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Harford Heritage News

250th Anniversary of Founding of Harford County—2023
200th Anniversary of Layfette's Tour of America— 2024

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Logo Award Ceremony—June 21

A ceremony awarding the prize money will be held at the Bel Air Town Board meeting on June 21. By then the Town hopes to be doing live meetings at Town Hall, 39 N. Hickory Ave, Bel Air. Copies of all of the entries will be on display at the ceremony.

Harford 250 Website Launch—June 21

Launch of the Harford 250 Website (Harford 250.org) is almost here. Participating organizations that want their logo and a link to their website included on the webpage must submit the logo art work and the link address to Carol Deibel or through 250celebration@harfordhistory.org. Use the phrase "Website Materials" in the subject line. Logos and information are added to the website site 2-3 weeks after submission.

Trivia Project

The committee has collected more than 120 Trivia Questions and Answers for the Harford 250 Trivia project. Our goal is to gather 250 questions and answers for the anniversary year. Each weekday, a new question will appear on the Historical Society's Facebook page with answer appearing on the weekend. Some of these Trivia questions will be shared with interested businesses/organizations for use during their celebrations. If you have any trivia Questions and Answers to share, please send to 250celebration@harfordhistory.org.

Get a jump on the answers by reviewing the questions below.

Questions for June

1. Ironically in 1922, Harford County was hit with the Knickerbocker snowstorm, with snow measuring how many inches?
2. Route 1 was paved in what year? Hint: It was the same year WWI began in Europe
3. Interestingly in 1865, President Lincoln's son, Robert, fell from a platform in the path of an oncoming train but was swiftly rescued and his life saved by what Harford County native?
4. In 1824, a factory which would later be called "Ring Factory" was built at the intersection of Winters Run and Ring Factory Road. What type of factory was this?

Answers on the last page.

Juliet Balcony at Tudor Hall
Home of the Booth Family

PROJECT UPDATES

Harford Historic Preservation Commission Announces 2021 Awards

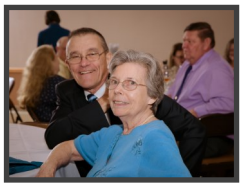
The Harford County Historic Preservation Commission has selected the winners of its 2021 Harford County Historic Preservation Awards. These awards, which are presented biennially in May in honor of National Historic Preservation Month, recognize individuals and organizations that have demonstrated a commitment to the protection of the county's historic and cultural resources.

And the winners are …

Preservation Project Award

Archeological Survey of Colonial Joppa

(Mr. Jim Rice - Church of the Resurrection, Copley Parish)



Preservationist Honor Award

Mr. Richard Sherrill

Stewardship Award

The Harford County Department of Parks and Recreation

Short videos highlighting each awardee are on the county website at:

Historic Preservation Awards | Harford County, MD (harfordcountymd.gov)

"Congratulations to this year's awardees, and thanks to the commission members for keeping Harford's history alive and sustaining it for future generations," County Executive Barry Glassman said.

The May 2023 award ceremony will be a highlight of the Harford 250 celebration. Now is the time to consider what project you or your organization could submit to the competition. Awards are presented in up to four categories: Preservation Projects, Special Preservation Awards, Local Government Preservation Award, and the Preservationist Honor Award. Projects, exhibits, publications, presentations and activities nominated for an award must have been completed, published, or presented, between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2022.

Harford County Historical Aerial Photographs Available

Joppatowne Construction 1966

Aerial images for Harford County from 1938 to 2019 that can be used for research or in presentations are available through the Harford County's WebGIS system, which can be accessed here: Harford County WebGIS (harfordcountymd.gov). Historic aerial imagery is under the "Basemap Gallery" tab. Historic architectural data (MIHP, County Landmarks, NRHP, Easements) is available under the "Historic Preservation" heading on the "Data Layers" tab. If you have any questions, contact Jacob Bensen, Harford County Historic Preservation Planner. jmbensen@harfordcountymd.gov.

Committee Updates

Steering Committee Meeting

The Steering Committee met on May 20th to share information about progress in planning and coordination of events for 2023. Chris Potts is now on the Steering Committee and joins Diane Booth as liaison to the county arts organizations.

