

# Galesville Tidings

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**Maryland Day Weekend in Galesville, Sunday, March 27**

**Galesville Heritage Society  
Galesville Memorial Hall  
2-4 pm  
Maritime, Hunting and Trapping Tool Display**

**Galesville Community Center  
1-4 pm  
Discover Your Family History, Discover Your Stories!**

## Maryland Day Weekend

Maryland Day Weekend in the Four Rivers Heritage Area will be Friday, March 25 through Sunday, March 27. Maryland Day Weekend is a unique heritage based group of events in Annapolis and southern Anne Arundel County. This year the events,

venues, and stories expand to include new sites throughout Ann Arundel County. Plan to visit many of our fellow heritage non-profits in the county. To see what's going on visit [www.marylandday.org](http://www.marylandday.org)



## Maryland Day Weekend in Galesville

**Galesville Heritage Society  
Galesville Memorial Hall (please note)**

**Sunday, March 27, 2 pm - 4 pm**

### Maritime, Hunting and Trapping Tool Display.

Join in the Galesville Heritage Society sponsored Maryland Day event. **Eric Steinlein** and **Chuck Dixon**, both native Galesvillians, have assembled an educational 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 are no longer in use. Eric and Chuck will be on hand to explain things like, sculling oars, dredges, muskrat traps and a unique

“Jerry Rig” that was a hand-pile driver used to put in poles for pound

Refreshments will be served

**Galesville Community Center**

**Sunday, March 27,  
1 pm - 4 pm**

### Discover Your Family History, Discover Your Stories!

Free Genealogy Workshop

Please join us for an in person Beginning Genealogy and African American Genealogy Workshop and *Discover New Stories* about your family history.

This session will be conducted by our genealogist and historian, Lyndra Marshall (née Pratt). Attendees will learn or receive a refresher of the best methods and practices a researcher should use to trace their family lineage through use of but not limited to vital records, court records, federal census records, and other primary and secondary sources. Social distancing and other safety measures will be taken.

Your CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Card is your free ticket to gain entry. Refreshments will be served. For additional information please contact Gertrude Makell, president at (410) 703-0610 or [gmakell@verizon.net](mailto:gmakell@verizon.net).



**Spring Clean-Up Days  
at the Museum -  
Saturday, March 26 and  
Saturday, April 9  
8:30 - 10:30 am**

Clean up days for the museum grounds have been scheduled for Saturday, March 26, and April 9. Start time will be 8:30 am. We need every hand who can wield a rake, use clippers safely and can spend some time. Thank you! (weather permitting)



**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

## Spring Dinner Meeting, Tuesday, March 15

The GHS invites you to enjoy a traditional Irish menu on March 15 at 6:30 pm at Memorial Hall. The dinner menu will be: salad, Irish soda bread, corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots and dessert. The price for the dinner is \$20 per person for members and \$25 for non-members. Make reservations by March 13 by calling Dorothy Whitman at 410-867-4731 or emailing her at dewhitman@verizon.net.

The dinner speaker is Derrick Pitard who will discuss the history of Essex/Lansdale Farm and its adjoining properties (patented in the 1660s), the people who owned the properties, and the people who lived and worked on the farm. Owners included members of the Battee, Franklin, Lansdale, and related families.

Derrick Pitard is the grandson of John Lansdale, Jr. who owned Essex until his death



Derrick Pitard

in 2003. Derrick teaches English at Slippery Rock University in Western, PA. Genealogy is Pitard's happy hobby.

## GHS Membership Drive in Full Swing

Thankfully, 2021 was a record setting year for Galesville Heritage Society membership and donations, which enabled the Board of Directors to maintain and enhance the museum and its exhibits, as well as support the programs which pandemic safety allowed.

The GHS 2022 renewal forms were sent out in January. We have reached 75% of our goal. If you haven't returned your form, please take a moment to fill it out. While the majority of our members are from Galesville, and many more from throughout Maryland, we also have members from California, Florida, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and Washington State. Residents may leave Galesville for a number of reasons, but clearly, their Galesville heritage will never

leave their hearts. Join today, and help us celebrate YOUR heritage!

We are excited to be resuming the quarterly dinners with speakers this month. The July 4th Parade is currently being planned, as are the Maryland Day and Veterans Day celebrations. April will see the season opening of the museum. Please join us for these and other events.

*Celebrate our past and create our future with a promise to our proud heritage. Join Galesville Heritage Society today.*

*Martie Black*  
Membership Chair

## The Great Galesville Auction Returns!

One of the most unique GHS fundraisers is returning in June! The Great Galesville Auction is an evening of entertainment and conviviality at the Galesville Hall. The proceeds from this year's auction will go to improving the outdoor spaces at the museum.

Our own John Whitman will be calling the bids, which is worth coming for even if you don't buy anything...but chances are, you will find something to bid on and then win. Local merchants donate goods and services,

there are works of art and antiques as well as fun experiences, like boat rides.

It's time to get organized for the event! We need volunteers to help solicit donations or make donations! Remember, your donations are tax-deductible. We also need people to help out before, during and after the auction getting organized and cleaned up. Interested in joining the Auction Committee? Email dewhitman@verizon.net.



