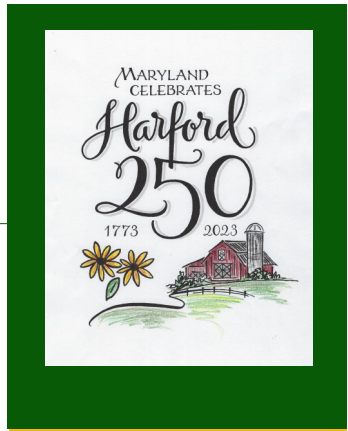


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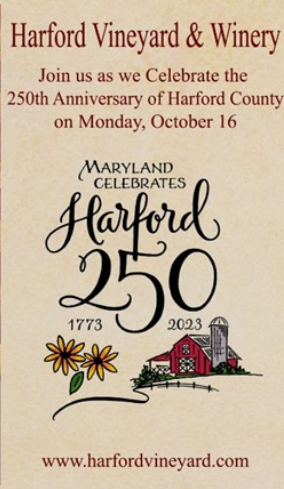
Harford Heritage News

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

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



The Celebration Continues



Join Mason Dixon Country, Visit Harford, Harford Vineyard & The Wineries of The Gunpowder Wine Trail (GPWT) on Monday, Oct 16, 2023 kick off the GPWT Unique Wine & Cheese Event and the 250 Anniversary of Harford County! Harford Vineyard & Winery is hosting the event beginning at 5:00 PM, 1311 Jarrettsville Road, Forest Hill.

Get a preview of what the annual GPWT Wine & Cheese Event has to offer.

- ◆ [Joan Hodous](#)
- ◆ [Copley Parish](#)
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The tour runs from November 1- 19. Tickets are available now! Enjoy samples of four wineries’ wines and cheeses in addition to cheeses provided by Daily Crisis Farms, Fawn View Farms and Brooms Bloom! Harford Vineyard’s wines will be sold by the glass and bottle for on-site consumption and for take home!

This is another of the featured events for Harford’s 250th Anniversary. This special year has featured events, stories, memories, art, culture and showcased the camaraderie that makes our community so special. The celebration continues with programs from now until the grand finale in March 2024. Some of these programs are highlighted in this newsletter. For more details be sure to follow the Harford 250 Facebook page and check our website, www.harford250.org.

Piecing Together Harford’s History

Thank you to all who donated items for the Piecing Together Harford’s History Mosaic. Artist, Lisa Scarbath’s creation using the pieces donated by each of you will be unveiled at the Harford 250 Grand Finale on Saturday March 23, 2024 at the Bel Air Armory. Following the unveiling, the mosaic will be installed as a permanent display at Bynum Run Park in Bel Air.



In Support of Women: A Virtual Presentation featuring Joan Hodous



Joan Hodous, author, activist, and founder of the Harford County Commission for Women was the Historical Society's guest at a virtual presentation on Tuesday, October 10. The program was truly entertaining, and for some, an eye-opening experience. For those who missed the presentation, it is now available on the Society's webpage, www.harfordhistory.org

We forget how much has changed since the seventies in the county and the country. This is a chance to relive, or possibly learn for the first time, the challenges, successes, and failures of the women's movement in Harford County. In the 1970s, Ms. Hodous stepped forward to lead the state-mandated Commission, accepting incredible challenges that few of us would recognize today.

Remember, at this a time women needed their father or husband to approve their applications for a bank account and a credit card. Assistance programs for women were essentially non-existent. Help Wanted ads were specifically divided into male or female in newspaper advertisements. Joan attacked these issues with determination and humor, resulting in major changes in the county, changes we can all be grateful for.



Copley Fall Festival In Joppatowne

The Annual Copley Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 11 a.m. till 4 p.m. on the grounds of The Church of the Resurrection, 700 Anchor Drive in Joppatowne. This family-friendly festival features a petting zoo, food, vendors, 1700s living history demonstrations and more. Everyone is invited to enjoy this unique colonial experience, recognizing Joppa's past, present and future.

The Lincolns, the Booths, and the Spirits

& The Forgotten Women of the Lincoln Assassination

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023 | 1:00 TO 4:00 PM | BEL AIR, MD

We're very excited to announce that the Junius B. Booth Society (JBBS) and the Historical Society of Harford County, Inc. (HSHC) are holding an intriguing, one-of-a kind fundraising event titled *The Lincolns, the Booths, and the Spirits & The Forgotten Women of the Lincoln Assassination* featuring author/historian Terry Alford and author/historian Kathryn Canavan on Saturday, October 21 at the Historical Society of Harford County. Seating is limited to 100 people, so reserve your seats now. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

Following the closing remarks, the first floor of Tudor Hall, the childhood home of John Wilkes Booth, will be open to attendees till 5:30 PM. Tudor Hall is located at 17 Tudor Lane, Bel Air, MD 21015.