Submit Events Planned for 2023

If you have events planned for 2023 (possibly ones you do each year), let us know so we can include them in an overall calendar published in the newsletter. This way we can make sure that events are spread out throughout 2023 and also create some excitement about upcoming events. The newsletter is distributed monthly.

Kick-off Event

The Steering Committee is developing plans for the kick-off event in January 2023. The program includes both virtual and in-person activities. It is similar to the Agricultural Symposium program held earlier this year. The Steering Committee recognizes the risk of weather conditions in January and decided the hybrid approach would be the best way to assure a successful start. The plan features opening ceremonies with local figures, followed by celebrity guest speakers to start the event. Booth space could showcase members planned events in the coming year, setup displays or provide giveaways for guests. Participating members will also be encouraged to submit a brief video that will be included in the virtual part of the program that tells the groups history or focuses on some element of county history, something entertaining.

We are in the very early in the planning stage and encourage input from all of our members. Please send in your recommendations, questions, and ideas.

Next General Meeting — September 16, 10 AM

The next general meeting of members is September 16 at 10 AM in the Reckord Armory. 37 North Main Street, bel Air. Meanwhile, the Steering Committee will launch the website and coordinate programs with all of the Harford 250 members.

Liaisons and Contacts

Members of the Steering Committee who are assigned as liaisons to local museums, business organizations and municipalities will be contacting members to introduce themselves and to discuss your plans for the Harford 250 Celebration. Meanwhile, should you have ideas about programs, events or wish to share your plans, please share this ,information with us at 250celebration@harfordhistory.org.

We look forward to receiving your ideas and plans.

Share Your Memories!

The Memoir Committee is reviewing more than 30 submissions from current and former residents. Subjects range from personal stories of people, places, events, businesses and institutions in Harford County in the 20th and early 21st centuries. If you have a story to tell, please see the information about submitting your story at the end of this newsletter.

Activities Update—Ideas to Consider

If you or your organization are wondering how you can participate, here are some ideas.

- A fashion show highlighting the spectrum of fashions 1773 -2023 (a great school project and possible fundraiser)
- Art in Harford – a series of art exhibits throughout the county featuring historic properties, places, events and people
- Sports related exhibits – Teams through the years, possibly at P & R headquarters, horse-racing memorabilia display
- Harford's Maritime history – fishing, hunting, crabbing, importance of the waterways in industry, settlement and development, decoy carvers and importance
- Municipal experience – each town has its own unique experiences
- Black experience – story maps, underground railroad trail or auto tour, Truth thru Healing programs and more
- Military experience – wartime stories, APG impacts
- Music Memories and Memorials – programs by local orchestras, choirs musical groups tracing county history through music
- Bike tours with historic storytellers along path
- Forgotten Harford – exhibit of historic photographs, ephemera telling the more obscure stories of county life.

There are many more subjects to explore - - Native American culture, education, politics, the canneries, mills, medical history, suffrage movements, railroads, disasters. Let your imagination roam and share your ideas with us. Encourage businesses, institutions, schools, clubs, churches and more to start planning for their special part in this celebration and share their plans with us. Our aim is to provide a central marketing site for all Harford 250 events and

Trivia Contest Answers:

1. 22 inches
2. 1914
3. Edwin Booth (John Wilkes Booth's brother)
4. Cotton / Wool (textile).

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HARFORD 250

SHORT STORIES WANTED!

Together, we're writing a book the Historical Society will publish.

Write a true story (in 2,000 words or less) about places, events, and/or people that were part of your past here in Harford County.

Just a few examples:

- *Did you have a favorite hangout that isn't around?*
- *Perhaps a business was located elsewhere in its early days*
- *A person from the county who had a profound impact.*
- *What were some things we did 50 or more years ago that we don't do or do differently now?*

TELL US!

We want to make YOUR story, part of OUR story.

Email stories to 250Celebration@HarfordHistory.org

DEADLINE for submission is December 31, 2021

All submissions will be reviewed by a committee. The society will notify those whose stories have been selected for publication.

All submissions will be retained in the Society's Archives. Submission constitutes the individual's agreement to allow the use of the story in the anthology and also acknowledges that extracts/pictures may be used for publicity purposes. It is also understood that no payment will be given for use of the stories and pictures.