



# Medley Crier

News from Historic Medley District, Inc.

## JULY 2012

**Calendar of Events**  
**John Poole House**  
**OPEN**

**AUGUST 5\*\***

**AUGUST 12\*\***

**AUGUST 19**

**AUGUST 26**

**12:30 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M.**

**\*\* Volunteer Docent  
 Training Session.**

**AUGUST 25 and 26**  
**CIVIL WAR**  
**EXHIBIT AND SEMINAR**

**Speakers:**

**Jim Poole**

**Greg Shores**

**Display of new artifacts**  
**Donation \$5.00 requested**  
**Free for Current  
 Members**

## Warfel Store Sold!

The Historic Medley District, Inc. is pleased to announce that they have entered into a sale agreement for the Warfel Store with 308 Management Group LLC and Blacknall House Partners of Chapel Hill, North Carolina. The Warfel store is located next to the Barnesville MARC train station on Route 109. Plans are



underway for its renovation in keeping with its best possible use. HMD looks forward to working with this group as a Participating Partner. We are confident that the finished project will be an attractive and historically accurate building, which will be an asset to the community

## Tribute to Our African American Heritage

HMD partnered with the Sugarland Ethno Project in bringing awareness and appreciation for the rich heritage of the Sugarland community last month. While attendance was not as bold as we had hoped, for those attending there was universal acclaim for the very entertaining and educational experience. We look forward to more such events as well as seeking

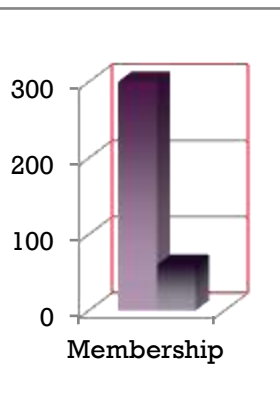


## We welcome new and renewed

**New/Renewals From Earlier in the Year:** Pat Sutherland, Nicholas Smith, Jane Horvath, Gary Lorenz, Ruth Pasquarelli, Dr. Delores Westerman, Laura Kittleman family, Willis and Carter Van deVanter, Virginia Cook, Ray Hoewing family, Jack Yates, Bev Bosselman, Carolyn Jackson, Phillip Shanoltzer, Dr. Chet Anderson, Anne Davies, Margaret Luther, Boo Davis, Peg Coleman, Sue Ewald

### **New/Renewal for July:**

**Individual/Family:** Maureen Dolan, Bernie and Kathy Mihm, Susan and Richard Moran, Lynne Rolls family, Gabrielle Jacob and Jim Brown,  
**Patrons:** Betty and Leo Bassett



### **HMD**

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

We have had as many as 250 members and our goal is to return to that level of membership. To date we have 55 paid members. Up by 25% since June.

## Missy Lankler Appointed Director of the Seneca Schoolhouse Program

It is our pleasure to announce that Missy Lankler has agreed to be our volunteer director of Seneca Schoolhouse Program. With the start of the fall schedule, Missy brings a special level of enthusiasm to the program and is looking forward to working with the executive director, Rande Davis, in restoring a day at the schoolhouse as a “right of passage” to students at Poolesville Elementary and Monocacy Elementary. Amazingly, the county determined that our program does not meet their fourth grade curriculum, and while we draw many participants from private schools and other youth groups, our own children have been missing out on this insightful, educational, and entertaining experience. We hope to reverse that situation in the near future.



Missy Lankler

In welcoming Missy, we also want express our deep gratitude for the hard work and dedication of Cora Coakley who is stepping down after overseeing this remarkable community service. We hope all members of HMD contribute by spreading the word to all their acquaintances about the success and importance of having young people learn the history of education in our area. One goal for the school is to have it open to the general public at least one day a month, if not more, as soon as possible. Of course, to do so requires volunteers willing to serve as hosts on such occasions. If this contribution is something that appeals to you please let Missy know that you are available. Ideally, we would have four such volunteers to spread the time of hosting among others to minimize the amount of time anyone would need to volunteer.

## Update on Progress Toward HMD Goals

**PRIORITY #1:** You may have noticed on the front page that paid membership increased by 25% from June to July. We have had as many as 250 members and our goal is to reach 300. So while the growth trend is in the right direction we have a long way to go. The fact is, we know we have far more than 300 friends of HMD in the community. The difference in being a friend and a member is very simple; a member is current on their annual dues. Every person who has voiced their support considers himself or herself a member and as someone who has been one for a long time. Yet, most really are not current “members.” HMD has not had a thorough membership drive for a while, so that is understandable. Annual membership now begins the month you join or rejoin and we will be sending out dated membership cards. So you will easily know when your membership is up for renewal. All the information on membership follows at the end of this newsletter. Without members, HMD is nothing.

