

Maritime Messenger

Newsletter of the Havre de Grace Maritime Museum



Spring 2011

Director's Notes

I am so excited to have the opportunity to have the chance to work here at the Maritime Museum! I am new to Maryland as my husband was relocated to Edgewood for BRAC where he is a CBRN Subject Matter Specialist. My husband recently retired from the US Marine Corps after 25 years of service. We were stationed in eastern North Carolina for the last 15 years. I worked at the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort so I have a love for maritime museums. Havre de Grace has many of the small town charms that Beaufort has and is a wonderful place to live. I have been graciously welcomed by so many people in town and look forward to meeting all of you. I am working Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm so please stop by introduce yourself and say hello. I want to hear from you—our membership—as to what you want to see happen at the Maritime Museum.

Well, it is time to “Spring Forward” at the Maritime Museum! This is the perfect time to tell everyone that our theme this year is that we are “Moving Forward.” During the change of seasons it is apropos to want to make changes and freshen up and that is what the Museum intends to do this year. We intend to have new lecturers and add more varied topics to our schedule. There are plenty of topics to choose from including more lectures on the local and regional history and the environment. In fact, we want to hear from you our “customers” on what topics you would like to hear about. Do you know someone who has expertise on a topic that you would think would interest the Maritime’s membership and visitor’s? Please email me and tell me about them.

I want to hear from you on how we can make the Maritime Museum better. We will also be having different events as well. If you like pirates we are going to host a living history pirate re-enactor troupe who will be coming to the museum to re-enact the lives of 18th century pirates and maritime skills on one Saturday each month this summer. Check out our website for details. Oh, and that is another change that is coming - we are getting a whole new website! The website is being designed right now and will have so much more information and will be updated daily.

Sincerely,

Darlene Perry,
Executive Director



In Memoriam

It is with the deepest sadness that we inform our membership of the passing of our beloved Executive Director, **Brenda Dorr Guldenzopf**.

Brenda lost her brave battle with cancer on July 19, 2010. Brenda was an extraordinary leader and supporter of the Museum and we will miss her dearly.



“Believe in God like you believe in the sunrise, not because you can see it, but because you can see all that it touches.”

Volunteer

The Maritime Museum needs you! Volunteers are an integral part of the Maritime Museum—in the galleries, boat school or office, at special events, at the Visitor Service Desk, or elsewhere in and out of the Museum, our volunteers' service is invaluable to making the Museum function smoothly. From daily tasks to special exhibition openings, volunteers serve on a weekly, monthly or as-needed basis.

Why volunteer at the Maritime Museum?

- To share your skills
- To help an important local institution
- To gain leadership skills
- To serve
- To keep busy and keep up your skills
- To meet new people
- To donate professional skills for a non-profit
- Extend and enrich educational programs
- Because you care

There are so many people with incredible skills that would be a perfect fit for us. For example, we need volunteers to help put on events and fundraisers for the Museum. There are many of you out there who are super organizers and detail oriented. Please consider using your valuable skills to help us. Also, how about you retired teachers out there? We do not have enough trained staff who can put together children’s programming. Could you help us? If you love boats would you consider being a docent downstairs in the boat building school? The more docents we have the more we can keep the boat school open for visitors. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact us - museum@comcast.net

~ Collections Corner ~

Hello readers! Let me introduce myself - my name is Keira Gruber and I have been the Collections Manager at the Museum for the past 4 years. Over those years I have been accessioning and cataloging artifacts donated to the Museum. This process allows us to know what artifacts were given to us and by whom with the click of a button. Over the course of 2011 I hope to accomplish the greatest of all feats, organizing the collections and accessioning everything. Recently, Cynthia Schwarz, our Museum Technician and I have been clearing out space in the Collections Room. We are working in three phases to organize: Phase I involves moving everything out of one space in order to utilize the open space when moving large objects. Phase II involves moving our desks towards the back of the room and bringing one of our seven collection units out, this will allow all of our collections to be against the same wall. Phase III involves placing identification numbers on each unit to correspond with our computer cataloging system, Past Perfect. Then we will place archival foam along the shelves of the units which artifacts will then be placed on. Last we will place an archival plastic over the units and secure them with Velcro or to the ground. By doing this we will minimize the amount of dust which lands on the artifacts and create a type of micro climate which is best for the artifact's preservation.

Following our completion of the Collections Room we plan to organize which artifacts are deemed teaching tools and which are exhibit ready. Teaching tools are artifacts that are common and can be used to educate our visitors. Guests will be allowed to hold the object which helps them understand how it was used and what it is. Exhibit ready artifacts are rare or unstable artifacts in our collection which cannot be touched by normal hands. These artifacts need to be delicately handled and are only handled by our Collection Staff who have been trained in preservation and understand how fragile these pieces are.

Please visit the Museum, as we are always changing. And remember if you have something you would like to donate that is related to our mission, please contact us beforehand, as we have a new policy in place for accepting donations and can no longer accept "drive-bys"

Sincerely,

Keira Gruber
Collections Manager

~ What*Knots Shop ~

The What*Knots Museum Shop is the perfect place to pick up Havre de Grace souvenirs, books, decorative items, children's toys, and much more.

Having guests from out of town? Bring them in to pick up something special to remember their trip by!

We're trying to reduce our inventory in order to bring in new merchandise, so nearly everything is marked 25% off! What a deal! Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to grab a neat item at a reduced price!

We would also love to hear your suggestions for merchandise you think would sell nicely in our Shop!

