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of
KENT COUNTY

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News from the Bordley History Center



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Upcoming Events:

Mark Your Calendar:
Events and Activities
You Won't Want to Miss

Friday, September 7, 4 PM

History Happy Hour at the
Bordley

Wednesday,

September 19, 2:30 PM

History Book Club at Heron
Point: David Durfee, Jr., leads
a discussion of military history
in Ron Chernow's *Grant*

Friday, October 5, 4 PM

History Happy Hour at the
Bordley

Saturday, October 6

Kate Livie
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Carol Roe Combs

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Wed.-Fri. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

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We  Volunteers

Forty-eighth Annual Historic
House Tour, 1-5 PM*
Chestertown Ghost Walks
begin at 6:30 PM and every
half hour until 8:30 PM*

Saturday, October 13

Ghost Walks begin at 6:30 PM
and every half hour until 8:30*

**Wednesday,
October 17, 2:30 PM**

History Book Club at Heron
Point: Dorsey Hammond
leads a discussion of political
history in Ron Chernow's
Grant

Saturday, October 20

Ghost Walks begin at 6:30 PM
and every half hour until 8:30*

Saturday, October 27

Ghost Walks begin at 6:30 PM
and every half hour until 8:30*

Friday, November 2, 4 PM

History Happy Hour at the
Bordley

Wednesday

November 21, 2:30 PM

History Book Club at Heron
Point: Lucia Rather leads a
discussion of Linda
Hershman's *Sisters in Law*

Friday, December 7, 4-8 PM

HSKC Wassail Party at the
Bordley. Chestertown Ghost
Walks begin at 6PM on Friday
and Saturday, 12/8*

If you have ever wanted to research the History of Kent County or simply love meeting new people, please contact us! We love our volunteers!

***Ticketed events. All other events are free and open to Society members and friends.**

In the Museum Shop

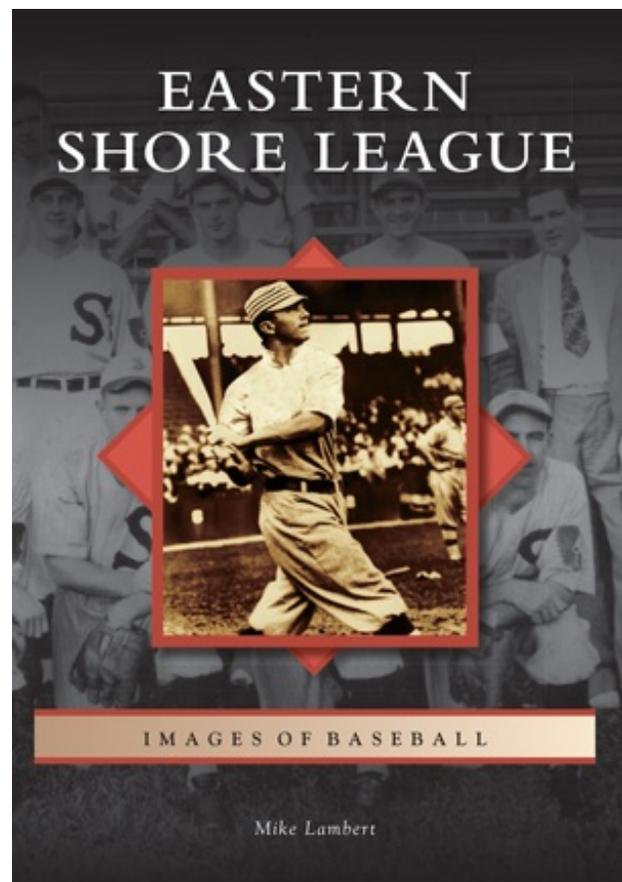
Some items currently in the shop are delightful chances to savor aspects of pre-World War II Kent County life.

- First up, baseball lovers impatient for this year's major league playoffs might relish whiling away the time looking back almost a century with the book *Eastern Shore League* by Mike Lambert. With hundreds of photos of players and images of artifacts such as balls, bats, tickets and club stockholder share certificates, Lambert brings back what he aptly calls the "glory days of professional baseball on the Eastern Shore."

The League was a collection of professional Class-D baseball teams on Delmarva that played from 1922 through 1949, with interruptions for the Depression and World War II. The league sent many players on to the majors, including four players and one manager who wound up in the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY.

The teams were based outside Kent County (one was in Centreville), but the league's five-season term from 1937 to 1941 was organized by Tom Kibler of Washington College, the league president. It is also beyond doubt that fans from Kent joyfully traveled to Easton, Dover, and the eight other Eastern Shore towns that hosted the league. It was, after all, the national pastime and a ballgame was *the* social event to attend. (Publisher: Arcadia Publishing ; \$21.99; paperback)

