



The Time Keeper

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Kathryn Carpenter Endowment Fund

The Essex County Museum and Historical Society has established an endowment fund in memory of Kathryn Carpenter. Kathryn organized the earlier docent program and faithfully supported that program up until her health failed. She organized the gift shop, and contributed her talents in making items to sell and personally presented each docent with a unique gift every Christmas. She and her husband, Maurice, are missed greatly. This fund was opened with a \$500 donation from ECMHS. The contributed funds will be used to support the docents program and future volunteers. Contributions in her memory can be made to the Essex County Museum and Historical Society, designated for the Kathryn Carpenter Endowment Fund and mailed to ECMHS, P.O. Box 404, Tappahannock, VA 22560.

What a Wonderful Organization!

I clearly recall the Essex County Historical Society 2006 Spring Gala in the gardens of The Essex Inn when Van VanArsdale, Dawn White, Peyton Guest and many other Society members welcomed me and introduced me to their organization. As a recent "come-here" with absolutely no previous connection to the Middle Peninsula, I was fascinated by Tappahannock's and Essex County's rich history and the citizens' warmth and friendliness.

During a discussion with Van, I asked, "Why there were two historical organizations: the Historical Society and the Museum?" He replied that the two organizations were planning to merge, which was done later in 2006.

Penny and I immediately signed up as members. And we became docents for the afternoon of the third Sunday of each month because we were still weekenders from Northern Virginia. Since then, we have continued to learn about our local history and continually are fascinated with stories about the local past.

I am honored to be your president for the next three years and committed to continuing the good work of ECMHS to collect and display the valuable historical artifacts, discover and research the past, and present it all to the County's citizens, visitors, and "come-here's."



Peyton Guest tells Ron Geiger about the Essex County Historical Society at its 2006 Spring Gala at the Essex Inn. Gordon and Hilda Fletcher are seated next to them with Nell Noland at the end of the table.

Save the Date ! ECMHS Annual Members Event Sunday May 18th 4 to 6 p.m. at the Ritchie House

The program will start promptly at 4 p.m. with a brief overview by Sarah Dillard Pope on the restoration of the Ritchie House followed by the presentation of the 2014 Historic Preservation Award. The 2013 annual report will be distributed which will include an overview of the society's goals and objectives for 2014 and our current financial picture.

Following the program, members and guests are invited to enjoy the rest of the afternoon visiting, and enjoying selections from the beverage and food tables. The historic mural in the law office conference room, done by Karin Andrews, will be available for viewing at this time. All members are invited to attend. Your guests are welcome for a donation of

\$15 which may be paid at the welcome table. If you have not renewed your 2104 membership, you may do so at the welcome table.

*Plan to be there! This is
always an event not to be
missed*



Above: ECMHS Education Director, Joan Moore introduces Rappahannock Colonial Heritage Society performers

Above right: Joyce Green and Lyn Amos

Center: President Ron Geiger with guests Patricia Gallagher, Ginevra Wolfinger, Linda Coleman and Jennifer Gordon

Lower right: Guests receive a lesson in Colonial dance

Members and Guests Enjoyed High Tea On March 22



Education: Spring Update

This first six months of 2014 has been and will be filled with exciting opportunities for knowledge, memorable experiences, and lots of fun.

“High Tea Luncheon was enjoyed by all. The museum hosted its fourth “High Tea” luncheon on March 22 at St. Margaret’s. The Rappahannock Colonial Heritage Society, in all their costumed splendor, provided the lovely table settings, food, and gracious dancing skills as they whirled around to the 1770’s dance styles. The last dance included members of the audience. Sixty-seven ladies and gentlemen attended the event including Lillis Avery who was celebrating her 91st birthday. From all reports a good time was had by all.

Lancaster Court Day on April 12. Several volunteers representing ECMHS participated in Lancaster Court Day, hosted by Mary Ball Washington Museum and Library. We had a booth where we offered a fine selection of books, children’s toys and games and presented an educational lesson on the “History of Corn” where the children could grind corn using a mortar and pestle. Handouts were given to the visitors which contained historical background of Essex, the museum, additional nice to know information about corn, including instructions for the children on how to make a corn husk doll.