Please stop in and visit us!
Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat, Sun 10 am - 5 pm!

~ Maritime Land and Sea Fundraiser Recap ~

The Maritime Land and Sea Fundraiser at the Tidewater Grille on February 25, 2011 was a great success! Wind and Weather held off long enough for guests to arrive at the Tidewater for an evening of support for the Maritime Museum and a good time was had by all!

We wish to thank the following for their support: Captain Harry Jobes, Joey Jobes, Charles Jobes and Captain Bobby Jobes, Cynthia and Ken Schwarz, Vincenti Decoys, Tidewater Grille, Pizza Hut, Olive Tree, Bayou Restaurant, Golden Corral, Jackie and Martin Hoover, Cecil and Kathryn Hill, Carolyn Colburn, Dave Brown, and 'Charlie' Barker, volunteer, for doing most of the phone calling and visiting local businesses for their participation.

We thank all of these folks for their donations. We especially thank Allen Fair, who served as auctioneer, for helping to make the evening truly a financial success.

And, special thanks go to the Tidewater Grille and staff for hosting our event and providing a wonderful dinner.

~ Upcoming Events ~

Friday, April 15, 6 pm

Lecture: "The Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail (W3R-NHT) in the State of Maryland"

Saturday, April 30, 11 am - 2 pm

Pirate living history reenactment

Saturday, May 14, 10 am - 5 pm

Secret Garden Tour

Mon. - Sat., June 20 - 25, 9 am - 4 pm

Teen Boat Building School

Saturday, September 10, 10 am - 9 pm

Canoe Rendezvous and Maritime Feast

Fri. - Sat., September 16 - 17, Times Vary

Mystic Whaler Weekend

For details on each event, please visit the **Events Calendar** page at www.hdgmaritimemuseum.org

~ Contact Us ~

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~ President's Remarks ~

Welcome back to our newsletter, *The Maritime Messenger*, and to a new beginning of our Museum under the direction of our new Executive Director, Darlene Perry. Since Brenda's passing, we, together with our staff, volunteers, and friends, have kept our Museum flourishing, while honoring the many commitments that had been planned.

Darlene is an ambitious, energetic, and well qualified Director, who is developing new ideas for the continued success of our Museum. But, she can't do it alone. Everyone needs to pitch in and help make successes from good ideas to help keep the Havre de Grace Maritime Museum financially sound. We need more volunteers and Museum members to step up to the plate to make our Museum one of the best in Harford County.

Call the Museum at 410-939-4800 or email us at museum@comcast.net to become a member or renew your membership, or to become a volunteer to help keep our Museum interesting, and to keep it growing and prospering.

Please visit your Museum and meet your friends and family!

Thank You,
Phil Barker
President

*P.S. Tell your friends! - The Museum is now offering
FREE ADMISSION to guests in celebration of the 10th
Anniversary of our Building! (Ends August 31, 2011)*

~ Rental Information ~

The Maritime Museum is situated steps from the Concord Point Lighthouse and Promenade, and is situated on a beautiful piece of property overlooking the Chesapeake Bay and natural wetlands. For events, we have a 2400 sq. ft. tent and pavilion available. The tent can hold a maximum of 125 guests.

Our rates have been slashed in HALF!

1-4 Hours was ~~\$600~~ now \$300
6 Hours, Max was ~~\$800~~ now \$400

For more information on having your event at the Maritime Museum, contact Jessica at museum@comcast.net

~ Membership Information ~

Student	\$15.00
Individual	\$25.00
Family	\$50.00
Individual Life	\$400.00
Family Life	\$600.00
Corporate Annual	\$1600.00

Membership benefits include:
Advance Notice of Special Events
E-Newsletters
Free Admission
and now a **20% Discount** in the
What*Knots Museum Shop.

~ Chesapeake Wooden Boat Building School ~

Almost every Tuesday evening since 1989, a group of people have gathered together to carry on the tradition of building wooden boats and have since formed a community, established lifelong friendships, and made many wonderful memories.

The Boat School truly is a school. Students sign up through the Harford Community College Adult Education Program. Four main areas of boat building are represented: boat repair and restoration, wood and canvas canoes, new builds, and model building. Mini classes on various boat building skills are also offered. The instructors are all volunteers, and each student pays a fee - the majority of which comes back to the Maritime Museum.

The "Teen Boat Building School" continues to be a draw to the younger set. The last full week in June the Boat School sponsors the Teen Boats (a camp through HCC). Over the course of the week, teens each build a 16 foot canoe - the 6 hour canoe. On Saturday at the end of the week all of the canoes are launched by their teen builders who then get to take their canoes home. Over the last few years the number of participants has dropped off - we expect this is due to the current recession and the relatively high cost of the camp - so this year we are lowering the price in order to hopefully entice more teens to participate.

Ongoing summer activities of the school are the various road shows. In addition to our own Canoe Rendezvous, the School does the Mid Atlantic Small Craft Festival in St. Michaels, and events at the Anita Light Estuary Center and the Marshy Point Nature Center.

The Boat School helps make money for the Museum by what we call "Pay Jobs." We give folks estimates for repairs on boats or canoes they have and then set about restoring them on Saturdays and when we have the time. We also restore or build a beautiful canoe or boat for the Museum to raffle off in the summer.

- Bud Gillis, Boat School Instructor

The Havre de Grace Maritime Museum is a 501(C)3 Non-Profit Organization dedicated to collecting, preserving, interpreting, and documenting the Maritime skills and heritage of the Lower Susquehanna River and Upper Chesapeake Bay.

