

June 2023

# Harford Heritage News

250th Anniversary of Founding of Harford County—2023 to March 2024

200th Anniversary of Lafayette’s Tour of America— 2024



## Celebrating 250 Years of Community

### Waterfront adventures

The Harford 250 Summer of Fun began with a visit from the *Pride of Baltimore* to Havre de Grace. The *Pride* and vessels like it were an integral part of our country’s history. This type of topsail schooner served the country well during the War of 1812, a time when Havre de Grace was attacked by the British.

The *Maryland Dove*, a replica of a small, 40-ton capacity cargo ship that accompanied the first colonists to Maryland, visits Hutchins Memorial Park in Havre de Grace, June 24 -25. The original *Dove* was purchased by Cecil Calvert and several investors so that the colonists would have a ship to use once the Ark, the passenger ship that carried the colonists, returned to England.

These visits offer an opportunity to relive some exciting times from the past. Details on the ships’ visits are available at [www.explorehavredegrace.com](http://www.explorehavredegrace.com).

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The Maryland Dove



### Agrarian Heritage

On Saturday, June 10, the Farmers and Community Partnership of Harford County recognize Harford’s Legacy Farms while celebrating the county’s agricultural heritage as part of *Harford 250*. The event is being held at the Harford County Equestrian Center on Tollgate Road. The program includes dinner, awards, and presentations recognizing the farm families who have been part of the county’s agricultural community for more than 100 years.

### Juneteenth and the Freedom 5K Run/Walk

Activities will begin on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am with the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Freedom 5 K Run/Walk at the Ma & Pa Trail sponsored by the Harford County NAACP. Swag and medals will be given to each participant.

At noon, the Hosanna School Museum will host its seventh Juneteenth event at the 2424 Castleton Rd, Darlington, MD 21034. The festival will feature music, food, storytellers, dance, vendors, genealogy workshops, horse rides, puppet shows, and African drummers. Tickets and more information are available at

[www.hosannaschoolmuseum.org](http://www.hosannaschoolmuseum.org).





## Piecing Together Harford's History

Two years ago, the Harford 250 Committee initiated plans to develop an art piece to commemorate the County's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to be unveiled at the March 2024 Finale celebration. Many county residents voted on a theme for the art piece and subsequently on the artists' proposals. The winning theme – *Rooted in History: Lighting the Way to the Future* – was approved and area artists were encouraged to submit art proposals based on that theme.

The proposals were shared with the public at county events and on the Harford 250 website throughout the past year. The winning proposal was submitted by Lisa Scarbath to create a large-scale mosaic. The artwork will depict the history, personality, and culture of the county by incorporating materials donated by community residents. Once completed, Ms. Scarbath's mosaic will be installed at Bynum Run Park on Churchville Road.

Residents may become part of this historic project by submitting a small piece of their own Harford County history along with a couple of sentences describing the piece they are donating. Donations must be small pieces of durable material such as rocks, ceramic, glass, or other weather-resistant material. Examples include – a pebble from your driveway, a broken plate from a past celebration, or a lapel pin recognizing public service. The items may be as small as the donor likes, but no larger than a fist. Whatever a donor chooses does not have to be recognizable to anyone else. Please do not send anything bio-degradable such as photos, flowers, paper, etc. as these would not be suitable for incorporating in an outdoor art piece. Please note these donations are final and will not be returned.

Items may be dropped off at any local Harford County library. Collection boxes will be available in library lobbies. Alternatively, you may mail items directly to the artist.

Lisa Scarbath  
Howard County Center for the Arts  
8510 High Ridge Road,  
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Items must be delivered or sent no later than October 1, 2023. Remember to enclose the donated item in an envelope along with a sentence or two describing the item and its meaning to the individual making the donation. This information will become part of the permanent record describing the meaning of the mosaic. Also, please include donor contact information in case the artist has questions.

The items received may be cut, trimmed, or otherwise altered to incorporate them into the artwork at the artist's discretion. She will try to use all items that are sent. If you have any questions, please contact the artist at [Lisa@PiecefulDesignsMosaics.com](mailto:Lisa@PiecefulDesignsMosaics.com).

# Harford 250 Night at the Ball Park - Sports Through the Decades



Tickets are on sale now! Experience Harford County sports like never before. The Harford 250 committee is thrilled to host a Night at the Ballpark at Ripken Stadium in Aberdeen celebrating the stellar achievements of the county's local athletes and honoring the rich sports history of Harford County. Join us in cheering on the Ironbirds as they play their rivals, the Wilmington Blue Rocks, on Saturday, August 19 at 7 pm.

Enjoy exhibits showcasing Harford's many sports highlights throughout the decades and meet some of the stars who brought so much excitement and joy to the county with their athleticism and talent. And, of course, be sure to stick around after the game for a spectacular fireworks display! For details or to purchase tickets, visit [www.harford250.org](http://www.harford250.org).