## **PRIORITY #2: OPEN THE JOHN POOLE GENERAL STORE EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY MARCH THROUGH DECEMBER.**

As you may know, the John Poole House has been open most every Sunday since May. Moving toward the fall, it looks like we may be able to consider opening on Saturdays as well. We are very grateful to Karan Kalantizis and her daughter, Charlie Glass, and Willis and Carter Van deVanter, and Jennifer Moropolous who have recently offered to assist by hosting the store once a month for a two and half hour time period. We think teaming up with one other person makes the task easier and more enjoyable. No volunteer or volunteer team will be asked to host more than once per month. Additionally, all volunteers will select the date of their hosting. We can also assure volunteers, it will be more fun than they might expect. We need just four more individuals or teams for once per month to be open Saturday and Sunday. Is this something you can do? Let us know.

## **PRIORITY #3: MONTHLY CULTURAL/EDUCATIONAL EVENTS**

As you know, we seek to have a cultural/education event in the Old Town Hall at least once per month. In May, while not in the Old Town Hall, we had a very successful tour of the Seneca Quarries hosted by Bob Kapsch. In June, we had a fabulous photo contest with over 80 entries focusing on the Montgomery County Ag Reserve. As previously mentioned, in July we held the tribute to the heritage of the Sugarland community. Next up, we believe will be one of the most sought after exhibits. We will feature a weekend of “Poolesville in the Civil War.” Jim Poole has agreed to once again provide limited lectures on the subject and we will be announcing the specific times of those lectures later. Joining him will be Greg Shores, an expert on the subject in his own right. While we will be asking for a \$5.00 donation to attend the lectures, current members will be our guests for free. Look for more details in the coming weeks. The dates for “Poolesville in the Civil War” will be August 25 and 26.

**PRIORITY #4: SPONSORS FROM PATRONS TO ANGELS**

As we progress in membership, we also need persons or firms that can step up as sponsors. As you can see below, those donations range from \$150.00 to \$1,000. The question arises as to why become a sponsor. First of all, we certainly all understand the value of securing our heritage for future generations. We know the community takes great pride in its history. The story of our history comes alive through the Historic Medley District. Without HMD there is a lot of wonderful history to be lost. Secondly, for each level of sponsorship, we offer progressing benefits that include reduced or free use of the facilities, varying levels of recognition. As a 501(c)3, your sponsorship is fully tax deductible.

There is one less obvious benefit to the community. If HMD succeeds in its goals, our wonderful town can become a very viable daytripper for people throughout the region. And, even for those living in the surrounding area that have minimal reason to venture into town with the closing of Selby's Market, our cultural exhibits provide a draw to bring them back into town at least once per month. So, who should consider being a sponsor? Those who believe in the importance of maintaining a sense of history, those who want to support exciting and invigorating events, and those who understand the importance these things can be to the economic well being of the town.

**Sssshh – Don't tell anyone, but we have a secret.**

We can't tell you now, but we have a most exciting new service to provide our community that will also benefit HMD. The announcement should be made in just the next few weeks, if not sooner. We think you will be most pleased when you hear what we plan to do, and when you hear about it, we hope you join us and help by spreading the word.

**HMD-WE ARE ON THE MOVE****1. Become a paid member- Join or Renew Today!!**

Individual Membership: \$25.00

Family: \$40.00

Patron: \$150

Heritage \$250

Historic \$500

Angels: \$1,000

Please send your selected level of membership to:

PO box 232, Poolesville, MD 20837

Or visit

Historicmedley.org and click on membership

**2. Volunteer**

**Consider volunteering as a docent at the John Poole House, host at the Seneca Schoolhouse, host at a special event in the Old Town Hall or help in planning fundraising events. We are also in need of assistant archivists who can help us organize the files of history that we possess.**

**TAG YOU'RE IT!!**

A great historical kids game; one most of us remember well. HMD wants our members to join in our own version of the game. Tag a friend, relative, or neighbor with the words "Tag you're it with encouragement to join HMD. If each of us tags one person, it could be something great! Have you "tagged" anyone lately? **Tag – You are it!**