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188th Birthday of Carroll County



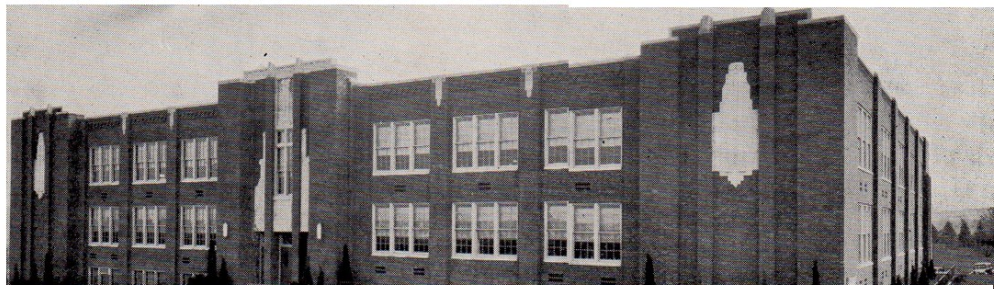
WHS 1899–1936

We hope you can join us to celebrate Carroll County’s 188th birthday on **Saturday, January 25, 2025 at 2 pm** where we will also celebrate the 125th birthday of Westminister High School (WHS). The celebration will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, 21 Carroll Street, Westminister. WHS history teacher, Steve Bowersox, will lead us through the history of major milestones and achievements in WHS history, invite the audience to share memories, and we will have an exhibit of artifacts.

WHS opened its doors in the fall of 1899, with a total enrollment of 50 students. The first graduating class of 1900 had seven graduates. The first high school was on Center Street at Green Street. In 1936, the high school moved to Longwell Avenue. As has been recently witnessed, graduates of WHS are very attached to “their” building. This was evident when the second WHS, then known as East Middle School, was torn down to build the new East Middle School.

In 1971, the high school moved to its current location on Washington Road.

WHS has not just been a place of education for our youth; it has served other purposes throughout its time: a place to enjoy sports, plays, famous music acts, as well as a meeting place for the community during times of crisis.



WHS 1936—1971

The graduates of WHS are, in many cases, the backbone of the local community. The school has produced a wide range of graduates who have taken up a many and varied jobs: teachers, electricians, plumbers, builders, real estate agents,

attorneys, doctors, nurses, engineers, and many other roles that keep the community and country running. Graduates include a Pulitzer Prize winner, athletes who have excelled collegiately and professionally, an Academy Award winning writer, and Taylor Swift’s drummer!



WHS 1971—Present

The graduating class of 2025 contains roughly 350 students. Westminister’s numbers are down from the peak years of the late 1970s through the 1990s when graduating classes often had well over 600 students. That changed with

the building of Winters Mill High School across town. We are excited to explore the changing nature of Westminister High School, its educational programs, and its place in the community.

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A Message from the Executive Director



Greetings,

Currently, several major initiatives are underway at the Society. HSCC has completed the first phase of the walkway and parking lot repair project with Carroll Landscaping, thanks to the amazing 2024 Gala contributors. Heidelberg Materials and Thomas Bennett and Hunter stepped up in a big way to provide concrete at no cost for the project. Installation of the new Mary Shellman Exhibit is moving full steam ahead with a May 2025 ribbon cutting anticipated. The Society's Campus Transitions Committee and Capital Campaign Committee are working diligently behind the scenes to pull together the significant changes in store for the campus over the next two years.

In addition to all of this, our excellent board members, staff, and volunteers plan spectacular programs like our Box Lunch Talks, History Shaken and Stirred events, and County Birthday. The newly reformatted journal will soon hit the press too! Thank you to Lee, Lynn, Clay, and Frank for your excellent articles. I should also thank Kohn Creative for working alongside staff over the past several months to launch the Society's new website and rebrand.

Once more, congratulations to Doug Velnoskey, Distinguished Service Award recipient, Mary Ann Ashcraft, Distinguished Historian Award recipient, and Belva LaMotte, Volunteer of the Year award winner.

Welcome new Board members Steve Bowersox, John Laycock, and Tammy Eney! The Society will also miss the wisdom and service of Glenn Bair, Bill Palm, and Jennifer Munch service on the Board *tremendously*.

And finally, Lynn Wheeler. I cannot believe the past two years have gone by so quickly. You mean so much to me and this organization for what you have accomplished as Chair. 2025 will be an exciting year for sure, but not nearly as much fun without you by my side every step of the way! Yet, indeed, you have set things up well for our next Chair, Jim Shriver, another *spectacular leader*.

