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*The Carroll*

## TICKETS ON SALE

### Bluegrass, Bourbon & Bocce 2025

**Sunday, September 7, 4 pm—7 pm**

**Union Mills Homestead**

**Feature the all female bluegrass band, Black-Eyed Suzies**

Join us for our popular and fun Bluegrass, Bourbon & Bocce event at Union Mills Homestead on Sunday, September 7 from 4 pm—7 pm. Included in your ticket price are the spirited and soulful songs of Black-Eyed Suzies All Girls Bluegrass Band, Pat Martin's burgers and fries, two bocce courts, NEW kids' games, and plenty of samples and sales from local distillers and brewers. Back by popular demand ... Bernie Vogel's wine by the glass!



Tickets are on sale now and are \$40 for HSCC members and \$50 for non-HSCC members. Visit our website [hsccmd.org](http://hsccmd.org) or give us a call. Our two Exclusive Sponsors are our Band Sponsor, Bowman's Feed & Pet, and our Food Sponsor, Jennifer Munch. You can also donate to the event, if you are unable to attend.

## History Fest 2025—Saturday, July 26



We are excited to bring back last summer's fun filled event, History Fest. Last year, this event brought together many of Carroll County's historic sites and societies to show everyone that history is fun! This year, we welcome back the Carroll County Farm Museum, Union Mills Homestead, Strawbridge Shrine, and many others. We will also have the dunking of King George, kids' games, Steve Bowersox's popular WWII walking tour, The Cow, Pat Martin's burgers and fries, and much more.

This is a free event. There is a small fee for the food and to dunk King George.

Come see our new exhibit *Mary Shellman Civil War to Suffrage* and take a tour of the Sherman-Fisher-Shellman house. We will have our dedicated gardeners available for tours and questions.

The event is from 11 am to 3 pm. We can't wait to see everyone!

Would you or your group like to be represented at the event? Please contact Laura Bankard, Outreach & Events Director, at 410.848.6494 ext. 200 or [lbankard@hsccmd.org](mailto:lbankard@hsccmd.org).

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# A Message from the Executive Director

Greetings,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and staff, thank you for your unwavering support of HSCC and our mission. Last month the Society opened its new exhibit *Mary Shellman: Civil War to Suffrage* in the Sherman-Fisher-Shellman House. We are extremely grateful to the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area and consultant Sarah Coster for making this dream a reality. Please schedule a tour to see this amazing new space. You can also check out the digital exhibit at:

<https://digitallibrary.hsccmd.org/digital-exhibits/mary-bostwick-shellman/>

Our Afternoon with Mary Shellman event on May 24<sup>th</sup> was also a smashing success! Our key event partners and sponsors made this possible:

- Carroll County Arts Council
- Hey Westminster!
- League of Women Voters of Carroll County
- Maryland State Arts Council
- Jacqueline Slade Music and the Peabody Institute
- Darci Tucker of American Lives- who portrayed Mary Shellman magically!

If you were not able to attend, you can view the entire show on the Society's YouTube channel.

More incredible historical programming is in store for Carroll County in the months to come. Check out our website often to stay up to date on HSCC activities, programs, initiatives, and events.

Finally, the new *Carroll History Magazine* is here! Thank you to the entire publications team and Editor Kyle Wichtendahl for producing such a superb publication. Members can now access the journal via HSCC new Digital Library at <https://digitallibrary.hsccmd.org/> using the passcode: HSCCMEMBER2025 (case sensitive) when you click on the Magazine.

With warm appreciation and gratitude,



Jason



Darci Tucker as Mary B. Shellman





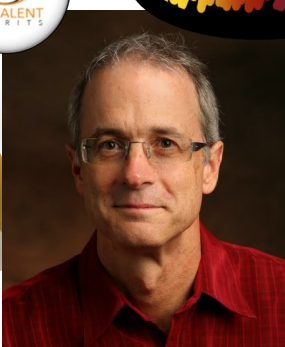
## History: Shaken & Stirred Untold Stories of McDaniel College

On April 3, we gathered at Covalent Spirits to hear Untold Stories of McDaniel College. Our speakers were Dr. Joan Coley, Dr. Jim Lightner, Dr. Robert Lemieux, Mayor Mona Becker, and Councilmember Kevin Dayhoff. As always, the stories were fascinating and enlightening.

We enjoyed a signature cocktail created by Jen Yang, Covalent Spirits, delicious charcuterie boards created by Liz Bowersox, and hors d'oeuvres made by Tony & Ashley Gerald, Collision Course.

Thank you to our speakers, everyone who attended (about 85 people), our volunteers, and the Outreach Committee members!

The next History: Shaken & Stirred: Untold Stories of Summer Leisure in Carroll County is coming up on July 10, 6 pm—8 pm, at Covalent Spirits.

