



Colonial Beach Historical Society, Inc.

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Newsletter



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President's Report

Arthur J. Buswell

Museum Building Update

The Museum now has two new state of the art, high efficiency heating and cooling systems up and running. Earlier in the summer we installed heat and air conditioning in the second floor of the building. This was very necessary to help preserve the collection of artifacts where it stored

Unexpectedly the first floor HVAC system which had been installed 10 years ago at the time we opened the museum to the public failed. The expense of replacing this unit was not expected for another year or two. Based on the economics of repair verses replacement we elected to install a new system. Not only do we have dependable heating and cooling systems which provide a dry environment for our collection they will operated more economically for years to come.

Edna Edmondson - Director of Education

Our resident artist for October will be Carol Resch. Come out and see Carol's paintings and hear her poetry. She will be in the Museum on Saturdays and Sundays for the month of October. A 12' Sears kit boat is on display in our Waterman's Room. Have you seen the school display and the water skis?

George Payne will be setting up a wonderful train display in November. It will include a Christmas tree with vintage ornaments and miniature houses. Encourage your friends and neighbors to come to the museum. A committee will be meeting for the purpose of creating a Volunteer Handbook. We will be planning a Volunteer training program in the near future and an activity to show our appreciation to those who have been volunteering and hopefully get new people involved. Remember a three hour commitment for a Saturday or Sunday will help us to stay open every weekend from April to December. Some of you and your guests have come and found the museum closed. I hope we can eliminate this problem.

The wonderful video "Museums of Northern Neck" is available at the Museum. I think you will be pleased with the way we are presented. It is very well done.

Help me educate our community to the treasure they have in **The Museum at Colonial Beach** by supporting it and participating in its activities. We need you.

Anna Payne - Secretary

Volunteers -

The Museum is still open on Saturdays and Sundays, 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. Volunteers are needed now and in the future in order to keep the Museum open. All you do is greet visitors and answer any questions they may have. You will meet a lot of nice people who are interested in Colonial Beach. Plans are being developed to provide information on the

exhibits to the staff working at the Museum. Please respond to our plea and contact Jane Trail, 224.0472, if you would be willing to help. WE NEED YOU!!

Secretary -

The Board of Directors has decided to hold a planning session this Winter, plans are underway. If you have any ideas or suggestions you would like discussed, please call Anna Payne, 224.7557. Plans are also underway to develop a pamphlet identifying walking, riding the trolley, bikes or autos. Be sure to watch for notice of the Electric Train Exhibit in November and until the Museum closes in December. The museum will also be closed during the months of January and February.

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Membership Drive Results

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. Please contact 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 the visitors can peruse and will run through the end of the year.

The Colonial Ski Club debuted on September 14th. I'd like to thank the following for their generous donations and assistance: Jack Boykin, John Robert Knight, Carl Willet and Jane Trail. This entertaining exhibition will also be on display until at least the end of the year.

I Hope these displays will encourage people to donate similar artifact to the museum in the near future. Thanks go out to everyone who donated to the museum recently. Your photographs and artifacts were and are greatly appreciated.

News from the K.G. Quilting Bees

KG Bees sewing group is a group of 25 ladies who meet Wednesday 1:30- 3:30. "Quilting is fun has beginners and experienced quilters. We share new patterns and ideas each week. Twice a year 6-week classes are offered in the spring and fall. We make quilts for friends and community as well.

The regular meeting is free and the class has a charge of \$30 to King George Parks and Recreation (KGP&R).

AIDS Memorial Quilt Displayed

We are proud to be able to share with our community a part of history that has been displayed all over the world. Our Quilt Show on Saturday, Nov. 3, 2007 will include this proud quilt honoring all of the children, husbands, mothers, sons and many others who have lost loved ones from AIDS. We will be handing out educational literature especially for our young teens and informing all ages the dangers of unprotected behaviors.

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 ()
NEW	RENEWAL

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

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 Merry Christmas !!

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9th Annual Quilt Show in Colonial Beach

Sponsored by

Colonial Beach Historical Society & the Colonial Beach Museum

Saturday, November 3rd from 11:00 am - 4:30 pm

Admission Free at the Museum of Colonial Beach and Town Center

1: 00 pm - Storytelling Enactment
"Hidden Message in Quilt"

sponsored by Enactment Living Theater



They'll be there abuzzing...

WANTED

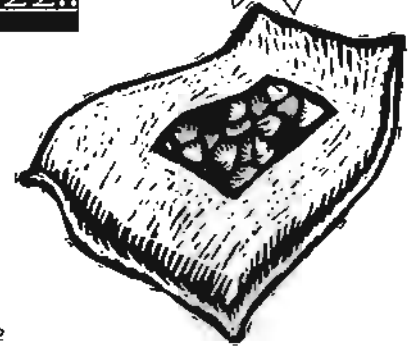
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