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HSCC Annual Membership Meeting

All of our HSCC members and friends are invited to attend the Society's **Annual Meeting** on **October 28, 2025**. The meeting will be held from **12 pm to 1:30 pm** at **Westminster Riding Club**. Doors open at 11:30 am and lunch will begin at noon. A sandwich buffet and dessert will be provided by Lib's Catering followed by Society business and the event's keynote speaker. Also, our third annual Distinguished Awards will be presented.

Jennifer McDonald, Coordinator of Secondary Social Studies and Service Learning for Carroll County Public Schools, will be on the agenda to be approved as a Board of Trustees member.

Our speaker this year is **Nicholas Powers, Curator of Collections for the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley**. Nick will speak about the German surgeon's assistant, Frederick Kemmelmeyer, who deserted the British forces after the Revolutionary War, and became a German-American citizen and a portrait and genre artist.

The full menu is posted on the Society's online event signup and payment page. Individuals wishing to pay by check may reserve their spot early by mailing payment to HSCC, attention Jason Illari. Cost is \$45 for members and \$55 for non-members. Reservations and payments need to be received by October 21, online or check by mail to HSCC.

Sponsorship opportunities for this event are available. Please see the website or call for more information.

Distinguished Service Award 2025

George & Ann Horvath

Distinguished Historian Award 2025

Commissioner Tom Gordon III

Preservation Award 2025

Tim Kyle

Volunteer of the Year 2025

Sharon Reigel



Teas the Season Holiday Tea



HSCC and Sunday Morning at Savannah's are partnering to bring you a holiday tea like no other. Our *Teas the Season* holiday tea on Saturday, November 29, from 11 am to 1 pm will have you enjoying a full tea complete with savory and sweet dishes and a selection of teas. The afternoon will also feature a Kentucky Derby Hat Show by Margae Hicks!

All are welcome! Ladies don't forget to wear a hat and gloves, to get in the spirit.

The cost per person is \$40, and the menu for this special Holiday event is on our website!

Register online today at hsccmd.org/events/.

Heartfelt THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

All of our members are important to us, but we wanted to say thank you to those members and non-members that volunteer their time and energy to keep the Society clean, organized, and running smoothly.

If you would like to volunteer for HSCC, please contact Laura Bankard, Outreach & Events Director, at lbankard@hsccmd.org or 410.848.6494.

Types of things we need help with: campus cleanup and maintenance, event setup/tear down or taking tickets, decorating, library research, and much more!

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A Message from the Executive Director



Greetings,

What an exciting time to be part of Carroll County history and HSCC! Be sure to attend our upcoming annual meeting of the membership, where we will make some official announcements about the Society's *Building Community Inspired by History Campaign*. HSCC's campus is transforming in incredible ways. This transformation will greatly enhance our ability to serve Carroll County citizens in the coming years. The Library of Carroll County History at Cockey's will provide an entirely new level of access to collections and research materials for people of all ages. The Shriver-Weybright Auditorium and Exhibits Hall will be made available for receptions, events, and talks. Continued work on educational expansion and interpretation in the Sherman-Fisher- Shellman House is also in the works. All this change is happening while volunteers, committee members, board members, and staff accelerate programming, outreach, events, and partnerships.

The outpouring of support we receive from HSCC members, partners, donors, and friends is without comparison. Everyday, I think about how lucky I am to be part of this community. Keep an eye out for the grand reopening of the Society's new campus in July 2026. At that time, we will also launch our community Carroll 250 exhibit in commemoration of our Nation's Semiquincentennial.

With sincere gratitude,

Jason

P.S Not yet "officially" a member or need to renew? NOW is the time to join! Please see the enclosed membership drive flyer for more details. Thank you !!!





History: Shaken & Stirred Untold Ghost Stories of Carroll County

On October 16, we gathered at Covalent Spirits to hear Untold Ghost Stories of Carroll County. Our speakers were **Steve Bowersox, Ridia Dearie, Lisa Makurak, Janice Greenholtz, and Sam Greenholtz**. The stories were spooky and fascinating.

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 Industry in Carroll County is coming up on January 8, 6 pm—8 pm, at Covalent Spirits.



Jayne & Steve Bowersox



Ridia Dearie



Lisa Makurak



Sam & Janice Greenholtz



Carroll Voices 250 Upcoming Events Please see our website (hsccmd.org/events/) for more information or to register for any of these events.



Franciss Scott Key presented by Lou Giles

November 18; 6:30—7:30 PM

Exploration Commons

Registration is required

hsccmd.org/events/

After the Fashion of His Country—Asia & Asians in the 18th Century Mid-Atlantic presented by Daniel Sieh

December 13; 2-3 PM

Mt. Airy Branch of CCPL

Registration is required.

Hsccmd.org/events/



Doing History: An Archivist's Approach to Uncovering the Past

January 29; 6:30—7:30 pm

McDaniel College, Wahrhaftig Room in Hoover Library

2025 History Fest

What a great day to celebrate HISTORY in Carroll County! We were excited to host many of the County's historic sites and societies, as well as welcoming over a hundred people to History Fest this year!



