

Galesville Tidings

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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.



Happy 30th Anniversary—GHS

Happy 30th Anniversary to the Galesville Heritage Society (GHS)! Three decades of commitment, tenacity and passion by hundreds of Galesville volunteers have catalyzed a vibrant organization dedicated to preserving Galesville's past, engaging residents and visitors in the present and protecting our village uniqueness into the future.

From the foundational meeting in September 1991, a small group of dedicated local residents knew the importance of preserving the village's heritage and approached this ambitious goal with abandon. Their vision was simple but broad: to preserve the past to enlighten the future.

In the years that followed, Galesville's objects and records of historical significance were collected and put on display, first in Roberta Cassard's (GHS founder) car trunk, then the West River Market and finally in the Carrie Weedon house on Main Street.

Today, the first class Galesville Heritage Museum showcases historical pictures, artifacts, and models reflecting nearly 370 years of Galesville history. Native American,

watermen, farmer and shopkeeper artifacts hang alongside historical maps, scale boat models and educational exhibits. Videos of interviews with Galesville's finest are also preserved to enhance the visitor experience.

Just as important over the 30 years, the GHS has and continues to sponsor engaging lectures, local bounty dinners, Veterans Day observances and Fourth of July parades.

Other impromptu events like an authentic Parisian Dinner, Galesville Trivia Night and local restaurant fund-raisers add to the sense of nostalgia and community.

Congratulations to all who contributed to GHS's achievements. The GHS gives a special thanks to its members for their sustaining and generous support. Galesville's two other associations (WRIA and GCCO), local

businesses, donors, and Maryland and Anne Arundel County grantors are also appreciated for their innumerable contributions.

Together, we are keeping Galesville's traditions and heritage alive in the present. On GHS's 30th anniversary, let's all wish for 30 more years of growth and success!



Galesville Heritage Society Dinner

The Galesville Heritage Society (GHS) regrets the quarterly dinners were not held this year. We look forward to seeing you at our next in-person dinners scheduled for the 2022 season at the Galesville Memorial Hall.

Galesville Heritage Society. Officers & Board Members 2021

Officers:

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

Board Members:

- Martie Black
- Adrienne Day
- Gertrude Makell
- Diane Nowak-Waring
- Tracy Richardson
- Eric Ruark
- Kathy Smith
- Mark Steinlein
- Peter Stevens
- Bruce Weidele
- Dorothy Whitman

4th of July Parade Recap

The Galesville Independence Day Parade was almost back to our pre-pandemic norm. We had a line of participants that stretched along Anchors Way from West Benning to Lerch Creek. The village was full of neighbors and visitors ready to enjoy the annual tradition. This year Sue Hines was our Parade Grand Marshall and from all reports she had a fine time.

Our own Uncle Sam who never shows his age made his annual appearance and entertained the crowds that lined the streets. Thanks Bill! We had the usual collections of tractors, old cars and floats and a good representation from our elected officials and those who aspire to that. County Executive Steuart Pitman, State Senators Sarah Elfreth and District Delegate Seth Howard made their way down the parade route and were welcomed by the community. The



Galesville Parade once again exhibited what is so special about Galesville.



President's Message

I truly love the Fall in Galesville. The weather cools from the summer heat, the leaves expose what they have been hiding since the spring and the remaining gorgeous days before we hibernate for the winter. The Fall always seems too short or do we just try to cram too much into it?

GHS has a full fall schedule, starting with our 30th Anniversary celebration on the October 17th (3 pm at the museum.) We are hoping for a large turnout, so please try to attend. A couple weeks later, we will enjoy the kids all dressed up for Halloween. Treats will be in abundance Sunday from 5 - 7:30 pm for those who pass by the museum.

November 7 will be our last day of the museum season. On November 11, we will have the annual Veterans Day Observance. Due to COVID, we will forgo a speaker to avoid large crowds in a small space but we will have displays, refreshments and neighbors and veterans to greet everyone.

In December we will have our GHS Annual Meeting to select the 2022 Board, answer questions and socialize. Please watch for that announcement.

2021 was a good year for the museum with new exhibits and lots of visitors. A special thank you to all our volunteer docents for keeping our museum open. I would also like to invite

GHS members who have not taken an active roll to get their feet wet and volunteer to docent next year. If we want to maintain a vibrant Heritage Society, we need villagers to participate in events, volunteer and pay dues.

All in all, the year has been a good one. Thank you to everyone, especially the Board, for your support. Continue to stay healthy and we will be back to our social selves soon.

Jim Chandler



Veterans Day, Thursday, November 11

The annual Veterans Day Observance will be held on Thursday, November 11 from 10:30 am- 12:30 pm at the Galesville Memorial Hall. Masks will not be required if you have been vaccinated or have a recent COVID test. Help avoid the unintentional spread of the COVID-19 Delta variant.



Pathway to Memories—Holiday Brick Drive

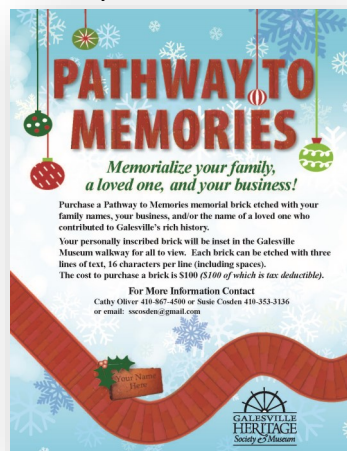
‘Tis the Season!

Have you walked on the Galesville Heritage Museum’s Pathway to Memories and noticed something missing? Perhaps a brick honoring you, your family or someone you know who helped shaped Galesville.

The GHS is announcing its third major Pathway to Memories brick drive beginning on November 1, 2021 and running through January 3, 2021. This is a perfect holiday season opportunity to give special recognition to a family member or friend by purchasing one or more bricks for inclusion on our museum walkway. And remember, your forever brick gift, is *fully tax deductible*.

To order one or more bricks, log onto the GSH website, www.galesvilleheritagesociety.org, complete

the Pathway to Memories form and mail your form and check to the GHS, P.O. Box 373, Galesville MD 20765. Or is you prefer, contact Dorothy Whitman (410-353-8305) or Cathy Oliver (410-991-2186) for assistance with your holiday brick order.



Galesville Heritage Museum

The museum committee would like to remind everyone that we are happy to make special arrangements to visit the museum. Someone is usually available any month and any day of the week.

Recently we opened the museum for the son of Ruth Hardesty. (She had been raised in the “Carrie Weedon” house.) So, if you would like to visit when the museum is not open, email us at: galesvillmuseum@gmail.com.

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Calendar

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| Oct. 17 – GHS 30th Anniversary Celebration, Galesville Heritage Museum, 1-4 pm | Nov. 2 – Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall 7:30 pm |
| Oct. 31 – Halloween (Candy for kids at the museum, 5:30 - 7 pm) | Nov. 7– Museum Closes for the Season |
| Oct. 27 Museum Committee Meeting, Galesville Heritage Museum, 9 am | Nov. 11 – Veterans Day Celebration, Galesville Memorial Hall, 11 am |
| | Nov. 25 – Thanksgiving Day |



4th of July photos courtesy of Peter Stevens

The Mission of the Galesville Heritage Society is to:

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“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.”