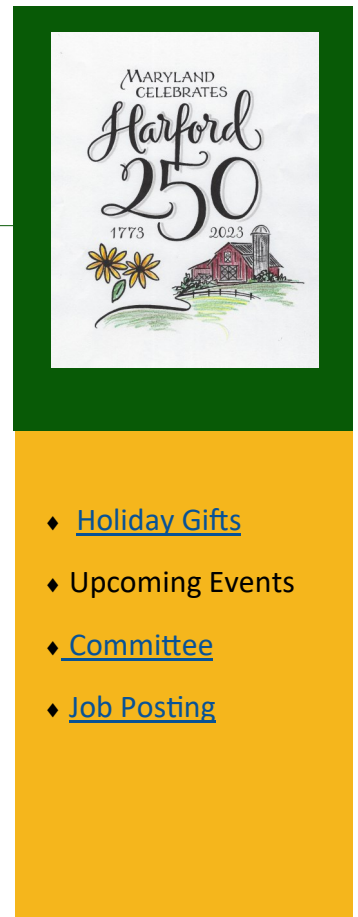


November—December 2023

# Harford Heritage News

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

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



## Have a Joyful Holiday Season!

The County's Anniversary year continues through Spring 2024. Over the past nine months, we have celebrated with parades, showcases, sports spectaculars and so much more, and there is still more to come. We thank each of you who submitted a small piece of your history to be included in the mosaic project. The artist is currently organizing the many pieces to create the beautiful artwork that will be showcased at the closing ceremony in March. Plans are proceeding on that event and others to complete our celebratory year and you are encouraged to begin planning a special celebration for March 23rd. We hope that communities throughout Harford will begin their celebrations when the Bells across Harford sound at noon on that day.

We are departing slightly from our monthly format as December tends to be such a frantic time for all of us. This newsletter will cover planned events for both November and December. The holiday season offers many chances to celebrate and enjoy our beautiful county. This edition shares a few of the planned holiday events with the hope that you will be able to enjoy some of these and the many others throughout Harford that make this county so unique.

We will return to our monthly format in January. For now, the Harford 250 Committee wishes you a very happy holiday season.

## 2023 GPWT Wine and Cheese Event Ends November 19!

This unique event runs from November 1 thru November 19 at four family-owned Harford County wineries who have blended their locally hand-crafted wines with a local Maryland dairy to create a very special artisan wine and cheese event you won't want to miss. Along the trail, you'll find unique local points of interest like Kilgore Falls and Rocks State Park. Restaurants abound with a range of choices. The wineries on the trail include Fiore Winery & Distillery (<http://fiorewinery.com/>), Harford Vineyard (<https://harfordvineyard.com/>), Mount Felix Winery (<https://mountfelix.com/>), and Royal Rabbit Vineyard (<https://www.royalrabbitvineyards.com/>).

This self-guided tour runs between I-83 east to I-95 and includes each of the vineyards listed above. You are welcome to visit any winery in any order you wish on any of the participating days. The event tickets are valid for 3 weeks. Along the trail, there are local parks, shops, farm stands, restaurants, and even a natural waterfall to visit. Tickets are limited as only a finite amount of the artisan Maryland wine cheese is produced and it takes 6 months to make.

Tickets are available at (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gunpowder-wine-trail-2023-wine-cheese-event-tickets-713248835467>)

# Christmas Parades Bring in the Season

Havre De Grace— 2023 Holly, Jolly Parade and Tree Lighting

Friday, December 1, 6:30 pm

Havre de Grace kicks off the holiday season with its 2023 Holly Jolly Parade and Tree Lighting! On Friday, December 1, 2023, at 6:30 pm, the parade starts at Union Avenue at St. John Street and continues onto Washington Street before ending at Congress Avenue. After the parade, Santa Claus will help Mayor Martin light the tree live on stage at Rochambeau Plaza, and Santa Land opens for visits with the Big Guy. There's room for everyone on the nice list!

For more information on this and other Havre de Grace events visit <https://explorehavredegrace.com/event>.



## 33rd Annual Town of Bel Air Christmas Celebration

On Sunday, December 3, 2023, Main Street in Bel Air will host the Town's Christmas Parade. Event details are:

- 3:30 pm: Parade (down Main Street to end of Lee Street)
- 4:15 pm: Holiday music in Shamrock Park, with a bonfire, hot chocolate & food vendors
- 5:00 pm: Tree Lighting



Scheduled to appear: Bands, floats, performers, costumed characters, costumed scout troops, animals, and more, all arrayed in the Holiday Season Spirit (even the miniature horses are costumed as reindeer!), leading to the official entrance of Santa and Mrs. Claus in Bel Air!

The event is weather permitting. In the case of bad weather, the event will be canceled and not rescheduled. For more information on this and other Town events visit [www.belairmd.org](http://www.belairmd.org).

## A Holiday Tradition at Liriodendron

Visit Liriodendron at 502 W. Gordon St. in Bel Air from 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday, December 2 for a beloved holiday tradition!

