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#### LAFAYETTE FAREWELL TOUR EVENTS

The Committee planning the commemoration of the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lafayette's visit to Harford County on his Farewell Tour of the country has planned two exciting events this spring.

The first is a return visit by Alisa Dupuy, who portrays Adrienne Lafayette. Adrienne, wife of General Lafayette, shares insights about the Marquis and their life. She also has an amazing story of her own. You might have heard her at the Historical Society's Annual Meeting, but if you missed her or have a friend who might enjoy her program, you can catch her again on Thursday, March 6, at 7:00 pm at the Cultural Center at the Opera House, 121 N. Union Avenue, Havre de Grace, **Tickets** MD. only \$10 and are available hdgoperahouse.org

The second event is a Music from the Life and Tour of Lafayette concert, presented by David and Ginger Hildebrand. Musicians and music historians David and Ginger Hildebrand have chosen pieces from period sources to create a historical music program to commemorate the anniversary of Lafayette's Farewell Tour. The Hildebrands will play selections on period instruments, introducing each and sharing its history. The concert will be held on Sunday, April 27, at 3:00 pm, at the Havre de Grace Opera House, 121 N. Union Avenue, Havre de Grace, MD. Tickets are only \$25.00 and can be ordered online at hdgoperahouse.org

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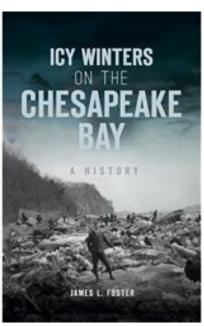
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#### **COMING EVENTS**

• *Icy Winters on the Chesapeake* – a Virtual Presentation by Author James Foster Tuesday, January 14, 2025 – 12:30 pm

Learn more about the harrowing history of Chesapeake Bay and winter's impact on our shores at a virtual presentation by James Foster at 12:30 pm on Tuesday, January 14.

Mr. Foster will share stories from his book on the Chesapeake, the disasters and pitfalls, large and small, that came with the coldest winters. Sailing on the Chesapeake Bay's myriad inlets in summer, it is hard to imagine that, come January, icebreakers may be plowing the waters you cruised in July. When portions of the Great Shellfish Bay iced up, the flow of commerce was seriously impeded. At the turn of the nineteenth century, with the center of the new nation's government establishing its arms, a frozen Bay meant that the United States' emergence to a status on par with the world's foremost nations might be painfully slow. The Bay's history is a paramount factor in the nation's development and makes an incredible story – one you will want to hear.



Register for this free event at www.harfordhistory.org.

• The Ma & Pa Comes to Harford - Guest Speaker Walter Holloway Saturday, February 8, 2025 @ 2 pm The Historical Society of Harford County, 143 N. Main Street, Bel Air MD 21014

The Ma & Pa Railroad stretched between Baltimore at North Avenue & Howard Streets, on to Towson, and through Long Green Valley into Harford County. It ended at Market Street in York, Pennsylvania. Even by the day's standards, it passed through some of the East Coast's most wooded, curvaceous, and beautiful scenery.

The Ma & Pa Railroad was an important part of life in Harford County, especially for the towns between Baltimore and York. The early morning run from Harford County to Baltimore City carried so much milk that locals



called it "The Milky Way." For the owners of the County's many canneries, quarries, and mines, the railroad was an essential part of their livelihood. The trains chugged through 23 miles in Harford County at an average speed of only 15-20 miles per hour because of the route's many grade changes and curves. At the turn of the twentieth century, the railroad trip from Baltimore City to Sharon (north of Forest Hill) took about  $1\frac{3}{4}$  hours.

In addition to mail and all kinds of Harford County products, the Ma & Pa also carried people—travelers, shoppers, theatergoers, and relatives. They welcomed the screeching whistles and billowing steam

clouds of the Ma & Pa Railroad as a way to see what lay beyond their hometowns. Like other railroads of the time, the Ma & Pa began a slow decline as buses, trucks, and Model Ts began to carry people and products between Baltimore and Bel Air on Rt. 1.

Join Ma & Pa expert Walt Holloway as he shares his photographs and stories of the heyday of the Ma & Pa. Registration is available at <a href="https://www.harfordhistory.org">www.harfordhistory.org</a>. The fee is \$15.