Northern Neck History and Culture Day to be held May 2: ECMHS will partner with 8 other Northern Neck Museums, in a collaborative effort to hold its first “Northern Neck History and Culture Day” focusing on Home Schools. The event will be held at Belle Isle State Park who is also a participant. Each museum will be providing interactive, hands on educational activities. Essex’s program is Archaeology. The museums will be joined by the Northern Neck Bee Club, Upright Alpaca Farm LLC. and the replica of John Smith’s “Shallop” will be on display. Thus far over 150 children and 60 adults have pre-registered.

Antique Auto Club Visits Tappahannock May 13 — May 16 : ECMHS turns its focus to The Northern Neck Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America who are hosting the Eastern Divisional Tour in Tappahannock May 13 through May 16. During their stay they will be visiting many historic areas around the Northern Neck. Friday, May 16th the ECMHS will share the spotlight in hosting the group’s last day by narrating a morning cruise on the Rappahannock River, and in the afternoon escorting the group on a Historic Walking tour of our downtown historic buildings. About 100 auto club members will be attending. They will also have on display a large array of their antique cars.

Joan Moore, Director of Education



Another Opening — A Brand New Show: Museum Theater Opens in April

This month the museum will open a new theater for the education and enjoyment of all visitors. The first offering, a Welcome/Historic Introduction, is a slideshow of approximately thirty minutes that has been newly developed to:

- ◆ welcome visitors to the museum,
- ◆ present the most salient dates and events that have shaped the history of Essex County and the town of Tappahannock, and
- ◆ introduce a number of old homes and buildings in Tappahannock that have played a significant role in our local history.

There are a number of narrators speaking throughout this presentation, all of whom are or were either natives of Essex County, or have been associated closely with this area. Docents will be suggesting that all new visitors to the museum begin their visit with this slideshow.

This Welcome/Historic Introduction is only the start of a plan that will make available to visitors many offerings of slideshows and videos that will highlight various aspects of local history. Examples under consideration include historic homes along route 17, local civil war sites, and the historic Rappahannock River. Also planned are “oral histories” featuring local persons who will relate on videos their personal roles in making history in the county. Multi-Media presentations that were designed to accompany temporary exhibits will be made available in the theater once those exhibits have been replaced.

We invite you to stop by the museum and view the Welcome/Historic Introduction slideshow, and to return often to enjoy other slideshows and videos as they become available.

Howard Reisinger, Multi-Media Chairman

We'd Love to Have Your Help! Join the ECMHS Docent Program – It's the Heart of the Museum

Now that you're reading about all the exciting activity at the museum, wouldn't you like to be a part of it? There's always something new to see and do. The pulse of this activity is our group of docents. ECMHS docents work at least one morning or afternoon per month at the front desk where they make sure each visitor has an enjoyable and informative visit by:

- ◆ Greeting them telling them and introducing them to special exhibits and activities
- ◆ Answering questions
- ◆ Assisting them with Gift Shop purchases

Docents also lend support to our board by helping with and participating in special events. We really need your special talents. If you are new to the community, there is no better way to learn about the area, past and present; if you are a long-time resident, we need your expertise. For more information or to sign up, contact the ECMHS Docent Coordinator at Docents@ECMHS.org or stop in and leave your name and contact information with the docent on duty.

Barbara Sethmann, Docent Coordinator

Relive Museum Events You Enjoyed ... or Missed

Don't forget that the Multi-Media Committee makes a point of documenting in videos and still photographs major museum events held at the museum and elsewhere. Be sure to visit the museum web site's home page (<http://www.essexmuseum.org>), click on “Photos and Videos” on the home page, and then click on the “Pictures and Videos” tab at the top of the page that comes up. You will instantly be taken to another page listing past museum events accompanied by still photos or videos. Perhaps you regretted having to miss an event and are curious “how it went.” Now you make a vicarious “visit” and take a peek inside that event through this media. Or perhaps you will be whisked back to an event you attended and particularly enjoyed. You may very well find there photos of yourself or your friends to re-ignite those happy memories.

Get used to visiting the museum web site often. It contains a wealth of very interesting information for your use and pleasure!

Howard Reisinger, Multi-Media Chairman

In Memorium

ECMHS lost a great friend with recent passing of Gene Morris. Gene was a dedicated docent and enthusiastic supporter of all museum programs.

The Rappahannock River Gift Shop

You haven't been there? Don't know where it is?

