crawley, Jr., a long-time resident of Camp Springs, MD, died on February 11, 2014, at Gettysburg Hospital in Gettysburg, PA, at the age of 78. Bob graduated from St. John’s College High School in Washington, D.C., and was a Veteran of the United States Air Force. He was a co-owner and operator of the Crawley and Thomas Insurance Agency in Lanham, MD, for a number of years before his retirement.

Bob was very active and involved in community affairs. He served as a member of the Prince George’s County Planning Board for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission in the 1970s. An avid history buff, he was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, and of the Flagon and Trencher Society (descendants of colonial tavern keepers). He served as a member, and later the chair, of the Prince George’s County Historic Preservation Commission. He was deeply involved in the planning and celebration of the County’s Tricentennial in 1996, and from 2000 to 2004 served on our Historical Society’s Board of Directors.

In 2004, Bob and his wife Jacque published *When I was a Boy in Short Pants: 1896-1913*, the delightful journal and paintings created by Jacque’s father, Bryan Payne, during his childhood in Washington D.C. In addition to his wife of 53 years, Jacque (Payne) Crawley, he is survived by his daughter, Linda C. Bricker and her husband, Michael, of Carlisle, PA; three grandchildren, and one great granddaughter.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS MARCH & APRIL 2014

- March - April 2014** - the National Capital Radio and Television Museum will feature "vintage" broadcasts" every Friday-Sunday at 2 PM; March is Kid's Adventure Stories Month and April is Quiz Show/Game Show Month; check [www.ncrtv.org](http://www.ncrtv.org) or call 301-390-1020 for a program schedule; free, but donations welcome
- 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month** - Dinosaur Park has a program with paleontologists and volunteers to interpret fossil deposits; 12 -4 PM, free
- March 1-7** - Black History Month Exhibit: Celebrating Civil Rights Milestones: From Emancipation to Administration in Prince George's County, 1864-1994 at Harmony Hall Regional Center, examines selected national events and profiles state and local outcomes; discover how these events changed social, education and political life for African-Americans in Prince George's County; free
- March 1-31** - Chesapeake Woodturners Exhibit at Montpelier Mansion, 11 AM - 4 PM (closed on Wednesdays); demonstrations on weekends, 1-4 PM; free
- March 9** - "Women with a View" symposium at Mount Vernon, 2 PM; see page 4 for details
- March 10** - "The Ladies of Belair" Brown Bag Lunch Lecture at Belair Mansion, 12 PM; bring your lunch; free
- March 11** - "Women Spies in the American Revolution" Second Tuesday Lecture at Belair Mansion, 7:30 PM; free
- March 12** - A Soldier's Life at Bladensburg Visitor Center, 1 PM; learn about the every day life of soldier in the War of 1812; free, space limited, reservations required by calling 301-927-8819
- March 13** - Lost Laurel: Revisiting the Vanishing Retailers of Laurel, Maryland talk and book signing; 7 PM at Laurel Municipal Pool; Richard Friend will discuss how his book began, tips on research and collecting, and much more; free
- March 14-16** - 15th Annual Lincoln Assassination Conference at Surratt House Museum; students, scholars and authors gather to discuss the collateral damage rendered by the assassination of Abraham Lincoln; registration required, call 301-868-1121 for details
- March 15** - Colonial Tavern Dinner at Darnall's Chance House Museum, 7-9 PM; enjoy colonial food and spirits and listen to Ship's Company sing sea chanteys and tavern songs; \$40/resident, \$48/non-resident; reservations required by calling 301-952-8010
- March 16** - Kitchen Guild Open House at Riversdale House Museum, 3:30 PM; curious about joining the Guild? Chat with members and sample seasonal soups from period recipes; free but registration required by calling 301-864-0420
- March 19** - The Life of a Sailor at Bladensburg Visitor Center, 1 PM; explore the world of ships, sailors, pirates, rope making and more; free, space limited, reservations required by calling 301-927-8819
- March 19** - History Through a Drinking Vessel lecture at Montpelier Mansion, 7:30 PM; Rod Cofield, Executive Director of Historic London Town and Gardens, will speak on taverns and travel in colonial America; ages 12 & up; free
- March 26** - Workshop: The Art of Quill Writing at Bladensburg Visitor Center, 1 PM; learn how people wrote letters in the 18th century; ages 6 & up; free, space limited, reservations required by calling 301-927-8819
- March 28** - Hands-on History: Toys Through Time at Riversdale House Museum, 10 AM; make your own handmade creations; ages 8-12; \$18/resident, \$22/non-resident, registration required by calling 301-864-0420
- March 29** - Southern Relief Societies at Surratt House Museum, 4 PM; USAF Lt. Col. Carol Randell discusses the role of Civil War aid societies that worked to overcome hardships on families and soldiers; free
- March 30** - Riversdale Chamber Music Society Concert Series featuring the Riversdale Woodwind Trio at Riversdale House Museum, 2:30 PM; free
- April 5** - Paint-Out Day in the Garden at Riversdale House Museum, 10 AM; in partnership with the Brentwood Arts Exchange capture the beauty of the garden with your paints, pencils or cameras. Create artwork for an upcoming juried show; ages 18 & up; free
- April 5** - Tartan Day Tea at Darnall's Chance House Museum, 2 PM; celebrate National Tartan Day by enjoying the tastes and sounds of Scotland; \$22/resident, \$28/non-resident; reservations required by calling 301-952-8010
- April 6** - Tulip Time at Riversdale House Museum, 12:15 PM; enjoy the first blooms of spring, refreshments, garden tour and children's activities; admission fee
- April 8** - "The Underground Railroad in Prince George's County" Second Tuesday Lecture at Belair Mansion, 7:30 PM; free
- April 9** - 18th Century Letter Writing at Bladensburg Visitor Center, 1 PM; learn how people wrote letters in the 18th century; ages 6 & up; free, space limited, reservations required by calling 301-927-8819
- April 10** - "History Matters" Expanded at Laurel Municipal Pool Room, 7 PM; Kevin Leonard, writer of the "History Matters" column in the Laurel Leader, presents an expanded view of three of his columns: Laurel Pop Festival in 1969; Laurel's Billy the Kid, and Laurel's 1954 telephone system conversion to direct dial; free
- April 12** - Spring Bonnet Tea at Montpelier Mansion, 1:30 PM; don your favorite bonnet and enjoy a prix fixe menu and tea; \$29/person, \$25/Friends of Montpelier, reservations required by calling 301-377-7817
- April 12** - Tavern Night at Riversdale House Museum, 8 PM; partake in tavern-style food and beverages and entertainment by Ship's Company Chanteymen; \$25/resident, \$30/non-resident, reservations required by calling 301-864-0420
- April 16** - The Life of a Sailor at Bladensburg Visitor Center, 1 PM; explore the world of ships, sailors, pirates, rope making and more; free, space limited, reservations required by calling 301-927-8819
- April 23** - The Audacious Joshua Barney at Bladensburg Visitor Center, 1 PM; learn about his life before the War of 1812; ages 8 & up; free, space limited, reservations required by calling 301-927-8819
- April 26** - Montpelier Festival of Herbs, Tea and the Arts at Montpelier Mansion, 10 AM - 4 PM; arts and crafts, music, gardening talks, art demos, nature walks and more; free admission, charge for tea in the house
- April 26** - Maryland House & Garden Pilgrimage in Prince George's County, 10 AM - 5 PM; \$35/person; see page 1 for details
- April 27** - St. George's Day Dinner and Awards at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church; see page 3 for more information
- April 27** - Riversdale Chamber Music Society Concert Series featuring the US Army String Quartet and clarinetist Robert DiLutis at Riversdale House Museum, 2:30 PM; free
- April 30** - The Audacious Joshua Barney: The American Revolution at Bladensburg Visitor Center, 1 PM; learn about his life and exploits; ages 8 & up; free, space limited, reservations required by calling 301-927-8819

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- 2. Prince George's County: A Pictorial History\*** – The history and essence of Prince George's County come alive in words and pictures in this beautiful collector's edition, with more than 350 photographs, maps, and illustrations. Author: Alan Virta. 1998 - Revised and updated edition. Hardcover, 308 pages. Price: \$42.95.
- 3. Historic Prince George's County: A Confluence of Cultures\*** – A cultural history of Prince George's County, with many photographs from private collections. Authors George D. Denny, Jr., Nathania A. Branch Miles, Donna L. Schneider. Printed 2011. Hardcover, 192 pages. Price: \$39.95
- 4. Calvert of Maryland** – This fact-based novel shows the home life of the colonists from a child's viewpoint. This story is told in the first person by young George Calvert, godson of the first Lord Baltimore, George Calvert. Reprint of James Otis Kaler's 1910 publication. Hardcover, 166 pages. Pen and ink illustrations. **Price: \$5.00 - new lower price.**
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- 7. Prince George's County, Maryland, Indexes of Church Registers 1686-1885** – Volume I - Protestant Episcopal Church, King George's Parish, and Queen Anne's Parish. Author: Helen W. Brown. Reprint 2000. Soft cover, 200 pages. Price: \$20.00.
- 8. Prince George's County, Maryland, Indexes of Church Registers 1686-1885** – Volume 2 - Protestant Episcopal Church, St. Paul's Parish, and Prince George's Parish. Author: Helen W. Brown. Reprint 2000. Soft cover, 196 pages. Price: \$20.00.
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- 10. Tricentennial Cook Book** – Contains recipes collected from Prince George's County residents as part of the tricentennial celebration. Compiled and edited by Dorothy Rainwater and the Tricentennial Celebration Committee. Printed 1996. Soft cover, spiral bound, 150 pages. Price: \$5.00
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## CONTENTS AUCTION AT FAIRVIEW

On Saturday, May 10, there will be an on-site auction of the contents of Fairview, the ancestral home of Governor Oden Bowie (1869-1872). Fairview has been continually occupied by six generations of Bowies, and a few of the items to be auctioned are listed in the 1826 personal inventory of the Governor's grandfather, William Bowie of Walter. The late 18th century two-story, stucco covered brick mansion is located at 4600 Fairview Vista Drive, Bowie, Md. Inquiries should be directed to Steve Dance Auctions, 410-823-3993.



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## ST. GEORGE'S DAY AWARDS

The Prince George's County Historical Society presented the St. George's Day Awards on April 27, 2014, to honor those persons or organizations that have made a difference in Prince George's County. Contributions range from celebrations of our rich history, preservation, and restoration of historic sites and buildings, production of written works that report our history and educate ourselves and our children, and volunteer efforts that enhance communities and the sense of history that the Society supports and encourages. The awardees are:

- \* **Anacostia Watershed Society**, for the restoration, opening, and celebration of the Anacostia Water Trail
- \* **Brian Jay Jones**, for the publication of *Jim Henson – The Biography*
- \* **Debra Naylor, Ruth Naylor, Brenda Ramsey, Franklin Robinson, Jr., and Joseph Y. Rowe**, for the publication of *The Naylor's of Woodborough*
- \* **Nathania Branch Miles, Monday Miles, and Ryan Quick**, for the publication of *Prince George's County in the Civil War: Life on the Border*
- \* **Holy Redeemer Catholic Church**, in recognition of their centennial celebration
- \* **Bob and Anne Clark**, in recognition of years of volunteer service at several of County historic sites

## HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

The Prince George's County Hall of Fame unveiled a portrait of a distinguished Prince Georgian of the past. This year's inductee is **Gwendolyn T. Britt** (1941-2008). She was a Maryland State Senator for Prince George's County, a champion for civil and equal rights, and an advocate for civic literacy.

## MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDIT

Courtesy of Maryland Department of Planning

The Maryland General Assembly reauthorized the Sustainable Communities Tax Credit Program, which funds historic renovation and helps bring economic development and revitalization to communities throughout the state. House Bill 510 extends the program for three years and adds a small business component.

Designed to encourage the redevelopment of historic buildings, the program, administered by the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT), has a 17-year history of creating jobs, boosting property values, encouraging reinvestment and transforming neglected neighborhoods into vibrant places.

