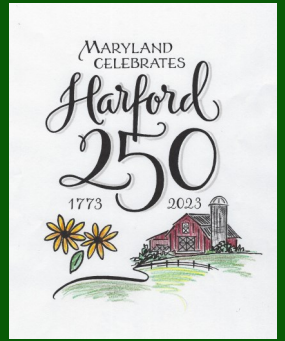


February 2024

Harford Heritage News

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

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



CELEBRATING TOMORROW
MAKE HARFORD HISTORY NOW
BEL AIR ARMORY | MARCH 23 | 9:30AM

<p>SEE THE HARFORD 250 TIME CAPSULE</p> <p><i>Learn which pieces of Harford County’s history are being preserved for future generations to uncover in 2073.</i></p>	<p>UNVEIL HARFORD 250’S MOSAIC</p> <p><i>Experience the long-anticipated unveiling of Rooted in History - Lighting the Way to the Future by Mosaic Artist Lisa Scarbath</i></p>	<p>RING BELLS ACROSS HARFORD</p> <p><i>Be a part of the final celebration. Celebrate at noon as bells ring out across the county. Everyone can participate!</i></p>
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Celebrating Tomorrow: Make Harford History Now

As the Harford 250 Celebration comes to a close, we invite each of you to join us in celebration. On Saturday, March 23, 2024, Harford’s Sestercentennial year-long celebration is highlighting the future in a program at the Bel Air Reckord Armory at 37 N. Main Street from 9:30 am to noon. This is a free event, but tickets are required as seating is limited. To register for a ticket, visit www.harford250.com.

This is an opportunity for people across the county to celebrate Harford’s first 250 years and the beginning of the next 250. Everyone is invited to join us in ringing a bell at 12 noon on March 23, 2024. A limited number of Harford 250 Commemorative bells will be available at the Historical Society headquarters, 143 N. Main St., Bel Air in early March and at the Liriodendron open house events on March 10, 13 and 20.

Rooted in History: Lighting the Way to the Future

Over the past year, many of you donated bits and pieces to the development of a mosaic that will be unveiled at the Closing ceremonies at the Bel Air Reckord Armory on March 23, 2024. The project, developed by artist, Lisa Scarbath, is proceeding beautifully. Here is just a tease showing a portion of the mosaic made from your donated materials.



As part of the project, more than 150 contributed items have been photographed, cataloged, and prepped to be embedded in four 3'x5' mosaic panels. The accompanying stories range from interesting county facts to personal histories and make for fascinating reading and a fun seek-and-find activity. The documentation is an interesting treasure explaining many of the bits and pieces that make up the mosaic and how they tell Harford's history.

Salute to Bel Air at 150

The Town of Bel Air has grown considerably since the tiny hamlet of "Belle Aire" was designated as the County Seat in 1782. The initial 42 lots, built around the county courthouse, jail, and sheriff's residence have grown to a town of more than 10,000 people, a center of commerce, local and state government, healthcare, dining, and cultural arts.

The key moment in Bel Air history is what the town will celebrate throughout 2024 – its incorporation as an independent municipality in April of 1874. Today, Bel Air is one of 157 municipalities in Maryland, holding "home rule" power granted by the State constitution.

Bel Air is planning many commemorative events over the next year beginning with the "Then & Now" celebration at the Bel Air Armory on April 27, 2024, from 11 am – 3 pm. Following the showcase at the Armory, the Bel Air Community Band and Community Chorus will perform at Shamrock Park at 4 pm.

Everyone is invited to this free event showcasing Bel Air's history and future. Visit <https://www.belairmd.org/616/Bel-Air150> for more information.

Harford 250 Encore: Jazz Ambassadors Come to Harford

The Harford 250 Celebration is so much fun the Historical Society of Harford County could not let it end! Along with the City of Havre de Grace, we are excited to announce that the amazing, internationally acclaimed US Army Jazz Ambassadors will continue its long tradition of presenting free performances when they appear in Havre de Grace's STAR Centre on **Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 7:00 pm**. Known as America's Big Band, the Jazz Ambassadors are the premier touring jazz orchestra of the United States Army. Formed in 1969, this 19-piece ensemble has received critical acclaim throughout the United States and abroad.

