



Medley Crier

News from Historic Medley District, Inc.

JULY 2012

Calendar of Events

July 8, 15, 22

John Poole General
Store and Museum
Open: 1:00 – 3:00

July 28-29

Tribute to Our African-American Heritage

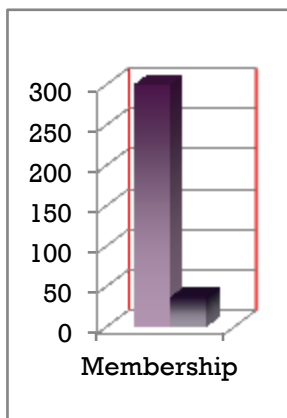
Iconic Town Hall
Exhibit of Photos,
history, and living
history
performances
Noon to 4:00 p.m.

PHOTO CONTEST A BIG HIT!

Our first Annual Photo Contest received a robust number of entries (80). More importantly, of course was the quality of the pictures. We don't think we heard the word WOW used more often. While the pictures outnumbered visitors, we had a satisfactory number just over fifty.

With doors open at the Old Town Hall, signs out, flags and bunting festively on display we know we made a very important point to the community: *HMD is Alive and Well and Living in Poolesville* (with apologies to Jacques Brel)

Congratulations to Ingeborg Westfall in taking first place as well as well to Megan Shapiro for second, Suzanna Tallia for third, and Tammy Hoewing for Honorable Mention. We extend our appreciation to our judges, especially since their job was made so difficult by the host of beautiful choices: Hillary Schwab of Schwab Photography, artist Susan Percy, and Caroline Taylor whose organization, Montgomery Countryside Alliance partnered with us on this event. Ingeborg's shot of a misty pasture in the Ag Reserve will be duly framed and presented to the winner of the Royce Hanson award this October.



HMD MEMBERSHIP

We have had as many as 250 members. Today we have just 37 paid members. If you have not joined or renewed your HMD membership please do so today. See page 2 for details.

Coming Soon to an Iconic Old Town Hall Near You!

HMD is proud to host *A Tribute to Our African-American Heritage* on July 28-29 at the Old Town Hall (The Bank) in Poolesville.

The pictorial exhibit and special living history presentation is provided by the Sugarland Ethno Project under the leadership of Gwen Reese. Connie Robinson will portray Mary Peck Bond, the daughter of an Underground Railroad conductor, she is best known for founding the Center for the Elderly in Pittsburgh, PA in 1883. The program will be open from noon to 4:00 p.m. Come join many of your friends and neighbors in rejoicing in this remembrance of the historical contributions of our African-American community.

We welcome new and renewed May/June members

Individual/Family: Heinz and Ilse Bachmann, Bill Lermond, Tom Kettler, Virginia Perkins*, George Kephart, Jr., Bob (Bob's Bikes) Mallasch, Roger Brenholtz, Joe Shannon, Rolls Family, Susan Moran, Fran Ichijo, and Ingeborg Westfall
Patrons: Jane and Ross Koeser, Vicki Crawford, Karen Kalantiz and Perry Kapsch
Heritage: Monocacy Lions Club

Historic: Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce, Don and Mary Lou Hoffacker
Angels: Knight Kiplinger

* Virginia also made a special donation in the name of her son, the late Jake Perkins.

HMD Hosts PACC Network Night

They came, they saw, and (hopefully), we conquered! Eighteen members of the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce joined us in welcoming the group at the John Poole General Store and at the bank, our iconic Old Town Hall.

A fundamental part of our mission in revitalizing the use of our historic sites is to establish a consistent and reliable venue to foster entertaining culture and education to the community as well as to build a stage for Poolesville's becoming a viable destination "Daytripper" town. This mission is a critical benefit to our valued commercial and business establishments, not to mention all others who make the Medley their home.

Judging from the joviality of the evening and comments offered, it was most successful!



Supporters of HMD, Bernie Mihm, Ray Hoewing, and Berry Thompson. (Special kudos for Fine Earth Landscape work on our arboretum.

NBC Channel 4 Comes to Town

Melissa Mollet, a reporter from our local NBC station came to Poolesville to interview our great friend, Peggy Erickson. She has taken on the lonely task of research and resurrecting the stories behind the men and women buried at the Old Methodist Church cemetery.