## Bel Air's Independence Day Festivities

### 2023 Theme: CELEBRATING HARFORD 250!

The Town of Bel Air's 2023 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade is celebrating Harford County's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary by encouraging float entries, bands, and other participants to share the county's history as part of their displays, making this year's event very special indeed. For those who attend annually, you know that Bel Air's 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration is not to be missed. There are events scheduled from dawn to dusk throughout town all day. For details, visit [www.belairjuly4.org](http://www.belairjuly4.org).



Everyone is invited to attend this year's holiday parade on Tuesday, July 4, 2023, at 6 pm. The Parade begins at the intersection of Idlewild Street and S. Main Street in Bel Air and proceeds north to N. Gordon Street and N. Main Street.

WJZ's Kristy Breslin is the emcee of this year's festivities and the day culminates with Fireworks at Rockfield Park at 9:30 pm.

If the parade is canceled due to inclement weather, it will not be rescheduled. Information about any cancellation will be posted on the Bel Air 4<sup>th</sup> of July Facebook page and announced on WXCX and WAMX radio networks.

## Journey Down the Old Post Road—June 15

The Greater Havre de Grace Museum Association and the Lock House Museum present local historian, retired Harford County educator, and longtime Lock House supporter, Bob Magee, in its ongoing Ellsworth B. Shank Lecture Series. Journey down the Old Post Road during the 18th and 19th centuries visiting inns and famous stops as it traverses through Harford County and beyond. This free talk is being held at the American Legion Post 47 in Havre de Grace on Thursday, June 15 at 7 pm.

Registration is through Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/591534053277>

Please contact the Lock House Museum. 410-939-5780 or [info@thelockhousemuseum.org](mailto:info@thelockhousemuseum.org), for additional information.

## Reflections on Years Preserving the Bush and Gunpowder Rivers

In partnership with the Otter Point Creek Alliance, the Historical Society invites you to join us on **Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 6 pm at the Anita Leight Estuary Center**, 700 Otter Point Rd, Abingdon, MD 21009 to learn the answers to these questions and more. Enjoy an evening featuring Theaux Le Gardeur, the Gunpowder Riverkeeper. He is the voice of the Gunpowder and Bush Rivers and works to uphold the Clean Water Act regulations related to potential river pollution impacts. These rivers are incredibly important to the quality of life in Harford County and have been vital elements in its development. This will be a unique opportunity to delve into their history and their future.

## Visit the Liriodendron for a Special Father's Day Open House!

The Liriodendron is thrilled to continue the celebration of 250 years of Harford County in the same year that it is celebrating its own 125<sup>th</sup> birthday! This Spring and Summer we have a variety of events highlighting the history and culture of the Liriodendron and our community.

We will be open from 11 am to 3 pm on Sunday, June 18. Tour our historic house and beautiful grounds, explore local history, see our Baltimore Sculptors 40th Anniversary exhibit, and learn how you can rent the Liriodendron for your wedding or other event.

The Open House is followed by a Music at the Mansion concert featuring Charm City Junction. Our summer Music at the Mansion concert series continues with Josh Christina on July 9 and Gaelic Mishap on August 13. All concerts are outdoors on Sundays from 5 to 7 pm. For information on these and other events, please visit [liriodendron.com](http://liriodendron.com)

As part of its year-long 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, The Liriodendron is seeking photos of past weddings and special events held at the mansion, as well as historical photos and works of art depicting the mansion and grounds. Anyone who would like to share their images, can send a link to [events@liriodendron.com](mailto:events@liriodendron.com).

## The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra Comes to Harford

On Saturday, July 8, 2023, at 7:30 pm at the APGFCU Arena, Harford County will welcome the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra as part of its Music for Maryland Tour. This is a unique opportunity to experience this renowned orchestra at a local venue. The event will focus on introducing our young people to the wonders of symphonic music and offer an opportunity to continue the celebration of the county's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The program will celebrate the originality and independence of America's greatest composers! From the jazzy high life captured by George Gershwin and Leonard Bernstein to the epic film scores of Aaron Copland and John Williams, the American sound is lively and limitless. Valerie Coleman's anthem for essential workers and a new spin on patriotism by BSO Artistic Partner, and hip-hop spoken word artist Wordsmith update the national tradition for the 21st century. Like the flag that once flew over Baltimore's harbor and inspired *The Star-Spangled Banner*, this big and bold music is a declaration of freedom.



The Music for Maryland tour brings programs specifically curated for young listeners and families to several counties throughout the summer. The Harford County concert will feature conductor, Sameer Patel and narrator, Wordsmith. These BSO programs are made possible through leading support of the State and the PNC Foundation.



