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KENT COUNTY

UNLOCKING OUR PAST

Fabulous February Events

INNAUGURAL BEHIND THE WALLS ARCHITECTURAL TOUR

Saturday, February 11th, 2:00pm and 3:30pm

Join us for the inaugural "Behind the Walls" Architectural Tour at 329 High Street! The Historical Society is offering an exciting opportunity to tour this building, which was the old Chestertown Pharmacy, with the current owner Mark Newman. This commercial property dates to about 1880 and was rebuilt after the 1910 fire that destroyed most of this block of High Street, as well as the adjoining block of Cross Street. It is currently being renovated into a restaurant downstairs and an apartment upstairs. The upstairs has been vacant for decades and was never updated after the 1910 rebuild, so there is much original décor to see there. With the renovation ongoing you will be able to literally see behind the walls of this historic property. Refreshments will be served at the Bordley History Center following each tour.

There will be two group tours: one at 2:00pm and one at 3:30pm. Each tour will be approximately 45 minutes long with long periods of standing involved. There will be no seating provided during the tour and climbing stairs without railings will be required. Please email director@kentcountyhistory.org to reserve your spot. Please specify which tour group time you are reserving when emailing. Space is limited—only 15 spots are available for each time slot. More information will come with your reservation.





A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO REHOUSE OUR GENEALOGIES Thursday, February 16th, 1:00pm

Come assist the librarian Joan Andersen with rehousing our genealogical records! Our accessible genealogical records have aided many visitors on their quests for knowledge, but our records need a little sprucing up. We need your help sorting, culling, reorganizing, and repackaging them into state-of-the-art barrister

SAVE THE DATES!

Mrs. Bordley has concocted a special cocktail for your Valentine! Museum and gift shop will be open on **First Friday, Feb 3, 5-7**; **Saturday, Feb 11, 10-2**; and **Sunday, Feb 12, 2-5**. Stop in; each cocktail comes with a free Valentine card. Lots of other gifts too.

Friday, March 3—Bordley History Center open for
First Friday, 5-7 pm
Sunday, March 26—Behind the Walls
Architectural Tour of 108 Maple Ave
Sunday, April 30—Our 87th Annual Meeting, St
Paul's Church, 2-4pm
Late May—Tribute to Michael Bourne

boxes. Ideally 12 volunteers will join us for this project. This is an opportunity to get hands-on with Kent County History that you will not want to miss! Please email director@kentcountyhistory.org if you can join us.