Tour the beautifully decorated historic mansion and enjoy holiday favorites including:

- Art and craft vendors selling one-of-a-kind gifts and decorations
- Greenery and arrangements for purchase
- Live music throughout the day
- Refreshments for sale from Waffle'n Joe Food Truck
- Activities for kids
- Visits with Santa
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A holiday raffle basket filled with lots of goodies And more!  
\$5 suggested donation to benefit the non-profit Liriodendron Foundation

*Please note: Due to the historic nature of the venue, the 2nd floor has limited accessibility.*



# WINTER WONDERLAND IN BEL AIR

Enjoy the spirit of the holiday season along Main Street with light displays, including the Bel Air Armory, Harford County Courthouse, and Bel Air Town Hall. From November 25, 2023, to January 6, 2024, downtown Bel Air will be lit with thousands of warm lights for the community to enjoy from 5-11 pm each night. Immerse yourself in the glow of holiday lights while enjoying live musical performances, carolers, and much more (select Saturdays)! Plus you can check items off your gift-giving list with extended hours in many of our shops.

**Saturday, November 25--The Lights go ON!**

**Saturday, December 2, 2023**

**Saturday, December 9, 2023\***

**Saturday, December 16, 2023**

Saturdays only (11/25-12/16)--Santa @ Courthouse 5-8 pm; Snow Sisters @ Main and Office Street 6-8 pm; Carriage rides @ Main and Lee 5-9 pm (Free, First come, first serve); Train Garden @ Armory Marketplace 5-9 pm; Live musicians in Armory Park



\*Note: 12/9 only--Additions to schedule above--Winter Craft Market 12-8 pm @ Bel Air Armory; Holiday Village Market 2-8 pm @ Mary Risteau lot next to Courthouse (Bond St.); Main Street will be closed 4-9 pm for Carriage Rides.



Everyone is invited to join the Historical Society for a unique Christmas adventure. This is your chance to learn about Christmas in days gone by while wandering through Bel Air's Winter Wonderland. The Historical Society is pleased to announce its first annual Candlelight Christmas Tour led by docent, Julie Brasch. Participants will enjoy Christmas stories of days gone by, caroling, a small Christmas treat, and much more. Tours will begin on Friday, November 24, and run each Friday and Saturday until December 16.

The one-and-a-half-hour tour will begin at the Historical Society, 143 N. Main Street in Bel Air at 7 p.m. Along the way, participants will learn about the many holiday traditions that have developed over time and hear unique stories about local traditions. Free parking is available on the Society's lot located behind the building.

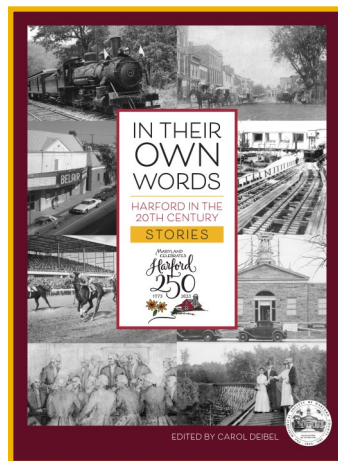
Tour groups will be limited to 20 people and pre-registration is required. Tickets will not be available at the door. To order your tickets, go to the Society's website, [www.harfordhistory.org](http://www.harfordhistory.org). The price for tickets is \$20 for adults and \$7 for children 12 and under.

As a special treat, consider starting your holiday shopping with us. Order a gift-wrapped copy of *In Their Own Words*, the 250th Harford County Anthology, and pick it up the night of your tour.

## Holiday Gifts for Harford County Family and Friends

As part of Harford County's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (2023-2024), current and former residents shared 105 stories about life in Harford County in the last century. These fascinating accounts of personal triumphs and tragedies, the day-to-day experiences of our neighbors will make you smile and sometimes bring a tear. This is a limited edition, so order early while supplies last. <https://www.harfordhistory.org/product/in-their-own-words-harford-in-the-20th-century-stories/>

8 1/2" x 11" hardbound cover, 334 pages, ~~\$28~~ **\$24 Holiday Sale!**



The Historical Society of Harford County, Inc  
presents its

# 2023 HOLIDAY GREENS SALE



The Historical Society offers a choice of creative arrangements for your holiday pleasure. Options range from beautifully designed Advent Wreaths, to Christmas trees, and one or two candle centerpieces. All feature fresh evergreens, boxwood, berries, and ribbons to grace your holiday celebration.

**Advent Wreaths** – Place your order by Saturday, November 25, 2023, for pick up at the Historical Society on Wednesday, November 29th between 11 AM and 2 PM, \$45

**Centerpieces and Christmas Trees** – Place your orders by Monday, December 4, 2023. Pick up will be Wednesday, December 6th, and Thursday, December 7th between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Historical Society, 143 N. Main St., Bel Air, Maryland. Single Candle Centerpieces, \$20; Two Candle Centerpieces, \$30 and Christmas Trees, \$40

To place an order, visit the Historical Society's webpage [www.harfordhistory.org](http://www.harfordhistory.org).

## 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.

### How to Apply:

Email [admin@hosannaschoolmuseum.org](mailto:admin@hosannaschoolmuseum.org)

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.



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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.

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**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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