



THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
KENT COUNTY
UNLOCKING OUR PAST

News from the Bordley History Center

Spring 2019

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, May 15, 2:30 PM

History Book Club at Heron Point

Robert Bryan moderates a discussion of Toker's *Falling Water Rising* (Frank Lloyd Wright designed home in western PA)

Saturday, May 25, 10 AM -4 PM

Chestertown Tea Party Festival

Exhibits/Programs at the Bordley History Center;
Craft Beer Sales at the Main stage.

Sunday, June 2, 3-5 pm

Historic House Party - Legendary Andelot Farm

Reservations Recommended, \$50 per person

Friday, June 7, 5:00 PM

First Friday - History Happy Hour

John Dixon talks about the Mason-Dixon Line

Wednesday, June 19, 2:30PM

History Book Club at Heron Point

Patrick Nugent, CV Starr Center Deputy Director, moderates a discussion of Philbrick's *Valiant Ambition* (Benedict Arnold is the subject of the book)

For more information,
call 410-778-3499 or email
director@kentcountyhistory.org



Peter Franchot Visits the Bordley

Maryland State Comptroller Peter Franchot visited the Bordley Center on March 4th to present a certificate of recognition of the Historical Society's service to Kent County. He also expressed appreciation of our hosting the exhibit *Early Women in Maryland Architecture*. The exhibit celebrated Women's History month and will be on display through Friday April 26th.

Society president Steve Frohock received the certificate on behalf of the Society. Society board member Erik Gulbrandsen was among a number of HSKC officers and community leaders present.

Renew your MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership News

Membership renewal notices are in the mail. You can mail your membership check to:

Historical Society of Kent County | P.O. Box 665 | Chestertown, Maryland 21620

Joining or renewing membership also can be done on-line:

www.kentcountyhistory.org/about and clicking on the Membership tab.

New Historical Society of Kent County Membership Dues Structure

The Board of Directors has approved a simpler structure and reduced costs of membership dues beginning in the new fiscal year on May 1st.

Membership categories have been reduced from eight to three: Individual, family, and student. Dues have also been reduced from \$40 to \$25 for individuals, \$75 to \$40 for families, and from \$25 to complimentary membership for elementary, secondary and undergraduate college students.

Recommending these changes, the Committee on Membership and Outreach said they are designed to make membership more accessible.

The Board also approved a once-a-year membership renewal period timed to the beginning of the new fiscal year in May. Adjustments will be made in new memberships received during the year to assure that new members are not requested to renew before the end of their first year with HSKC.

**Click Here to Renew On-Line Once On-Site, Click
Membership Tab**

A Bordley Library Update

The Bordley History Center Library has added fourteen (14) more Kent County News newspaper CD's to its collection. The CD's cover the Kent County News from January 1, 1960 through December 31, 1969. They are available for use on our Library laptop computer.

This collection was made possible by a donation from the Chestertown Library, Inc.

Mr. Christopher Emmet of Far Hills New Jersey, has donated a collection of fifty-five (55) fox hunting books to our Library which were formerly owned by the late Wilbur Ross Hubbard of

Remembering Great Recent Events - MORE TO COME!



Radcliffe School 4th Graders Learn at the Bordley

Historical Society board member Cynthia Saunders shared the story of African American business owners during the 18th and early 19th centuries.

The class visited the Bordley Center on February 18th, as part of African American History Month studies.



Silversmiths of Kent County

On March 27, local expert Jim Smith gave an enlightening talk on local silver. The talk included information on what it meant to be a silversmith, stories of local smiths and examples of local work.

In the picture, Jim Smith, Pat Barrows and Ann Charles take a closer look at silver pieces created in Chestertown in the 18th Century.

Annual Museums of Kent County Self-Driving Tour

On Saturday, May 4th, the Museums of Kent annual self-driving tour of 9 museums in Kent County took place from 10:00 AM to 4 PM.

The tour explored Kent County's history, life styles and culture by visiting many of these unique museums. Driving tour information was available at the museums and at the Bordley History Center on tour day.

Brochures with a map are still available in Chestertown at Kent County's visitors center, 122 N. Cross St.; Kent County Public Library's Chestertown branch, 408 High St.; Sumner Hall, 206 S. Queen St.; and the Bordley History Center, 301 High St.

MUSEUMS OF KENT COUNTY DRIVING TOUR
Saturday May 4, 2019
 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. FREE ADMISSION

Nine Great Museums... One Great County!
 Brochures with maps available at Visitors Center in Chestertown and at each museum.

Use #TourMOK on facebook/instagram, and your museum pass (pick up at first stop) to be entered for a random drawing for great prizes.

www.kentcounty.com/attractions/museums

Sponsored by Kent County Office of Tourism, Kent County Arts Council, and the Museums of Kent

The Nike Missile Site at Tolchester

On Wednesday, May 15th the Bordley History Center Library hosted a discussion on the



Nike Missile Base that was in Kent County from construction in 1954 to deactivation in 1967.

The Nike site was located in Tolchester and was part of the Baltimore-Washington air defense system. After deactivation, the Control, Launch and undeveloped areas were transferred to Kent County. The Control Area is currently used as an agricultural center.

Museum Shop News - Come By and See Us

NEW GIFTS

For spring, we are welcoming a few new brush critters to our "zoo": bunnies, chickens, and a porcupine have joined our offerings of birds, bugs, and cats and dogs. They make great gifts.

We also have our perennial favorites—the flour-sack towel collection featuring various images, including cats, dogs, and images of Kent County interest, as well as photo display boards and mugs featuring a beautiful image of the Chestertown waterfront painted for the Historical Society.

For kids, as always, check out the duck whistles, Tolchester puzzles, Lucy the Goose books, toy boats, and stuffed toys.

COOK BOOKS

On our book racks, be sure to take a look at our unusual, inexpensive selection of cookbooks published by or for local epicures going back some 50 years. Among them:

- **Family Recipes** from the Moms Club of Chestertown
- **Crab Chatter**, by Mildred and Gennie Lewis
- **Keep the Feast** by Shrewsbury Parish Church in Kennedyville
- **Cooking in the Chesapeake Country** by the Galena Fire Company
- **Fellowship Favorites: A Vegetarian Cookbook** of The Rock Hall-Chestertown Seventh Day Adventist Churches
- **Eastern Shore Favorites** by the Chestertown Rotary
- **In the Beginning: Party Recipes** by Emmanuel Episcopal Church
- **Quaker Not Just Oats** by the Chester River Religious Society of Friends

KENT AND MARYLAND HISTORY BOOKS

As always, we have plenty of books related to Kent County and Maryland history, and a new title coming this spring may have special appeal to readers interested in the local naval history of the American Revolution: **Chesapeake Bay Privateers in the Revolution**, by Leonard Szaltis, a history and business educator and active member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Szaltis writes that during the Revolution, both Patriots and Loyalists deployed privately-owned and -manned armed ships with the authority of their respective governments to attack and steal from each other. The Chesapeake Bay, he writes, was the site of one of the last and bloodiest naval battles of the Revolution, and privateers were instrumental in the eventual American victory in the war.

The author uses local records to bring these legendary Eastern Shoremen and their exploits to life.

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**Bordley History Center
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Please email director@kentcountyhistory.org and we will make sure your are on the list.

<https://kentcountyhistory.org/contact/>

Thursday & Friday
11:00 am—2:00 pm
Saturday
10:00 am—2:00 pm

Office & Library
Wednesday—Friday
10:00 am—3:00 pm

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