Please Join Us:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023

1:00 to 4:00 PM

The Historical Society of Harford County, Inc.

143 N. Main Street, Bel Air, MD 21014 **DOORS OPEN AT NOON.**

(Parking is available on the street and the Historical Society of Harford County)

REGISTER EARLY TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE!

Space is limited to 100 people.



REGISTER NOW AT WWW.HARFORDHISTORY.ORG

The Lincolns, the Booths and the Spirits

The Harford 250 project celebrates county history and looks forward to its future. One of the families who played a significant role in local and national history was that of Junius Booth. The famed Shakespearean actor purchased a farm on Churchville Road in the early 1800s, now known as Tudor Hall. His family lived here for many years. Three of Junius Booth's sons followed him in the acting profession, one, Edwin surpassed his father's reputation as the best Shakespearean actor of his day. Another, John Wilkes went on to become the infamous assassin of Abraham Lincoln. Their story continues to astound people today.

The Junius B. Booth Society (JBBS) and the Historical Society of Harford County, Inc. (HSHC) are proud to sponsor *The Lincolns, the Booths, and the Spirits & The Forgotten Women of the Lincoln Assassination* featuring author / historian Terry Alford and author / historian Kathryn Canavan on Saturday, October 21 at 12 pm at the Historical Society of Harford County, 143 N. Main Street in Bel Air. Seating is limited to 95 people, so reserve your seats now. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Visit the Historical Society's website at www.harfordhistory.org to register for this exciting event. The cost is \$30.00 per person for this event. Following the closing remarks, the first floor of Tudor Hall, the childhood home of John Wilkes Booth will be open to attendees till 5:30 PM. JBBS and HSHC are splitting the proceeds from this fundraiser.

THE LINCOLNS, THE BOOTHS, AND THE SPIRITS by Terry Alford

Terry's latest book, *In the Houses of Their Dead*, is the first book of the many thousands written about Lincoln to focus on the president's fascination with Spiritualism (very popular in the Civil War era). Terry will demonstrate how it linked Lincoln, uncannily, to the man who would kill him. Abraham Lincoln is usually seen as a rational, empirically-minded man, yet as acclaimed scholar and biographer Terry Alford reveals, he was also deeply superstitious and drawn to the irrational. Like millions of other Americans, including the Booths, Lincoln and his wife, Mary, suffered repeated personal tragedies, and turned for solace to Spiritualism, a new practice sweeping the nation that held that the dead were nearby and could be contacted by the living.

Remarkably, the Lincolns and the Booths even used the same mediums, including Charles Colchester, a specialist in "blood writing" whom Mary first brought to her husband, and who warned the president after listening to the ravings of another of his clients, John Wilkes Booth.

THE FORGOTTEN WOMEN OF THE LINCOLN ASSASSINATION by Kathryn Canavan

Kathryn will reveal the forgotten women who were connected to the Lincoln assassination. She digs deep and uncovers surprising secrets and stories about these fascinating women.

Kathryn Canavan is an independent researcher and the author of *Lincoln's Final Hours: Conspiracy, Terror, and the Assassination of America's Greatest President* and has appeared on PBS, CSPAN, and the Discovery Channel. She started her journalism career as a crime reporter and eventually worked as reporter or editor in four states and was a National Health Journalism Fellow at USC's Annenberg School. To get a story, Canavan has reported at gunpoint, lived with the Moonies, negotiated with a killer, and joined Tug McGraw in the Phillies dugout.

She began researching the unintended consequences of the Lincoln assassination in 2009. In *Lincoln's Final Hours* she explores the effect that one extraordinary night had on the ordinary Washingtonians who witnessed what happened inside Petersen's Boarding House on the night President Lincoln died there. Their eyewitness accounts provide telling new details about the assassination. Some went on to lead lives that are the stuff of novels, and others came to sad ends.

Hear the Whistle Blow...

Friends of the Aberdeen MD B & O Train Station are hosting a celebration of the restoration of the station On Tuesday, October 31st from 11 am to 1 pm at 404 W. Bel Air Avenue, Downtown Aberdeen. All are invited to Get Onboard for the restoration of Aberdeen's historic train station.

The station, originally constructed in 1885, is an architectural gem. The restoration work includes a new slate roof, new cedar shake siding, repair and replacement of the original windows and doors, brick veneer (using 4,000 original bricks), and other improvements. Once completed the station is eligible for designation on the National Register of Historic Places.