MUSIC FROM THE GREATEST GENERATION

The Greatest Generation program includes such all-time favorites as Stardust, In the Mood, and Sing, Sing, Sing. This is a concert that you won't want to miss.

Performances by the Jazz Ambassadors offer some of the most versatile programming of any big band. Concerts include classic big band standards, instrumental and vocal solo features, patriotic favorites, contemporary jazz works, and original arrangements and compositions by past and present members of the Jazz Ambassadors. The Jazz Ambassadors have performed in all 50 states, Canada, Mexico, Japan, India, and Europe, and joint concerts with the Boston Pops, National Symphony, Pittsburgh Symphony, Seattle Symphony, and at Carnegie Hall with Erich Kunzel and the Cincinnati Pops.

For tickets and additional information about the Jazz Ambassadors' performance in Havre de Grace, please contact The Havre de Grace Visitor Center by phone at 410-939-2100 or visit STAR CENTRE online at <https://starcentremd.com>.

The United States Army Field Band
Jazz Ambassadors
America's Big Band
Washington, DC

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Harford 250 Encore:
Jazz
AT THE STAR

**Join Us in the Celebration of Our Community's Military History
at the STAR Centre on April 25th**

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY of HARFORD COUNTY, INC. PRESENTS

THE MA & PA RAILROAD

Lecture and Presentation by Walter Holloway



Join us for a special presentation on the Ma & Pa Railroad presented by Walter Holloway, Vice President of the Ma & Pa Railroad Historical Society. Walt will share photos and a unique history of the railroad including stories and pictures that he and his family have collected over five generations, dating back to the earliest days of the Ma & Pa until its last trip through Harford.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2024 | 2:00PM

The Historical Society of Harford County, Inc.
143 N. Main St., Bel Air, MD

ADMISSION: \$15

Register online at www.harfordhistory.org!



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A Race Against Race: Quilt Exhibit and Lectures



Quilt Series
FREE
Art Exhibit & Conversations
Feb 3rd -25th



The Way Forward
A White Christian Perspective
Carol Burnside Quilt Artist

An exhibit of handmade, thought-provoking quilts by Carol Burnside, “Curious Priest and Quilter for Social Justice,” is on display at St. John’s Episcopal Church, Havre de Grace, through most of February. The exhibit is self-guided with a brochure.

Event Dates & Times:

February 3 through February 25, 2024

Monday- Fridays

10am- 12pm & 6pm- 8pm

Carol Burnside will conduct a series of three lectures about the quilts on Saturday afternoons (Feb 3, 10, & 17) from 4pm- 6pm

For more information, visit the [website](#).

Free to the public.

Annual MasquerAid Fundraiser & Gala

February 10 @ 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm, Havre de Grace Community Center, \$70 – \$80

Get ready for the return of Havre de Grace's biggest party of the year...

The Havre de Grace Arts Collective's Annual MasquerAid Fundraiser & Gala!!

Dance the night away and dine on the finest New Orleans-inspired savory and sweet dishes provided by some of your favorite local restaurants: Creole de Graw, Chefs of the Vandiver Inn, Coakley's Pub, Abbey Burger Bistro, and Tidewater Grille.

Silent auction and raffle prizes

Costumes are recommended, so arrive dressed to impress.... You might just be crowned King or Queen the 2024 MasquerAid!

Tickets \$80/ea Every ticket includes admission to the event, dinner, and beer and wine. Cocktails – (including a Mardi Gras classic Hurricane) are also available for purchase throughout the evening

We are the Havre de Grace Arts Collective – a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization that brings arts & entertainment to the local community through events, programs, public art, community partnerships & more!

Visit hdgartscollective.org to learn more!