Lynn... a picture is worth a thousand words...



Lynn Wheeler & Jason Illari
at the 2024 Legacy Gala

Jason

2024 Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting on October 29th, occurred at Best Western Conference Center. The guest speaker, Sara Rivers Cofield, Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory, spoke about the antique dress she found in a shop in Maine, and the mystery that unfolded around the dress.

Congratulations to Doug Velnoskey on his Distinguished Services Award, Mary Ann Ashcraft on her Distinguished Historian Award, and Belva LaMotte on her Volunteer of the Year award.

Please review the Society funds presented and contact us with any questions, comments, or for clarifications.

Society funds presented at the Annual Meeting

Society Bank Checking and Savings Accounts (at FY 24 ending):

ACNB Bank General Checking Account: Balance **\$46,248.08**

ACNB Account for Shellman Use Only: Current Balance **\$95, 706.93**

ACNB Special Projects Funds Accounts:

• 1024.1 GFTC 2019 Fund (Collections Care)	\$ 8,993.80
• 1024.2 GFTC 2021 Fund (Shellman Preservation)	\$ 15,996.20
• 1024.3 GFTC 2022 Fund (Shellman Preservation)	\$ 26,032.50
• 1024.5 Exhibits Fund	\$ 14,243.95
• 1024.6 Sophia Jean Brown Hall Fund	\$ 10,000.00
• 1024.7 Outreach and Education Fund	\$ 522.76
• 1024.8 Collection Care & Conservation Fund	\$ 19,235.24
• 1024.9 Library Fund	\$ 5,866.71
• 1024.10 Digital Library Fund	\$ 12,513.45
• 1024.11 GFTC 2024 Campus (Walkway)	\$ 56,872.60
TOTAL	\$ 170,277.21

Society Investment Accounts (at FY24 ending):

Shipley Endowment Fund (Shellman):	\$208,622.13
Reserve Fund:	\$568,453.39
Investment Operating Fund:	\$194,297.09
Endowment Fund:	\$810,819.04

FY24 Budget Income/Expenses:

Income: \$502,592

Expenses: \$493,416

Please contact us if you would like a print out of HSCC's full budget breakdown.

Annual Fund Goal for this year: \$70,000

Raised so far: \$39,903

Thank you to our outgoing Board of Trustees members who dedicated their time and energy to helping the Society grow and prosper!



Lynn Wheeler



Glenn Bair



Jennifer Munch



Bill Palm

2024 Year in Review

Thanks to our Strategic Plan, membership has continued to grow! We have welcomed 85 new members in 2024.
We look forward to welcoming more new members as our plan objectives become accomplishments.

New Members 2024

Ms. Rose Allen	Mrs. Shirley George	Ms. Susannah Neal
Ms. Christine Ameduri	Dr. & Mrs. Jonathan W. Gibson	Mr. Owen Norris
Mr. Ron Arnold	Ms. Iris Goode	Ms. Anne Marie Parish
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New Business Members for 2024



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Harrison Appraisal, LLC
Heidelberg Materials



Winter Wine Tasting with Bernie Vogel

Join Bernie Vogel, wine enthusiast from the JeannieBird Baking Company, as he takes everyone on a virtual tour from the comfort of your home of the iconic wines and flavors from Spain's most revered wine region, La Rija. Your tasting kit includes a bottle of red, a bottle of white, and a snack-pack of sweet & savory treats to complement the wines he will be showcasing. Kits will be available on the day of the event and may be picked up from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm. The virtual tour starts at 4 pm. If registered, you will receive an email with the Zoom link the day before the event.

Tickets are \$100 (each ticket includes two bottles of wine and nosh for two people). **Please register online by Friday, February 7th**, at hscmd.org, or call 410.848.6494 ext. 200 to arrange for tickets.

We hope you join us!



2025 Legacy Gala

Save the date for the 2025 Legacy Gala, *Honoring Your Past, Embracing Our Future*, which will be held on **Sat., May 3rd from 6 pm—11 pm at Antrim 1844**. Please look for more information about this wonderful event.

History Happenings Throughout the County & Beyond

A lot of our county museums and historic sites are closed during the winter months (January, February, March). However, you can always visit their websites, listed below, to see if anything is happening or what they are planning in the future.