The vision for the station is to preserve it as *The Historical Gateway* to Aberdeen and America's Railroad-
ing Heritage. Everyone is welcome.



Old Line Plate blogger Kara Mae Harris and Her New Holiday Cookbook

The Historical Society of Harford County is hosting a virtual presentation featuring celebrated Maryland cookbook author Kara Mae Harris introducing her newest publication *Festive Maryland Recipes* on Tuesday, November 14 at 12:30 pm. The book features holiday recipes that are significant to Maryland.

Ms. Harris collected them while gathering a number of oral histories and researching traditions related to various holidays. The author worked with recipe developer Rachel Rappaport to ensure the book had a balanced mix of savory and sweet dishes. The recipes came from Maryland cookbooks, newspapers, and food historians.



As part of her research Ms. Harris visited the Historical Society of Harford County during 2018. In the Eloise H. Wilson Collection she encountered one of the oldest cookbooks she has ever found. Probably dating from the 1700s. Here is a link to her blog about the visit: <https://oldlineplate.com/ice-cream-mrs-boddys-eliose-hampton-wilson/>

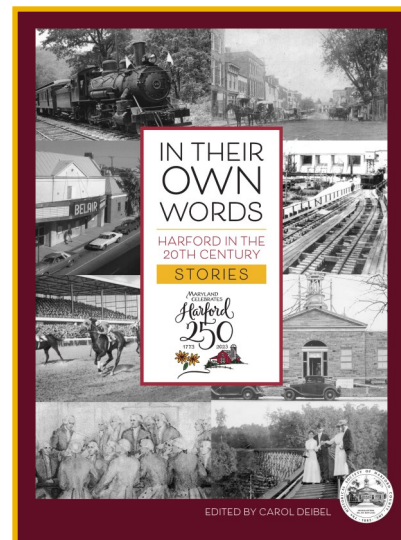
"It's impossible to truly know the year such a cookbook was started, but it certainly is older than the manuscripts I typically handle. 19 of the books 152 recipes are for puddings – a percentage that would go down over time in American cookbooks as technology and tastes changed. A recipe for a suet pudding known as "The Duke Of Buckingham Pudding" contains rosewater as a flavoring and is boiled in a cloth. Similar recipes appear in cookbooks dating to the 1700s."

Kara Mae Harris

To register for this free virtual event and learn more about Maryland's rich food history go to the Society's website, www.harfordhistory.org.

Holiday Gifts for Harford County Family and Friends

In Their Own Words; Harford in the Twentieth Century, the Harford 250 book chronicling county residents' experiences, joys, and tribulations, makes a unique gift for someone who loves the county. A limited number of copies are still available at the Historical Society. Copies may be ordered through the website, www.harford250.org or at the Historical Society, 143 N. Main Street in Bel Air.



Help Wanted—Researcher, Graphic Designer and Marketing Specialist

The Historical Society of Harford County (HSHC) is partnering with the Hosanna School Museum (HSM) to create a traveling exhibition that showcases the rich African American history of the county. HSHC houses a vast collection of archives related to African American history, including manumission documents, certificates of freedom, and a two-volume collection of one-page pamphlets that provide information on various aspects of African American history in Harford County from the 18th to the 20th centuries. These resources remain largely unknown to many County residents, making them untapped treasures with untold stories.

The traveling exhibit aims to increase awareness by displaying these stories in schools, libraries, and public buildings, highlighting the local and national impact of Harford's African American community. We are forming a team comprised of:

- Researcher/Collections/Archival Specialist | \$30 per hour
- Exhibition Curator | \$30 per hour
- Graphic Designer | \$30 per hour
- Marketing Specialist | \$30 per hour

These are contractual part-time and grant-supported positions. The team will work under the leadership of the Directors of both HSHC and HSM.

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Place "HSHC-HSM. Position" in the subject line of your email and attach the following items: a cover letter that includes the position you are seeking, a resume or curriculum vitae, and contact information for three professional references, including their contact information.

Positions open until filled.

[Complete job descriptions and qualifications](#) are available at the end of this newsletter.

Exploring Joppa's Past through the Lens of *Good Endeavour*

In 1695, author Ned Tillman's family relocated from England to the new world, establishing a homestead near the port town of Joppa. The homestead stayed in Ned's family until 2002 when the farm was sold and Ned discovered an amazing stash – papers documenting his ancestors' life on the farm in those early years. This led the award-winning author of several previous books to write the novel *Good Endeavor* based on his family's story.