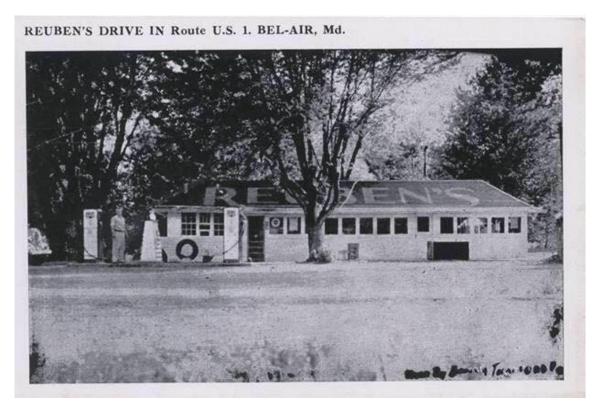
#### REMEMBERING THE GOOD OLE DAYS

We often think of history in terms of ancient times and possibly major disasters, but history happens every day and includes many happy times. Because of this, the Historical Society is constantly seeking stories about the more recent past and the "happy days" that made up life in Harford. There are some fascinating stories about the old "hangouts" and gathering places that led to tremendous camaraderie in days gone by and the memories and friendships that lasted a lifetime.

Think back to your teen years and the places you met up with friends after school and on weekends. Remember Reuben's Drive-In, the old movie theaters, Harvey's, and Bel Air Drive-In. What was life like in Harford in the 50s, 60s and 70s?

On August 16, 2025, the Historical Society plans a special treat – *A Return to Reubens: A Trip Down Memory Lane.* This event will include food, music, stories, and more from those long-ago days. It will be an excellent opportunity to meet some old friends and share your stories of the Good 'Ole Days for posterity.

For now, the Society is seeking volunteers to help plan this event. If you are interested in helping to plan this exciting event, please contact us at <a href="mailto:info@HarfordHistory.org">info@HarfordHistory.org</a> or call the Society at 410-838-7691.



*Reuben's Drive Inn – the home of curly que fries.* 

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#### RICHARD'S CORNER

The Archives volunteers routinely uncover treasures from the past. Recently, long-time volunteer Mary Cardwell came across this correspondence from July 1956 to Mr. C. N. Bliss of Darlington. An unnamed Society volunteer hoped to help Mr. Bliss learn more about his property in Darlington. Please let us know if anyone has an answer to the question who owned the property in 1790.

Dear Mr. Bliss

Thank you for taking time this morning to give me information about the log part of your house. In hunting up information about the log part of your house I have found that it is located on a late 17<sup>th</sup> century grant call Hall's Rich Neck and could therefore have had a log house built on it within the time when there. This was one of the may properties which were a few Swedes in this neighborhood. Hall owned late in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, most of his land being in the Aberdeen neighborhood.

I also found out from Mr. N. L. Weaver that when his father bought the property in 1918 and continuing until about 1921 the log part of the house was covered with mill-sawed clapboard, a fact which no doubt preserved it better than if it had been exposed to the weather.

If, when you go to New York, you would copy for me the references to land transfers during the 19<sup>th</sup> century in your abstract of title, I will endeavor to look at the old deeds in the courthouse at Bel Air this summer, and at Annapolis when I can get an opportunity. The Bel Air records go back to the time of the Revolution. It is possible that some reference to the house may be in them. It would be most interesting if we could establish the fact that you have the only Swedish log house in Maryland – I think that there is a possibility or I would not take the time to hunt up the old records.

If you could let me have the name of the owner in 1790, I could check it against the census of that date, which exists only in manuscript form in the Historical Society records in Baltimore. This census describes the size and construction of all buildings as it was made for tax purposes.

(The Historical Society's copy of this letter does not include a signature.)

## WHAT'S NEW AT THE HAYS HOUSE?

Great news from the Hays House! The Historical Society has been working for years to get the deteriorating siding on the north wall repaired and preserved. This wall represents a type of construction used in the late eighteenth century that has all but disappeared today. The Maryland Historical Society is very excited to see it preserved. The preservation contractor has removed all the siding and reports that the siding is in better-than-expected condition. It will be repaired and returned to its original position on the house. Any pieces that cannot be salvaged will be replaced with comparable hand-hewn white oak secured by the Historical Society for this purpose. The contractor was pleasantly surprised by the relatively good condition of the siding and the support system beneath it. Little evidence of insect infestation or other issues was found. Amazing construction to survive 235 years!

Inside, the Hays House is also undergoing renewal. The second floor has been closed to visitors because of peeling paint. Painting has been finished, along with touch-up painting in some areas of the first floor. New wood blinds have been installed at every window. New swags of a bright indigo blue and cream plaid hang in the dining room. New swags will be installed in the parlor soon. A beautiful period-correct rug now covers the parlor floor.

