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Newsletter

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President's Report

-Arthur T. Buswell

Quantum Leap Forward!

Yes, it has been too long since our last newsletter largely due to the absence of our former editor. As you can see we are now back in business with our new editors. Patti Hansley is our membership Chairperson. We have been without one for over a year. That accounts for the fact that membership cards did not get out as they should.

Renewal forms are attached. Membership cards will be sent to you upon receipt of your renewal. If you have already sent your renewal for the upcoming year, which runs from July 1st 2007 through June 30th 2008, a new card will be sent to you.

Sadly, I must report that our Museum Shop (store) closed it's doors in December. Hopefully this is only temporary. We must focus on the Museum facility to bring it up-to-date and fix those areas that need our immediate attention.

Our major achievements have come with the Museum itself. First, we were awarded a Virginia State grant of \$5,500 for building improvement. I am happy to say that with

this grant along with funds provided by the Town \$2,500, the Chamber of Commerce \$1,000, the Colonial Yacht Club \$100, other generous donations and our society funds we were able to do additional upgrades.

Last spring, we opened the new 250 sq foot gallery addition to the building with an exhibition of art from the schools. The gallery, improved ADA compliant restroom, and a pantry are major improvements since our last newsletter.



You, the membership, keep our doors open and allow us to continue to make updates to the Museum. Please be sure to return your membership renewal form quickly. As this goes to press we are adding heat and air conditioning to the upper floor. Your membership enables us to continue to improve.

Board of Directors' elections are this May. The Society can be no better than the membership involvement. Won't you please become involved in the preservation of our history? If you have interest in what the Society is and can do call me 224-2278 or Nominating Committee Chair Jean Conaty, 804-214-9508 and get involved. Thank you, Buzz.

Upcoming Events.... Mark your calendars!

March 31	Volunteer Appreciation Day
April 13	Friday Art Walk - Open
April 13	Museum Opening Day
April 14	Beach Ball Event/Riverboat
May 12	Big Band Dance/Riverboat
May 19	Antique Boat Show
June 9	Potomac River Festival
June 15	John Smith Shallop Arrival
June 16	Jamestown 400 th Celebration

March 31st is Volunteer Appreciation Day. All past and future volunteers are welcomed and encouraged to participate. Besides good eats and fun, learn what's new in The Museum this year. This is your opportunity to learn of the many changes that have been made over the winter. Additional information on this opportunity can be obtained by contacting Edna at 804-224-9889.

With the addition of the new gallery, The Museum participates in the 2nd Friday Art Walks. Stop by to see local artisans'

displays. This is a monthly event and one not to miss.



April 13th is seasonal opening day for The Museum. Hours are 1:00 to 4:00 on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the season. Hours may be extended later in the year if enough volunteers can be found to help man The Museum.

Please buy a ticket and attend the Beach Ball Event at the Riverboat. This event is tax deductible and a portion of the proceeds collected will come to The Museum. This is a very good opportunity to support The Museum as well as other nonprofit organizations at the Beach. AND...you will have the opportunity to win **\$5,000+**.

May 12th is our annual Big Band Dance at the Riverboat. This is one of two main fund-raisers during the year that support your Museum. The band contributes their time; much of the proceeds will go directly to The Museum.



Please come support your Museum. Tickets are \$18.00 for members and \$20.00 for nonmembers.

A special dinner menu will be available in the Potomac Room at the Riverboat. A cash bar will be available during the dance.

Look for more information about this event in April.

Mark your calendar for the annual Antique Boat Show. Many local and out-of-towners bring their antique boats to rally at the beach. It is an awesome showing! The Museum will be hosting a welcoming reception at 6PM on Friday, May 18. All CBHS members are welcome to attend the reception.

We are looking for volunteers to participate in the Potomac River Festival parade. Some ideas for the float is to decorate a golf cart; another idea is to decorate a convertible or other vehicle. If you are interested in participating call The Museum at 804-224-3379 and leave a message. We will contact you.

