



Colonial Beach Historical Society, Inc.
Colonial Beach, Virginia

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President's Message

Art Buswell

I have information to update the membership on several ongoing projects at the Museum and the Society.

First, the roof repainting/repair statement of work was released on April 1st to 10 contractors from the local area. By the closing date of April 15, we received four proposals for review by the evaluation team; the team is made up of members Bill Bowman (a general contractor), Harry Wehr (a professional painter) and me. The evaluation team will make its recommendation to the Board in late April so that award can be made at the May Board of Directors meeting. Our Treasurer reports that we have received two thousand dollars in contributions for the roof project. As I have previously reported, the Town has promised to provide an additional fourteen hundred dollars to assist in the project.

A benefit was held by the Dockside Restaurant on May 1st to benefit the Museum roof project. There was a silent auction, 50/50 drawing, music, and of course great food. Proceeds from the event go to the Museum.

A change in leadership is coming! The Society by-laws require an election of directors every two years in the odd numbered year. The nominating committee has recommended to the Board ten individuals who have indicated a desire to be on the nine-member Board. Election ballots, which are included in this newsletter, can either be mailed

or brought to the membership meeting at 5:30 pm on May 14, 2011 prior to the Big Band Dance at the Moose Lodge.

I hope you are planning to attend all of the events scheduled for May 14th. The annual membership meeting begins at 5:30 pm, Limited dinner menu will be available at the Moose Lodge following the membership meeting. Starting at 8:00 pm, dance the evening away with the wonderful Fredericksburg Big Band. Beer must be purchased from the Lodge but you may BYOB and purchase setups at the bar.

See you there! --Buzz

Curator's Corner

Mitzi Saffos

The winter closing allowed the curatorial staff a short break before resuming our cleaning and maintenance efforts. Work also began on existing and upcoming exhibits. The Oyster Wars video

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was installed in the Watermen's Room, thanks to the ingenuity of our graphics wizard, Nancy Saddler. Several items were added to the Veteran's Day exhibit in preparation for the Memorial Day celebration. Additionally, we have been hard at work on an upcoming exhibit on local church history. The latter exhibit will open on June 25 to coincide with the 100th anniversary of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Please contact us at 804-224-3379 if you have photos or other items that you would like to contribute to any of these exhibits.

In May and June, the Museum gallery will showcase the artistic efforts of our local students. Connie Canby of Wide River Gallery is coordinating this effort. A big thanks to Connie, the students, and the school staff for their efforts.

The Museum is open for the season. Hours are 1-4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. We look forward to seeing all of you!

Education

Edna Edmonson

The Colonial Beach Historical Society will present a scholarship to a deserving senior at graduation in June 2011. Description and qualifications for this award may be obtained in the guidance office at the school. It is not too late to apply. If you know a graduating senior encourage them to apply.

Volunteers

Jane Trail

Volunteers have always been a very important part of the success of the Museum, and we were pleased to welcome so many of our volunteers at the Volunteer Brunch held on April 9, 2011. Everyone enjoyed the get-together and were all ready to sign up to get the Museum open for another year. As Edna said at the brunch, "There is a reason volunteers don't get paid and that's because they are priceless." We believe that and appreciate all you do. We are able to keep the doors open only because of volunteers. Please call me at 804-224-0472 if you are interested in becoming a volunteer for the Historical Society.

FYI, I also try to keep the garden cleaned up and

the weeds out. I would welcome anyone who has an interest in helping with this.

Thanks to the volunteers, last year went really well and we had lots of visitors. We look forward to this year being even better.

Treasurer's Report

Mitzi Saffos

Income and expenses for the first quarter of 2011 are as follows. Income for the quarter was \$916.38 and expenses were \$1770.47 for the operating account. The lower income for this quarter reflects our winter closing. We have placed the funds raised thus far for the roof project into a separate interest-bearing account. We continue our fundraising efforts for this project as well as for general operations. On May 1, Dockside Restaurant hosted a benefit to "Raise the Roof" for the Museum building. Additionally, our annual Big Band Dance, featuring the Fredericksburg Big Band, will take place on Saturday, May 14th, at the Colonial Beach Moose Lodge. Please join us for a great time and a great cause!