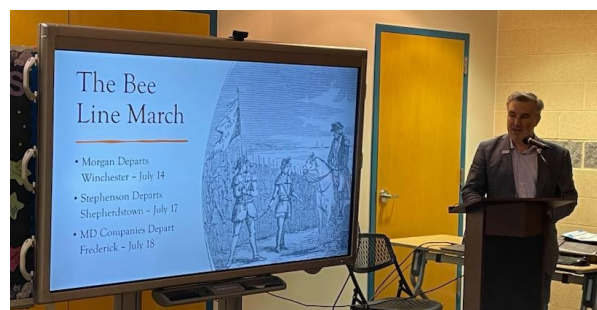


## Carroll Voices 250 Here are some highlights from recent events ...



Ellsworth  
Cemetery  
Stories and  
Tour

Presented by  
Diane  
Boettcher



"I am persuaded they will do great Execution"  
Presented by Travis Shaw





# 2025 Legacy Gala

## *Honoring Your Past, Embracing Our Future*

What a wonderful Gala! From the passports and plane tickets to the Statue of Liberty (on stilts) we were all amazed at the beautiful event. The decorations, thanks to Kathy Palaia and Yvonne Zeminski, were so charming and creative. We were happy to have such an inspiring committee this year, too. Thank you to our committee members Debbie Leazer & Josh Kohn (co-chairs), Laura Bankard, Larry Bohn, Bill Brown, Jason Illari, Bernie Jones, Jennifer McDonald, Kathy Palaia, Terry Smack, Doug Velnoskey, Pam Velnoskey, and Yvonne Zeminski.

Enjoy these pictures from the event!



Pictured left:  
Galen Roop  
& Mel Mills



Pictured right: Bryan  
Fidler & Grace Kohn

Pictured below:  
Garrett Hoover &  
Art Riley



Pictured below: Kelsey Robinson & Laura Bankard  
Pictured center: Ben Yingling & Jerry Klauber  
Pictured far right: Vimala Naganna



Pictured above: Frank Duffy, Marcia Duffy, Yvonne  
Zeminski & Terry Smack

Pictured right: Sharon Borcharding & Katie McDonald







## Mary Shellman Civil War to Suffrage Exhibit

Our opening of the *Mary Shellman Civil War to Suffrage* exhibit in May was a wonderful way to share Mary's history and legacy. We celebrated by having a member's only exhibit opening on May 21, the program *An Afternoon with Mary Shellman* on May 24, and it all culminated in the opening of the exhibit to the public on Memorial Day, May 26 after the parade.

Thank you to everyone that helped with the exhibit and the programming. A special thank you to Darci Tucker who portrayed Mary Shellman at the program and in the Memorial Day Parade.

Schedule your tour today by calling 410.848.6494 ext. 200.



# HSCC's First Annual Golf Tournament—Sign Up TODAY



**Friday, June 27, 2025**

HSCC's first annual golf tournament will support HSCC's educational outreach fund as we approach the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution in 2026. The initiative, called Carroll 250, will spearhead anniversary programs, exhibits, and events. This milestone offers a unique opportunity for the general public to deeply engage with history. One such opportunity will be the development by the Society of a new 250 travelling exhibit that will be made available at no cost to Carroll County schools and community organizations because of this year's tournament support. Visit our website at [hsccmd.org/events/hscs-golf-tournament-2025/](https://hsccmd.org/events/hscs-golf-tournament-2025/)

## Collections Corner by Stephanie Eckard, Collections Manager

Welcome back to the Collections Corner, your guide to the wonderful world of the Historical Society of Carroll County's collections! Our new exhibit *Mary Shellman Civil War to Suffrage* opened on Memorial Day. Our next focus as outlined in our Strategic Plan is the renovation of Cockey's Tavern, which will become the future home of our acclaimed Research Library and archives.

The renovation project, expected to be completed in 2026, will highlight the historic charm of Cockey's Tavern, originally built in 1807. The redesigned space will feature dark academia-inspired Victorian reading rooms, complete with rich dark green walls, leather seating, and a dramatic gallery.

Among the many works of art to be featured, one piece stands out as quintessentially Victorian: a small brown floral wreath made entirely of human hair, displayed in a shadow box. This example of "hair art" may strike modern viewers as unusual or even unsettling, however, it was actually a common and meaningful form of expression during the 19th century.



The Victorian era was marked by a deep fascination with death and mourning; influenced by many factors including Queen Victoria's famous 40-year mourning period for her husband Prince Albert. One popular artistic tradition was "memento mori art", originating from a Latin phrase meaning "remember you will die." This style of art served as physical reminder of death itself; both as a tribute to deceased loved ones and a reminder of life's fragility. Wreaths like the one in our collection were a typical motif in hair art, while other examples of hair art include larger assemblages or small woven lockets. Individual strands of hair taken from a loved one would be carefully sectioned, glued, twisted, and looped into intricate floral shapes, creating a lasting memorial that was both personal and beautiful.

