

Galesville Tidings

Volume 19, Issue 3

Fall 2020

Inside this issue:

Veterans Day Celebration	2
Asking for Your Help	2
Ice Cream Social	2
Maryland Day Rescheduled	3
President's Message	3
Gardens Update and Fall Clean-Up	3
Remembering Jean Trott	4
Calendar	4

Special thanks again to Jim Chandler for all his time and effort to put together the Galesville 4th of July Parade during this pandemic year.



4th of July Parade

This year the annual 4th of July Parade was in jeopardy due to AA County COVID restrictions. Where some communities chose to cancel their observance, the GHS board believed it was important to keep our traditions while protecting our neighbors and friends. Participation was down due to the late notice and safety concerns, but we still had a nice turn-out of both spectators and participants. The parade kicked off at 1 pm with the usual large



number of Emergency Services vehicles, followed by old cars, kids on bikes and



floats. This year's bragging rights go to the GHS float assembled by Charlie Kidd. Special thanks go to the local Scout Troops for being our Color Guard and as always, Uncle Sam for making an appearance. Planning has already begun for next year, with ideas to possibly have post-parade activities for the kids.



Veterans Day Celebration

The uncertainties of planning events during the Covid-19 crisis continue to limit our social interactions, but rest assured, Galesville will never fail to honor our Veterans! The Galesville Heritage Society is busy planning safe ways to celebrate those who have served this great nation.

As always, Galesville Memorial Hall will be open on Wednesday, November 11 from 11 am - 1 pm. Historical displays along with other items showing appreciation for all our military families will be on hand. Keep your eyes open for details!

Galesville Heritage Society Officers & Board Members 2020

Officers:

President: Jim Chandler
Vice President: Cathy Oliver
Recording Secretary:
Betsy Derrick
Corresponding Secretary:
Julie Thackrah
Treasurer: Mark Case

Board Members:

Dick Bean
Marti Black
Adrienne Day
Gertrude Makell
Tracy Richardson
Eric Ruark
Kathy Smith
Mark Steinlein
Peter Stevens
Bruce Weidele
Dorothy Whitman

Asking For Your Help

The Galesville Heritage Society relies upon the generosity of the community in order to maintain the museum. The historic property, like any old and treasured house, requires constant upkeep. Wonderful volunteers lend their time and expertise to assist in keeping the museum and the grounds beautiful. Even so, there are unavoidable repairs and expenses are costly. As a

small non-profit, the GHS is challenged to keep up with expenses. This year, during the pandemic, it has become more of a challenge than ever with two of our popular fundraising dinners cancelled.

Please consider making a contribution to help the GHS get through this rough spot and be on the lookout for alternative fundraisers coming soon.

Make your tax deductible donation to the Galesville Heritage Society, PO Box 373, Galesville, MD 20765. Or, better yet, drop your donation off at the museum on any Sunday afternoon through November 1st and see how your dollars are spent to preserve our community history.

Thank you for your support.

Ice Cream Social and West River Boat Tour



Sunday, September 13, is shaping up to be a fun-filled afternoon at the Galesville Heritage Museum! Plan on

visiting the museum to enjoy an ice cream social with your neighbors outside on the museum grounds. To ensure everyone's health and safety, individually wrapped ice cream will be served. Please make sure to wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Be sure to arrive early enough to snag a seat on the MISS HAZARD for a West

River boat tour. These tours are popular and because of limited capacity-sign up at the museum to ensure a seat. This is a memorable way to experience Galesville's maritime history and see the community from the water. The tours leave at 2 and 3 pm from the community dock.

Rain date: Sunday, September 20.

Maryland Day Rescheduled Maritime, Hunting and Trapping Tool Display

Sunday, October 18

1 - 4pm

Galesville Memorial Hall

Join in the 2020 Galesville Heritage Society sponsored Maryland Day event. **Eric Steinlein**, a native Galesvillian, has assembled a display of maritime, hunting, and trapping tools for all to view.

Dating back just to the 1950's/1960's, these tools are not long past, but curiously, are no longer in use. Eric and Galesville native,

Chuck Dixon, will be on hand to explain things like, sculling oars, dredges, muskrat traps and a very unique "Jerry Rig" which was a hand-pile driver used to put in poles for pound nets.