"We hear every day about the millennial generation wanting to live in compact, walkable communities close to entertainment, restaurants and work," said Planning Secretary Richard E. Hall. "We get this kind of community by renovating and revitalizing neighborhoods within cities and towns. The Sustainable Communities Tax Credit is the workhorse for much of this redevelopment in Maryland."

The program is credited with rehabilitating about 4,400 historic buildings and creating some 25,000 jobs since 1996. The state's investment of about \$350 million has reached into all of Maryland's 23 counties and the city of Baltimore. The Abell Foundation has estimated that about 73 jobs are created for each \$1 million in tax credits and every dollar invested generates \$8.53 in economic activity. The greenest development is redevelopment, as re-investing in existing communities reduces sprawl and associated environmental impacts and reduces the need to build expensive new infrastructure outside town.

The 2015 program includes a new small commercial credit category that permits owners of small businesses to receive tax credits. The small commercial category encourages rehabilitation projects that can't compete for the larger, existing commercial credit. The small commercial projects may include new roofs, façade improvements, rehabilitation of apartments above businesses for rental income and more. Property owners must be located in designated Sustainable Communities.

To learn more about the Sustainable Communities Tax Credit Program, visit: [http://mht.maryland.gov/documents/PDF/TaxCredits\\_brochure2014.pdf](http://mht.maryland.gov/documents/PDF/TaxCredits_brochure2014.pdf).

## MARYLAND HOUSE & GARDEN PILGRIMAGE

The Prince George's County Historical Society would like to thank all of the home and site owners and volunteers for participating in the 2014 Maryland House & Garden Pilgrimage. Without all of your efforts we would not have been able to host the tour. Thank you!

## THE WAR OF 1812: HISTORY FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

**Custis Hall in Riverdale Presbyterian Church  
6513 Queens Chapel Rd, University Park  
Sunday, May 18 at 3:30 p.m.**

The University Park Historic Preservation Association typically sponsors evening events aimed at the over-20 crowd. In May, UPHPA changes gears while sticking to the core mission of keeping history alive. Join us on the Sunday following Mothers' Day for an afternoon event. And bring anyone under 20 you can find. Admission price is your smile.

"Let's Look Back" is an original puppet theatre presentation commemorating the War of 1812, specifically the writing of the Star-Spangled Banner and the Battle of Bladensburg. This 35-minute production by University Park's own Blue Sky Puppet Theatre is geared for all ages. The production features all of the wacky humor and creativity that the company is known for while slyly slipping in history and education ([www.blueskypuppets.com](http://www.blueskypuppets.com)).

Co-sponsored by Maryland Milestones. Write Chris at [urbanipm@gmail.com](mailto:urbanipm@gmail.com) for more information.

## NEW MEMBERS

The Society would like to welcome the following new members:

Victoria Bigelow  
Bremante Bryant  
Donald & Marian Creveling  
Carolyn Cuff  
Ruth Davis-Rogers  
Ralph Eshelman  
Otway Hill

Robert Krause  
Kevin Linskey  
Karen Monroe  
Susan Pedersen  
Leslie Rosenbaum  
Charles Shaughnessy  
Joan Walker

## GOODBYE AND HELLO

Andy Wallace has decided to resign after more than a dozen years on the Society Board. As with most of us on the Board, Andy has commitments with other organizations as well as having to care and maintain a historic home, so he will continue to be busy. Thank you for your service and best wishes!

As Andy leaves us, Ruth Davis-Rogers and George Denny, Jr., join us. Ruth has varied experience in areas such as preservation, architecture, zoning, grants, management, and event planning. George may be familiar to you as an author of several books including the Society's *Historic Prince George's County A Confluence of Cultures*, was the mayor of Brentwood, a teacher in the county, plus much more. Welcome Ruth and George!

## WHAT LIES BENEATH - THE HISTORY OF WATERFORD ESTATES



All that remains of the *Pleasant Prospect* plantation is an impressive Georgian-style plantation house just south of U.S. Route 50. However, in 2004, the decision to develop a housing subdivision provided local archaeologists and historians with a unique opportunity to explore the acreage of the *Sprigg's Request* tract - to learn about the construction there of the fine plantation house, *Pleasant Prospect*, at the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, and the development of the plantation around it. Archaeological excavations of *Sprigg's Request* yielded more than 15,000 artifacts, and the remains of more than 10 buildings were located. Along with the results of historical research, our talk today will take you on a tour as archaeologists and historians work together to bring the 18<sup>th</sup> century *Sprigg's Request* plantation, and the owners, the Richard Duckett family, back to life. We will explore how the success of *Sprigg's Request* laid the foundation for the 19<sup>th</sup> century *Pleasant Prospect* plantation. And lastly, artifacts from the excavations will be available for your examination.

Please join the City of Bowie Museums and the Society on May 19 at 7:30 PM at Belair Mansion as Dr. Paul Kreisa, Archaeologist for Stantec, discusses what happens when developers decide to build on sensitive land. The lecture is free and no reservations are needed.

**HELP WANTED:** Researchers with the Surratt House Museum continue to work on identifying members of the Confederate Secret Line that functioned throughout the war in Southern Maryland and the Northern Neck of Virginia. One of the elusive agents is believed to have originated in lower Prince George's County (near present-day Accokeek) or in nearby Charles County. If anyone has leads on *Charles Cawood*, please contact Laurie Verge at [laurie.verge@pgparks.com](mailto:laurie.verge@pgparks.com) or 301-868-1121. We are especially interested in finding his final resting place.

## CELEBRATING WITH PRIDE ON THE POTOMAC

The Potomac River Heritage Tourism Alliance is hosting a weekend of events to commemorate the bicentennial of the War of 1812. These events include Celebrating the Potomac at Piscataway Park on July 12 from 11 AM to 5 PM and a War of 1812 Encampment and Commemoration at Fort Washington Park on July 13 from 11 AM to 4 PM. A concert will also be held at Fort Washington Park on July 13 at 6 PM. Anchoring these events in Prince George's County will be a special visit to the Potomac River by the *Pride of Baltimore II* - a reproduction 1812-era topsail schooner privateer, the type of vessel that helped America win the War of 1812 and secure its freedom. Weekend activities include: *Pride of Baltimore II* deck tours, living history interpretation of the challenges faced by ordinary Marylanders during the War of 1812, food vendors featuring locally-sourced and sustainably-prepared menus, musical performances by Jennifer Cutting's OCEAN, 1812-themed kayak tours on the Potomac and the Oxon Hill Bicycle Club's Potomac Heritage On-Road Bicycling Route.

For more information contact the Accokeek Foundation at 301-283-2113 or visit their website at [www.accokeek.org](http://www.accokeek.org).

## NINTH ANNUAL JUNETEENTH SEMINAR - "FOOTPRINT AND ROOTS"

The Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. Prince George's County Maryland Chapter (AAHGS-PGCM), the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Suitland (Maryland), and the Prince George's County Historical Society will jointly sponsor the Ninth Annual Juneteenth Seminar, "Footprints and Roots," on Saturday, June 14, 2014, at the Nature Center at Watkins Regional Park, 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774, from 8:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.. The seminar will consist of a series of workshops for beginner to advanced family researchers. Vera Williams, the great great great granddaughter of Solomon Northrup (author of *Twelve Years A Slave*), will deliver the keynote address.

In addition, workshops on such topics as beginning genealogy, the Woodlawn cemetery in Washington, DC, the "Dover Eight" (a group of slaves, who escaped from Delaware on the Underground Railroad), access and research to the Afro-American Newspaper archives, and reconstructing families torn apart by slavery will be offered. There will be activities for children (ages 7-12), designed to introduce them to the world of genealogy and family history.

Juneteenth is celebrated in more than 200 cities in the United States to commemorate the final announcement in June, 1865, in Galveston, Texas, of the emancipation of enslaved persons. This event took place some two years after the original proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln on January 1, 1863. The newly freed men and women, who could not read or write, orally recorded the day as one of the tenths in June. From that day until this, there have been celebrations throughout the United States to mark the date. Juneteenth, as it came to be called, is recognized as an "official" holiday in 12 states and the District of Columbia.

In conjunction with this event, the Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation will hold a family fun day in the park from noon until five. Bring a picnic basket, blanket, and lawn chair and participate in an afternoon of live entertainment, with guest speakers, games, arts, and crafts. Ethnic and regional food will be available for purchase by a variety of vendors. There will also be information booths staffed by Prince George's County civic and community groups,

All the activities at both of these community events are **FREE** and open to the public.

For more information, call Carolyn Rowe, (301) 292-2751 or Jane Thomas, (301) 292-1207.

## PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY NATIONAL HISTORY DAY

Every year on one special Saturday, a bunch of school kids show their enthusiasm for history. This year several board members of the Prince George's County Historical Society served as both mentors and judges to the students taking part of this activity.

National History Day is a national program that starts with a competition at the local, county level for junior and senior high school students. Though the judging criteria are the same every year, the theme changes. This year's theme was "Right and Responsibilities in History." The Prince George's County National History Day was held at Henry A. Wise, Jr. High School on March 15. The Society joined with Maryland Milestones (formerly ATHA) to award prizes for a project or paper directly related to the history of Prince George's County.

The students who won our award created a diorama of the Ridgeley Rosenwald School on Central Avenue as it looked shortly after being built in 1927. Approximately 5,000 Rosenwald schools were built throughout the south with the mission of providing a high school education to the many African American children who had previously been denied that right. This exhibit was an accurate miniature of the building as it stands now, after being restored in 2011. This now historic museum consists of a building "of two large classrooms (each of which served at least three grades), a central passageway; and an entrance flanked by two cloakrooms." This project along with the other first and second place winners will compete in the Maryland History Day competition on May 3.

In prior years Society members have volunteered as judges and assisted students in doing research. Volunteering to work with children on their projects became an important mission for the Society, so we met with the county school system's National History Day staff to see if we could be of further service. There were, and always are, several trainings given by NHD staff on how to judge the projects, which fall under one of the following categories: website, performance, historical papers, documentary or exhibit.

As we continue connecting with the Prince George's County school system and providing support to the students, there will be many opportunities for our Society members to be energized and invigorated by interaction with these young people. And as for the students, maybe our fascination with history will be just the stimulus to get them excited about their own, their family's, their neighborhood's, their town's, and their county's history!

## BEAT THE HEAT WITH A SOUTHERN MINT JULEP

Courtesy of civilwarhome.com

The Mint Julep, a distinctive Southern drink, popular in the antebellum South right up through modern times, is a mixture of water, sugar, mint leaves and, above all, bourbon whiskey. While it can be purchased today in modern drinking establishments in the South, those served there bear little resemblance to those served in the home. The serving of this elixir to family and guests on a hot summer afternoon was, and is, accomplished with the greatest fanfare and flourish to show respect for those receiving it. It is as much of a ceremony as it is a drink.

The following is a copy of a 1937 letter from Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr. (killed on Okinawa June 18, 1945) to Maj. Gen. William D. Connor, Superintendent of West Point. Buckner, Jr. was the son of Civil War Gen Simon Bolivar Buckner of the Confederate army, who surrendered Fort Donelson to Gen. Grant, thus earning Grant the nickname of Unconditional Surrender Grant. This letter clearly indicates the high esteem in which Mint Juleps are held.