More work will follow shortly. Dead trees in the front yard will be removed. A new security system will be installed.

The African American Experience in Harford County exhibit will move to its next location in early January. Following its removal, both floors will be re-staged, and the house will reopen on February 23, 2025. The first program will give visitors an opportunity to see the refurbished house and learn more about the objects on display there.

For the first time in many years, the Hays House was decorated for Christmas! The Evergreen Garden Club of Churchville decorated the house with fresh greens. Beautiful arrangements in period-appropriate containers complemented mantle decorations in the main rooms and dried orange slices and gingerbread swags in the kitchen. A tree with battery-operated candles graced the parlor and a beautiful punch bowl welcomed visitors to the dining room. The house looked spectacular!

If you missed the holiday events, please plan to visit on February 23 for the reopening. And visit Sundays, March 8 and 23, from 1:00 to 4:00 for the living history programs on Revolutionary Harford and the Bush Declaration.

Sandra Wallis, PhD, Hays House Chair

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! Thank you for supporting and participating in Society activities over the past year. The coming year promises to be just as busy and exciting as the Society celebrates *Revolutionary Harford*. Watch the Society's website, Facebook page, and newsletter for information about the upcoming programs celebrating Harford County's role in the American Revolution and the formation of our state in 1775 and remember to subscribe to the Society's YouTube Channel. Subscribing helps our rating on YouTube.

Please use this link to subscribe www.youtube.com/channel/UCKlyZ8mFfxaEE2dVY0byWkg

The first installations at the Society's museum began in December with the installation of the petroglyph exhibit and artifacts in the old post box room. Watch the Society's Facebook page for descriptions of the displays as the new museum moves towards reality. Be sure to stop by to see our progress. Meanwhile, the Society's traveling exhibit, *The African American Experience in Harford*, will open at the Hays Heighe House on January 11, 2025. The free exhibit will be open to the public on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays through February 9, 2025, highlighting the story of Harford's African American community from the County's earliest days through the present day – the trials, tribulations, and achievements of your friends and neighbors. For more information, visit the Harford Community College website at

<u>www.harfordevents.com/p/presented-shows/live-at-harford/hays-heighe-house</u>. The exhibit will move to the Abingdon Library in February.

January is membership renewal month, so please continue supporting the Historical Society and encourage your friends and neighbors to become members. Your support makes preserving the County's history possible and allows us to continue to bring you fascinating stories about your hometown.

Bill Walden, President

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### BUSH DECLARATION CELEBRATION, MARCH 21 – 23, 2025

On March 22, 1775—over a year before the signing of the American Declaration of Independence in 1776—a group of Harford County's elected representatives assembled at a house in Bush Town (now Abingdon), where the government of Harford County met. There, they signed a document that became known as the Bush Declaration, pledging their support for independence "at the risque of their lives and fortunes."

Plan now to join the celebration of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of this historic document and the brave souls who risked everything for liberty. If you are a descendant of one of the original signers, please contact the Bush Declaration Committee at <a href="mailto:BushDeclaration1775@gmail.com">BushDeclaration1775@gmail.com</a> to be added to our contact list. We hope to extend a special invitation to these descendants as part of this three-day celebration.

The weekend of March 21, 22, and 23, 2025, will include numerous events celebrating this historic time in Harford.

On Friday evening, March 21, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm, a "Meet and Greet" is planned at Liriodendron, 502 West Gordon Street, Bel Air, MD. The Meet and Greet is open to everyone and will be an excellent opportunity to learn more about and celebrate these courageous men.

Attendees will have opportunities to learn more about the town of Bush, the Bush Declaration, and the men who signed it. The signers' representatives will also be



able to gather in small groups and add their signatures to pages dedicated to each signer. Musicians performing on period instruments will entertain attendees in the music room.

A rich selection of appetizers and "finger foods" will focus on foods then and now! Each selection will be tied back to the historical equivalent that a colonial dame might have served in 1775. Joyce White, author of *Cooking Maryland's Way: Voices of a Diverse Cuisine*, will attend. Joyce has conducted extensive research on the foods and their preparation method, bringing the history of Maryland's diverse cuisine into focus. Joyce will also be doing a book signing.

Tickets for this event are \$55.00. They will be available on the Historical Society of Harford County website. Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged. This "Meet and Greet" social will kick off a weekend of festivities, beginning with the Anniversary Celebration.

