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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Society's calendar has been exceptionally hectic over the last two months, and the next few months look equally exciting. In March, we celebrated the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Bush Declaration. There are so many people to thank for making this three-day extravaganza so successful that I can't include the names here. The program's organizer, Sandra Wallis, did a remarkable job, working more than a year on developing plans for a gala celebration for descendants of the Bush Declaration signers, a tour of significant sites from the Revolutionary War era, and preparing a Bulletin telling the story of Harford County's role in this momentous moment. The Society also owes a debt of gratitude to the staff at Harford County for all of its help in making this a truly special event. During the two-day open house, visitors enjoyed a first look at our new museum displays and the many great activities organized by Society volunteers. Thanks to everyone who participated in this event!

The Society's traveling exhibit continues to bring in rave reviews. The *Trials & Triumph's* exhibit is on display at the Havre de Grace Opera House from April 26 to May 26. It will then move to Hosanna School from May 31 to June 29 and close its run at the Historical Society from July 7 to August 1, 2025.

Another event you will not want to miss is the second annual Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony scheduled for May 21 at the Maryland Golf and Country Club. See the list of inductees and details in the newsletter and come to support

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these great athletes and coaches who made such a difference in so many lives.

The Society is working closely with the America 250 and Maryland 250 organizations as we plan for a celebration of our country's founding. April 19, 2025, marked the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the *Shot Heard Round the World*, the Battle of Lexington and Concord. The Society will celebrate this event and many others related to the American Revolution presentations at the Hays House Museum. See the Coming events section of the newsletter and watch our website for more information.



*Museum Displays excite young & old. Visitors learned about the Bush Declaration and much more*

Finally, I want to thank our members for your support. I look forward to seeing you at some of our programs.

*Bill Walden, President*

### *RICHARD'S CORNER*

- **Thugs Blow Safe at Bel Air Post Office**

On May 9, 1941, *The Aegis* reported, "As he approached the Bel Air Post Office about 5:30 o'clock Thursday morning, Custodian Frank Smith found the rear door open and immediately realized that something serious was wrong. One glance around and a whiff of tear gas, which was prevalent, confirmed his belief that the building had been burglarized, and he immediately telephoned Mr. William S. Wallis, Assistant Postmaster, who lives nearby. News of the surprising visit likewise was relayed to Postmaster J. Glasgow Archer, Sr. "

The burglars broke in through a window drilled through the combination of the Post Office's vault door. They hadn't counted on the two tear gas shells designed to explode automatically when unauthorized persons tampered with the vault. The gas bombs exploded, sending pungent fumes throughout the building. The terrified burglars ran out the back door, and the vault contents remained safe and sound.

### WHAT'S NEW AT THE HAYS HOUSE

Restoration projects are moving ahead at the Hays House, with the completion of the interior improvements and the rebuilding of the north wall scheduled for completion by the end of May. The coming months promise to be exciting as programs resume at the Hays House Museum. With the *Shot Heard Round the World* that started the American Revolution on April 18, 1775, our nation entered a new and often frightening era. During the anniversary year ahead, the Hays House Museum programs will focus on *Revolutionary Harford* as part of the national America 250 celebration. We hope you will join us to learn more about Harford County's unique history and the early days of the Revolution.

### NEW MEMBERS

Greetings to all of our new members. Many of you joined at our Bush Declaration Celebration. We hope you will continue to participate in the many events we have planned for the coming year and enjoy the benefits of your membership. Welcome!

**Lifetime Members** - Chris Deaver, Beverly Parsons

**Members** – John Bahl, Beth Fannin, Allen M. Lloyd, Charles Kearney, Bill Ballard, Michelle Bowman, Heather Stancill, Charles Bradford and Family, Archer Family, Chizmar Family, Barrett Freedlander, Sarah Adams, Steve and Lee Ann Anderson, Elaine Millard, Ronald Johnston, Dawn Van Grin, Harris B. Hull, Shaun Amos, Susan Cooper Brundick, Charles and Angel Ruth, Sean Lowmon, Jacquelyne Santiago-Harrison, Sherry Moulton, Ken and Sue Hopkins, Chuck Moore, Amy Wagner, Stephanie G. Bigwood, Tamela Knepper, Susan K. McComas, Ben Aultowski, Kim Shapiro, Paula Knudson, Barbara Osborn Creamer, Brenda R. Graas, Donna Iannatuono, Mary Hellmann, Lawrence K. Montgomery, Jr.