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# Joyful June



## JOIN US FOR A MONTH OF FUN!

As we continue to commemorate this historic milestone, we are excited to announce our upcoming "Joyful June" events. From family-friendly festivals to educational exhibits and historical moments, there is something for everyone to enjoy. View a full list of June Celebrations and be sure to follow Harford 250 to find out the latest County happenings.

JUNE 1ST  
TO  
JUNE 5TH

### Pride of Baltimore Visits Havre de Grace

The City of Havre de Grace welcomes The Pride of Baltimore II. This historic ship will be docking at Hutchins Memorial Park, 100 Congress Ave.

JUNE 10TH  
AT  
4:30 PM

### Harford Legacy Farm

During the event, we will recognize Harford County's Legacy Farms, farms that have been continuously owned by the same family for 100 years or more, and includes dinner and presentations.

JUNE 17TH  
AT  
8:30 AM

### NAACP Freedom 5K Run/Walk

Harford County NAACP 1st Annual Freedom 5K Run/Walk will take place at the Ma & Pa Trail. Swag and Medals will be given to each participant.

JUNE 17TH  
AT  
12 PM

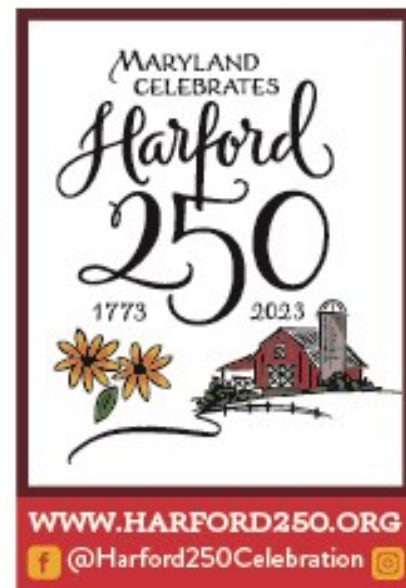
### Upper Bay Juneteenth Festival

The 2023 Upper Bay Juneteenth Festival is Hosanna's seventh year hosting a Juneteenth event. Featuring Music, Food, Storytellers, Dance, Vendors, Genealogy Workshops, Horse Rides, Puppet Shows and African Drummers!

JUNE 23RD  
TO  
JUNE 25TH

### The Maryland Dove Visits Havre de Grace

The City of Havre de Grace welcomes The Maryland Dove. This historic ship will be docking at Hutchins Memorial Park, 100 Congress Ave.



# Summer Museum Adventure

June 1st - July 31st, 2023

Visit and collect stamps from 6 of the 9 participating museums in the GREATER Havre de Grace area and be entered to win prizes donated by the Museums.

Pick up your Museum Adventure Card at any of the participating museums listed below or the Havre de Grace Visitor's Center.

Fill out the information on the completed card and hand back to the last museum visited or the Havre de Grace Visitor's Center for your chance to win!

Limit one card per family.

Hosanna School Museum ~ Steppingstone Farm Museum ~ Lock House Museum ~ American Legion ~ Bahoukas Antiques & Beer MuZeum ~ Washington Street Books & Entertainment Museum ~ The Havre de Grace Colored School Museum and Cultural Center, Inc. ~ Concord Point Light House & Keeper's House Museum ~ Havre de Grace Decoy Museum



The ADVENTURE is DISCOVERING history in your own backyard!



Ellsworth B. Shank Lecture Series

## The Old Post Road - Highway of Colonial America

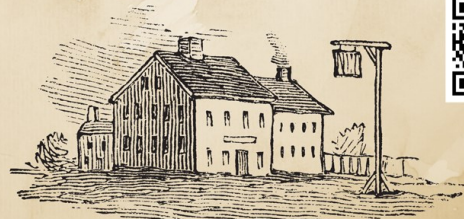
presented by Bob Magee

Thursday, June 15th, 2023 at 7 pm

American Legion Post 47  
505 St. John Street, HDG, MD 21078

Free and open to the public  
Registration requested at

<https://OldPostRoad.eventbrite.com>



Sponsored by the Lock House Museum and the Greater Havre de Grace Museum Association

Celebrating 125 Years at The Liriodendron

# Summer Soirée

Friday, August 25, 2023  
6-9 PM

The Liriodendron Foundation

Liriodendron.com  
HAKellyevent@liriodendron.com

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# INAUGURAL FREEDOM 5K

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FREEDOM NAACP

5K

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\$10 FOR AGES 12 & UNDER  
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AFTER 5/1/2023

\$15 FOR AGES 12 & UNDER  
\$35 FOR AGES 13 & OVER

SCAN TO REGISTER

SATURDAY JUNE 17, 2023  
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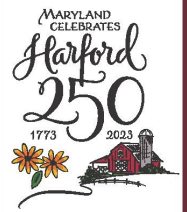
## MA & PA TRAIL

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MUSIC FOOD VENDORS MEDALS & AWARDS

# HARFORD 250 NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

Harford County has a lot of sport history to be proud of. Experience the thrill of the game like never before with Harford 250 at a historic fireworks night!