Carroll County Farm Museum

carrollcountymuseum.org

Carroll County Genealogical Society

ccgsmd.org

The Gate House Museum

thegatehousemuseum.com

Manchester Historical Center

Visit them on Facebook

Hanover Area Historical Society

hahs.us

Mount Airy Museum

mountairymainstreet.org/mount-airy-museum

New Windsor Heritage Museum

newwindsorheritage.org

Taneytown Heritage & Museum

taneytownhh.org

Union Mills Homestead

unionmills.org



Above: Elaine Shirley, CC Farm Museum Top Center: Jim Shriver, Union Mills Homestead, Jason Illari, Sam Riley, Union Mills Homestead



Above: Adrienne Smith & Colleen Kelly, Gate House Museum Bottom Center: Laura Bankard, Jane Sharpe, Sherry Hartman, and Doris Hull



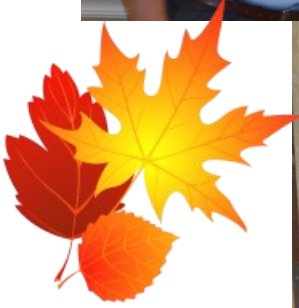
Speaker, Sara Rivers Cofield



Belva LaMotte
Volunteer of the Year



Our incoming Board of Trustees members (left to right)
Steve Bowersox, Tammy Eney, and John Laycock



Bev Staub, Doris Hull, and Wendy Raith



Mary Ann "Mimi" Ashcraft
Distinguished Historian Award recipient



Doug Velnoskey
Distinguished Service Award recipient

2024 Annual Meeting



Historic Tales

New Windsor— One-Time Artists' Colony by Frank Batavick

There's Provincetown, MA, Woodstock, NY, and Sedona, AZ. And there was once New Windsor, MD. What these towns all have in common is their reputation as artists' colonies.

New Windsor's began back in the heyday of the Dielman Inn, the 43-room hostelry still standing on the corner of Main and High Streets. Its proprietor, Louis W. Dielman, previously taught music at the town's Calvert College. After he and wife Theodora bought the inn, it became a magnet for other musicians who came from Emmitsburg's Mount St. Mary's College and Baltimore's Peabody Institute to perform concerts for guests from as far away as Washington, D.C. and New York City. When they weren't listening to music, the same guests were mounting theatricals and staging tableaux based on famous paintings.

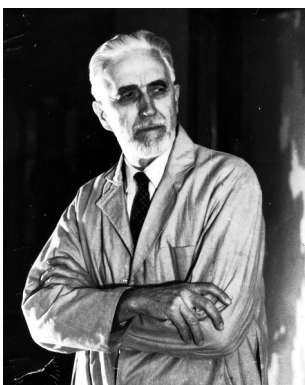
The Dielmans had a one-story artists' cottage behind the inn situated to the right of the "six-holer" outhouse. The clapboard building featured a large, divided light window approximately three feet-wide by five feet-high with ten glass panes. This offered an abundance of light for guests to sketch, paint, sculpt clay, and practice other crafts. The hinged window could be opened to admit fresh air in the stifling summer.

The couple's youngest son, Frederick Dielman (1847-1935), became a nationally published artist at the age of sixteen when *Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper* printed his sketch of the 1864 Confederate raid on the town. He went on to study in Munich and on his return became a sought-after illustrator of magazine articles, novels, and poetry books. Frederick also designed allegorical mosaics for the Library of Congress and murals for the lobby of the *Washington Star* newspaper. The New Windsor Heritage Museum on Main Street has a small exhibit of his work.

Frederick's brother Louis H. Dielman (1864-1959) was a pharmacist and amateur photographer. He used a large format,

tripod-mounted, view camera and 5x8-inch glass plates coated with a light-sensitive gelatin emulsion. His self-developed prints offer priceless portraits of the inn's guests, staff, and surrounding countryside circa 1895. In 1985 and 2012, the Historical Society of Carroll County presented exhibits of his work.

Noted abstract expressionist painter, Clyfford Still (1904-1980), moved to a 22-



acre farm outside Westminster in 1961, and used the barn to paint and store his huge canvases, some as

large as 9½ feet by 14 feet. Still and wife, Patricia, ultimately purchased the grand house at 312 Church Street, New Windsor, in 1966 for their residence. He donated his "1957-G" to the Baltimore Museum of Art in 1969. (Still didn't name his paintings, choosing instead to assign them numbers.)