Membership

Patti Hansley

You are cordially invited to the Colonial Beach Historical Society 3rd Annual Members Meeting. The meeting will be held coincident with the Big Band Dance this year. The meeting is Saturday, May 14, 2011 at the Moose Lodge, Colonial Beach VA at 6:30 pm. This year's guest speaker is John Biemeck, longtime resident, historian, and political commentator on life and times of Colonial Beach, VA. Dinner is available starting at 6:30 pm. The dance follows at 8:00 pm. Music is presented by the Fredericksburg Big Band. Tickets for dance are available at the Museum, or contact Art Buswell at 804-224-2278. Remember, museum members receive 10% off tickets. So put on your "NINES" or "your dress tennies" and come out and get your groove on while supporting the Museum!

Please renew your membership for the 2011/2012 season. Your donation helps keep the Museum open.

Welcome new members Linda Gaston, Jay

and Laura Corbin, Hannah Janney (Pottery by Hand), Jacob Huffer, Carol Lee Bowman, Larry Crawford, Elizabeth Zollman, Espresso Station, Victoria Kindig, Katie King, Mary Barber, Ina Schneider, Dockside Restaurant, Colonial Beach Yacht Center, "Just Ask Jim" the Handyman, Yacht Smart, and Fat Freda's. Welcome back Laura and Kenneth Allison, Jr, Margaret McMullen, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Krisko III, Amy and David Tabler, Rebecca and Andrew Tabler, David and Joanne Verdin, Loretta Wells, Anne Ellis, and John and Cheryl Leckey, and Stanford's Marine Railway.

It's time to elect the Historical Society Board of Directors. This year's nominees are listed on the ballot in this newsletter. Please vote for nine individuals and turn your ballot in at the member's meeting or at the Museum before May 12, 2011. The Board will be announced following the members meeting on May 14, 2011. If you are interested in a position on the Board, please contact Shane Buzby, Nomination Chair, on 804-224-1711 or cell 804-761-8731. Board members are required to attend monthly meetings and are encouraged to donate time at the Museum or at a museum event. Shane has additional information on this subject, so please contact him if you are interested.

Upcoming Events

What: Membership meeting, to elect new Board members

When: Saturday, May 14, 5:30 pm

Where: Colonial Beach Moose Lodge

Contact: Shane Buzby, 804-224-1711

What: Big Band Dance featuring the Fredericksburg Big Band

When: Saturday, May 14, 8:00 pm

Where: Colonial Beach Moose Lodge

Cost: \$12.00 for Museum members, \$15.00 for non-members

Contact: Patti Hansley, 804-761-7836

What: Garden and Cottage Tour

Where: Colonial Beach

When: Saturday, June 4

Contact: Museum phone, 804-224-3379

What: Yard Sale

Where: Museum parking lot

When: Saturday, June 18

Contact: Museum phone, 804-224-3379

What: Golf Tournament

When: Saturday, September 17

Contact: Art Buswell, 804-224-2278, for more details (location, cost, time, etc.)

<i>Board of Directors Ballot</i>	
Please vote for nine nominees	
	Shane Buzby
	Edna Edmonson
	Lori Wehr
	Art Buswell
	Harry Wehr
	Anna Payne
	Mitzi Saffos
	Mary Gardner
	Tommie Moeser
	Pat Gray
Board Members will be announced following the Members Meeting on May 14, 2011.	

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Pat & Gary Ralston 

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New Membership / Renewal Application

Please accept my application for membership/renewal in the Colonial Beach Historical Society, Inc. and the Museum.

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
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E-mail _____

Type of Membership Desired

Individual	\$15.00 ()	Family	\$25.00 ()
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Dues are per-year from July 1 through June 30. Please detach this application and mail along with your check to:

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Volunteer Area(s) of Interest _____

Signature _____ Date _____

The Colonial Beach Historical Society meets on the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Cooper Library, Washington Avenue, Colonial Beach. Your attendance would be greatly appreciated.