On Saturday, November 11 at 2 pm, Mr. Tillman will be the Historical Society's guest speaker at the Society's Headquarters, 143 N. Main Street in Bel Air as part of its Annual Archer Lecture Series. This is a truly personal story bringing to life Harford's frontier, its triumphs and tragedies, the ordeals countians faced establishing a home in the wilderness, surviving during the war years, meeting economic challenges and dealing with the many characters and events that shaped Joppa's role in county history.

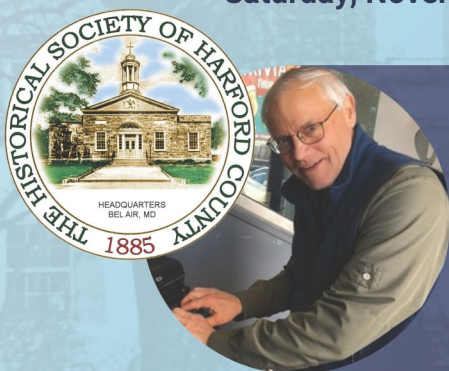
Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at the Society's website www.harfordhistory.org.

The Historical Society of Harford County Inc,
Presents
The Eighteenth Annual George W. Archer Lecture

EXPLORING JOPPA'S PAST

Through The Lens of Good Endeavor

The Historical Society of Harford County, Inc.
143 N. Main St., Bel Air | 410-838-7691
Saturday, November 11, 2023 | 2 P.M.



GUEST SPEAKER - Ned Tillman

An award-winning author, Ned Tillman will share his personal stories of life in Joppa from his family's arrival in 1695 until the sale of the homestead in 2002. The author will bring to life Harford's frontier, its triumphs and tragedies, the ordeals countians faced establishing a home in the wilderness, surviving during the war years, meeting economic challenges, and dealing with the many characters and events that shaped Joppa's role in county history.



Reserve Your Ticket TODAY

VISIT WWW.HARFORDHISTORY.ORG

Admission \$15

*Registrations Recommended

THE
Susquehanna
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
SHELDON BAIR, FOUNDER AND MUSIC DIRECTOR

REMEMBRANCE AND *Hope*



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023
@ 7:30 PM • Bel Air High School
Pre-Concert Discussion at 7 pm



The first concert of SSO's 47th season includes Beethoven, Dvorák, and the American premiere of Maestro Bair's composition *The Homefront 1944*. He composed music to a letter that his paternal grandmother sent to her sister in 1944 conveying the feelings of trying to be normal during a period of unspeakable loss.

Pre-Concert Discussion, 7 pm on concert night (doors open at 6:45 pm). General admission seating; discussion is included in the ticket price.

For more information <https://www.harford250.org/event/sso-concert-remembrance-and-hope/>

Upcoming Events

Harford 250 Events— October — November 2023

October 10— In Support of Women: Joan Hodous, virtual event

October 14— Genealogy Workshop, The Historical Society of Harford County

October 16— Gunpowder Wine & Cheese Trail Launch, Harford Vineyard & Winery

October 21—Copley Parish Historic Fall Festival, Church of the Resurrection Joppa

October 21—Lincoln, the Booths & the Spirits, Historical Society of Harford County

October 21—SSO Concert: Remembrance & Hope, Bel Air High School

October 31— Get Onboard for Restoration, Aberdeen B&O Train Station

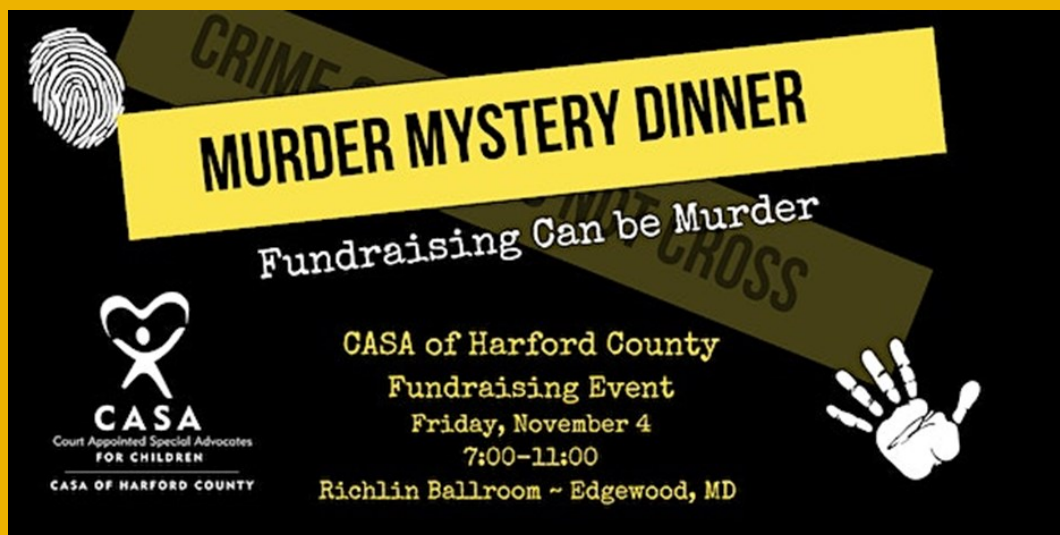
November 1-19—Gunpowder Wine & Cheese Trail

