



# Colonial Beach Historical Society, Inc.

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## Newsletter

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### *President's Report:*

*Arthur T. Buswell*

**THE TRADITION GROWS:** For the past seven years the Historical Society has held the Spring Big Band Dance as a major Museum fund raising event. The fantastic Fredericksburg Big Band Dance band has always provided the wonderful dance music. Over the years the location has been the American Legion Hall or the Rescue Squad building.

I have always hoped that we could make this event into a first class social event associated with Mother's Day and at the River Boat on the Potomac. With the reconstruction of the Riverboat we now have a beautiful location to bring this idea to life.

The first Mothers Day Big Band Dance at the Riverboat was a resounding success with over 90 dancers and just listeners enjoying the evening and participating in the silent auction. Many dance goers availed themselves of the great food and ambience of the Potomac Room prior to taking the elevator up to the spacious ballroom.

The comments and recommendations from attendees indicated to the dance committee

that we had found our special event location and that it should continue and grow in the years to come. O' Yes, it was a successful fund raising event as well. We plan to see **YOU** next May at the Riverboat.

### **Jamestown's 400th Anniversary Celebration**

*Edna Buchanan - Director of Education*



Four River Drummers Photo courtesy of Edna Buchanan

The Jamestown 400th Anniversary Commemoration was held on the boardwalk on June 16<sup>th</sup> with much success and fanfare. Many attended to enjoy the fine crafts, native music and food. The main attraction was the landing of the replica of the Shallop sailboat commanded on the Lewis & Clark Expeditions of the 17th century along with a learned and

experienced crew that offered a wealth of information about our Colonial past. A number of artisans including spinners, weavers and a blacksmith attended and demonstrated their crafts. The entertainment included the Four River Drummers, who represent several Native American Tribes. The CBHS and Museum took an active part in the plans and activities for the Shallop's Landing. The cooperative effort of all volunteers made the experience a great one for all who came to our town.

I would like to thank those who have volunteered for this event and for the first quarter of our Museum year. Your support and participation are greatly appreciated. The Museum's goal is to be open Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4 and on the 2nd Friday Art Walks from 6-8. It is time to sign up for the next quarter. Come by and help me fill the blanks on our sign-up sheet... **Volunteers are not paid because they are priceless ....**

Questions and more information: Edna @ 804-224-9889 or email [ebajamama@aol.com](mailto:ebajamama@aol.com)

## 2007 Board Member Elections

*Anna Payne - Secretary*

Board Elections were held at the June 2007 meeting. Elected were board members Jo Townsend, Susie T. Gardner and Jane Trail. Board officers were Art Buswell, President; Alleyne Dickens, Curator; Bill Hendrix, Treasurer; Edna Edmonson, Education; Patti Hansley, Membership and Anna Payne as Secretary.

**CBHS Committee Vacancies** – Website Master (development and management), Video Projects, Town Walking Trail, Grant Management and most important volunteer Coordinator. Anyone interested in one or more of these positions are encouraged to contact us. Please call The Museum at 224-3379 and leave a message, or contact Art Buswell at 224-2278.

## Membership Drive Begins

*Patti Hansley - Membership Committee*

The membership drive officially started 1 April. As of this writing only 38 renewals and/or new members dues have been received. This is far below our expectation and at this rate we will not meet our goal of 250 members this year. Won't you please return your renewal forms as soon as possible? And please remind your friends and neighbors to join the Museum. These annual dues are what we use to maintain our Museum. 100% of these proceeds go directly to the Museum upkeep. For those of you who have mailed your renewal and/or new member forms, all membership cards have now been mailed. You should be seeing something in your mailbox soon. And thank you so much for your prompt response. The membership tracking boat is displayed on the upper deck of the Museum porch. Look for the crabs crawling up the mast of ship while the membership grows.

## Annual Members Meeting

You might recall from previous Newsletter articles that an annual meeting is being considered. We have begun the planning stages for this event. We are looking at early October. Be sure to watch for upcoming discussions in our Newsletter concerning this event. If you would like to participate in the planning of this event or have an agenda topic you want to add to the agenda, contact any board member or Chairwoman - Ms Patti Hansley at 804-761-7836.

### *Curator's Message:*

*Alleyne Dickens - Curator*

The Colonial Beach School Systems 100th Anniversary Exhibit is displayed prominently in our front gallery. This exhibit includes yearbooks from the 1940s, 50s and 60s that visitors can peruse and will run through the end of the year. In August the Museum will mount a showcase of the Colonial Beach Ski club thanks to the generous donations from

members. This entertaining exhibition will also be on display until the end of the year.

hope these displays will encourage people to donate similar artifacts to the museum in the near future. Thanks to everyone who had donated to the Museum recently. Your photographs and artifacts are greatly appreciated.

The Museum hosted three more successfully Second Friday Art Walks. On May 11th more than 80 visitors came to see Schoolâ's Art Exhibit. In June the museum hosted Ebby

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## *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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

### **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**

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

Hinsonâ's paintings of Colonial scenes in conjunction with the Jamestowne Shallop Landing. In July, the Museum is host to Andrea Clementâ's paintings. The Art Walk brought over 100 people into the Museum.

Volunteers are always needed to help out at the Museum. If you have 3 hours on a weekend day, please consider donating your time. It's very rewarding to spend time with visitors to our town. Call the Museum at 224-3379 and leave a message or email [colonialbeachcurator@yahoo.com](mailto:colonialbeachcurator@yahoo.com).

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# ANNUAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY GOLF TOURNAMENT

**SATURDAY, September 15th at Cameron Hills Golf Club**

- Hole Sponsorship \$50 per hole
- Shotgun starts @ 9am
- \$65.00 per person
- \$260 per team

**\$10,000  
Hole-in-One  
Cash Prize!!**

Hole Sponsored by Colonial Real Estate

**(Lunch  
Included)**

## Join Us Again This Year!

Contact:

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For Details



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