*Your letter requesting my formula for mixing mint juleps leaves me in the same position in which Captain Barber found himself when asked how he was able to carve the image of an elephant from a block of wood. He said it was a simple process consisting merely of whittling off the part that didn't look like an elephant.*

*The preparation of the quintessence of gentlemanly beverages can be described only in like terms. A mint julep is not a product of a formula. It is a ceremony and must be performed by a gentleman possessing a true sense of the artistic, a deep reverence for the ingredients and a proper appreciation of the occasion. It is a rite that must not be entrusted to a novice, a statistician nor a Yankee. It is a heritage of the Old South, an emblem of hospitality, and a vehicle in which noble minds can travel together upon the flower-strewn paths of a happy and congenial thought.*

*So far as the mere mechanics of the operation are concerned, the procedure, stripped of its ceremonial embellishments, can be described as follows:*

*Go to a spring where cool, crystal-clear water bubbles from under a bank of dew-washed ferns. In a consecrated vessel, dip up a little water at the source. Follow the stream thru its banks of green moss and wild flowers until it broadens and trickles thru beds of mint growing in aromatic profusion and waving softly in the summer breeze. Gather the sweetest and tenderest shoots and gently carry them home. Go to the sideboard and select a decanter of Kentucky Bourbon distilled by a master hand, mellowed with age, yet still vigorous and inspiring. An ancestral sugar bowl, a row of silver goblets, some spoons and some ice and you are ready to start.*

*Into a canvas bag pound twice as much ice as you think you will need. Make it fine as snow, keep it dry and do not allow it to degenerate into slush. Into each goblet, put a slightly heaping teaspoonful of sugar, barely cover this with spring water and slightly bruise one mint leaf into this, leaving the spoon in the goblet. Then pour elixir from the decanter until the goblets are about one-fourth full. Fill the goblets with snowy ice, sprinkling in a small amount of sugar as you fill.*

*Then comes the delicate and important operation of frosting. By proper manipulation of the spoon, the ingredients are circulated and blended until nature, wishing to take a further hand and add another of its beautiful phenomena, encrusts the whole in a glistening coat of white frost.*

*Thus harmoniously blended by the deft touches of a skilled hand, you have a beverage eminently appropriate for honorable men and beautiful women.*

*When all is ready, assemble your guests on the porch or in the garden where the aroma of the juleps will rise heavenward and make the birds sing. Propose a worthy toast, raise the goblets to your lips, bury your nose in the mint, inhale a deep breath of its fragrance and sip the nectar of the gods.*

Of interest: In 1863, Union forces arrested the Waring family of Prince George's County, Maryland, and took them to the Old Capitol Prison in Washington. The story told later by one of the Waring daughters is that the soldiers and the carriage holding the prisoners stopped at Surratt House en route so that the soldiers could be fed. Supposedly, mint juleps were brought out to refresh the captive Warings. Believe that if you wish...



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS - MAY & JUNE 2014

- May - June 2014** - the National Capital Radio and Television Museum will feature "vintage" broadcasts every Friday-Sunday at 2 PM; May is Detective/Law Enforcement month; check [www.ncrtv.org](http://www.ncrtv.org) or call 301-390-1020 for schedule; free, but donations welcome
- 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month** - Dinosaur Park has a program with paleontologists and volunteers to interpret fossil deposits; 12-4 PM, free
- May 4** - Bostwick Heritage Festival at Bostwick, 12-4 PM; family program experiencing American culture with food, demonstrations, games and the Piscataway Tribe; call 301-887-0777 or [info@marylandmilestones.org](mailto:info@marylandmilestones.org)
- May 8** - Historic Preservation Reception at Bostwick, 6 PM; free, see page 1 for details
- May 10** - Marlborough Day Festival Main Street in Upper Marlboro, 10 AM-5 PM; street festival and parade with 1812 programs and re-enactment of Dr. Beanes arrest; [info@marlboroughday.org](mailto:info@marlboroughday.org) or 301-952-9575
- May 10** - Contents Auction at Fairview, see page 1 for details
- May 11** - Mother's Day Tours at Riversdale House Museum, 12:15-3:15 PM; bring your mother, mother-in-law, grandmother or other special lady for one free guided tour with paid admission
- May 11** - Seasonal Selections at Riversdale House Museum, 12:15-3:15 PM; using produce from the garden and orchard, Guild members demonstrate foodways in the dependency kitchen. Selections are inspired by the seasonal cycles of a 19th century farm. Drop by and watch them cook.
- May 17** - "Let's Look Back" at Belair Mansion, 2 PM; Blue Sky Puppets explore the War of 1812, same program at Riversdale Presbyterian Church on May 18; free
- May 18** - Bowie Heritage Day at Belair Mansion, Belair Stable and Bowie Railroad Museum, 12-4 PM; tours, bluegrass music, pony rides, hands on activities for kids, NTrack Modellers and the Lego Lady; free
- May 18** - Seasonal Selections at Riversdale House Museum, 12:15-3:15 PM; see May 11 entry for description
- May 18** - A New Look at the MdHS Quilt Collection and Afternoon Tea at Maryland Historical Society, 1 PM; lecture by Chief Curator Alexandra Deutsch, view special quilts and enjoy tea and refreshments; \$45/members, \$55/non-members, call 410-685-3750 x377 or email [events@mdhs.org](mailto:events@mdhs.org) for reservations
- May 18** - "Let's Look Back" at Riverdale Presbyterian Church, 3:30 PM; see page 4 for details; free
- May 19** - "What Lies Beneath: A Look at the Archaeology of Waterford Estates" at Belair Mansion, 7:30 PM; see page 5 for details
- May 20** - Kids Kaboose at Bowie Railroad Museum, 10:30 AM; railroad fun and trainspotting for ages 1-10; free
- May 21** - History Through a Drinking Vessel spring lecture at Montpelier Mansion, 7:30 PM; Maureen O'Prey will speak on the history of beer in the U.S.; light refreshments; free
- May 22** - Special Curator's Tour: Gossipmongers Set Atwitter: Elizabeth Patterson Bonaparte at Maryland Historical Society, 6 PM; Chief Curator Alexandra Deutsch guides visitors through the exhibition "Woman of Two Worlds Elizabeth Patterson Bonaparte and Her Quest for an Imperial Legacy"; free/members, \$20/non-members, call 410-685-3750 x377 or email [events@mdhs.org](mailto:events@mdhs.org) for reservations
- May 22** - The Slave War of 1823 in the Chesapeake at Maryland Historical Society, 6 PM; lecture by Alan Taylor; \$10, call 410-685-3750 x377 or email [events@mdhs.org](mailto:events@mdhs.org) for reservations
- May 31** - Find Your 1812 Ancestors...and Meet Rosalie Calvert at Belair Mansion; 10:30 AM-3 PM; genealogist Rebecca Koford will offer tips to find your 1812 ancestors; bring brown bag lunch, drinks/desserts provided; tour the genealogy library; Mary Ann Jung will speak as Riversdale's Rosalie Calvert about the War of 1812; free but reservations required by calling 301-809-3089 or [museums@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museums@cityofbowie.org)
- June 1-29** - Death Comes a Knocking: Mourning Rituals of the Civil War at Surratt House Museum, during regular tour hours; Our 19th-century ancestors made a fine art of dying and remembering their dead. Relive their customs and sentiments as you tour this Civil War home; fee. Weekend of June 7-8 only, free admission for tours and special presentations; 301-868-1121
- June 1** - 2nd Annual Roosevelt Ride at Greenbelt Community Center, 11 AM; take a leisurely ride and return to eat and socialize, or just join for the picnicking, bring your own or grab something from the Greenbelt Farmer's Market; Greenbelt Museum open for tours at 1 PM; free
- June 1** - Seasonal Selections at Riversdale House Museum, 12:15-3:15 PM; see May 11 entry for description
- June 7** - 1812: Tide of War at Patuxent Riverkeeper Center in Upper Marlboro, 3 PM; original musical presentation describes Maryland's role in the events of the War of 1812 with music and lyrics from Donald Shomette and Gary Rue; lawn seating, fee/donation; 301-579-2073
- June 11** - Father's Day Tours at Riversdale House Museum, 12:15-3:15 PM; bring your father, father-in-law, grandfather or other special gentleman for one free guided tour with paid admission
- June 14** - "Anthem" - A Salute to the Star Spangled Banner at Belair Mansion, 6:30 PM; directed and produced by Mark Hildebrand, the film explores the story of our National Anthem and the music that surrounds; refreshments and Mr. Hildebrand will be there for the showing with comments/questions afterward; free but reservations required by [museums@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museums@cityofbowie.org) or 301-809-3089
- June 15** - Seasonal Selections at Riversdale House Museum, 12:15-3:15 PM; see May 11 entry for description
- June 15** - Meet Caroline Abbott! at Riversdale House Museum, 1:30 PM; bring your doll to meet Kathleen Ernst, author of American Girl's *Caroline* series, enjoy a program, have refreshments and introduce your dolls to new friends; period attire encouraged; ages 6 & up; registration required, call 301-864-0420
- June 17** - Friends of Belair Estate bus trip from Belair Mansion, 7 AM to 6:30/7 PM; visit James Madison's Montpelier and Chat-ham Manor, lunch on your own at Silk Mill Grille; \$85/person, \$75/FOBE members, reservations required, call 301-809-3089
- June 17** - Kids Kaboose at Bowie Railroad Museum, 10:30 AM; railroad fun and trainspotting for ages 1-10; free
- June 18** - Jazz on the Lawn at Riversdale House Museum, 7 PM; bring a blanket or lawn chair for a performance featuring some of the area's top jazz musicians; free; moves indoors if it rains
- June 23** - Mrs. Rumney's Housewifery School at Belair Mansion, 9:30 AM-3:30 PM; young ladies and gentlemen between ages of 7 and 12 are invited to spend the day learning how to run an 18th century household; laundry, food preparation, dancing, deportment, sewing and other essential skills; \$20/child (includes lunch and snacks), reservations required, call 301-809-3089 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org)
- June 28** - Research Café: African-American Genealogy at Montpelier Mansion, 11 AM-1 PM; bring your laptop and discover your family's history. Nathania Branch Miles, noted author, family research expert, and speaker with the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, will lead this informative hands-on research session. She'll also help you overcome roadblocks in your ongoing research; \$3/resident, \$5/non-resident, space is limited, reservations required by calling 301-377-7817
- July 12-13** - Celebrating with Pride on the Potomac; see page 5 for details
- National Colonial Farm** has classes and workshops; visit [www.accokeek.org](http://www.accokeek.org) for more details.
- Patuxent Research Refuge** has many free public programs; visit <http://patuxent.fws.gov> or call 301-497-5887
- For details and additional events, visit:** [history.pgpcarks.com](http://history.pgpcarks.com), [www.marylandmilestones.org/events](http://www.marylandmilestones.org/events), [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org), [www.greenbeltmuseum.org](http://www.greenbeltmuseum.org), [www.laurelhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.laurelhistoricalsociety.org), [www.mdhs.org](http://www.mdhs.org), <http://pgcm.aahgs.org>, [www.fws.gov/northeast/patuxent/ntedu.html](http://www.fws.gov/northeast/patuxent/ntedu.html), [www.surrattmuseum.org](http://www.surrattmuseum.org), [www.marylandarcheology.org](http://www.marylandarcheology.org), [www.ncrtv.org](http://www.ncrtv.org), [www.battleofbladensburg1812.com](http://www.battleofbladensburg1812.com), and, [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mdpgcgs/index.htm](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mdpgcgs/index.htm)

## PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

- 1. Landmarks of Prince George's County\*** – 125 black and white photographs of the rich architectural legacy of Prince George's County by Jack E. Boucher, 1993. Arranged chronologically, the photos and captions offer a panoramic overview of the county's architectural and historical development. Indexed. Hard-cover, 144 pages. Price: \$18.00.
- 2. Prince George's County: A Pictorial History\*** – The history and essence of Prince George's County come alive in words and pictures in this beautiful collector's edition, with more than 350 photographs, maps, and illustrations. Author: Alan Virta. 1998 - Revised and updated edition. Hardcover, 308 pages. Price: \$42.95.
- 3. Historic Prince George's County: A Confluence of Cultures\*** – A cultural history of Prince George's County, with many photographs from private collections. Authors George D. Denny, Jr., Nathania A. Branch Miles, Donna L. Schneider. Printed 2011. Hardcover, 192 pages. Price: \$39.95
- 4. Calvert of Maryland** – This fact-based novel shows the home life of the colonists from a child's viewpoint. This story is told in the first person by young George Calvert, godson of the first Lord Baltimore, George Calvert. Reprint of James Otis Kaler's 1910 publication. Hardcover, 166 pages. Pen and ink illustrations. **Price: \$5.00 - new lower price.**
- 5. Atlas of Fifteen Miles around Washington including the County of Prince George Maryland** – Compiled, drawn and published from actual surveys by G. M. Hopkins 1878 including "historical" sketches. Indexed. Reprint 1979. Soft cover, 32 pages. Price: \$10.00.
- 6. Atlas of Prince George's County, Maryland 1861** – Atlas was adapted from Martenet's Map of Prince George's County, Maryland, with information from 1860 federal census for each election district. Indexed. Reprint 1996. Soft cover, 32 pages. Price: \$10.00.
- 7. Prince George's County, Maryland, Indexes of Church Registers 1686-1885** – Volume I - Protestant Episcopal Church, King George's Parish, and Queen Anne's Parish. Author: Helen W. Brown. Reprint 2000. Soft cover, 200 pages. Price: \$20.00.
- 8. Prince George's County, Maryland, Indexes of Church Registers 1686-1885** – Volume 2 - Protestant Episcopal Church, St. Paul's Parish, and Prince George's Parish. Author: Helen W. Brown. Reprint 2000. Soft cover, 196 pages. Price: \$20.00.
- 9. Out of the Past – Prince Georgians and Their Land** – Chronicle of everyday life in Prince George's County, Maryland, from the time of its founding in 1696 until the beginning of the Civil War. (Information for this book was gleaned from public records, newspapers, and private papers.) Author: R. Lee Van Horn. Reprint 1996. Hardcover, 422 pages. Price: \$15.00
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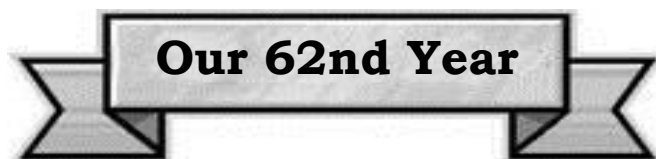
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## UNDAUNTED WEEKEND - AUGUST 19-24

The 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the March Across Prince George's County and the Battle of Bladensburg will arrive with a variety of events and programs for the historian and non-historian alike. Starting on August 19 with a lecture at 6pm at Riversdale, the events move in to high gear on August 21 with the War of 1812 Night at the Bowie Baysox with fun activities, the "Bladensburg Races," trivia, and more! On August 22, a special "John Bull Roast" will be hosted at Riversdale House Museum – check the website for more details as they develop.



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Then on August 23 and 24<sup>th</sup>, commemorate the Battle of Bladensburg. The local Task Force invites you for a day of honor, fun, and looking forward! In the morning, the new Undaunted Monument will be formally dedicated. At noon, the festival opens with buses running from Landover Metro Station and the University of Maryland. No parking will be permitted inside Bladensburg Waterfront Park. A food truck rally, children's games and activities, boat tours, and a range of information tents will be on hand. Artists and historic trades demonstrations will be occurring all day. Come meet President and Dolly Madison, Francis Scott Key, or Commodore Joshua Barney! Learn to dance the 1814 way. See an 1814 surgeon at work. Meet the Fort McHenry Guard. And, of course, don't miss the giant re-enactment program with cannons, horses, and lots of action! That evening, starting around 5pm, the Stacy Brooks Band jams some deep blues, followed by another local music act, and then the U.S. Navy Commodores before we top everything off with a giant fireworks program! On Sunday, the official 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, go Beyond the Battle with historic building open houses, an archaeological dig, the 1814 surgeon, and free boat rides all day! Other activities will be happening in DC, so you can trace the action to great places like Dumbarton House and the White House Historical Association.

Find out everything at [www.princegeorges1812.org](http://www.princegeorges1812.org)

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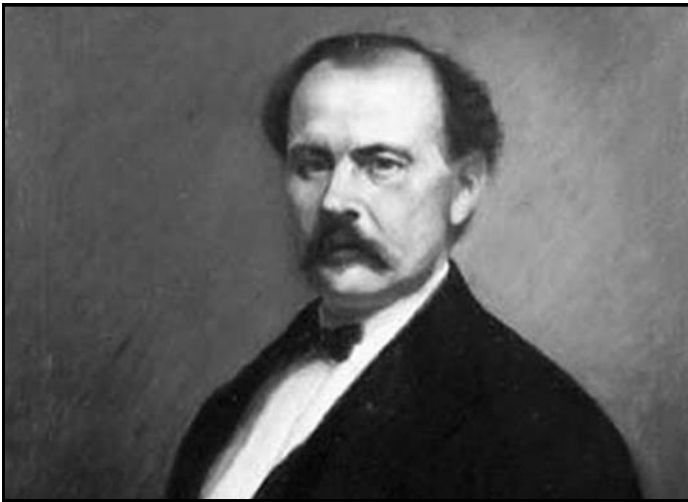
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Gail Cameron



## 120 YEARS AFTER DEATH OF ODEN BOWIE, HIS IMPACT STILL LINGERS

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A former Maryland governor, Oden Bowie had a profound impact on local politics and transportation.

Former Maryland Governor Oden Bowie was a father to many people and things – from his seven children to the Baltimore Potomac Railroad, and the cities of Bowie and Odenton. A Democrat, he left his mark on politics and the sport of thoroughbred racing, but most importantly, he paved the way for civilian life in Odenton.

While the former governor never lived in the Odenton area, he was vital to its establishment. Along with his father, William Bowie, he orchestrated the construction of the Baltimore Potomac Railroad. The train line connected Baltimore and Washington, D.C., and turned Odenton into an inhabitable location. William Bowie obtained a charter from the Maryland legislature in 1853, so he could construct a line from Baltimore to Southern Maryland, with a secondary track to Washington. The development was completed in 1873, and Odenton and Bowie were the first two telegraph stations on the line when it opened.

“Oden Bowie built a railroad to provide an all-weather route to Charles County for the farming down there,” remarked Roger White, president of Odenton Heritage Society. “The general assembly had granted a monopoly to the Baltimore Ohio Railroad for the Baltimore Washington [area]. But other railroads could build a branch line up to 20 miles long, so that’s how he found a loophole.”

While Bowie’s impact on Odenton is mostly related to the railroad, he had a major influence on his home state as a governor. But before that, he was a homeschooled youth who grew up on his family’s plantation, Fairview, which sat on about 1,000 acres in Prince George’s County.

Born November 10, 1826 to William and Mary Eliza Oden, Oden Bowie grew up as the oldest of five children in an environment that demanded hard work. He aided his father on the farm and studied with a private tutor until his mom’s death in 1849. William Bowie - who served in the House of Delegates for two terms in the 1840s - remarried Mary’s half-sister, Mary Black West, while Oden attended St. John’s College in Annapolis and St. Mary’s College in Baltimore.

After taking his vows, William left Fairview to his eldest son and moved to his other plantation in Croom. While he became adept at farming, Oden had bigger goals. He enlisted as a private during 1846, near the beginning of the Mexican-American War, and eventually became captain of the Votigeur Regiment in the U.S. Army. Before the war’s end, he departed because of sickness. He wed Alice Carter in 1851, and forayed into politics.

The former Army captain served as a delegate to the 1864 Democratic National Convention, was chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee from 1861-1865, and was a member of the Maryland State Senate from 1867-1869. Bowie secured the Maryland governorship in November 1867 but because of constitutional law, he was prohibited from taking office until January 1869. During his term, Bowie oversaw the implementation of a free railroad law, sanctioning of road improvements and reimbursement by the federal government for money loaned during the Civil War, and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad repaid funds it owed the state.

Bowie was an effective leader. He was well-received by his constituents, too. “At the time Harry Hughes was elected governor [in 1978], he won by a great landslide,” said Susan Pearl, a historian with Prince George’s County Historical Society. “And there was an article in the paper noting that he had around a 42 percent margin over his competitor, and the question arose – was this the largest landslide in Maryland history? And it was not, because when Oden Bowie was elected, he had a 48 percent margin over the nearest competitor.”

The former governor kept busy in his post-political life. He was elected president of the Baltimore City Passenger Railway Company in 1873, and held the same role with the Maryland Jockey Club, starting in 1870. He also maintained his role as president of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company from 1860-1894.

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## THE RAID ON BELTSVILLE JULY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 1864

150 summers ago in Prince George's County, on July 12th, 1864, Confederate soldiers rode into Beltsville, Maryland, tore up the rail-line and burned railcars of the B&O railroad before returning to Virginia. Commanded by Maryland-born Brigadier-General Bradley Johnson, the rebel cavalry was operating on the left of Jubal Early's invading Confederate Second Corps' attack on Washington, D. C.

The raid and resultant skirmishes between Federal and Confederate cavalry units took place between today's Beltsville and College Park. The military actions moved on a north-south axis west of the CSX railroad line, then operated by the B&O, and were centered along US Route 1 formerly called the Baltimore-Washington Pike. To the west of the turnpike was the Paint branch, a stream that head south east through Maryland on its way to join the eastern branch of the Potomac river, the Anacostia. To the west of the pike, along the Paint branch, named for the red and blue clay that lines its course, big trees grew close together on the bank; low woodland stretched far back from the stream presenting a scenic wild aspect to the landscape (*The Rambler*. Sunday Star. November 1916).

Most of the buildings mentioned in reports of the day are long gone including the home of Major. Geo. M. Emack, CSA (now a shopping center across US 1 from St. John's Church), Brown's White House Tavern (now a shopping center immediately south of USDA BARC), the rail depot or station in Beltsville; Dr. Montgomery Johns' house on Knox Ave. in College Park; and Mrs. McDaniel's house which served as a headquarters for federal operations in front of Fort Lincoln in Bladensburg, Maryland.

The Official Record of the Civil War, Series I, Vol. XXXVII, provides a running account of the day's events which reflects the confusion of the moment that translates into uncertainty of describing exactly what happened when and where to readers today. At 7:50 a.m., Major-General Gillmore, USA, set up his "command near the old Bladensburg road" to coordinate Union defense from Fort Lincoln to Fort Bunker Hill. Two hours later, Major Fry, the provost-general, sent word that "the enemy's cavalry is trying to turn our right."

*The Daily Constitutional Union*, (2nd Edition July 12, 1864), reported that "enemy appears to have reached the line of the Washington branch railroad between 12 and 1 o'clock, today, shortly after the last train from Baltimore had passed to the city. The train which left Baltimore at 10 a.m., came through to within about 1 mile of Beltsville, when a number of men at work on the second track of the road came running towards it, giving the alarm that rebel cavalry, in some force had just been approaching towards Beltsville. After delay a 15 minutes, however, by sending ahead, information was received that it was our own cavalry else that had been seen, and the train again came on, and arrived here quarter of an hour behind time. By 1 o'clock, it was found that the telegraph wires were down between this city and Baltimore, which would seem to confirm the idea that the alarm at Beltsville was not entirely groundless."

By 1:30 p.m., Capt. Paddock, Post Commander Battery Jameson, Fort Lincoln, was informing Secretary of War Stanton that "a farmer just arrived bringing intelligence from the commanding officer of the outside pickets that the enemy was [sic] approaching in force in this direction. They are now about two miles this side of Beltsville, which is five miles northeast of here." At 2:00 p.p., from Mrs. McDaniel's house, Major Barney, [USA], "of Washington City, just from the front", [brought] a report from the officer commanding the cavalry [5th Michigan Cavalry] on the Baltimore pike that he had been driven in, and that the enemy are in force two miles this side of Beltsville making for railroad."<sup>1</sup>

A newspaper account 52 years later described the coming of the Union forces to the Brown farm to water and feed their horse. As the Federal soldiers commandeered supplies, the widowed Mrs. Brown saw a dust cloud and a large number of horsemen approaching, and called for the Union commander to come upstairs and see for himself. He rounded up his troops and shot his way across the Paint branch to safety before the Confederate forces could surround him. One Union cavalryman was wounded when Major Emack's 1st Maryland, CSA, cavalry company charged the hurriedly regrouping Federal cavalry. The wounded soldier was sent to Major Emack's home across from the Episcopal Church, St. John's, less than two mile up the road. (*The Rambler*. Sunday Star, November 1916).<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Newspapers report that the Confederate forces, probably the 1st Maryland, engaged Major Belmont in command of a detachment of the 5th Michigan Cavalry. The Official Record includes mentions and reports of Major Darling and the 7th Michigan with no mention of his being driven back.