### IN MEMORIAM

**Jeanne Hamby Kidd (September 21, 1943 – March 1, 2025)**



Longtime Archives volunteer Flora Jeanne Hamby Kidd, age 81, of Fallston, Maryland, passed away on March 1, 2025. Born in Havre de Grace, Maryland, she was the daughter of the late Gingel and Mary (Preston) Hamby and the beloved wife of Edward Joseph Kidd. Jeanne was a lifelong resident of Harford County. Jeanne graduated from Bel Air High School, Class of 1961. She was a woman of many talents, having worked in several roles. She played an important role in the Historical Society as a talented archivist and a giving volunteer. She will be missed.

### COMING EVENTS

- **April 27, 2025, 3:00 pm. Concert: Music from the Life and Tour of Lafayette, performed by David & Ginger Hildebrand, Havre de Grace Opera House, 121 N. Union Avenue, Havre de Grace, MD.**



History AND music! What a wonderful combination! Join the Historical Society of Harford County and the Harford County Cultural Arts Board for *The Concert: Music from the Life and Tour of Lafayette*. 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. Selections will be played on period instruments that may be new to audience members. These instruments will be introduced along with the history of these unique instruments. 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](http://hdgoperahouse.org)

- **Mother's Day Floral Bouquet Sale**

Looking for the perfect gift for mom this Mother's Day? The Society will offer beautiful mixed flower arrangements of roses, carnations, and alstroemeria. The cost is just \$40, and the arrangements will be available for pick-up at the Society during business hours on Thursday, May 8 and Friday, May 9. All proceeds go to support the Historical Society. For more information or to place an order, please visit the Society's website at [www.harfordhistory.org](http://www.harfordhistory.org). Orders must be received no later than May 5, 2025.



- **The African American Experience in Harford County from the Earliest Days to the Present**

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- **Land Surveying in Harford and Beyond, Presentation by James Boggs**

May 13, 2025, at 12:30 pm at The Historical Society Headquarters, 143 N. Main St., Bel Air, MD

Join James Boggs, PhD. as he introduces his audience to the intricacies and history of land surveying. Dr. Boggs will share his collection of historic surveying equipment and stories of working with Rector William Smith at St. Mary's Church in Emmorton, surveying the church cemetery for his good friend while stationed at APG, along with many other stories about the impacts of land surveys on our daily lives. This is a unique opportunity to learn how these lines are drawn and have hands-on experience with some of this fascinating equipment. Claudine Adams will join Dr. Boggs to tell the story of the Society's Deaton Collection. Glen Deaton was the county surveyor from 1951 until the 1970s. This collection provides a graphic image of Harford County moving from a rural enclave to the beginning of suburban expansion.



To register for this event, visit the Society website at [www.harfordhistory.org](http://www.harfordhistory.org).

• **Second Annual Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony**

May 21, 2025, at 6 pm at The Maryland Golf and Country Club, 1335 E MacPhail Rd, Bel Air, MD

*The Historical Society of Harford County, Inc presents*

# Harford Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony



Harford Sports Hall of Fame

MARYLAND GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUBS | MAY 21ST 2025 | 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM



**ITINERARY**

- 5:00PM-6:00PM:** VIP cocktail hour for Inductees and their plus one, Sponsors, Board of Trustees, and Sports Committee Members.
- 6:00PM:** Entire Maryland Room open to all the guests. Enjoy an open bar featuring premium top-shelf liquor throughout the event.
- 6:30PM:** Guests take their seats for dinner.
- 7:00PM:** Dinner Buffet to open.
- 7:30PM:** Video of all inductees to start once every table has been to buffet.
- 8:15PM:** Award ceremony and thank you speeches.
- 9:00PM:** Event Concludes

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**Participate in the Sports Hall of Fame**