Virginia is celebrating the 400th Anniversary of Jamestown.

Colonial Beach has been selected as one of 22 sites in the State of Virginia to participate in the John Smith Shallop event. Please plan to attend the many events the Town is planning for this celebration. The Shallop arrives at Town



Pier on Friday, June 15th in the evening. Town events will be conducted all day on June 16th. Watch for more information about this event on the Chamber website, www.colonialbeach.org.

Other events being planned this year include a Members Meeting, completion of the Town walking trail, and developing a Museum web site. Look for more information about these activities in upcoming newsletters. If you are interesting in helping formulate these activities please contact The Museum at 804-224-3379 and leave a message; someone will contact you.

Curator's message

Allegra Dickson, Curator

The Museum is closed for the winter but will reopen on April 13 in conjunction with the Second Friday Art Walk. We hope to be open Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4.

Last fall we mounted a new exhibit called "Our Colonial Past". If you missed it then, you'll still be able to see it this spring.

We are still looking for donations of items; in particular we want to set up an exhibit pertaining to the beach itself, concentrating on mid-20th century artifacts. Do you have anything you could donate? I'm particularly interested in water skis, bathing suits and similar items, including photographs. Please contact me if you have such items.

Now that we have the office and storage space upstairs in the Museum, I plan to do a comprehensive survey of items. If you have loaned items to the Museum, expect to hear from me in the next several months.

Education message

Edna Edmondson, Director of Education

Contact has been made to several local Indian tribes to obtain their support and interest in participating in some way in our Jamestown 400 celebration on June 16, 2007.

We met with Mark Hoffman who is creating a video documentary about museums in the Northern Neck. We have been included. **Exciting!!!**

Also, we are working with the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts to set up a loan of a

Jamestown 400 display during the time of the arrival of the Shallop.

A Volunteer Appreciation Reception and meeting is planned for Saturday, March 31st at the Museum. For all of you that have graciously donated your time and efforts, on behalf of the Board, we thank you.

Treasurer's message

William E. Hendrix, Treasurer

We have had a good year thanks to a successful golf tournament last fall and the loyalty of our members. We need to expand our membership and achieve the goal of 350 members this year.

Our bank balance as of 28 February was \$6,974. Of this amount, \$5,500 is reserved for the required match of our State Grant. That leaves \$1,474 in operating funds. So, please renew your membership as soon as possible.

Frequently Asked Questions

The answers....

Who are the current Board of Directors?

The Current Board of Directors - Art Buswell, Anna Payne, Alleyne Dickens, Edna Edmondson, Patti Hansley, and Bill Hendrix. If you are interested in becoming a Board Member, please contact Jean Conaty at the phone number listed above.

Who comprises the CB Historical Society?

CBHS is comprised of its membership. Each member is eligible and encouraged to become a committee member. Current vacancies are Communications (newsletter), Web Site (development and management),

Video Project, Town Walking Trail, and Grant Management.

April, May and June is our annual membership drive. We are striving for 350 members this year. A membership renewal form is provided below. Your membership helps keep The Museum open...without you there is no Museum. Look for the red crabs crawling up the mast at the Museum that will track our progress.



New Membership/Renewal Application

Please accept my application for membership or renewal in **The Colonial Beach Historical Society, Inc.** and **The Museum.**

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY, STATE, ZIP _____
HOME PHONE _____
CELL OR WORK _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP DESIRED:

INDIVIDUAL \$15.00 ()	FAMILY \$25.00 ()
BUSINESS \$30.00 ()	STUDENT \$3.00 ()

Dues are per year beginning on 1 July through 30 June. Please detach this application and mail along with your check to **The Colonial Beach Historical Society, Inc.**, P.O. Box 215, Colonial Beach, VA. 22443.

VOLUNTEER AREA OF INTEREST

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

The Society meets the first (1st) Thursday of every month at 7PM in the Cooper Library, Washington Ave., Colonial Beach. Your attendance, although not mandatory, is greatly appreciated.

**We need your support and
your membership
now!!!!!!**

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