<sup>2</sup>The topography of the land along US Route 1 is such that the Emack House, Locust Grove would have been visible from the White House Tavern grounds. The land steps down towards the Paint branch in a series of gentle slopes. From the White House Tavern an observer would have easily seen the stream valley and the hills of Bladensburg beyond the College of Agriculture (University of Maryland, College Park). An informative view of the lay of the land is found from the observation deck of the 14th floor of the National Agricultural Library which sits on the ground where the Union cavalry was feeding and watering its horses when surprised by Emack's Company B.

Locust Grove  
Home of 'Trueman Belt



front view



rear view

In a telegraphed message to General Grant from Under Secretary of War, Charles A. Dana, the defense of Washington was described as consisting of many generals none of whom were in command. In this vein of multiple commanders, at 2:15, General Meigs was reporting from Fort Slocum that "500 cavalry, under Major Fry, was attacked four miles beyond Bladensburg, toward Baltimore, by the enemy in force, with artillery. He [Major Fry] is falling back toward Bladensburg, at which place ... he will need rations and forage, and also carbine and pistol ammunition, for 100 men who reported to him last evening unsupplied." The 17th Pennsylvania Cavalry, USA, sent word to Captain Paddock at Fort Lincoln that "a scouting party just returned report[ing] that they met a force of the enemy's cavalry with artillery about three miles above this place toward Beltsville."

By 3:00 p.m., Secretary Stanton was receiving information from the peripatetic B&O ticket agent, G. S. Koonz, who explained how the railroad company's "ballast engine has just come in from Beltsville. Trainmen report that rebels in force were in sight when they left. Our forces ready to receive them. Rebels fired at engine, but it was out of range. Beltsville is twelve miles distant from Washington and is a station on our road." Twenty minutes later, the Secretary of War was updated by Major Fry of the situation at Fort Lincoln and points north:

"A force of rebel cavalry has within the last few hours been engaged with about 300 of our cavalry, at the Baltimore pike where it crosses Paint Creek, about three miles beyond Bladensburg. The rebel force was accompanied by light artillery, which up to the time my informant left had fired about fifteen shots. My informant is one of our cavalry, just in, who was wounded in the skirmish. Our 300 cavalry were yielding their ground slowly. I should say it was an attempt to interrupt the railroad by a cavalry force. The skirmish is about two miles west of railroad. The line of rifle-pits from this fort westward is entirely unmanned. There is not a soldier on the line as far as I can see it, and but two companies of 100-days' men and a few convalescents in this fort. The pike is really open to a cavalry dash. I think troops should come to this part of the line is now seriously threatened. I have not seen General Gillmore. Perhaps he has made disposition. The line now is certainly weak in the extreme. I will go from here to Fort Saratoga, and try to see General Gillmore; but I suggest action from headquarters to strengthen this line at once. The convalescents here are not armed. Muskets and Ammunition should be sent at once."

At 4:05 p.m., General Gillmore wrote:

"The enemy are [sic] just beyond Bladensburg. Fugitive citizens are coming in. I have carefully examined the line of works from Fort Bunker hill to Fort Lincoln. More troops should be on this part of the line. I saw eight brass field pieces in Fort Lincoln not in use. They ought to be put in position, I think, with men to man them. I am not in command of the line in my front by any orders from you or any one else." During the afternoon of the 12th, US Navy Admiral Goldsborough had been order to gather up office works and man the defensive works of Fort Lincoln in response to the perceived threat from Johnson's cavalry now apparently moving towards Bladensburg."

At some point in the afternoon, Dr. Montgomery Johns recounted the passing of the rebel units through what is now the University of Maryland campus. Johns, a Professor at the Agricultural College, later explained, in defense of his actions that day, that "the rebel stopped on the Turnpike in front of Rossburg (presently called the Rossborough Inn) 10 minutes, then proceeding toward Bladensburg, where met by (Union) skirmishers at 'Kenedy's Hill' and turned westward through the campus. Some of the Confederates

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## FREDERICK DEMARR LIBRARY CLOSED AUGUST 23, 2014

The DeMarr library staff will be volunteering for Battle of Bladensburg festivities the weekend of August 23 and 24. Even though we wish we could be at two places at once, we haven't mastered the art of cloning ourselves. As a result, the library will be closed on Saturday, August 23. Staff may be available to open the library for times other than our regular Saturday hours of 12 to 4 PM. Please call 301-220-0330 for an appointment.

### SAVE THE DATE

Prince of a County

Sunday, September, 21, 2014, from 2 to 5 PM

Kingston, the home of Patrick and Nancy Clagett in Upper Marlboro

Look for your invitation next month!

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stopped at the Johns' home and demanded food. Johns was taken to see the leader, Gen. Johnson, 'a distant Kinsman'. Altogether the troops, stated to 500 in number, were on the campus "about 45 minutes" (*News & Notes*, April 1974). During the foray, the Confederates burned the bridge over the Paint branch just north of the present entrance to the University of Maryland.

By 8:45 p.m., Mr. Koonz was again relaying information to Stanton. His account this time noted that he had been "as far as Bladensburg. Enemy has not shown himself between Washington and that point. At Bladensburg I was met by a Mr. Bowie, who seems to be acting as an aide. He advised me to proceed no farther, as enemy was [sic] about one mile and a half above. He estimates their force at about 1,500 cavalry and one battery of artillery. Our bridges across Paint Branch, two miles above Bladensburg, have been destroyed."

The last of the rebel cavalry left the area mid morning on July 13th. The next day the President of the B&O railroad sent a message to Stanton noting that a "hand-car with some of our men, and an engine and car in charge of our agent at Washington, Mr. Koontz, have arrived in Baltimore within the last hour, communicating the information that the road is now clear of the enemy, and that the burning has been confined to twelve camp and other cars of the company, and the partial destruction of the cross-ties of one bridge." On July 14th that the damage done to the rail road in Beltsville did not amount to more than three cross-ties burned and some lumber placed across the tracks.

The Johnson-Gilmore raid ended in Beltsville. Some after-action reports indicate that some of the Confederate force had begun to head towards Upper Marlboro as part of the larger plan to free Confederate prisoners in St. Mary's County. The skirmish at Beltsville ended a rebel swing through Maryland that had taken Johnson's command from Frederick east to Baltimore. Led by the 1st Maryland Cavalry, CSA, they had burned bridges and obstructed rail-lines north of Baltimore, and had found time to burn the home of Maryland's Governor, Augustus Bradford. As they continued through central Maryland, the government of Maryland and the US military played a telegraphed guessing game as to the intent and goal of the fast-moving southern cavalry. The raid through Maryland was a part of a larger Confederate operation that planned to attack the Capital of the United States, Washington, D.C. The resulting battle fought along the Monocacy river slowed the invading army down long enough for the US Army to execute a defense of the city. The delayed assault of Early's Army on Fort Stephens (in Silver Spring near Georgia Avenue) failed on July 12th, and Early order Johnson's command to rejoin the 2nd Corps as it began its retreat to Virginia and the end of the rebellion 10 months later. Although we have let the buildings decay and disappear, the people and their fight continue to shape our landscapes today.

-John Peter Thompson

## FROM THE LIBRARY

The Frederick S. DeMarr Library of County History has been very busy in recent months. We have received donations of several important new collections, and are busy organizing them and working to make them accessible to researchers. In the last several months, we have received donations of papers and photos from the family of Oden Bowie, for which we are very grateful. Julie Cowdery has organized and presented to us several boxes of papers from the collection of our former president Jane Eagen Dodd. Another recent donation provided us with more articles and photographs by James Wilfong, and library volunteer Tom Simon has been steadily working on getting the collection organized and accessible. Mike Dwyer, whose 1970s photographs of Prince George's County historic sites were exhibited in the lobby of the Federal Court building in Greenbelt last year, has generously donated a variety of research materials that he has collected over the years. We are happy to have received a large number of more recent photos of our County's historic properties from the files of the Historic Preservation office of M-NCPPC. And we have received a large number of books related to Maryland history from Louise Tatspaugh, Fred DeMarr's sister, the "angel" of our library.

We continue to receive donations of yearbooks from the various high schools of Prince George's County, and we encourage spreading the word about this growing collection. We are now pursuing grants that will accomplish the conversion of some of our newspaper collections into digital form, thus providing easier and wider access.

Another of our faithful library, volunteers, Dusty Rhoads, has been devoting his time to organizing the Society files – the minutes of all of the Board meetings, files on events like St. George's Day and Prince of a County – putting in order the masses of materials over the more than 60 years of the Society's history. And work continues on scanning articles from past *News and Notes* for posting on our website. So far all issues from 1973 through 1991, and 2010 and 2011 are accessible by going to "Library and Archives" and clicking on "For past issues of News and Notes."

A *Greenbelt News-Review* reporter spent some time in our library one Saturday in March, and her article appeared on the front page of the 17 April 2014 *Greenbelt News Review*. You can read it by going to the News Review website - <http://greenbeltnewsreview.com/issues/GNR20140417.pdf>. This article has brought into our library quite a few Greenbelters who, until they saw the article, had not known about our library.

We continue to have visits from individuals working on very interesting research projects. One recent visitor was a professor doing an in-depth study of immigration into Prince George's County during the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. We also have been assisting a hardworking researcher who has been able to connect one of her ancestors with the labor force of one of the County's antebellum plantations. We've responded to a written request and found a great deal of information about a little known but important architect who settled in Prince George's County after the Civil War. Other subjects such as the development of plantation acreage into residential subdivision, and some mysteries about the Planters' Banner have brought curious and industrious researchers to us. A subject of considerable recent interest has been the Peace Cross in Bladensburg, and our very full files of information on that monument over its 90-year history have seen much use and study. Many visitors come from considerable distances for help in searching archival records for genealogical information, and we are pleased that we are still maintaining our reputation of sending our visitors away very surprised and happy with the amount of information that they have found.

-Susan G. Pearl, Library Committee

## ON THE CHOPPING BLOCK NOW

Courtesy of Preservation Maryland

Preservation Maryland collates a list annually of endangered properties throughout the State of Maryland. Unfortunately Prince George's County made it on the list twice for the Hyattsville Library, which is slated for demolition, and the Glenn Dale Tuberculosis Hospital, which has been cited for demolition by neglect. The rest of the endangered sites include:

Morris A. Mechanic Theater, Baltimore City  
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500 Block of Race Street in Cambridge, Dorchester County  
Valve House in Clifton Park, Baltimore City

Birely Tannery, Frederick County  
Ceres Bethel AME Church, Frederick County  
Mt. Pleasant, Washington County  
Maryland Historic National Road, multiple Counties

For more information about these properties that are of imminent risk of being lost, please visit [www.endangeredmaryland.org](http://www.endangeredmaryland.org).

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Not much is known about Oden Bowie's personality, but some interesting tidbits were included in "Across the Years in Prince George's County" by Effie Gwynn Bowie, part of which came from Walter Worthington Bowie's book, "The Bowies and Their Kindred." It was noted that Oden Bowie had a near photographic memory. It was also said that he was one of the few exceptions to the rule that a person applying themselves to various occupations can be master of none.

Bowie also had a partiality for the third from the last seat on the left hand side of the rear coach of the train. The Prince George's County resident favored the spot so much that things did not seem to go right for him if he occupied any other part of the train, which he usually traveled twice daily. He even sent his office boy to the depot ahead of time with orders to pick up his coveted seat, and hold it until Bowie relieved him.

An owner of several thoroughbred horses, Bowie was also the founder of the Preakness Stakes and Pimlico Race Track. In 1968, the then senator agreed to race horses two years in advance, to celebrate a dinner party he attended with friends in New York. The winner would host the losers for dinner, and Bowie proclaimed he would construct a model racetrack in Maryland if the race was run in Baltimore.

Dubbed the Dinner Party Stakes, the race was a hit and the name was eventually changed. Now titled the Preakness Stakes, the contest has transformed into a major sporting event as the second leg of the Triple Crown.

Oden Bowie's love of horses and people continued up until his death in 1894. He was buried at Fairview.