- Reserve Your Tickets
- Nominate Future Athletes
- Become a Sponsor
- Support Future HCHS Events

*Our 2025 Inductees*

- Frank Dagostin**  
40 year Bel Air and Harford County Parks and Recreation coach, administrator and co-founder
- Randy McMillan**  
All State Football for North Harford; All JUCO for HCC and All Big East for Pitt; 8 years NFL
- Dick Fordyce**  
Football coach of perennial National JUCO powerhouse, HCC
- Rob Shek**  
Bel Air HS; Lax All American Towson Univ; 2X member of USA Lax, World Champion Lax 2x
- Thori Staples Bryan**  
3X event state champ Track JT high school; 3X All ACC Soccer; 10 yr Team USA Soccer member
- Alice Hopkins Puckett**  
All IAAM Field Hockey and Tennis John Carroll; 11x State Champion coach Fallston Field Hockey; 2x IAAM champion coach John Carroll
- Phyllis Hemmes**  
55 year teacher, State Champion coach and AD Bel Air HS and Upper Chesapeake Athletic Association
- Dr. Karen Stout**  
Sun's 1st athlete of the year to be female; played Field Hockey/Softball U of DE; CEO of Achieving The Dream, (network of 300 Community Colleges)

- ***The Last Raid, Author Event & Book Signing with Tom Guercio and Diana Guercio Prentice***

May 27, 2025, at 12:30 pm at The Historical Society Headquarters, 143 N. Main St., Bel Air, MD

Step back to the Bel Air of the 1930s and 1940s with authors Thomas Guercio and Diana Guercio Prentice. Learn about the days of the Bel Air Race Track, the "Graw," boxing at the Armory, poker at the Argonne, and gambling at "The Hole." These good old days included bookmaking, moonshine, and so much more.

Guercio's story is told through the reminiscences of George Van Bibber, a friend of the authors' father. Sam Guercio, an Italian immigrant, settled in Bel Air in 1932. Several of his family members were already residents and local business owners. If you are of a certain age, you may remember visiting Sam's Barbershop, the family's Shoe Repair shop on Burns Alley, Guercio's Grocery Store, or perhaps Sam & Gorrell's bookmaking parlor in Fallston. This promises to be a fascinating story. The event is free. Registration is encouraged. Books will be available for purchase. Register at [www.harfordhistory.org](http://www.harfordhistory.org).



- ***Ninth Annual Sgt. Alfred B. Hilton Memorial Fundraiser***

**"President Abraham Lincoln and the United States Colored Troops (USCT)"**

June 7, 2025, at 2 pm at The Historical Society Headquarters, 143 N. Main St., Bel Air, MD

Calling all history buffs, especially those who love delving into the Civil War. You will not want to miss joining the Sgt. Alfred B. Hilton Memorial Fund Committee for their Ninth Annual Memorial Fundraiser. Join us for this free event on Saturday, June 7, 2025, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm at the Historical Society of Harford County Headquarters building on Main Street. Featured speakers include The Honorable William R. Martin, Mayor of Havre de Grace, Mr. Duke Thompson, Abraham Lincoln Reenactor, and Mr. Michael Woods, Civil War Historian. Delve into the precipitating factors for the war and look at where Harford County citizens stood regarding the war. Glance into President Abraham Lincoln's mindset surrounding the use of Black soldiers and explore how Union General Benjamin Butler planned to utilize these new recruits in the war effort.

This annual event raises funds to support the Committee's efforts to fund yearly scholarships (administered through Harford Community College) for four deserving students. It helps fund the other programs of the Sgt. Hilton Committee in reaching their mission of Preserving Sgt. Hilton's memory, establishing a memorial in his honor, educating the public about Harford County's only native Medal of Honor recipient and highlighting the impact of the nearly 185,000 United States Colored Troops who valiantly fought for the Union during the war. Learn not only about Sgt. Hilton and his family connections here in Harford County, but how you can help in our efforts to locate and appropriately identify the final resting places of USCT soldiers buried throughout Harford County. Donations are welcomed, and sponsorships are highly encouraged. We hope to see you at this wonderful event. Be sure



to mark your calendars and preregister now on the HSHC website to join us for this exciting afternoon of learning. Seating is limited and must be reserved. Visit the Sgt. Hilton website to donate or become a sponsor at <https://www.sgtalfredbhiltonfoundation.com/donations/>.