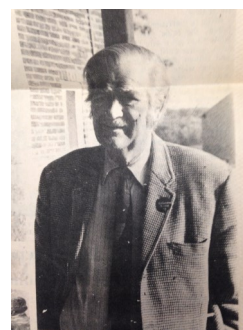
After his death, Patricia sought a home for the estate's roughly 825 paintings on canvas and 1,575 works on paper. An eccentric, Still had stipulated in his will that the collection remain intact and that paintings could not be sold or loaned. During his life, he allowed just 150 paintings to be



sold. He also demanded that any building housing them be permanent; that no other artists be exhibited; and that there be no

cafeteria or museum shop. Unfortunately, local museums were unable or unwilling to meet these strictures, and the collection was inaccessible for 20 years. Finally, Denver agreed to build a museum, but needed to stretch his will and sell a few paintings to completely fund construction. The Clyfford Still Museum opened in 2011, the same year a private owner sold one of his canvases at Sotheby's Auctions for \$61.7 million. My wife and I visited the Denver Museum in September and observed that his wishes regarding a cafeteria and museum store were honored, though post cards, books, and other small items were sold in the lobby.

New Windsor's third artist was Danish-born sculptor and art teacher, Carl Christian Mose (1903-1973) who lived his last years on a farm outside town. He taught at the Corcoran Gallery School of Art in Washington and previously at the



Minneapolis Art Institute, Carleton College in Northfield, MN, and Washington University in St. Louis. Mose crafted medallions for the collectible art medals market and for the Army Institute of Heraldry. He also did small and large-form bronze sculptures including the memorials "Eagle and the Fledgling" at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Cardinals baseball player Stan Musial at the Busch Memorial Stadium in St. Louis, and General of the Armies, John J. "Blackjack" Pershing in Laclede, MO, Pershing's hometown.

New Windsor, MD: One small town and one big legacy in world-class art.

Frank Batavick is a member of the Historical Society of Carroll County and New Windsor Heritage.

HSCC SPECIAL Events



Luca "Beethoven" Illari & Dr. Jim Lightner



Mayor Mona Becker, Dr. Jim Lightner & Lynn Wheeler

HALLOWEEN Celebration



Jason Illari, Charlie Fisher, Bill Palm, John Yingling



Larry Bohn, Bill Brown, Glenn Bair, Jason Illari



Mike McMullin, Jason Illari, Commissioner Tom Gordon, III

HSCC Walkway Groundbreaking



Holiday OPEN HOUSE

Enjoy these pictures from the 2024 Holiday
Open House!



HSCC **UPCOMING** events

Please check our website (hsccmd.org) and Facebook for updates on our upcoming events.

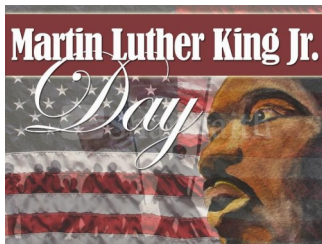
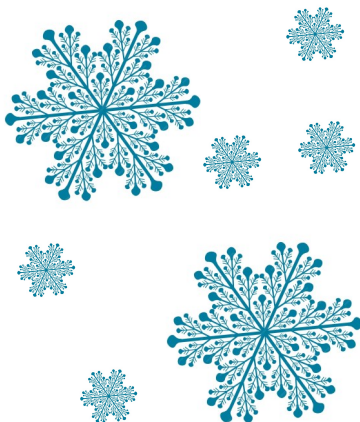
JANUARY



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History: Shaken & Stirred—Untold Stories of the Civil Rights in Carroll County

Join us at Covalent Spirits from 6 pm—8 pm to hear untold stories of the Civil Rights in Carroll County. There is no registration and no cost except for the drinks provided by Covalent Spirits. Collision Course and HSCC will provide the hors d'oeuvres and light refreshments. Note: Please eat dinner before or after the event. The refreshments are for snacking purposes only.



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In observance of Martin Luther King Day, the HSCC campus will be closed.



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Box Lunch Talk: An Afternoon Talk with Melvin Hurwitz & Steve Bowersox

Mr. Hurwitz grew up in a family of local jewelry store owners in Westminster, MD. Melvin graduated from Westminster High School in 1942 and, like his other three brothers, joined the service during World War II. Mr. Hurwitz was a waist gunner and radio man on a B-17 that flew bombing missions over Europe.

More recently, Melvin has become a bit of an international celebrity because he attended the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings.

He will celebrate his 100th birthday in March 2025. He will share stories of his life in Westminster and beyond.

Cost: \$3 for members \$7 for nonmembers

12—1 pm Grace Lutheran Church

Visit hsccmd.org for information about any of these events.



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Carroll County 188th Birthday Celebration

This year we will celebrate the history of Westminster High School (WHS), a community staple for 125 years. Steve Bowersox will highlight the achievements of WHS and its graduates and the commitment to the community they have made. Bring your memories to share during the celebration.