This summer, the Bowie family will place the now 10-acre estate on the market. Bowie's legacy will live on through his family, and the impact he made as governor and as the man who initiated Odenton's existence as a community.



## BURSTING IN AIR PUBLIC ART HAPPENING

Saturday, July 26th, 2014, 3-8 PM

Downtown Hyattsville/Franklin's Lot, 5123 Baltimore Avenue, Hyattsville, MD 20781

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Join us for live music and performances, live public art on the bridge itself, food, drinks, kids activities, and two artist-instructed Citizen-Paint-Project murals. **Free and open to all ages, festivities will begin at 3pm with performances starting at 5pm, running until "the twilight's last gleaming" at 8pm.** A list of vendors, performers, and downtown shops will be announced this July - "Ready the cannons!" Visit <http://hycdc.org/bursting> for more information.



## CELEBRATING WITH PRIDE ON THE POTOMAC

The Potomac River Heritage Tourism Alliance is hosting a weekend of events to commemorate the bicentennial of the War of 1812. These events include Celebrating the Potomac at Piscataway Park on July 12 from 11 AM to 5 PM and a War of 1812 Encampment and Commemoration at Fort Washington Park on July 13 from 11 AM to 4 PM. A concert will be held at Fort Washington Park on July 13 at 6 PM. Anchoring these events will be a special visit to the Potomac River by the *Pride of Baltimore II* - a reproduction 1812-era topsail schooner privateer, the type of vessel that helped America win the War of 1812 and secure its freedom. Weekend activities include: *Pride of Baltimore II* deck tours, living history interpretation of the challenges faced by ordinary Marylanders during the War of 1812, food vendors featuring locally-sourced and sustainably-prepared menus, musical performances by Jennifer Cutting's OCEAN, 1812-themed kayak tours on the Potomac, and the Oxon Hill Bicycle Club's Potomac Heritage On-Road Bicycling Route.



*Pride II*  
photo by Bill McAllen

For more information contact the Accokeek Foundation at 301-283-2113 or visit their website at [www.accokeek.org](http://www.accokeek.org).

## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED FOR UNDAUNTED WEEKEND

There are a hundred different ways to get involved in the Undaunted Weekend. Can you lend a hand on August 23 or 24 at Bladensburg? Volunteer opportunities will be at the Waterfront Park on Route 450 and US Alternate Route 1. Opportunities include hosting guest services, logistics, safety, education, and music. Volunteer groups are welcome. There is truly something for everyone!

The event is in need of 100-150 volunteers on three shifts. Volunteers will have parking provided and will receive an event t-shirt. Registration for volunteers can be found at [www.princegeorges1812.org](http://www.princegeorges1812.org)

## WASHINGTON, DC REGION WAR OF 1812 COMMEMORATION

Prince George's County isn't the only place where you can participate in War of 1812 activities. For events in Washington, DC, Virginia, and West Virginia visit [dcwarof1812.org](http://dcwarof1812.org) and for Maryland events visit [StarSpangled200.com](http://StarSpangled200.com).

## STAR-SPANGLED BANNER NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL



Gov. Martin O'Malley along with County Executive Rushern Baker, Congresswoman Donna Edwards and other dignitaries were at the Bladensburg Waterfront Park on June 5, 2014, to cut the ribbon on the Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail. Visit [www.starspangledtrail.net](http://www.starspangledtrail.net) and plan your bicentennial adventure.

*Bladensburg Waterfront Park*  
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS - JULY & AUGUST 2014

- July - August 2014** - the National Capital Radio and Television Museum will feature "vintage" broadcasts every Friday-Sunday at 2 PM; check [www.ncrtv.org](http://www.ncrtv.org) or call 301-390-1020 for schedule; free, but donations welcome
- 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month** - Dinosaur Park has a program with paleontologists and volunteers to interpret fossil deposits; 12-4 PM, free
- Sundays in July and August** - Summer Concert Series at Historic London Town and Gardens, 5-7 PM, rain or shine; bring blankets, lawn chairs and a picnic, drinks and snacks available for purchase; free, but donations are appreciated; for performers visit [www.historiclondontown.org](http://www.historiclondontown.org)
- July 2** - Jazz on the Lawn at Riversdale House Museum, 7 PM; bring a blanket or lawn chair for a performance by the Bay Jazz Project; free, moves indoors if it rains
- July 11** - Kite Workshop at College Park Aviation Museum, 2 PM; \$8/person, registration required by calling 301-864-6029
- July 12-13** - Celebrating with Pride on the Potomac; see page 9 for details
- July 12-13** - Salute to the Military Open House at Surratt House Museum, 12-4 PM; a salute to active and retired military men and women; bring current military ID for free tour and gift
- July 13** - Seasonal Selections: Ice Cream, Ice Cream, We All Scream for Ice Cream at Riversdale House Museum, 12-3:30 PM; President Thomas Jefferson loved ice cream; stop by to watch the Kitchen Guild demonstrate how ice cream was made in the early 19th century; free
- July 15** - Friends of Greenbelt Museum Lecture at the Greenbelt Community Center, room 201, 7:30 PM; explore the fascinating history of Maryland's African American beaches
- July 16** - Jazz on the Lawn at Riversdale House Museum, 7 PM; bring a blanket or lawn chair for a performance by Gina De-Simone & the Moaners; free, moves indoors if it rains
- July 17** - Forgotten Conflict: Why the War of 1812 Matters Today at Maryland Historical Society, 6:30 PM; presented by Don Hickey, Ph.D., he will explore the War of 1812 in the current public imagination; \$10/person
- July 19-Sept. 20** - "The Enemy Nearly All 'Round US" at Belair Mansion, Tues-Sun, 12-4 PM; exhibit features Annapolis and the surrounding area during the War of 1812, including the Ogle Family from Belair; free
- July 19** - Baseball in the Civil War at Loop road big field, Fort Washington Park, 1-4 PM; baseball started as a town game in New England, but it became America's pastime during the Civil War; demonstrations of differences between the game of now and then; free
- July 26** - "Glenn Dale Day" at Marietta House Museum, 2 PM; family fun, bring a blanket or lawn chair to enjoy the sounds of jazz, wine tastings, food available for purchase; free
- July 26 & 27** - Mustering the Militia Weekend at Riversdale House Museum, 12-3:30 PM; the Calverts were "...in a state of continual alarm," as the British planned their attack on Washington in 1814; free
- July 30** - Jazz on the Lawn at Riversdale House Museum, 7 PM; bring a blanket or lawn chair for a performance by The Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation Jambassadors; free, moves indoors if it rains
- August 1** - Fine Wine Fridays at Snow Hill Manor, 6:30 PM; local wineries, musicians and artists; \$25/person
- August 9** - Sister Soldiers of the Civil War at Surratt House Museum, 4 PM; Historian Audrey Scanlan-Teller relates the stories of the women of the Civil War era who ignored social mores, disguised themselves as men, and "went for a soldier"
- August 9** - "Antique Dolls and Doll Collections" at Marietta House Museum, 10 AM-4 PM; for information call 301-464-5291
- August 10** - Seasonal Selections: Myth of the Tomato at Riversdale House Museum, 12-3:30 PM; Kitchen Guild will explore the origins of the tomato in America and demonstrate 19th century recipes featuring the tomato; free
- August 10** - Baseball in the Civil War, see July 19 for details
- August 12** - Airmail Day at College Park Aviation Museum, 1-3 PM; celebrate the anniversary of the first airmail flight from College Park Airport; free with museum admission
- August 13** - Jazz on the Lawn at Riversdale House Museum, 7 PM; bring a blanket or lawn chair for a performance by The Susan Jones Jazz Quartet; free, moves indoors if it rains
- August 16** - National Model Aviation Day at College Park Aviation Museum, 10 AM-2 PM; Sky Lancers of Washington will be flying their control line model airplanes and offering training flights; make your own static model airplane, \$8 workshop fee
- August 19-24** - Undaunted Weekend; various activities, see page 1
- August 19** - Francis Scott Key: A Life at Riversdale House Museum, 7 PM; Marc Leepson presents his new biography, *What So Proudly We Hailed, Francis Scott Key, A Life*
- August 21** - War of 1812 Night at Bowie Baysox, Prince George's Stadium, 6:35 PM; family fun at the ballpark with special signing of Star Spangled Banner and 1812 trivia; call 301-464-4865 for ticket information
- August 23-24** - United States Sanitary Commission (USSC) and Garrison Weekend at Fort Washington Park, 10 AM-4 PM; step back to the Civil War for this living history event including a hospital, shipping warehouse, chapel services, army encampment; free contact 301-763-4600 for details
- August 31** - Seasonal Selections: Cold Meats & Salads at Riversdale House Museum, 12-3:30 PM; Kitchen Guild demonstrates 19th century recipes from when it's too hot to cook over an open hearth; free

**National Colonial Farm** has classes and workshops; visit [www.accokeek.org](http://www.accokeek.org) for more details.

**Patuxent Research Refuge** has many free public programs; visit <http://patuxent.fws.gov> or call 301-497-5887

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### INDIAN VILLAGE CREATION VOLUNTEER PROJECT

Join M-NCPPC and other volunteers and help build an Indian Village at Patuxent River Park in Upper Marlboro. Help in the collection and harvesting of natural materials from the forest and wetlands. Projects include bark removal from down trees, collecting tree limbs, harvesting cattail leaves and other grasses from various M-NCPPC Parks. Build the traditional long homes, wigwam, a palisade fence and more. Various July and August dates and locations for collection are available. To volunteer, go to [www.pgpc.org](http://www.pgpc.org) or contact Tonya Johnson at 301-218-6702 or email [tonya.johnson@pgpc.org](mailto:tonya.johnson@pgpc.org).

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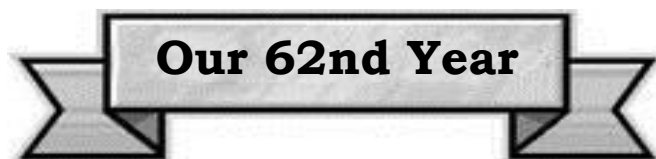
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## PRINCE OF A COUNTY - 2014



We're especially fortunate this year to celebrate our annual *Prince of a County* reception and fundraiser at a house that was right in the midst of the action two hundred years ago, in the summer of 1814. We will meet on Sunday afternoon, September 21, at Kingston, probably the oldest building still standing in our County Seat. This beautiful house and the Craufurd family then residing in it were eyewitnesses when the British troops marched in to Upper Marlborough on August 22, 1814, caused a fair amount of commotion, and camped on the edge of town. The next morning they marched on to Bladensburg, and then into our National Capital where

they burned many of the public buildings. (The British troops returned to Upper Marlborough on the 26<sup>th</sup> with memorable consequences involving Dr. William Beanes.) Our *Prince of a County* will follow by just about a month major commemorations of the military action in Bladensburg and the burning of Washington.

Kingston was built probably in the second quarter of the 18<sup>th</sup> century for David Craufurd, a merchant and planter who was active in his new and growing community's affairs. After his death in 1749, his property passed to his widow and then to his son, also David Craufurd, who like his father served on the County Court and took an active part in his town's affairs. He had his property resurveyed as "Kingston Park" and continued to acquire additional adjoining property on the south and west side of the town of Upper Marlboro. He was particularly active during the Revolutionary War period, serving on the Maryland Convention and the Committees of Correspondence; it was to Craufurd's Upper Marlborough storehouse that Maryland's provincial records were taken for safe-keeping during the hostilities.

David Craufurd II died in 1801, leaving to his son, David Craufurd III (then about 20 years of age) his Kingston Park property, by then approximately 900 acres, including the beautiful Kingston house within the town limits. It was David Craufurd III who was residing at this house when the British troops arrived in August 1814. He served in the 17<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Maryland militia during the War of 1812, and was commissioned Captain in 1812. During the British invasion in 1814, he was stationed at Nottingham during parts of June, July and August, only weeks before the British troops bivouacked in Nottingham, and thereafter stationed in Upper Marlborough itself. It is appropriate in this bicentennial year that our *Prince of a County* reception will be celebrated at this fine house, which, together with its owner/resident, was a witness to the momentous events of 1814.