Roxann Redd-Wallace

- **An Afternoon with Mary Katharine Goddard, Printer of the Declaration of Independence**



July 5, 2025, at 2 pm, at the Historical Society Headquarters, 143 N. Main St., Bel Air, MD

Just one woman's name appears on an official copy of the Declaration of Independence— Mary Katharine Goddard. In the face of British forces threatening to attack Philadelphia, the Second Continental Congress reconvened in Baltimore from December 1776 to January 1777. Congressional representatives contacted Goddard, a 38-year-old publisher and patriot who printed the Maryland Journal, requesting that she print the Declaration of Independence. Celebrate the country's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary with us and learn the story of Ms. Goddard and her role in this Revolutionary time. Tickets are \$25 and are available on the Society's website, [www.harfordhistory.org](http://www.harfordhistory.org).

### *BONNIE TUBBS WATTS & THE HORSE RACING TRADITION IN HARFORD*

One of the many treasures in the Society's Archives Department is a collection of scrapbooks. Recently, an archives volunteer, Mary Cardwell, shared a story from a scrapbook about Golden Vein Farm on Lapidum Road in Havre de Grace. Farm owner Bonnie Tubbs Watts was a horsewoman and dog breeder. In 1924, Ms. Tubbs entered Johns Hopkins, majoring in English and Psychology, as one of the first women admitted to the University. Three years later, the University decided to discontinue classes for women students. Faced with what to do next, Ms. Tubbs began raising and showing German Shepherds and Chihuahuas. In a letter dated November 2, 1932, from then Governor of New York Franklin D. Roosevelt, the future President thanked her for the "fine Chihuahua puppy she put on the train at Baltimore."

Ms. Tubbs met her husband, P. DeLee Watts, through their joint equestrian interests. She raised thoroughbred horses at Golden Vein Farm, where he raced them. Their horses were entered in major races in New Jersey, Rhode Island, Maryland, and Florida. According to a 1978 article in *The Record*, their horse Turbine was one of the first horses in the country to win \$100,000 in one year.

Mrs. Tubbs Watts also provided riding lessons at the farm for area children and a summer riding camp that brought in girls from all over the state and nation. The scrapbook tells the stories of the riding trails the Susquehanna State Park took over, the numerous volunteer projects that Ms. Tubbs led from school lunch programs, serving at Perry Point Hospital, and serving as a Meals on Wheels driver. Mrs. Watts passed in 1988, but her amazing life story is captured in perpetuity through these beautiful remembrances stored at the Historical Society.

## HAYS HOUSE EVENTS

- **Revolutionary Harford: The Shot Heard Round the World**

May 18, 2025, at 1 pm at the Hays House Museum, 324 Kenmore Ave., Bel Air, MD

On April 19, 1775, the Battle of Lexington and Concord commences. Now, just a few weeks later, the News has reached Harford County. How does the News reach the colonists? What is their reaction? Learn this remarkable story from local historians as we celebrate Maryland 250 at the Hays House. Free event. Donations appreciated.



- **History of Flags in America**

June 8, 2025, at 1 pm at the Hays House Museum, 324 Kenmore Ave., Bel Air, MD

Flag Day is held each year on June 14, celebrating the adoption of the American flag design in 1777. What did America's first flag look like? Who sewed it? The answers may surprise you. Visit the Hays House to learn the fascinating details. Free event. Donations appreciated



- **The Importance of Bees! What is Happening in the Garden**

June 22, 2025, at 1 pm at the Hays House Museum, 324 Kenmore Ave., Bel Air, MD

What is the current situation with bees? Hear a presentation on the bee population's loss and pollinators' importance. To add to the fun, take the time to visit the Hays House pollinator garden. Free event. Donations appreciated.