The Anniversary Celebration will begin with a program at The Armory, 37 North Main Street, Bel Air, MD, on Saturday morning, March 22, 2025, at 9:30 am. The morning public celebration will feature a presentation by Colonel Aquila Hall, Chairman of the Committee of Harford County and the first person to sign the Bush Declaration. Following his presentation, a dramatic reading of the Declaration will accompany musical selections. No tickets are required. Children and those who are young at heart can pick up a Passport that they can have stamped at selected historical sites on Saturday and Sunday.

The Passport can be redeemed at the day's last stop or the Hays House on Sunday for a certificate and a **Junior Historian** badge!

On Saturday afternoon, March 22, 2025, from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Sunday afternoon, March 23, 2025, from 12:00 am to 4:00 pm, bring your Passport to History and visit historical sites associated with the Bush Declaration. Visit the Historical Society to see the original Minute Book of the Committee of Harford County and the actual Bush Declaration. This celebratory display offers an opportunity to view the rarely exhibited historical document. Visit the Bush Hotel, now a doctor's office, and learn about the colonial town of Bush and its significance in Maryland's history.

Two church cemeteries are on the list (Churchville Presbyterian and St. George's at Spesutia). Docents at each site will talk about the history and significance of the church and the signers buried there. Two homes of signers will also be open. Sophia's Dairy, a private home in Perryman, was built by Aquila Hall, Chairman of the Harford Committee. Visit the property to learn more about Aquila Hall and this beautiful home. Edgeley Grove, home of signer Samuel Calwell, will also be open. Now owned by Harford County Government, visitors can learn more about the signer who built it and explore the local government's role in preserving historic sites.

The Hays House will welcome visitors on both Saturday and Sunday. A militia encampment will be set up on the grounds, and visitors can explore how local citizens formed militia units to prepare for possible conflict. On Sunday, period interpreters will also be in the house, discussing the impact of the Bush Declaration and their concerns for the future.

Also, on Sunday, March 23, the Hereditary Order of the Signers of the Bush Declaration (HOSBD) invites members of the public to join them for a very special Annual Meeting. The setting will be the Founders Room at the Mountain Branch Golf Club, which offers beautiful vistas of the rolling terrain of Harford County. The dinner will be a buffet supper. A presentation from a signer will take everyone to the pivotal moment when the Declaration was signed. HOSBD promises this will be a grand culmination of an entire weekend of engaging events. You do not need to be a member of HOSBD to attend. For tickets, visit their website at <a href="https://www.bushdeclaration.org">www.bushdeclaration.org</a>.

Please mark your calendar now. This will be a very special weekend full of exciting and unique events. For questions, please contact the Committee at <a href="mailto:BushDeclaration1775@gmail.com">BushDeclaration1775@gmail.com</a>.

Sandra Wallis, PhD, Bush Celebration Chair

### **NEW MEMBERS**

The Society is pleased to welcome new members:

John and Diane Herzog Shirely Querns James Foster Bojo Family Owen Fowlkes Page 8 Society News

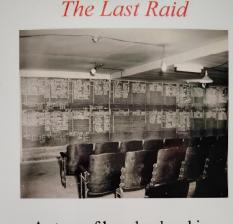
# THE LAST RAID: A STORY OF HOW BOOKMAKING FLOURISHED DURING THE 1930s AND '40s IN ONE MARYLAND COUNTY

A Review by Jim Chrismer

Move over, Molly Kruger, Chris Weeks, and Peter Jay. Make room, Todd Holden, Henry Peden, Jack Shagena, and Doug Washburn. Tom Guercio emerged to join the list of modern authors who have written interesting, informative, and highly regarded works of local non-fiction narrative history.

Guercio of Haymarket, VA, a former long-time Bel Air resident and member of a prominent area family, has recently produced a fascinating account of gambling and bookmaking activities within the tranquil confines of Harford County during the years before and after World War II.

Entitled *The Last Raid: A story of how bookmaking flourished during the 1930s and '40s in one Maryland County,* Tom's account is the result of sixteen years of groundwork, including eight years of serious research and writing. The book's success relies on hundreds of original sources (newspaper accounts, letters, and interviews), relevant secondary accounts, and first-hand knowledge; a direct, detailed yet engaging, and fast-paced narrative; and the professional research/writing/editing talents of younger



A story of how bookmaking flourished during the 1930s and '40s in one Maryland County

By: Thomas R. Guercio
with Diana Guercio Prentice
as Contributing Editor

sister, Diana Guercio Prentice. Late older sister, Maria Guercio Magardo (d. 2019), lent her own knowledge and typing skills to early drafts of the manuscript. Black and white photographs and political cartoons complement the text. *The Last Raid* comprises 313 pages, eight chapters, and five valuable appendices.