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All Prince George's County Historical Society members are invited and welcome to attend Society Board meetings. We meet each month on the first Tuesday. Locations vary, so please call 301-249-9000 for details.

If you would like to volunteer your time and talents to the Historical Society in any capacity, please call us. All ages are definitely welcome!

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The DeMarr library will be closed on Saturday, August 30, 2014, due to the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival. We will be open our regular Saturday hours of 12 to 4 PM on Saturday, September 6, 2014.

## COLLEGE PARK AVIATION MUSEUM TEMPORARY CLOSURE

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** The main gallery of the College Park Aviation Museum will be closed for a major window renovation project beginning **Friday, September 5 through most of October 2014**. The museum will be open for our normal hours of 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Visitors will be able to enjoy temporary exhibits in our auditorium, including *Hidden Treasures*, *Hidden Stories* which highlights some of the unusual items in the museum's collection. The museum's wonderful gift shop will be open with great gift ideas for children and adults. Admission fees will be waived during this time; however, donations will be gladly accepted.

Questions? Please don't hesitate to call us at 301-864-6029 or email us at [aviationmuseum@pgparks.com](mailto:aviationmuseum@pgparks.com)



## CELEBRATING THE POTOMAC

On July 12, the Accokeek Foundation with its regional Potomac River heritage tourism partners, welcomed over 500 visitors to Piscataway Park for a day of "Celebrating the Potomac." Event participants arrived by bike, car, and even boat for an opportunity to see the *Pride of Baltimore II*, a War of 1812 era tall ship, which had docked at the Accokeek Foundation as part of a summer of travels throughout Maryland to commemorate the War of 1812 bicentennial. The day's activities included music performed by Jennifer Cutting's OCEAN, kayak tours and dory boat rides along the Potomac, various Potomac River tourism exhibitors, an on-farm market featuring the Accokeek Foundation's organic produce grown onsite, hayrides, and living history performances on the National Colonial Farm. While the *Pride* was a big attraction for visitors, it was the living history performances that really stole the show!



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David Craufurd III, in later life known as "Colonel" Craufurd, never married, but his household included at various times his sister, Sarah Forrest, and her children. After his death in 1841, the house was legally owned, but not occupied, by his nephew, yet another David Craufurd. Rented to the Harper family for several years, it was in 1859 purchased by Dr. Frederick Sasscer, who renovated the house in the Gothic cottage style; it is still the home of Dr. Sasscer's direct descendants. Although the house retains much of its 18<sup>th</sup> century configuration and interior detail, it clearly shows the Victorian Gothic alterations that took place just before the Civil War. Kingston is distinguished by its steep gable roof, four exterior chimneys, board-and-batten siding, and Gothic Revival trim, exhibiting its long architectural evolution.

So save the date – September 21, 2014 – for a very special bicentennial event, this year's *Prince of a County* at Kingston! Our hosts will be Dr. Patrick and Nancy Clagett, to whom our Historical Society gave a St. George's Day Award last year for their excellent recent restoration of this beautiful house. Your invitations are in the mail, and we look forward to seeing you there!

## BEYOND THE BATTLE: BLADENSBURG HISTORY IN CONTEXT SYMPOSIUM, OCTOBER 11, 2014

The culmination of several years of work on one of the many projects related to the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 will take place on October 11, 2014. This will be a symposium entitled "Beyond the Battle: Bladensburg's History in Context" and will focus on the area of Bladensburg in the period leading up to and immediately following the Battle of Bladensburg on August 24, 1814. Funded by grants from *Star Spangled 200* and ATHA, Inc., and co-sponsored by the Prince George's County Historical Society, the Symposium will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 11. It will be held in the Hornbake Library on the campus of the University of Maryland at College Park. Convenient free parking will be available.

The symposium will feature lectures by the three contributing research historians who have collaborated on this grant project: Douglas McElrath on *Taverns, Society, and Business in Bladensburg*; Susan G. Pearl on *Interactions between Bladensburg Landowners and those who worked for them: Manumissions and Apprenticeships*; and John Peter Thompson on *The Agricultural and Horticultural World of Bladensburg in the early 19<sup>th</sup> Century*. Additional sessions will cover the subjects of Archaeology, African-American Life, and Arts and Entertainment, with presentations by leading scholars from many different institutions including the Maryland State Archives, the State Highway Administration, and the University of Maryland. The symposium will wrap up with a key-note epilogue by archivist/historian Alan Virta, long-time active member of the Prince George's County Historical Society, and former editor of our *News and Notes*. The sessions will be followed immediately by a reception at the new exhibit, *Bladensburg Rediscovered*, at the Hornbake Library. Following the reception, attendees will be invited to attend a special grant-supported "War of 1812" concert by the Prince George's Philharmonic at 8:00 p.m. at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts (see article on page 5).

Registration for the Symposium will be \$15.00, which will cover all sessions, a boxed lunch, coffee-break refreshments, and the reception following the symposium. You may register for the symposium online by visiting <http://pgheritage.wordpress.com/beyond-the-battle-symposium/> - where further information about the symposium will also be posted. We encourage PGCHS members and anyone interested in the history of our County to attend. For information about the symposium, you may call Susan Pearl at 301-262-3367.

## FRONTLINE: WOMEN OF A FORGOTTEN WAR

*Frontline: Women of a Forgotten War* tells the story of women from different walks of life who lived in Maryland or Washington, D.C. during the War of 1812. Through a fusion of dance, music, and narration, *Frontline* explores the burdens shouldered and the opportunities seized by women as our young nation sent its husbands, fathers and sons into war once again. Under the direction of alight dance theater's Artistic Director Angella Foster, this new work will premiere on October 4, 2014, at 3 and 8 PM, at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts. *Frontline* has been made possible through the generous funding of Maryland Milestones/Anacostia Trails Heritage Area.

The program will also feature live music performed by Bedlam, which specializes in American Colonial vocal and instrumental music, and a reprise of Wayles Haynes' *Dependent*. *Dependent* investigates the public's perception and personal experiences of military families in this contemporary era of war. Tickets are on sale at [www.alightdancetheater.org](http://www.alightdancetheater.org). For more information, contact Angella at 301.821.1331 or [angella@alightdancetheater.org](mailto:angella@alightdancetheater.org)



## **PRINCE GEORGE'S PHILHARMONIC OFFERS *MUSICAL PARALLELS*, A WAR OF 1812 CONCERT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2014**

Immediately following the Bladensburg History Symposium at the University of Maryland on October 11, 2014, the Prince George's Philharmonic will offer a concert of music from the period of and reflective of the War of 1812. The concert will be held at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts, located at 15200 Annapolis Road (MD 450) in Bowie, and it will begin at 8:00 p.m. This special concert is funded in part by *Star Spangled 200* and *Maryland Milestones*, and co-sponsored by the Prince George's County Historical Society.

To take part in the County's commemoration of its 1814 role in the War of 1812, the Philharmonic applied for and received a grant to finance a special concert that features examples of music composed and performed during the years 1812 to 1815 (Rossini, Mozart, and Beethoven), as well as somewhat later compositions that illustrate the development and evolution of classical music from that period forward. Maestro Charles Ellis, well known and loved for his lively commentary about the selections that the Philharmonic performs, will talk about the relevance of the music to Prince George's County's experience during the British invasion of 1814 and the period immediately following. There will also be surprise visitors to introduce the program, as well as projected images to illustrate the action and the music. And the program will end with a bang! – actually many bangs! – as the orchestra performs Beethoven's rarely heard celebratory work, *Wellington's Victory* (1813). This will be a unique and special experience, and we encourage you to attend! For more information about the concert, call Susan Pearl at 301-262-3367.

Tickets for the October 11 concert can be purchased at the door for \$20 (Seniors - \$18); 18 years and under are free. Registered attendees at the Bladensburg History Symposium earlier the same day (see article page 4) may purchase the concert tickets for \$10.

Today's Prince George's Philharmonic had its beginnings in Bowie in 1964-65, and performed its first concert at the then-new Bowie High School in December 1965. The Philharmonic is currently preparing to celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary during its 2015-16 season. For more information about the Philharmonic and its 2014-15 season programs, visit the Philharmonic website at [www.pgphilharmonic.org](http://www.pgphilharmonic.org).

## **FRIDA KAHLO, A LIVING HISTORY PRESENTATION**

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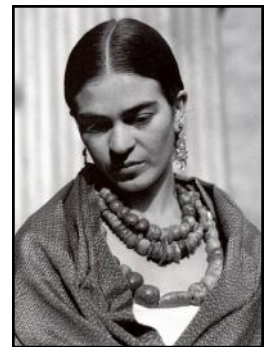
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In a living history interpretation, Colleen Webster portrays the colorful life of twentieth century Mexican artist Frida Kahlo. Having suffered polio at age six and a serious bus accident at age 12, Kahlo endured pain throughout her life, and her paintings reflect both her physical and emotional struggles. The wife of muralist Diego Rivera, she achieved recognition in her own right in the international art world. Today, many view Kahlo as an icon of Mexican art and international feminism.

Ms. Webster writes and teaches at Harford Community College. She has completed her Ph.D. coursework at the University of Delaware where she received her M.A. in English. Her poetry and essays have been or will be published by the *Maryland Poetry Review*, and numerous other journals.

Ms. Webster's performance is cosponsored by the Maryland Humanities Council through its Speakers Bureau. Free parking on Sundays inside the Regents Drive Garage is available only in **Lot 5 spaces** on the upper levels of the garage. Regent's Drive Garage is a brief walk from Hornbake Library. (See coordinates 5, F at the following map: [dots.umd.edu/parking/maps/map\\_campus.pdf](http://dots.umd.edu/parking/maps/map_campus.pdf))



Edward Weston,  
San Francisco, 1930

## MORE ABOUT THE RIDGELEY ROSENWALD SCHOOL NATIONAL HISTORY DAY WINNERS



Dione Jacobs, Kishanna Poteat Brown (teacher), and Jordan Glenn

You know, they say if you don't learn something new every day, life is not worth living. Well, just spending time around enthusiastic teachers and students can in itself be quite an enlivening and educational experience.

In the last issue of our newsletter, there was a report on the Prince George's National History Day project entitled The Ridgeley Rosenwald School. Jordan Glenn, who is now a high school senior, and Dione Jacobs, who is beginning her college career, created their masterpiece together. Both of these junior varsity basketball players were in Ms. Kishanna Poteat Brown's African-American Studies class. When Ms. Poteat Brown started talking about National History Day, (because incidentally, Kishanna is the NHD Coordinator at the school!), the girls had no particular pull towards any topic. However, encouraged by Ms. Poteat Brown to participate in the contest, the girls came up with the idea of involving a historic venue in the county. As Ms. Glenn's mom is/was already a docent at the Ridgeley Rosenwald School, that connection appeared to be advantageous in choosing a site.

It was a visit to this Rosenwald School that inspired Jordan and Dione to create a replica in miniature. Dione wants to be an engineer, so it's no surprise that she took an entire day looking at the architectural details. Together Dione and Jordan took popsicle sticks, a glue gun, and paint, and recreated this Capitol Heights, Maryland, Rosenwald School. Of course, they did a good deal of research aside from touring the facility. Using their school library, the public library, the internet, and in particular, a book by Julius Rosenwald's grandson, Peter M. Ascoli, about the development of the schools, Julius Rosenwald: The Man Who Built Sears, Roebuck and Advanced the Cause of Black Education in the American South, these high schoolers became experts in the history of this particular Rosenwald school.

The Ridgeley Rosenwald Schools project won the **Prince George's County Historical Society & Maryland Milestones** award of \$150 for Jordan's and Dione's Senior Group Exhibit. The criteria that had to be met: "The Prince George's County History Day project must relate to Prince George's County; the primary sources used for the Prince George's County History Day project must have been sourced from: a historic museum, site or resource within Prince George's County." This diorama made an outstanding choice for the award. In addition, the exhibit also earned a Special Prize in Historic Preservation from the Maryland Historic Trust.

See page 7 for a list of the county awardees at National History Day.