- **July 4 at the Hays House Museum, 9 am – 12 pm**

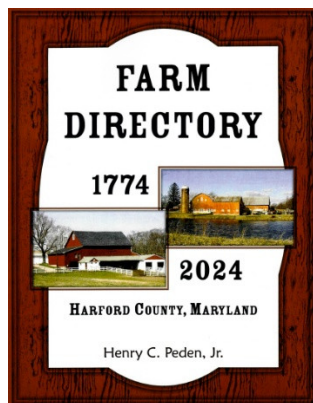
Begin July 4 with music, games, and crafts for the whole family in Bel Air's historic house. Traditionally, folks gather here to start the all-day celebrations in Bel Air. Consider joining us this year for a grand kick-off for the holiday. Free event. Donations appreciated.





## BOOK REVIEWS

- *Farm Directory, 1774 – 2024, Harford County, Maryland*, Henry C. Peden, Jr.

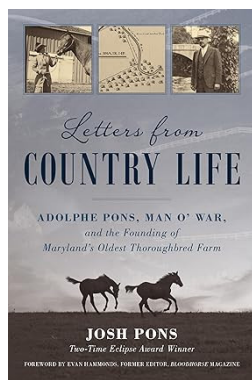


Farms have dotted the Harford County landscape for hundreds of years. In colonial times, when Harford was part of Baltimore County until 1774, it was common practice for a land tract to be given a name by its owner. Such land tracts numbered in the thousands, and being an agrarian society, nearly all became farms. The tradition of naming farms was commonplace and continues to this day. At least sixty-five farms have been owned by the same family for 100 years, maintained at least 10 acres of the original farm, and continued to be actively farmed. The county has officially designated them as Harford Legacy Farms. Some of them have also been recognized by the State of Maryland Department of Agriculture as Century Farms.

This book identifies over two thousand Harford County, Maryland, farms from 1774 to 2024. Information for most of them includes acreage, type of farm (crops vs. livestock), and owners. Many images of farm scenes, barns, signs, and farmhouses are presented. Sources for information have been cited after each entry.

There are less than 600 farms today. The author's childhood included working on the family tobacco farm in Kentucky in the 1950s. He understands the hard work of farm life, and he created this book in honor of Harford farmers who tilled the soil, grew fruits, vegetables, and other crops, raised and cared for cows, cattle, horses, and other animals, and bred livestock over the past 250 years. The 205-page book with images is available for \$35 plus shipping. Order online at [www.HeritageBooks.com](http://www.HeritageBooks.com).

- *Letters from Country Life: Adolphe Pons, Man o' War, and the Founding of Maryland's Oldest Thoroughbred Farm*



**Maryanna Skowronski**

In his first two books, *Country Life Diary: Three Years in the Life of a Maryland Horse Farm* and *Merryland: Two Years in the Life of a Racing Stable*, Josh Pons gave his readers a candid telling of the realities of day-to-day life on his family's Harford and Baltimore counties Thoroughbred farms. In his latest effort, *Letters from Country Life: Adolphe Pons, Man o' War, and the Founding of Maryland's Oldest Thoroughbred Farm*, the local author takes a different track.

In musings prompted by words and images gleaned from the thousands of letters, photographs, and assorted ephemera he discovered in 2016 in the basement of the "Big House" at Bel Air's Country Life Farm, Pons has written a very personal book. In "conversations" with the grandfather he never knew (Adolphe died before Josh Pons was born), but apparently, anyone and everyone in the Thoroughbred business knew well, the grandson weaves a tale of racing's lows and highs.

Born in France to a wine-growing family in 1883, Adolphe A. Pons, Sr., came to New York City at the age of five. In time, he became personal secretary to August Belmont, Jr. (think Belmont Park Racetrack), famed sportsman, broker, and financier, regarded as the leading turfman in the United States. Pons

played a major role in Belmont's breeding and, with Belmont serving as a Major in France during World War I, Pons, as directed, handled the sale of *Man o' War*, the most famous horse in history.

Following the death of his employer in 1924, Adolphe left New York and, in 1933, bought a hundred-acre horse farm in Harford County. With the purchase of the former Rockland Farm, Pons established Country Life Farm, Maryland's oldest Thoroughbred breeding farm, subsequently operated by sons John and Joe and currently by grandsons Mike and Josh.