This gift shop, located in the Museum is unique in so many ways. It is the only place that you can shop for local author's books. The choices range from, bibliographies, research sources for old county records and newspaper notices, historically based fiction to non-fiction. The authors represent those who have moved here and those whose families have been here for generations. Authors featured are Suzanne Derieux, Wes Pippenger, I.C. Smith, Sarah Honenberger, Susan Anthony-Tolbert, Marty Taylor, Leslie Rennolds, James Slaughter, Lillian McGuire, Bobby Watkins, Whit Garrett, Charles Warner, Nell Osburn Nolan, James Robertson and many others. Also a nice selection of children's books to include "Comix with Content" is available.



Many unique items for sale are produced by local artisans. Beautiful woven baskets, pottery, walking sticks, note cards, all occasion cards, maps, glass hanging vases, painting on recycled wood. Are you intrigued yet? Looking for historic children's toys or Whitley Peanut products? We have those also.

The profits from this shop are a major contributor to

the museum operating budget. Along with being a gift shop, we host several events a year to open new exhibits, introduce new authors and demonstrate artisan's talents. All such events are announced via our media mail so please be sure that you have an

email address on file with the museum and historical society.

One of the membership incentives is a 10% discount on any shopping day. On special shopping days such as Holiday and event openings and "docents" Shopping day, discounts increase as much as 20% and we have fun giveaway opportunities to save even more. Whether you visit the museum for an exhibit or tour and



then decide to visit the gift shop or vice versa, we welcome you and promise to provide you with a "quality" experience.

The SPRING TABLE SALE is in full swing with a 50% off of the ticked price.

The dot system indicates items throughout the gift shop with reductions of 15, 25 and 50%.

Priscilla Vaughan, Gift Shop Manager

ECMHS Hosted a Community Engagement Forum on March 29



ECMHS President, Ron Geiger served as moderator



Our distinguished panel: Ray Whitaker, Roy Gladding, Bud Smith, Bill Croxton and Alex Dillard



Keynote Speaker, Della Watkins, Executive Director of the Taubman Museum of Art in Roanoke

Keynote speaker Della Watkins highlighted the community engagement forum sponsored by the Essex County Museum & Historical Society at the new Essex High School auditorium, March 29. She shared her recommendations as to how the local community can benefit from supporting cultural organizations such as its museum. Her enlightening talk generated a discussion among people in the audience as to how Essex Museum can reach out more effectively to the citizens of the community and their visitors, and thereby help the Town and County attract more visitors, new businesses, and residents.

A panel of community leaders, Economic Development Authority Chairman Bill Croxton, Attorney Alex Dillard, Town Mayor Roy Gladding, County Vice Chairman Bud Smith, and School Board Chairperson Ray Whittaker offered their perspectives and recommendations for the Museum's Board of Directors to consider. Smith, Gladding, and Croxton each included in their comments the role the Museum could play in the economic benefits to the community. Whitaker asked the Museum to help young people become more interested in local history through the use of its facilities and programs to attract their

attention and interest. Dillard commented that most of the people in the audience were not born in Essex County but their presence at the forum showed their commitment to the community. The forum's moderator and ECMHS President, Ron Geiger, concluded, "Our Board of Directors gained perspective as to what our community expects of the museum. We now need to figure out how to integrate our mission with those expectations."

The Curator's Corner

New Exhibit Opening Soon in the Carl D. Silver Gallery

A wooden, 12-foot long skiff of the type designed by boat builder John Wright of Deltaville has found a berth at the museum. I am creating a large illustrated map of the Essex stretch of the river, showing steamboat landings, ferries and other features unique to the county. This exhibit, entitled "Rappahannock Voyage: The Story of Essex and the River" will occupy the entire Carl D. Silver Gallery and will open in June, 2014. Education Director Joan Moore and Lowery Pemberton of Friends of the Rappahannock are working with us to identify topics, materials and opportunities to make the exhibit accessible to students. Three of the major areas of focus are steamboats, oysters and lighthouses.

New Acquisitions:

We have received a generous gift of three silver spoons with the mark of Virginia silversmith and jeweler, Samuel Ayres who was born in Essex County about 1766 and worked here from about 1780-86. The spoons will be on display in the Essex Gallery.



Spoons with the mark of Virginia silversmith, Samuel Ayres, an Essex County native

silver crest on which is engraved the monogram "JMG." Inside are a glass container for ink and a pen with porcupine quill handle. Garnett, (1770-1843) of Elmwood, Essex County, served in the Virginia House of Delegates and the U.S. House of Representatives. He founded the Virginia Agricultural Society of Fredericksburg and was a prolific writer on the subject of education.