## President's Message

With the arrival of crocus those of us who have seen many springs know that renewal after winter's dormancy is just around the corner. After two years of anything but normal, it appears 2022 will see an end to our malaise and a resumption of the activities and the fellowship of Galesville. All the community organizations have big plans for the year. There will be a community celebration for the Hot Socks ballfield restoration. We'll get the Museum's gardens replanted with new signage around the grounds. After years of planning and negotiations it appears the Galesville Market will begin

its recovery. Traditional and new events will welcome the community and visitors with smiles which can finally be seen. I encourage everyone to turn out and take advantage of these events to support the organizations and volunteers whose hard work helps to make Galesville such a special space.

With the upcoming Annual Meeting we will choose the board and officers who will be the spirit of GHS for our 31<sup>st</sup> year. I wish to welcome and say thanks to our new and returning board members, your volunteerism is greatly appreciated by the community. For the board

members who are stepping away, your years of hard work are too greatly appreciated.

I'd like to specially thank everyone who continued your generous support of GHS during the pandemic. We are financially sound and we promise to wisely invest in the future of maintaining our past. If you would like to become more involved, we can always use volunteers for the various events, just let a board member know and we'll include you in the fun.

*Jim*



## Galesville Heritage Museum

The Galesville Heritage Museum will reopen on Sunday, April 24  
Hours are 1-4 pm.

Last year's new exhibit that highlighted the life and achievements of Galesville's women was well received. This season, the exhibit will be expanded to explore further the importance of women to creation of our village.

Additionally, a smaller exhibit will look at the history of the several restaurants that have served residents and made Galesville a destination for visitors by land and water.

Capt. Harvey was more than the proprietor of a general store which long served the village but also the town butcher. The recent acquisition of Capt. Harvey's "tools of the trade" will be highlighted in the museum's Store's Exhibit.

## Independence Day Parade

The Annual Independence Day Parade will be on Monday, July 4th at 1 pm. This year things should be back to normal, and we expect a large turn-out of participants and spectators. We invite groups and individuals to participate in our parade in the spirit of inclusion and community. I'm looking for a couple volunteers to help with the lineup. Please email Jim Chandler at [Jim20765@verizon.com](mailto:Jim20765@verizon.com) if you'd like to help.

## Election of GHS Officers & Board

Attention Galesville Heritage Society Members. We will be voting on our 2022 proposed officers and board members at the upcoming dinner to be held at the hall on Tuesday March 15, 2022 at 6:30 pm. The slate is as follows:

President: **Jim Chandler**

Vice President: **Kathy Smith**

Treasurer: **Mark Case**

Recording Secretary: **Betsy Derrick**

Board Members:

**Susie Cosden, Adrienne Day, Tracy Richardson, Eric Ruark, Mark Steinlein, Peter Stevens, Bruce Weidele, Dorothy Whitman**

**John Cox, Dan Cinelli**

Many thanks to the nominating committee for organizing this election!

## Help Wanted! Docents Needed for Museum

The Galesville Heritage Society's Museum is getting set to open for the season in April. The museum is a wonderful place to learn about the history of Galesville. It is open to the public from the last Sunday in April through the first Sunday in November, on afternoons from 1-4 pm.

The GHS is looking for docents to spend a Sunday afternoon in the museum, soaking up and sharing local history. It is not necessary to be a historian, or even know anything about Galesville to volunteer, anyone can be a

docent! Newcomers will be paired with veterans.

Docents are on hand to welcome visitors and answer questions. Visitors to the museum are often visitors to Galesville and their questions might include, "Where can I get a bite to eat?" So, please consider volunteering one or more Sundays as docent!

If you are interested, email Karen Czarnowski at [kdrum12@yahoo.com](mailto:kdrum12@yahoo.com), or call Karen at 571-238-1080.

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## Calendar

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| March 13 – Deadline for Dinner Reservations   | April 15 – WRIA “Wine for the Weekend” 5:00 pm<br>(place to be announced) |
| March 15 – Dinner Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall,<br>6:30 pm   | April 17 – Easter Sunday  |
| March 26 – Clean Up Day at Museum Grounds,<br>8:30-10:30 am   | April 24 – Galesville Heritage Museum Opens for Season<br>1-4 pm          |
| March 27 – Maryland Day Celebrations:<br>Galesville Heritage Society<br><u>Galesville Memorial Hall</u> , 2-4 pm<br>Galesville Community Center, 1-4 pm | April 27 – Museum Meeting, Galesville Heritage Museum<br>9:00 am          |
| March 30 – Museum Meeting, Galesville Heritage Museum<br>9:00 am  | May 3 – Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall<br>7:30 pm                |
| April 5 – Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall,<br>7:30 pm   | May 8 – Mother’s Day  |
| April 9 – Clean Up Day at Museum Grounds,<br>8:30-10:30 am  | May 20 – WRIA “Wine for the Weekend” 5:00 pm<br>(place to be announced)   |
|   | May 25 – Museum Meeting, Galesville Heritage Museum<br>9:00 am            |
|   | May 30 – Memorial Day   |

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## Successful Winter Fundraiser

Stan and Joe’s put out the red carpet at Riverside for Galesville Heritage Society members and friends for the February fundraising dinner. The atmosphere was warm and lively. The three-course meal had something for everyone. The original Smith Island cakes were a special treat. Each dinner also got a little thank you from the GHS.

The night brought in \$640 for the GHS. Special thanks to S&J Riverside’s manager Mike Wiland for helping to organize the event!



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*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.”

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