In telling his story, Tom makes use of a very effective literary conceit: he employs the late George Lindenberger Van Bibber IV (1906-1979) as his narrator. Van Bibber, a genial, highly literate architect/artist turned essayist, kept a multivolume diary of everyday life in Harford County from 1926 to 1979. The diary, housed at the Maryland Center for History and Culture (formerly the MHS), was a vital source of Guercio's research. Utilizing a reasonable amount of literary license, Guercio combines Van Bibber's actual words, careful paraphrasing, and self-created passages (of verifiable information George knew about but did not include in the diaries) to engage the reader in a dynamic account of illegal gambling on horse racing. Van Bibber's descriptions provide readers with the names of the major participants and locations of bookmaking, and the factors that allowed such so-called "victimless" crimes to occur for nearly two decades in rural Harford County.

Readers will likely be surprised to discover how many gambling sites or "bookeyshops" existed in the County at various times and places throughout the years, 1935 to 1950. Bel Air led the list with upwards of five different spots, most notably in the back areas of the long-gone Bel Air Recreation Center (still dubbed by older residents as "the Hole" or "Pooh Pooh's") in the center of town and at the Argonne Barbershop on North Main Street. Other shops existed in Edgewood, Havre de Grace, Benson, Hickory,

and off Lake Fanny Hill on Route 1 southwest of the county seat.

Guercio contends that the County's largest and most substantial betting establishment was owned by Harry Gorrell (1892–1960) and barber Sam Guercio (1898–1980), Tom's immigrant father who came to Bel Air in 1929. He points out how the former competitors teamed up in 1946 to purchase a 48-acre farm on Reckord Road off Harford Road near the Baltimore County line, an out-of-the-way location perfect for drawing patrons from Harford and Baltimore counties, Baltimore City, and points farther north and south, including Washington, D.C.

Almost immediately, the partners created what modern-day gamblers might term a "parlor." They built a spacious attachment to the farm's largest barn and equipped it with theatre seating, blackboards with races and results from numerous national tracks, a loudspeaker, three cashier stations, modern teletype machines, and dedicated phone lines. Bettors, who constituted a widely diverse group of adults of all ages and ethnicities, rich and poor, white and black, and men and women, enjoyed a 60-space macadam parking lot and received free sandwiches and cold drinks. Nicknamed "Sam and Gorrell's Place," the business operated six days a week and employed 8-10 employees, more on Saturdays.

How could such obvious illegal activity openly occur within such a typically conservative rural community? Tom Guercio's informed answer is that public opinion either wanted it for entertainment or as a possible source of income or was unfazed by its existence. Additionally, the local political machine, led by Attorney "Major" Robert H. Archer (Harford's "beneficent dictator"), allowed bookies to operate if they did so in a clean fashion and no one was harmed. These factors placed the Sheriff's Department, then headed by Raymond Fulker, in a tenuous situation and contributed to the difficulty and the scarcity of raids on illicit operations.

The most powerful voice of opposition to criminal gambling was that of John D. Worthington, Jr., owner/editor of the *Bel Air Aegis*. Beginning in 1947, without directly citing names, Worthington strenuously editorialized against bookie activities. He sought to rally the public out of its lethargy, insisted that laws be enforced, denounced the rarity and mildness of raids, criticized the slight fines assessed against the culprits, and suggested the possibility of sentencing ringleaders to jail.

One passage in a January 1949 diatribe summed up Worthington's thought, condemning the "small group of parasites who have been making an easy living by systematically relieving citizens of hard-earned cash ... When any group of lawbreakers continues virtually unmolested ... they become more arrogant, lose their respect for law enforcement agencies, and reach out for a greater share of sucker money." The purported loss of respect for Harford residents and its officials among the citizenry of Maryland was another of Worthington's complaints.

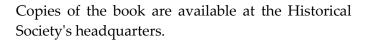
Tom Guercio's title for his study derives from the Saturday, May 29, 1948, raid on his father's and Harry Gorrell's Reckordsville emporium. Fulker and two deputies arrested the manager, gathered implicating evidence, took photographs, and listed the names of 52 persons on the premises. Tipped off in advance, neither Guercio nor Gorrell was present. But the straws had been lain on the two men's backs to retreat from active involvement in their wrongful livelihood.