James Mercer Garnett's traveling inkwell, circa 1810, was a museum and historical society purchase. The case is papier mache finished to resemble tortoise shell with a



James Mercer Garnett's traveling inkwell



At the Cannon Celebration November 3: Anne Jackson, Barbara Sethmann, Gordon and Anita Harrower

ECMHS is fortunate to have located and purchased a sampler worked by Hannah Lewis of Essex County. Hannah was the daughter of Warner Lewis of Lewis Level and his third wife Maria Shore. She spent her childhood at Lewis Level and was later married there to Robert Meriwether Anderson. She worked the sampler about 1849. It is unusual in that a lock of her hair was sewn onto it. It is rare to find a piece of needlework of this age known to be of local provenance.



Hannah Lewis Sampler, c. 1849

Black History Exhibit

In February our Black History exhibit featured Draper's Raid in Essex that took place one hundred and fifty years ago this year, in June of 1864. Five hundred men of the 36th Regiment United States Colored troops, 50 cavalymen and 100 sailors briefly occupied and plundered Tappahannock. This exhibit tied in with our Civil War Sesquicentennial commemoration in the Essex Gallery that has been updated to reflect events of 1864, "The Beginning of the End."

David Jett, Curator

The Cannon is Now on Permanent Display at the Museum



ECMHS Curator, David Jett and Board Member, Joe Johnston speak about the cannon restoration project.

ECHMS Performance Update December 2013.

What a diverse and exciting year for The Museum and Historical Society. Educational outreach directly affected 317 students and teachers. In 2014 another major effort is underway to include all of the home school students from the Northern Neck, Middle Peninsula and the Fredericksburg area in a history and culture day at Belle Isle State Park.

The restored civil war cannon arrived at the museum for its opening reception to remain as a permanent exhibit. A new author, Bobby Watkins, released his book "Not Necessarily in Them Thar Hills" and filled the museum on a Sunday afternoon with his first book review and reception. One hundred nine new items were accessioned and conservation of the needlework picture by Lucy Gray "Descent from the Cross" was completed. Plans for a media room to be implemented in early 2014 were finalized. Videos of past exhibits, historic tours, and events along with an orientation program will be available for visitors to view.

Our community support provided us with another solid year financially. For the year our income of \$81,896 paid our expenses of \$67,985 and gave us a net income of \$13,911. Due to the age of our building and its equipment, we established a building reserve account and set aside \$5,000 as the initial reserve for non-recurring major repairs. We also set aside another \$1,500 for the upcoming "Oral-Histories" project. That left the net ordinary income at \$7,411.

The sources of that income were government funding, community contributions, and building rental income. The County funded 24%, the Town funded 7%, the community contributed 31%, building rentals added 25%, Rappahannock River Gift Shop netted 5% and investment and grants income made up the remaining 7% of our total income.

The Invested (Endowment) fund increased \$5,282 in 2013, to a closing balance of \$28,928.

The building mortgage principal balance was reduced \$8,248 to end the year at \$109,078.

Operating a cost effective organization would not be possible without the many hours donated by the volunteer docents who daily open the museum and welcome our visitors and the members of the board who serve as leaders/coordinators for the outreach and volunteer programs; and manage the archives, research, gift shop, facility, multi-media and finances. Their dedication is greatly appreciated.

Memberships

Our members provide the foundation from which we function. Their interest in and commitment to helping The Museum and Historical Society achieve its mission is critical to its successes each year. The current membership follows:

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Annual Fund Campaign Contributions

The Annual Fund Campaign begins annually during the second quarter. It extends until December 31st of each year. This effort is the once a year request to all who have shown commitment to the museum and historical society by being members, visiting, attending an event or previous donations of money or in kind support. The 2013 campaign resulted in a total of \$12,983 being contributed by the people listed below. The museum and historical society and the community it serves are extremely grateful for their generosity.

Friends (\$25-\$50)

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 Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Wellford

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 Dr. and Mrs. Richard Lewis
 Ms. Priscilla Vaughan
 Lt. Gen. and Mrs. C. Norman Wood

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Mr. and Mrs. Larry Silver
 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Ware

**2013 Annual Fund
 Campaign Total \$12,983**