Peggy not only leads the charge to bolster appreciation for our shared heritage, she passionately and personally has picked up the battle banner to pay tribute to the soldiers whose last moments on this earth were in honorably defending their principals. Here is a woman who not only talks the talk, but also is walking the walk. We need to rally around her and her worthy mission.

Although we believe the best comments were left on the TV editor's cutting floor, we were pleased that HMD was able to get a bit of a plug in the broadcast by accepting the reporter's request for Rande Davis to be interviewed for comment.

Peggy has opened a challenge to us: We must erect a worthy monument to the soldiers who died here.



NBC reporter Melissa Mollet with Peggy Erickson.

HERITAGE DAYS - GREAT DAYS

Heritage Days 2012 had a modest but enthusiastic group of county travelers stop by the John Poole House, The Old Town Hall, and the Seneca Schoolhouse. The BOD wants to especially thank Dr. Dolores Westerman, Emily Ware, Cora Coakley and Laura Davis, and our Seneca Schoolhouse teacher Julie Shapiro coming forward to help us host our facilities to the Heritage Days crowd.

This was the first time, in far too long, that the Seneca Schoolhouse was open for visitation to the general public. And from reports of our docents, they were duly impressed. With just a couple of more HMD members volunteering we may be able to open it once a month in the near future. If you think this is right for you, let us know by email.

With very special thanks to Chris Kendrick in providing and setting the projector equipment, we showed the film *Life in a War Zone* throughout the day. Based on the number of people who stayed to watch excerpts, it was a big hit.

The historical John Poole baked up his favorite -Johnnycakes – for the public to sample and they loved them. One family (see picture) was enthralled by their visit to Poolesville. The father's comment to us was "this is terrific, we didn't know what to expect when we crossed the river but this is just perfect."



This Ashburn, VA family loved coming to Poolesville. We need more visitors!

Heritage Montgomery Wins Emmy® Award

On June 16 at the Newseum in Washington, DC, Heritage Montgomery won an Emmy® Award for their celebrated film, *Life in a War Zone*. The win was in the Historical Documentary category.

The producer was Barbara Grunbaum who wrote, produced, and directed the documentary.

Heritage Montgomery also acknowledges the excellent work done by other key members of the production team including Joseph Thompson (Director of Photography), Francine Wyrton (Editor & Graphic Designer), Charlie Pilzer (Sound Editor), and Greg Lewis (Host).

Executive Director Peggy Erickson remarked, "Heritage Montgomery produced this film on a shoe string budget with an incredible amount of community support. It truly took a village to turn out this fine product and we want to thank everyone connected with the project."



Heritage Montgomery president Tom Kettler holds the prize. Hope he remembered to thank mom.

The National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences is the local chapter responsible for awarding excellence in the television industry.

Heritage Montgomery is dedicated to promoting and supporting heritage tourism to historical, cultural and natural areas in Montgomery County.

HMD-WE ARE ON THE MOVE: How You Can Help

1. Become a paid member- Join or Renew Today!!

Annually:

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

We need volunteer docents to host the John Poole General Store. We want to have the John Poole General Store open to the public a few hours every Saturday and Sunday. (1 p.m. to 3:30).

It's fun, it's easy, and we ask only that you volunteer for one "shift" per month (more only if you prefer). Right now your executive director is playing the role of John Poole in hosting the JPH but he needs 6 – 8 volunteers to step forward to help out on occasion. Please email us if you are willing to help out when you can.

2012 Members Renewing or Joining early this year:

Nicholas Smith, Gary Lorenz, Anne Sturm, Ruth Pasquarelli, Bev Bosselmann, Dolores

Westerman, Laura Kittleman, Willis and Carter Van deVanter, Virginia Cook, Ray Hoewing, Jack Yates, Jim Poole, Carolyn Jackson, Phillip Shanholtzer, Dr. Chet Anderson, Anne Davies, Margaret Luther, Boo Davis, Peg Coleman, Sue Ewald, Jane Horvath, Ben and Nancy Daughtry, Ronnie Hay

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