President's Message

For 350 years, the residents of Galesville have persevered through hardships and times of crisis. So why should this period of a new pandemic be any different? As Galesville residents, we love our community and generally care for the well-being of our neighbors. We can see this every day in the small things we do for one another and it's being noticed. We see who cleans out the ditches, puts up the flags, takes care of a neighbor, trims along the sidewalks, paints the doors at the Memorial Hall or the post office and volunteers for the public good. It is heartening to see the near 100% participation of mask wearing at the post office to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. My thanks go out to our entire community.

I wish to thank the Board members of the Galesville Heritage Society for doing its level best to make this time of concern as normal as possible. Although we have had to cancel a few large gathering events, we have opened the museum with additional precautions, had our parade, and as the fall continues, we will schedule a few more special events. Out of view of most, the board has continued to meet, albeit virtually, and made great progress improving the way the Board works.

As 2020 comes to a conclusion, I'm sure many of us will be happy to see the New Year and a return to our traditional routines.

Galesville is so lucky to have organizations and residents

that define what it means to have community. I encourage all our members and friends to take advantage of our remaining events and programs, and if you have time, VOLUNTEER! If you have the desire, please consider serving on the Board we will soon be having elections for next year.

Hope everyone continues to stay healthy and I hope to see everyone very soon.

Jim Chandler



Remembering Jean Trott

This summer Galesville lost one of the village's greatest advocates, Jean Siegert Trott, who lived in Galesville her entire life. She was born here in 1925 and graduated from Southern High School in the class of 1942. She married Calvin Trott, a Shady Side native, in 1947 and they raised three children along the banks of Lerch Creek.

Jean wrote - *GALESVILLE: THE LEGEND AND THE LEGACY* a lovingly researched history of her beloved hometown. She volunteered her time and talent generously. She was active in both the West River Improvement Association and the Galesville Heritage Society.

A lifelong member of the Galesville United Methodist Church, Jean served as the organist for 20 years and was a leader in the church community.

Her many contributions to her community earned her a spot in the Maryland Hall of Fame for volunteer services.

Jean retired from the Anne Arundel County Public Schools headquarters after many years as an office manager.

Jean's excellent history of Galesville is available at the GHS museum.

Gardens and Fall Clean-Ups

In the spring, GHS applied for and was awarded a grant from the Unity Gardens Foundation to pay for some needed backyard museum plants. Unity Gardens is a nonprofit organization that funds the purchase of trees and plants for garden projects in this area and has generously awarded GHS grant money in the past. Because of the pandemic, Unity Gardens allowed the grantors until the fall to fulfill the grant.

To prepare the area for the plantings, we have scheduled a few Saturdays for yard clean-ups.

The yard clean-ups are scheduled for 8-10 am on Saturday, September 26 and October 3.

If you can make either of these dates to help prepare the grounds, we would greatly

appreciate your time and effort. We will schedule the plant installation after these dates.

Just bring your work gloves and we will provide the rest.

Coffee and refreshments will also be provided.

Many thanks to Dick Bean and Shelley Hicks for their expertise and advice in choosing the native plants for the museum.

Thanks so much for your help; hope to see you.

For more information, call 410-867-4731 or email dewhitman@verizon.net

Galesville Heritage Society, Inc.
P.O. Box 373
Galesville, MD 20765

Calendar

- | | |
|---|--|
| Sept. 13 – Ice Cream Social, Galesville Heritage Museum, 2-4 pm | Oct. 17 – Community Yard Sale |
| Sept. 26 – Fall Clean-Up at Galesville Heritage Museum 8-10 am | Oct. 18 – Maryland Day Rescheduled, Galesville Memorial Hall, 1-4 pm |
| Sept. 30 – Museum Meeting, Galesville Heritage Museum 9 am | Oct. 31 – Halloween |
| Oct. 3 – Fall Clean-Up at Galesville Heritage Museum 8-10 am | Nov. 1 – Museum Closes for the Season |
| Oct. 6 – Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall 7:30 pm | Nov. 3 – Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall 7:30 pm |
| | Nov. 11 – Veterans Day Celebration, Galesville Memorial Hall, 11 am |
| | Nov. 26 – Thanksgiving Day |



Galesville Heritage Society, Inc.

988 Main Street
P.O. Box 373
Galesville, MD 20765
Phone: 410-867-9499

The Mission of the Galesville Heritage Society is to:

“promote an understanding of and appreciation for the history of the village of Galesville and its immediate environs, within its community and the general public. Its historical resources, educational outreach efforts, and the Galesville Heritage Museum serve as catalysts to collect, preserve, and research the area’s history and the Society encourages others to do the same.”