No registration required. FREE event.

2—4 pm Grace Lutheran Church.



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Carroll 250 Speaker Series: *The Dark Winter of 1776-1777* presented by John Laycock

It is Christmas 1776, and all is not well for George Washington and his Continental Army. They have suffered a string of defeats and have retreated into New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Fighting through a blizzard and smallpox, Maryland Militia reinforcements start filling the New Jersey countryside. The story of Private Jacob Zoll and his company led by Captain John Ross Key is an under-looked part of the Revolutionary War. This talk will share Private Zoll's struggle as he begins his journey to fight for his liberty.

You can register for this FREE event by following the link on our website.

6:30—7:30 pm Exploration Commons

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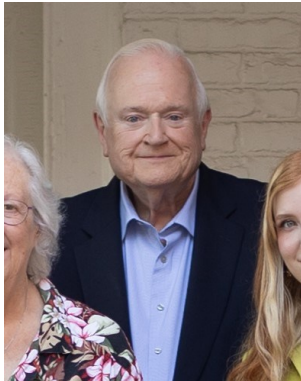
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Happy Valentine's Day!

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Winter Wine Tasting with Bernie Vogel

See event details on page 5.



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Box Lunch Talk: Six Decades of Entrepreneurship presented by Bill Brown

Mr. William Brown has spent his life first as an apartment contractor; then as the owner and rebuilder of Cascade Lake (1983-1989). For the past 30 years, he has been the owner and developer of Quantum Internet & Telephone. Bill will be sharing stories of his 60 years as a builder and developer and talking about the changing nature of the internet.

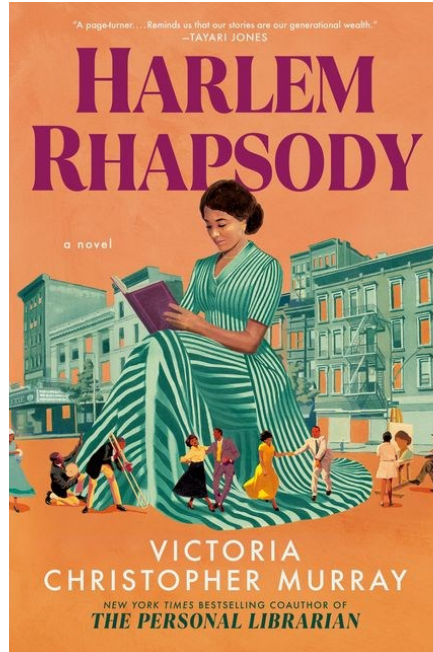
Bill Brown serves on the Board of Trustees for the Historical Society of Carroll County.

Cost: \$3 for members \$7 for nonmembers

12—1 pm Grace Lutheran Church

hscmd UPcoming events

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Carroll 250 Speaker Series: Author Victoria Christopher Murray

Victoria will speak about her newest novel *Harlem Rhapsody*. Please visit our website (hscmd.org) for more information and to register for this



MARCH

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Carroll Voices 250 Community Forum

Please join the Carroll 250 Advisory Committee for our next open session at the Carroll County Public Library – Eldersburg Branch (large meeting room) at 2 pm. Meet our task force members, hear updates on progress, and offer input on 250 activities and initiatives. This free event is in Eldersburg, but the discussions will be about events in all of Carroll County regarding the United States 250th birthday.

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Box Lunch Talk: The Gettysburg Campaign in Carroll County presented by Kyle Wichtendahl

General George Meade's plan to encounter the confederate army along the banks of Pipe Creek did not materialize, because General Lee did not cooperate. However, the movement to Gettysburg had a profound impact on Carroll County communities. Kyle will recount the experiences of civilians and soldiers as Confederate and Union armies invaded and occupied Carroll County during the weeks surrounding the Gettysburg battle.

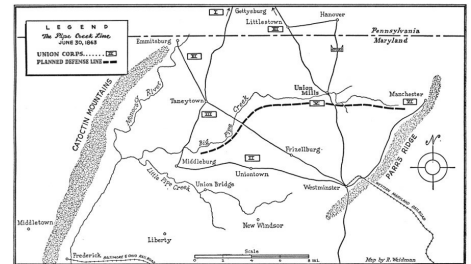
Cost: \$3 for members \$7 for nonmembers

12—1 pm Grace Lutheran Church

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Carroll 250 Speaker Series: "I am persuaded they will do great Execution." Presented by Travis Shaw

Please visit our website (hscmd.org) for more information and to register for this event.





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