## OUR PITCHIN' "ANGEL"

Louise Tatspaugh, Fred DeMarr's older sister (103 years old) and the "Angel" of our library, has made the news! This summer Louise is on an extended visit to the home of her daughter, Catherine, in Hampton, Virginia. In mid-July, she went with Catherine and her grandchildren to a local baseball game (the Peninsula Pirates). When the team learned her age, she was invited onto the field, and she actually threw the first pitch!

That's our Louise! What other library in the world has an "Angel" like this?!





## MARYLAND HISTORY DAY - 2014

The following projects entered by Prince George's County students received top awards at the 2014 National/Maryland History Day;

Award: Special Prize in Historic Preservation, sponsored by the Maryland Historical Trust  
Students: Dione Jacobs, Jordan Glenn  
Title: The Ridgeley Rosenwald School  
School: Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr., Senior High School  
Teacher: Kishanna Poteat Brown

Award: Special Prize in Military History, sponsored by the Historical Miniatures Gaming Society  
Student: Quentin Cooper  
Title: Tuskegee Airmen: The Right to Fight  
School: St Ambrose School  
Teacher: James Goeke-Morey

Award: Junior Group Documentaries  
Students: Elizabeth Bangura, Julia Chotoo  
Title: Deaf President Now  
School: Kenmoor Middle School  
Teacher: Irene Prescott

Award: Special Prize in African American History, sponsored by the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture  
Student: Jacqueline Dianis  
Title: The Struggle for the Right to Vote  
School: Accokeek Academy  
Teacher: Nina Huff

The Prince George's County Historical Society has partnered with "National History Day" to encourage young people to learn more about their history.

National History Day began in 1974 when the professors in the history department of Case Western Reserve University in Ohio developed the idea for a history contest to make learning and teaching history a fun and exciting experience. The first contest was held in 1980 at Georgetown University, and, in 1981, the contest moved to the University of Maryland College Park and has been held there ever since.



The National Colonial Farm is seeking a Farm Manager. Details are at: <http://accokeekfoundation.org/position-announcement-manager-of-the-national-colonial-farm/>

## SEASON ENDS EARLY FOR PATUXENT TRAM TOURS

The Friends of Patuxent has historically offered wildlife conservation tram tours at the National Wildlife Visitor Center until approximately mid-November each year. The schedule must change this year, however, as a new federal policy requires the transfer of tram operation and management to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

This transition requires that tram service be discontinued starting on October 1, 2014. The only exceptions are that the nine-passenger shuttle will be operating for the October 18th Patuxent Wildlife Festival and the November 15th Friends of Patuxent Wildlife Holiday Bazaar. Patuxent Research Refuge hopes to continue the wildlife conservation tram tours upon the arrival of a new energy-efficient tram in Spring 2015.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS - SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2014

- To September 12 - 1812 Exhibit "The Enemy is Nearly All 'Round Us"** at Belair Mansion; free, can be viewed during open hours
- September-October 2014** - the National Capital Radio and Television Museum will feature "vintage" broadcasts every Friday-Sunday at 2 PM; September is Cowboys and Westerns and October is children's programs; check [www.ncrtv.org](http://www.ncrtv.org) or call 301-390-1020 for schedule; free, but donations welcome
- 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month** - Dinosaur Park has a program with paleontologists and volunteers to interpret fossil deposits; 12-4 PM, free
- To July 2015 - "Beyond the Battle: Bladensburg Rediscovered"** exhibit at Hornbake Library Gallery, University of Maryland
- September 6 (rain date Sep. 7) - Cycle through Aviation History** with College Park Aviation Museum, 10 AM; 10 mile loop through 250 years of flight; bring bike and helmet, \$5/person, call 301-864-6029 to register
- September 6 - NCRTV Fundraiser** at Blue Dolphin Seafood Bar & Grill, 1-5 PM; \$55/person, call 301-390-1020 for details
- September 7 - Fun for Kids in 1812** at Belair Mansion, 12-4 PM; try your hand at draughts, skittles, pickup sticks and other amusements; suitable for ages 5-11, must be with an adult
- September 7 - Grandparents' Day Tours** at Riversdale House Museum, 12:15-3:15 PM; Calvert children kept in touch with their grandparents by writing letters. Bring yours or other special senior guests for a free guided tour with paid admission
- September 8 - Collector's Corner-Cleaning Your Antique Silver** at Belair Mansion, 2 PM; instruction on best cleaning methods and hands on practice on your own object; free, but reservations required at 301-809-3097 or [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org)
- September 9 - Second Tuesday Lecture** at Belair Mansion, 7:30 PM; topic TBD; free, call 301-809-3097 for information
- September 13 - Out of the Attic Appraisal Fair** at Riversdale House Museum, 10 AM; bring up to 4 items for evaluation by Weschler's appraisers, no antiques, books, foreign coins, stamps or toys; \$10/item, non-RHS members, \$15/item, registration required by calling 301-864-0420
- September 13 - Rochambeau's March Through Bowie** at Belair Mansion, 11:30 AM-4 PM; re-enactors, children's games, colonial market place...18th century fun for all; free
- September 16 - Kids Kaboose** at Bowie Railroad Museum, 10:30 AM-noon; railroad fun for ages 4-11; free
- September 17 - Fall History Lecture** at Montpelier Mansion, 7:30 PM; Bob Smith interprets Benjamin Banneker; free
- September 20 - Sotterley Plantation Trip** sponsored by Marietta House Museum, 9:30 AM-5 PM; \$35/person for transportation, tour and lunch; call 301-464-5291 for reservations
- September 20 - Food for Thought** at Accokeek Foundation, 12-5 PM; a festival that explores the intricacies of our food system through discussion, theatre, DIY workshops, games and food; \$5/person, members and children under 10, free
- September 20 - Tasting the Past: Herbal Infusions** at Riversdale House Museum, 2 PM; sample popular blends from the 19th c., and learn how to make your own with the Kitchen Guild; \$10/resident, \$12/non-resident, register by calling 301-864-0420
- September 21 - Prince of a County, see page 1 for details**
- September 21 - 33rd Annual Hispanic Festival** at Lane Manor Park; 12-6 PM; free, visit [www.pgpc.org/hispanic\\_festival](http://www.pgpc.org/hispanic_festival)
- September 27 - Smithsonian Museum Day** at College Park Aviation Museum and Riversdale House Museum; free with Museum Day Admission Card through *Smithsonian* magazine
- September 27 - Aldo Leopold—A Standard of Change** at National Wildlife Visitor Center Aldo Leopold Auditorium; 2 PM; one-man, one-act play by Jim Pfitzer about the influences and challenges that led Aldo Leopold to pen his book *A Sand County Almanac*; free, first-come, first-seated
- September 27 - Colonial Tavern Dinner** at Darnall's Chance House Museum; 7-9 PM; mid-18th century tavern dinner, sea chanties and tavern songs by Ship's Company; \$40/resident; \$48/non-resident, call 301-952-8010 for reservations
- September 28 - Riversdale Chamber Music Society Concert Series** at Riversdale House Museum, 2:30 PM; enjoy chamber music performed by University of Maryland faculty and students and area military musicians; free
- October 4 - Frontline: Women of a Forgotten War**; see page 4 for details
- October 4 - Wine Tasting** at Marietta House Museum, 5 PM; learn basics of wine tasting, Maryland wines will be paired with cheeses and chocolates; Celtic harp music played by Chris Van Dyke; \$10/person, call 301-464-5291 to RSVP
- October 5 - On the Home Front: A Personal Expression** at Surratt House Museum, 4 PM; folk singer and historian Judy Cook recounts the experiences and sentiments of Civil War families through personal letters, historic images & poignant music; free
- October 10 - Reception for "Beyond the Battle: Bladensburg Rediscovered"** exhibition at Hornbake Library, University of Maryland, 5:30-7:30 PM; free, but reservations required at <http://ter.ps/libevents>
- October 11 - Beyond the Battle: Bladensburg History in Context Symposium**; see page 4 for details
- October 11 - Musical Parallels: War of 1812 by the Prince George's Philharmonic**; see page 5 for details
- October 11 - War of 1812: British Invasion of Prince George's County Bus and Boat Tour** at Darnall's Chance House Museum, 8 AM-5 PM; Ralph Eshelman will be your guide; \$75/person, call 301-952-8010 for reservations
- October 12 - Frida Kahlo Living History Presentation**; see page 5 for details
- October 12 - A Classical Afternoon** at Riversdale House Museum, 12-3:30 PM; celebrate ancient Rome as you meet Roman Legion XX; regular museum admission
- October 14 - Second Tuesday Lecture** at Belair Mansion, 7:30 PM; topic TBD; free, call 301-809-3097 for information
- October 15 - Fall History Lecture** at Montpelier Mansion, 7:30 PM; Beth Christman speaks about the only female certified Chesapeake boat captain; free
- October 17-18 - Twilight Tales** at Accokeek Foundation, 7-9 PM, tours every 30 minutes; \$10/person with advanced registration at 301-283-2113 or \$15 at door
- October 21 - Kids Kaboose** at Bowie Railroad Museum, 10:30 AM-noon; railroad fun for ages 4-11; free
- October 23-25 - Twilight Tales** at Accokeek Foundation (see October 17-18 for details)
- October 25 - Research Café: Getting Started with Genealogy** at Montpelier Mansion, 11 AM - 1 PM; Mike Boivin, president of the Genealogy Club of the Laurel Historical Society, will lead a beginner's workshop; \$3/resident, \$5/non-resident
- October 25 (rain date Oct. 26) - The Great Jack O'Lantern Campfire** at Darnall's Chance House Museum, 7-8:30 PM; see hand-carved illuminated jack o'lanterns, bask in a fall campfire, roast marshmallows, listen to haunted Halloween tales; \$4/person
- October 26 - Riversdale Chamber Music Society Concert Series** at Riversdale House Museum, 2:30 PM; enjoy chamber music performed by University of Maryland faculty and students and area military musicians; free
- October 26 - Haunted Hangar** at College Park Aviation Museum, 7-9 PM; wear a costume, arts and crafts, hayrides and more; \$/per person
- November 1 - A Gothick Evening: Saints and Sinners** at Riversdale House Museum, 7 PM; Do spirits really walk abroad on All Saints Day? Dress for weather and hear about 19th century saints and sinners on a lantern-lit tour of the grounds; registration required, ages 12 & up, \$10/resident, \$12/non-resident, call 301-864-0420
- National Colonial Farm** has classes and workshops; visit [www.accokeek.org](http://www.accokeek.org) for more details.
- Patuxent Research Refuge** has many free public programs; visit <http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent> or call 301-497-5887
- For details and additional events, visit:** [history.pgpc.org](http://history.pgpc.org), [www.marylandmilestones.org/events](http://www.marylandmilestones.org/events), [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org), [www.greenbeltmuseum.org](http://www.greenbeltmuseum.org), [www.laurelhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.laurelhistoricalsociety.org), [www.mdhs.org](http://www.mdhs.org), <http://pgcm.aahgs.org>, [www.fws.gov/northeast/patuxent/ntedu.html](http://www.fws.gov/northeast/patuxent/ntedu.html), [www.surrattmuseum.org](http://www.surrattmuseum.org), <http://marylandarcheology.org>, [www.ncrtv.org](http://www.ncrtv.org), [www.battleofbladensburg1812.com](http://www.battleofbladensburg1812.com), and, [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mdpgcgs/index.htm](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mdpgcgs/index.htm)



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- 1. Landmarks of Prince George's County\*** – 125 black and white photographs of the rich architectural legacy of Prince George's County by Jack E. Boucher, 1993. Arranged chronologically, the photos and captions offer a panoramic overview of the county's architectural and historical development. Indexed. Hard-cover, 144 pages. Price: \$18.00. ***Almost sold out, so get your copy today!***
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- 8. Prince George's County, Maryland, Indexes of Church Registers 1686-1885** – Volume 2 - Protestant Episcopal Church, St. Paul's Parish, and Prince George's Parish. Author: Helen W. Brown. Reprint 2000. Soft cover, 196 pages. Price: \$20.00.
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