RIPKEN STADIUM | AUGUST 19TH

## DID YOU KNOW...



In 1951, Bill Brown of Bel Air won gold as part of the 4 x 400 relay team and silver in the 800 meter run at the Pan Am Games.



Havre de Grace sisters Brionna and Stephanie Jones currently play for the Connecticut Suns in the WNBA.



The Harford Community College Men's Lacrosse team won the NJCAA Championship **THIS YEAR!**

## GET YOUR TICKET TODAY

Harford 250 is thrilled to bring together sports fans and history lovers alike to swap stories, trade trivia, and celebrate a roster of past and present Harford sports champions.

Cheer on the Aberdeen Ironbirds as they play their rival, the Wilmington Blue Rocks. Enjoy historical displays and help us honor a showcase of local sports greats. Be sure to stick around after the game for a spectacular fireworks display!



[WWW.HARFORD250.ORG](http://WWW.HARFORD250.ORG)

## Harford 250 Events—June to August 2023

Here is a partial list of 2023 events planned to date:

June 17—Upper Bay Juneteenth Celebration at Hosanna School

Harford NAACP Freedom 5K Run/Walk on MA & PA Trail In Bel Air

June 23— 100 Year of Highland Homemakers in Street

June 23-25—*Maryland Dove* at Havre de Grace

July 4—Independence Day Parade in Bel Air

July 8—Baltimore Symphony Orchestra at HCC Arena

August 4-6—Chesapeake Bay Hot Air Balloon Festival

August 19—Harford 250 Night at the Ball Park

August 25—Summer Soiree at Liriodendron Mansion

September 15-30—Arts Across Harford various locations

For a complete list of Harford 250 events go to [www.harford250.org](http://www.harford250.org).

Share your Summer and Fall event plans with us at [250celebration@harfordhistory.org](mailto:250celebration@harfordhistory.org), so we can include them in a future newsletter.





*Celebrating 250 Years*  
A PUBLIC ART PROJECT

   
@Harford250Celebration  
@PiecefulDesignsMosaics

# PIECING TOGETHER Harford's History

Tucked beside the Chesapeake Bay, Harford County has been home to farmers and miners, traversed by mariners and railroads, remembered for its military roles and American history contributions, and been culturally enriched by its athletes and artists. In all this time we have collected a lot of memories... and THINGS!

To memorialize this anniversary Lisa Scarbath, a mosaic artist, is creating a community-sourced, large-scale mosaic to be installed at Bynum Run Park in March 2024. The public art project will depict the history, personality, and culture of the county by incorporating material from the community into a piece of art for all to enjoy.

**You are invited to be a part of this project by contributing a piece of your own Harford County history to be included in the mosaic. Examples include a pebble from your driveway, a broken plate from a past celebration, or a lapel pin recognizing years of public service. The item does not need to be recognizable to anyone else, it just needs to symbolize your story!**



### *Need some inspiration?*

Ellicott City worked with Pieceful Designs Mosaics to tell the story of their community. See what they sent in.

### CONTACT WITH ANY QUESTIONS

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### *WHAT do I send?*

Be creative! Durable material such as rocks, ceramic, glass, and metal are the most desirable. Please do not send anything biodegradable (photos, flowers, paper, etc). Items sent may be cut, trimmed, or otherwise altered at the artist's discretion. The artist will try to use all the items that are sent, but inclusion is not guaranteed. Please be advised that pieces will become a permanent part of the mosaic artwork and will not be returned.

### *What SIZE should it be?*

It can be as small as you like, but NO larger than your fist.

### *WHERE can I send/deliver my piece(s)?*

**Drop off:** ANY Harford County Public Library  
**Mail or drop off:** Lisa Scarbath, Howard County Center for the Arts, 8510 High Ridge Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043.

Drop off locations may be added and are subject to change. Follow us on Social Media or check [www.harford250.org](http://www.harford250.org) for the latest updates.

**WHEN are items due?**  
**OCTOBER 1, 2023**

### **REMEMBERTO SHARE YOUR STORY!**

You **MUST** include a sentence or two about the piece(s) you are sending! Stories will be published anonymously, but please include your contact information in case the artist has questions.



**WE HOPE TO RENDER THESE ICONIC IMAGES OF HARFORD COUNTY IF ENOUGH MATERIALS ARE RECEIVED. We encourage you, your friends and neighbors to share your stories and fill in the missing pieces of our communities story!**

# Harford 250 Steering Committee

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*Harford County has always lain in the main stream of national life.*

*In a sense, its history is the record of our country, reduced in scale.*

Senator William S. James



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