November 3— 1950's Murder Mystery Party for CASA, Richlin Event Center

November 14—Old Line Plate: Kara Mae Harris, virtual event

November 11— 18th Annual Archer Lecture, Historical Society of Harford County

For a complete list of Harford 250 events go to www.harford250.org. Share your event plans with us at 250celebration@harfordhistory.org, so we can include them in a future newsletter.



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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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SHC-HSM POSITION OPENINGS
Historical Society of Harford County and
Hosanna School Museum

General Description

The Historical Society of Harford County (SHC) has partnered with the Hosanna School Museum (HSM) to create a traveling exhibition that showcases the rich African American history of the county. SHC is Maryland's oldest historical society, while HSM is a restored Freedmen's Bureau School. SHC houses a vast collection of archives related to African American history, including manumission documents, certificates of freedom, and a two-volume collection of one-page pamphlets that provide information on various aspects of African American history in Harford County from the 18th to the 20th centuries. However, these resources remain largely unknown to many County residents, making them untapped treasures with untold stories. The traveling exhibit aims to increase awareness by displaying these stories in schools, libraries, and public buildings, highlighting the local and national impact of Harford's African American community.

We are forming a team comprised of a Researcher/Collections/Archives Specialist, Exhibition Curator, Graphic Designer, and Marketing Specialist. These are contractual part-time and grant-supported positions. The team will work under the leadership of the Directors of both SHC and HSM.

Researcher/Collections/Archival Specialist | \$30 per hour

The main responsibility of the Researcher/Collections/Archival Specialist is to serve as the subject-matter expert and conduct a comprehensive assessment of the SHC holdings that relate to African American history. The Researcher will also be required to reach out to members of the Harford County African American community to request additional archival and artifact contributions within specific categories. Additionally, the researcher will provide training and informational materials to SHC staff and archival and artifact volunteers who will be responsible for maintaining and preserving the collection for the future. The researcher should have a BA or MA degree in history, African American Studies, 19th to 20th-century U.S. History, Archival studies, or a similar field and two years of working experience in that field. A portfolio review of previous work will be requested if the candidate is selected for an interview.

Exhibition Curator | \$30 per hour

The Exhibition Curator will perform an extensive assessment of the SHC materials related to African American history, as given by the Researcher/Collections/Archival Specialist. Then, curate and create an exhibition based on the researcher's discoveries on particular categories of African American experiences. Produce all aspects of the exhibition content, including narrative panels, audiovisual displays, and online educational materials. Collaborate with fabricators and graphic designers. Additionally, provide SHC staff, archival, and artifact volunteers with training and informative materials so they can take responsibility for the care,

handling, and organization of the collection's future travels and deliveries. Candidate should have a BA or MA degree in museum studies, curatorial studies, or a similar field and two years of working experience as a curator. A portfolio review of previous work will be requested if the candidate is selected for an interview.

Graphic Designer | \$30 per hour

The Graphic Designer will collaborate with the exhibition curator, researcher/collections archivist, and exhibition fabricators to create and design all exhibition graphics. This includes narrative panels, print materials, audiovisual displays, and web-based educational information. The Graphic Designer and Curator will closely work together to ensure consistency, safety, and preservation of all traveling materials. Candidate should have an AA or BA degree in graphic design, visual communications, or a similar discipline. A portfolio review will be requested if the candidate is selected for an interview.

Marketing Specialist | \$30 per hour

The Marketing and Outreach Coordinator: Design and produce all community outreach for research and oral histories, marketing materials, and social media content, including web-based content and video promotions for the exhibition launch. An AA degree in marketing, BA or higher degree is preferred. A portfolio review will be requested if the candidate is selected for an interview.

Each candidate should be a self-starter, problem solver, and team player and possess an “entrepreneurial spirit”—an independent worker committed to getting things done in a timely manner. and excellent interpersonal, oral, and written communication skills with a friendly personality.

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