We can't wait to unveil the renovated Cockey's Tavern, where you'll be able to see many never-before-displayed pieces—including our hair wreath. HSCC would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you and congratulations to our recent graduates and interns, Hayden Lloyd (Westminster High School '25) and Sage Zavandro (Winters Mill High School '25). Their hard work and dedication have been instrumental to the new exhibit and renovation and much more at HSCC.

## History Happenings Throughout the County & Beyond

Do you have an event you want to share? Please contact Laura Bankard at [lbankard@hsccmd.org](mailto:lbankard@hsccmd.org).



**Taneytown History Museum** will have their annual Hudson Days antique car show on June 14, 2025. Please see their website for more information. <https://taneytownhh.org>.

August 2—History Museum Anniversary Celebration at the museum from 1—pm.



July 13—3 pm—6 pm—Music on the Millrace: Freezer Burn  
July 19 & 20—times vary—Citizen Meets Soldier  
August 2—11 am—5 pm—Corn Roast Festival  
See their website at [unionmills.org](https://unionmills.org) for more information.

**Sykesville Historic Colored Schoolhouse** will be open to the public on June 21, July 19, and August 30 from 12 pm—3pm.

Questions? Contact the Gate House in Sykesville at 410.549.5150 or email them at [gatehouse@sykesville.net](mailto:gatehouse@sykesville.net).



## JUNE



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### HSCC's Golf Tournament 2025

Join us for our first annual golf tournament from 8 am—1 pm at Quail Valley Golf Course. If you want to register or would like to sponsor, please visit our website at [hsccmd.org](http://hsccmd.org).



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### Carroll 250 Event: "Just South of Gettysburg" 162nd Anniversary presented by Pipe Creek

#### Civil War Round Table

Each June, the Pipe Creek Civil War Round Table and other historical groups commemorate the tragedy of war that took place on Westminster's streets and within surrounding Carroll County, MD. The annual event exhibits a great experience for visitors of all ages.

## JULY

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### Carroll 250 Event: Fourth of July Celebration presented by the Carroll County Farm Museum

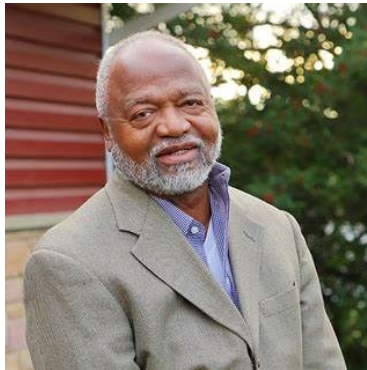
4 pm—10 pm; Carroll County Farm Museum—see their website for more details.



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### History: Shaken & Stirred—Untold Stories of Summer Leisure in Carroll County

Stop in for a drink at Covalent Spirits Westminster on July 10th at 6pm as HSCC continues *History: Shaken and Stirred*. Once again there will be five speakers telling three 5-minute, untold, local history stories shared with the crowd in a fun, relaxed setting. This quarter, Untold Stories of Summer Leisure in Carroll County will be told. A special history-themed drink will be developed by owners Jenn and Drew. Please have dinner before you come, as the refreshments are light and meant for snacking. Light refreshments provided by *Collision Course*. No RSVP or reservation required.



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### Box Lunch Talk: The Impact of the HOPE Partnership in Westminster -Lynn Wheeler interviews Bernie Jones

In 1969, HSCC board member, Bernie Jones became a charter member and served on the board of the nonprofit Home Ownership Purchase Effort (HOPE), to provide home ownership opportunities for low-income Black families. HOPE purchased houses on Union Street, rehabbed them, and sold them at cost. Their groundbreaking work laid the foundation for Civil Rights success in Carroll County.

Cost: \$3 for members \$5 for nonmember 12—1 pm Grace Lutheran Church



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### Carroll 250 Speaker Series: Finding the Maryland 400:

#### Maryland's First War Heroes presented by Owen Lourie

Learn more about the soldiers who served in the Continental Army during the Battle of Brooklyn, now called the Maryland 400, and hear first-hand accounts of their actions at the battle, including comments from George Washington's aide Tench Tilghman, a native of Talbot County. This talk will also discuss the lives of several soldiers from the unit, exploring them and their families during and after the Revolutionary War.

Exploration Commons 6 pm—7 pm; registration is required for this talk, please visit the Carroll County Public Library site

**19-20**

### Carroll 250 Event: Citizen Meets Soldier presented by Union Mills Homestead

"Citizen Meets Soldier" is a living history of 1863 in Carroll County, Maryland. Join us at Union Mills to commemorate the events of the hot summer of 1863. Walk in the footsteps of the citizens of Carroll County, Maryland, who were divided in their loyalties, and the Union and Confederate soldiers who camped along Big Pipe Creek at Union Mills in the days surrounding the Battle of Gettysburg.

Union Mills Homestead, times vary, please consult their website.

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