Readers of Josh Pons' latest book will find that in the racing business, the more things change, the more they stay the same. The worries of the past are the worries of the present, yet somehow, in the cyclical nature of the business, things usually turn out alright in the end. The History of Country Life Farm and Adolphe Pons is an epic story set against the backdrop of World War I, the Great Depression, and World War II. The result is a fascinating chronicle and fresh look at the Golden Age of Horse Racing and how the past influences the present.

Josh Pons, a graduate of John Carroll School in Bel Air, earned a degree in English from the University of Virginia. After leaving Virginia, he wrote for *BloodHorse Magazine* for three years before graduating from the University of Kentucky Law School in 1982. He then returned to the family's farm to write and assist in its operation. At Country Life, famed *Cigar*, 1995's Horse of the Year, was foaled.

Pons is a two-time Eclipse Award-winning writer whose writings, chosen as the best stories of the year in Thoroughbred racing, have appeared in the *BloodHorse* and the *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* magazines. Josh's books originally appeared in serial form in the *BloodHorse* before being collected into single volumes. *Letters from Country Life* is illustrated with vintage photographs from various sources and current images by the author's wife, Ellen Blackwell Pons. Together, Josh Pons and his brother Mike are the third generation to own and operate the family farms. He and Ellen live on Country Life with an extended Pons family of all ages.

*Maryanna Skowronski of Bel Air, a horsewoman herself, is the past Director of the Historical Society of Harford County. This review originally appeared in a different format in View from the Loft, the official publication of the Maryland Horse Library and Education Center. It is used with permission. In addition, Jim Chrismer of the Historical Society has added minor phrasing and biographical information to complement Ms. Skowronski's insightful review.*

### THE GEORGE W. ARCHER FELLOW AWARD

The Society established the George W. Archer Fellow Award to recognize Historical Society members and others in the community who have demonstrated exceptional service toward the mission and goals of the Historical Society. The criteria for the Award are:

- years of exceptional service
- number of volunteer hours
- recognition of special projects or research

In addition, the Archer Fellow may be awarded to those who have striven to support the preservation of the history of Harford County outside the direct efforts of the Society. This effort may include outstanding activism, in-kind services, or volunteer efforts.

The nomination process begins in March and closes on May 31. If you know someone deserving of this recognition, please send your nomination to [info@harfordhistory.org](mailto:info@harfordhistory.org). Please include the following information with your nomination:

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for the George W. Archer Fellow Award. List the nominee's address and explain in no more than 250 words why the nominee deserves the Award. Nominations may also be sent to the Society Headquarters at 143 N. Main St., Bel Air, MD 21014.

### REMEMBERING THE GOOD OLD DAYS



Plans are underway for a trip down memory lane for all of the fans of Reuben's Drive-In and those Happy Days of the 50s and 60s. The Society is planning a Fun festival on August 16, featuring those innocent times, hanging out at the Drive-In munching on Suzi-Qs (curly fries to those too young to remember), and listening to Rock & Roll from the Jukebox.

On August 16, 2025, Society Headquarters and the parking lot beyond will transform into a giant 50s party site with a car display, music from the era, displays, food choices from the old menu, dance demos and contests, storytelling, a photo booth, and more. But we need your help to make this a success. We are seeking memorabilia from that time frame for displays in the Society's museum, photographs, stories, and treasured items that tell the story of those fun times when girls roller skated to the car with trays of food and guys planned races on Hickory Avenue trying to outsmart Muffler

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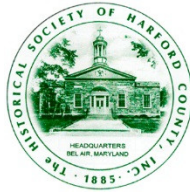
Mac. Stories are already arriving about meeting future husbands and wives at the drive-in, going by bicycle until a car was available, eating steakburgers, or just hanging out with friends.

If you have memorabilia you are willing to share or want to become involved in planning this party, please get in touch with us at [info@harfordhistory.org](mailto:info@harfordhistory.org). Sponsorships and advertising space are available; contact us for more information.

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9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Wednesday  
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Third Wednesday  
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