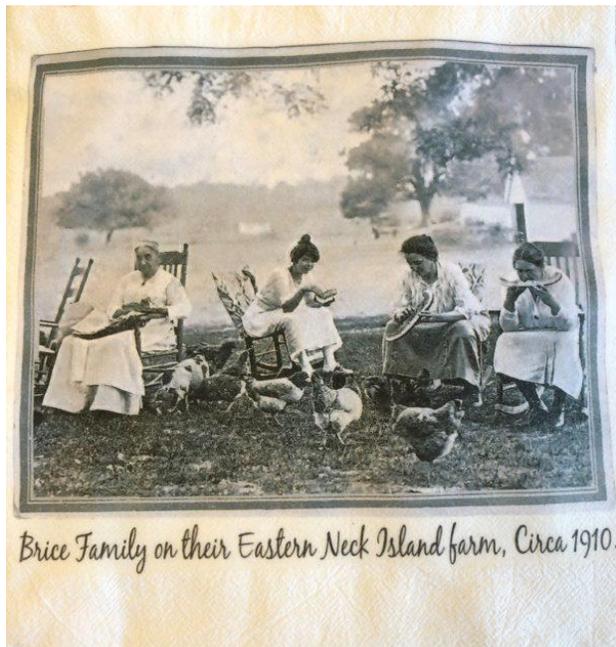
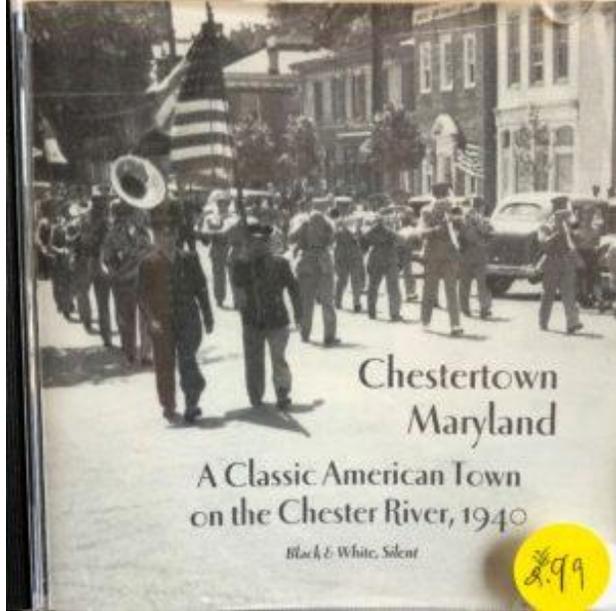
- If baseball's not your thing, you



might love the DVD *Chestertown, Maryland: An American Home Town for more than 350 Years*, produced in 2010 by the Kent County Historical Society. This one-hour, seventeen minute video covers the first 250 years in fairly short order (thankfully). Its charm lies in its real mission: to save for posterity a moment in time—a 1940 hometown movie capturing virtually every aspect of the town—and combine that footage with recent visuals of many of the same locations today and commentary by current locals, including some who were here in 1940. It's a keeper—and not a bad gift to stir up nostalgia in anyone who's moved away—and a steal at \$4.99.

- For a touch of circa 1900-1910 Kent County to glimpse whenever you're in your kitchen, have a look at the popular flour-sack tea towels bearing reproduction photos from that time. Among them are a view of the old Chester River bridge, a scene from the Tolchester Beach Amusement Park, and a summertime outdoor scene of the women of the Brice family enjoying watermelon slices. The tea towels are \$12 each.

[Link to Additional Resources](#)





Historical Society appoints a new part-time administrative assistant

On August 1, Carol Roe Combs joined the staff of the Historical Society. She provides administrative support for the officers and staff of the Society.

Carol is a recent retiree from the Prince George's County Department of Family Services. She has over twenty years of service as a program analyst and planner, work involving collection of data and preparation of reports on client needs and department performance. Her work also included development of grant proposals, preparing statistical reports, and processing contracts. One of her colleagues described her as "extremely organized" and "a problem solver" who is "very good at technology." Earlier, Carol worked in retail banking, rising from direct customer service to supervisory positions.

Carol describes her family as having deep roots in Kent, Queen Anne's and Caroline counties, inspiring her lifelong interest in local history and genealogy. Following graduation from Chestertown High School, she attended the University of Maryland-College Park, where she earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in family studies and community development.

We are delighted to have Carol on staff.

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NEW SITE
IS LIVE! *right this way*

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Biography Psychology Publishing Anecdotal Narrative
Reel Archiving Grassroots Recollection Recreation Genealogy
Self Transcript Linguistics Neighborhood Discipline Broadcast
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Radio Perspective Family Research Humanities Field
Reflection Reminiscence Anthropology Reflexivity Political
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Nostalgia
Sociology
Advocacy
Culture
Analogue

NEW AND IMPROVED WEBSITE

Please take a look at our new website! We have partnered with Mullin/Ashley Associates to bring together a more interactive and research driven website. We will add new information to the website weekly, including scholarly articles relating to Kent County history, new interactive walking tours, new museum shop items, and a searchable database of our archival collection. We welcome any comments for improvements and we thank you for your patience as we work to make our website the best place to access Kent County history.

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BORDLEY CENTER LIBRARY RESOURCES

KENT COUNTY ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION AVAILABLE

The Historical Society of Kent County has a large collection of oral histories from local residents. This collection is available to the public at the Bordley History Center Library and includes, among others, Robert Emory Atkinson, Delia Ringgold Caulk, Arthur Earl Culver, Anne Elizabeth Jones DeShane, Sarah Catherine Dickerson, Jesse Bulah Downey, Clarence W. Fowler, Hurlock Hurst Gale, Alice Virginia Hopkins, Wilbur Ross Hubbard, Hope Barroll Hudson, George Adam Schaubert, Floyd Newsome Smith, Mattie Clark Smith, Anna Thelma Moffett Vansant, Harriette Staples Welch, Elizabeth Scott Hurtt Westcott and Les Landrus Wickes.

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