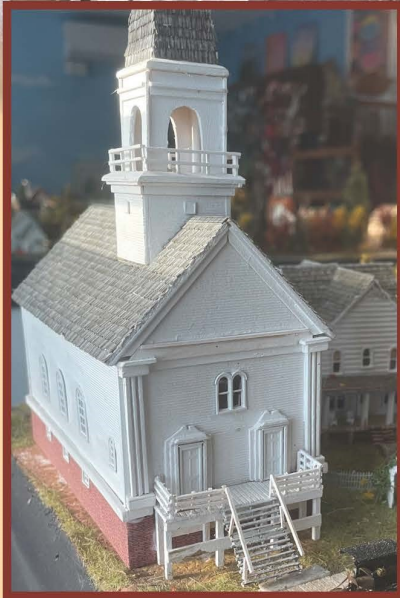
THE GALLERIES AT LIRIODENDRON MANSION

JEFFREY CONOVER'S

miniature town of **YELVERTON**

+ **SMALL PAINTINGS**

by Liriodendron's *Wednesday Artist Group*



**Opening Sunday February 11 from 11:00 - 3:00
through Wednesday March 27**

**Open every Wednesday 1:00 - 5:00
and Sunday March 10, 11:00 - 3:00**

Come visit the magical, miniature, Maine coastal town of Yelverton. Except for one structure, this fictional town is completely scratch built to N scale. [$1/16'' = 1'$] Some buildings are based on existing structures but many are designed purely from imagination. 3 and $\frac{1}{2}$ years in the making; completed for this exhibition. The train will not be running!

The paintings that will be on exhibition were created by the *Wednesday Artist Group* expressly to compliment the small aesthetic of the installation.



Liriodendron Mansion

502 W. Gordon Street • Bel Air, MD 21014

www.liriodendron.com • 410.879.4424

Limited access to our second floor.



Jim Curry's "Take Me Home: The Music of John Denver"
March 8 @ 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm, Havre de Grace Opera House





MUSIC AT THE MANSION

Presents

JOYFUL SONG: A TRIBUTE TO ROSEMARY CLOONEY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH | 7 PM



Rosemary Clooney
White Christmas, 1954



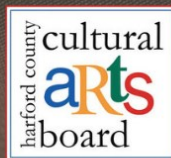
Janet Paulsen
Tribute Show, 2024



\$15 for adults, \$10 for kids

Seating is limited

Tickets and info at <https://bit.ly/LirioClooney> or here



Music at the Mansion is made possible in part by grants from Maryland State Arts Council, Harford County Cultural Arts Board, and Harford County, and with support from Music Land.

Meet Harriet Tubman at the Liriodendron

Presidents Day

February 19, 2024

10:00 am

Experience the
Underground Railroad
with the courageous Harriet
Tubman, brought to life by
Janice Curtis Greene, the
preeminent living biographer
of Harriet Tubman.

Learn about Harriet Tubman in a
historic setting

Hike outdoors to learn the secrets of
freedom-seekers (weather permitting)

Recommended for ages 8 through adult.

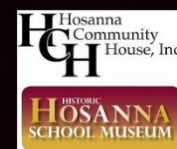
**\$5 for adults. Children 12 and
under admitted free.**



Visit <https://bit.ly/LirioTubman>
for information and reservations



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BOB CASSILLY
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

PRESIDENTS DAY

WINTER
WALK
IN THE
WOODS

at the Liriodendron

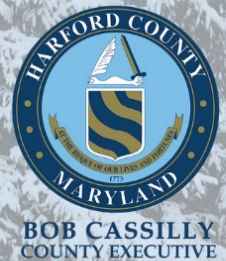
502 W. Gordon St., Bel Air, MD

Monday, February 19, 2024

1 pm

A free annual community event. Join us for a naturalist-guided gentle hike along the Ma and Pa Trail and through the woods surrounding the historic Liriodendron Mansion in Bel Air.

All ages welcome!



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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