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Unlocking the Past for the Future

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Dear Friends,

It goes without saying that these are uncomfortable and difficult times. I truly hope that you, your family, and friends stay healthy and safe.

As of 5:00 pm yesterday, Governor Hogan tightened social distancing restrictions by ordering all non-essential businesses and organizations to shut their doors to visitors and employees to mitigate further transmission of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The Historical Society of Carroll County (HSCC) has responded by closing the campus to the public and staff until the State lifts restrictions. We have also canceled or postponed several programs and events through May 15, 2020. These include Box Lunch Talks, Talks at the Tavern, and Past Times for Children.

The social distancing mandate has also required us to postpone our Legacy Gala to Saturday, September 12, 2020. This development is distressing. The Legacy Gala is not only a terrific way to celebrate our community's history, but also the financial lifeblood of the HSCC. The net proceeds represent approximately 25% of our annual income. This means the Society will face very lean times in the coming months until September.

Like many other organizations, businesses, individuals and families, the interruption to our daily lives caused by COVID-19 is proving incredibly challenging, and your financial support will be most appreciated as we navigate the next several months together. Consider making a small donation via our website at [Donate to HSCC](#). The sum-total of several small donations can make a meaningful impact.

The most up-to-date information on our programs and all things HSCC can be found on our website, www.hsccmd.org and our Facebook page. Although the staff is now working remotely, we are still regularly checking email and voicemail. We are happy to hear from you, but it may take us a little longer to respond. I appreciate your patience and understanding.

I look forward to the passing of the COVID-19 health pandemic so that we can all get back to less stressful times and celebrating Carroll County history together once again. Until then, best wishes for good health to you and yours.

Sincerely,

Steven Jakobovic
Executive Director

P.S. The Shipley Garden, directly behind the Shellman House, remains open to the public. A visit during the warmer months is a wonderful way to get some exercise, with “social distance” of course, and enjoy nature. Below are a few snapshots of the beautiful flora you may see during your visit.