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Soon the 50-some-year-old Guercio retired to the life of a small-town barber. With the July 1948 death of his friend and shield Major Bob Archer, increased political pressure on Sheriff Fulker, and the possibility of rising mafia-like influence, Sam left "the business," as his wife Mary called his bookie activity. The affable "Bel Air businessman," wrote the *Aegis*, lived another 25 socially active years in his peaceful

adopted town, surrounded by relatives, friends, and former associates. Sam Guercio now rests in St. Ignatius Cemetery in Hickory with his wife Mary, the mother of Tom, Diana, and Maria.

The *Last Raid* is a very interesting, highly informative, well-written, and substantiated history of a topic seldom investigated by historians. That such a credible history would be produced by offsprings of one of the key principals is even more uncommon. Readers of social history, especially those who possess a familiarity with or interest in Harford County and/or the writings of the authors identified at the outset of this article, will find *The Last Raid* to be a rare treat.





Sam's Place

#### **LAFAYETTE** Cont'd from page 1 ...

David and Ginger specialize in researching, recording, and performing early American music. Since 1980, they have presented concerts and educational programs throughout the country for museums, historical societies, public schools, and universities. Mount Vernon, the Smithsonian Institution, the National Gallery of Art and Colonial Williamsburg, and the Society of the Cincinnati are among their many past sponsors.

The Hildebrands provided soundtrack materials and served as period music consultants for several PBS broadcasts, including the series Liberty! --the American Revolution and the one-hour specials Jefferson: A View from the Mountain and Rediscovering George Washington. C-Span's American Presidents series and museums like Mount Vernon also feature their recorded music. David's work marking the bicentennial of "The Star-Spangled Banner" earned him an appearance on "History Detectives," along with Ginger, who was also featured in the nationally broadcast documentary.

David is the Music Chairman of the American Friends of Lafayette Farewell Tour Committee, which is coordinating the national events of the Farewell Tour. He has compiled the music and instrumentation for this concert from period sources. Tickets are available for this one-of-a-kind concert and can be ordered online at hdgoperahouse.org

The presentation by Adrienne Lafayette and the Hildebrand concert are both partially funded by a grant to the Historical Society from the Harford County Cultural Arts Board.

Sandra Wallis, PhD, Lafayette Committee Chair

### THE TEXTILE DEPARTMENT

When we decided in 2004 to exhibit the Society's antique clothing at the Hays House Museum, the first thing we discovered was our own ignorance of how to proceed. So many of the items we retrieved from boxes and bags and shelves were surprisingly (to us!) fragile and in disrepair. Back then, we didn't have a storage system for garments and accessories, and none of us had any experience with collections management or the technical aspects of display. With a grant from the Cultural Arts Board and generous donations, we were able to attend workshops, hire hands-on help from textiles expert Colleen Callahan, and purchase supplies. Since then, we've been privileged to network with and learn from many other costume specialists.

One of those specialists is Mary D. Doering, who began collecting 18th and early 19th century clothing when she was a teenager. A significant portion of her collection is currently on loan to Colonial Williamsburg (CW), where an exhibit titled *Elegance*, *Taste & Style: The Mary D. Doering Collection* opened in March 2024 at the Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg. In November 2024, Kathy Scholl and Susan Wooden attended the *Symposium on Historical Dress: Collections, Collectors, and Collaboration* held at the Art Museums in conjunction with the Doering exhibit.

Our pre-conference activities included a tour of the exhibit guided by Neal Hurst, Colonial Williamsburg's Curator of Textiles and Historic Dress, and a behind-the-scenes session titled *Fabricating the Story: Close Looking into Textiles to Discover Materials & Techniques* in the Collections and Conservation building. The 2½ day symposium comprised 29 tightly focused presentations on a fascinating range of topics about "old clothes" and the persons and institutions that collect them, as well as collections management issues. During breaks, we reconnected with friends and colleagues and talked one-on-one with presenters. We even received invitations to visit the University of Rhode Island and the Fashion and Museum Archives at Shippensburg University for personal tours.

Along with expanding our knowledge base and fueling our enthusiasm, connecting with professionals at workshops and conferences is invaluable to the continuing development of the Society's Textile Department.

PS: Be sure to visit the County Administration building at 220 S. Main Street during the holidays to see our latest display!

Susan K. Wooden and Kathy Scholl, Textile Department

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