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Newsletter

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President's Report

Art 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 evolve this event into a first class social occasion associated with Mother's Day and at the Riverboat on the Potomac. With the reconstruction of the Riverboat we now have a beautiful location to bring this vision to life.

Our first Mother's Day Big Band Dance at the Riverboat in 2007 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.

Saturday 10 May is the date of our 2008 Mother's Day Dinner Dance. Dance tickets are \$25 per person (Society members \$20 per person). Dinner from the fantastic Riverboat menu is available from 6 to 10PM.

Dancing from 8 to 11 PM. Door prizes, Super 50/50 and more. Stop by The Museum to purchase your tickets and to pre-purchase a chance on the martini basket. Big Band tickets are also available through the Board Members. Please call me 224-2278 if you need tickets or Information.

Curator's Message

Alleyne Dickens

This year we are pleased to feature our very entertaining exhibit on the Colonial Ski Club. This exhibit began with my plea for information and artifacts about the club and grew bigger than I ever expected! Not only do we have a wide selection of photographs and newspaper articles, but also we are so fortunate to acquire some of the items used by the clubs members including the ski that Jack Boykin used to get into the **Guinness Book of World Records**. **Want to know how? Come to The Museum and find out!** Many thanks to those who donated to this exhibit: Peter Fahmey, Jack Boykin, John Robert Knight, Carl Willett and especially Jane Trail who made it all happen!

We continue to display "Our Colonial Past" featuring Our Historic Celebrities gallery and items from the 100 years of the Colonial Beach School system.

We have two new pleas to present to the membership. This year we would like to

feature the Rock Hotel. We have some items in our collection already but are always on the look out for more things to display. If you have any items or photographs from the Rock Hotel, please consider donating them to The Museum.

And now that it's spring-cleaning time, please consider making a donation of items that you no longer want to store or have room for to The Museum to augment our displays. In particular we are looking for: picture frames (all sizes), doll stands and clear plastic boxes, small sturdy tables, and small bookcases.

The Museum also needs a tabletop reading lamp for the new reading area we have created. This is a place where visitors will be able to study the history of our town as well as leave their impressions on Colonial Beach. There is not much there yet, but we hope to have more notebooks put together as time goes on. Please contact me if you have items to donate so that I can meet you to accept them.

Most Second Fridays I will be on duty to accept donations of artifacts. Please do not drop items off when there is no one at The Museum authorized to accept custody of your donations. There are strict federal laws pertaining to museum donations and proper paperwork must be filed.

Please contact The Museum if you have items to donate. Our phone is 804-224-3379 or email us at colonialbeachcurator@yahoo.com.

Director of Education
Edna Edmondson

I have been working with the Girl Scout who is creating our Walking Tour and brochure. We are waiting for a response to our Grant request for funds to print the brochures. Watch for the completed project.

We are in a partnership with Project Colonial Beach Beautification Committee to care of our wonderful Museum garden. It is good to see it weeded and beautiful once again. Flowers were divided and some of the grasses were contributed to The Beach beautification planting.

The Museum will host the Children's Art Competition on the second Friday Art Walk in May with a display and reception at The Museum.

Storage boxes

Secretary
Anna Payne

CBHS Bi-Laws Committee is working on an update to the bi-laws. Expect to see them published in the next newsletter.

Treasurer's Report
Bill Hendrix

Cash in the bank as of end of February was \$4,171.94. Total expenses for the month of March were \$825.60. The month's expenses included bills for the quarterly security system, two months utilities, and building rental fee. Cash in the bank as of end of March is \$3,346.34.

Volunteer/Docent
Coordinator
Jane Trail

Volunteers – The Museum is open during the Second Friday Art Walk and on Saturdays and Sundays, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed in order to keep The Museum open. Please donate some of your time to greet visitors and answer any questions they may have about The Museum, The Historical Society and/or The Beach. You will meet a lot

of nice people who are interested in Colonial Beach and love to share their memories of this awesome place we call home. Please respond to our plea and contact me at 224-0472 with your willingness to help.

WE NEED YOU!!

Membership / Newsletter Committee Patti Hansley

2007 Membership Drive Results

The 2007 membership drive fell well short of the stated goal of 250 members; only 87 renewals and/or new members dues were received. As a result we were unable to sponsor the High School Scholarship program and other community activities we supported in the past. In 2008 we will again strive for 250 members. Please pass the word to your friends, family, neighbors and associates about CBHS and the need for their support. A visit to The Museum is a must to see the new exhibits on display.

Last year you may recall we talked about an annual membership meeting as an opportunity to communicate with our members and our community. Well the day has finally arrived. Mark your calendar and plan to attend the **First Annual Members Meeting on May 30th** from **6:30-7:00 pm in the Colonial Beach Towne Center**. A reception will follow the meeting in The Museum. Contact me at 804-761-7836 with any questions you have concerning memberships and/or the newsletter.

Board of Directors:

Art Buswell, President	224-2429
Bill Hendrix, Treasurer	224-8240
Anna Payne, Secretary	224-7557
Edna Edmondson, Education	224-9889
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Patti Hansley, Membership	761-7836
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UPCOMING EVENTS

10 May – Mother's Day Big Band Dance at the Riverboat on the Potomac (Upstairs)
16 May – Antique Boat Rodeo Social at The Museum
17 May – Antique Boat Rodeo at Happy Clam
24 May – Market Day at Town Hill
30 May – 1st Annual Membership Meeting at Town Center

Big Band Dance, Tickets to the Big Band Dance can be purchased from any Board Member or at The Museum. There will be many opportunities to win great prizes while you dance the night away. Prizes include a martini basket (valued at \$100.00), tickets to the 2009 Big Band Dance, a dinner/cocktail cruise, and an overnight accommodation at the Admiral Fell Inn in Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

Antique Boats, The antique boats will once again assemble in Colonial Beach for their annual nautical event. The Historical Society will host a social on the evening of May 16th from 6-8 pm at The Museum. The public is welcome to attend the social and to meet these nautical icons. May 17th the group will assemble at Happy Clam to review and showcase their beautiful treasures of the sea.

Market Days, The Historical Society will participate during Saturday Market Days at the Beach. Memberships may be obtained and renewed during this time. Also this is a prime opportunity to learn about what is new at The Museum. Be sure to stop by and sit for a while. We hope to see you there.

Order your Colonial Beach Flag through The Museum. Orders will be taken during Market Days and in The Museum through the end of August 2008. Flag dimensions are 2'x3'. The cost is \$60.00. CBHS Members are entitled to a 10% discount on all purchases (except Membership renewals).

Be sure to access our websites at www.MuseumatColonialBeach.com and/or www.ColonialBeachHistoricalSociety.org

Member/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

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