Launch of *Mail on Wheels* by Mona Kerby

Mail on Wheels is about the first mail delivery in Carroll County. A collaboration between Union Mills Homestead, the Historical Society of Carroll County, Carroll County Farm Museum, and author Mona Kerby! Order your copy today by contacting Laura Bankard, Outreach & Events Director at lbankard@hscmd.org or 410.848.6494 ext. 200.



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Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon 2025

Thank you to all our dedicated and hard-working volunteers. We couldn't do what we do without you.

Congratulations to Sherry Reigel, Volunteer of the Year!

Tales FROM THE Gardens



The next time you visit the Historical Society of Carroll County check out the two beautyberry bushes located under the magnolia tree behind the Kimmey House. They are two different species, one native and one non-native.

The native one, located farther from the building, is American beautyberry, *Callicarpa Americana*. It is native to the southeastern US, with Maryland being the northern edge of its range. It is best known for the purple or violet berries it produces in the fall.

These berries are utilized as food by many species of song birds and some mammals including squirrels and opossums. The shrubs are robust, fast growing, and often benefit from a cutting back in late winter.



The other beautyberry is one of several species native to China and Japan, probably *Callicarpa Dichotoma*, Chinese beautyberry. Like American beautyberry it is deciduous. Both the leaves and berries are smaller than the American species. It does not grow as vigorously but is still amenable to pruning.

Stop and take a moment to compare the two shrubs and see if one or both would be a good addition to your home landscape.



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All new memberships (never before members) receive a 50% discount with code STRATEGICACTIONPLAN

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Individual Membership \$50 -50%=\$25

Family Household Membership

\$75-50%=\$37.50

Senior Membership \$40-50%=\$20

Senior Household Membership

\$55-50%=\$27.50

Business Membership

\$295-50%=\$147.50

If you are already a member, please pass this discount along to a friend, neighbor, or family member!

Membership Includes

Invitations to special events

Subscription to the Courier - the Society's newsletter

Subscription to the Carroll History Magazine

Free use of the research library's genealogical sources, archival news articles, books, and manuscripts

Discounted admission to most events

... and much more!

OCTOBER



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Box Lunch Talk: The History of New Windsor State Bank

presented by Tom Rasmussen

From 1932 until 2017, when it was purchased by ACNB Corporation, New Windsor State Bank played an important role in the community and in the development of Carroll County.

Cost: \$3 for members \$5 for nonmember 12—1 pm Grace Lutheran Church to register or would like to sponsor, please visit our website at hscmd.org.

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HSCC's Annual Meeting "From German Auxiliary to American

Artist: The Life and Work of Frederick Kemmelmeyer" presented by Nicholas Powers

See page 1 for more information.

12 pm—2 pm; Westminster Riding Club

November

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Box Lunch Talk: "Growing into Greatness" Big Tree Documentary Presented by Dr. Robert

Lemieux

Within Maryland's 2.5 million acres of forest there are 12 national champion trees. Dr. Robert Lemieux, Associate Professor of Communication and Cinema at McDaniel College, is creating a documentary featuring six of these trees. He will share his work on these inspiring grand champions. Cost: \$3 for members \$5 for nonmember 12—1 pm Grace Lutheran Church.



HSCC
UPCOMING
events



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Carroll 250 Speaker Series: Francis Scott Key Presented by Lou Giles

This fascinating talk will focus on Francis Scott Key and will include his family and early years, the War of 1812 and the Dr. Beanes rescue mission, the Star-Spangled Banner, religion, politics (and major cases), and his views on slavery.

Registration is required for this FREE event. Please see our website's events page to register. hscmd.org/events/



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"Teas the Season" Holiday Tea

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DECEMBER

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Carroll 250 Community Forum

Please join the Carroll Voices 250 Advisory Committee for our next open session at the Carroll County Public Library – Taneytown Branch. Meet our task force members, hear updates on progress, and offer input on 250 activities and initiatives. This is a free event. Registration is not required but requested. Register at the CCPL website. Taneytown Branch CCPL 2—3:30 pm.

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Carroll 250 Speaker Series: After the Fashion of His Country – Asia and Asians in the 18th Century Mid-

Atlantic presented by Danie Sieh Asia was known for centuries in Europe, and the British were keen to profit off the exotic goods through commerce. This trade was far from a one-sided exchange; it was a dialogue between two very distinct cultures. Goods, ideas, and people flowed through trade routes established by the British East India Company and reached as far as the 13 colonies (soon, the nascent United States). These goods, and yes, even people, arrived as foreigners in a strange land but left an indelible mark that has only recently been uncovered. Register for this event on the CCPL website. Mt. Airy Branch CCPL from 2—3 pm.

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Box Lunch Talk: 40 Years of the Artist Studio Tour and the History of Art Entrepreneurship in Carroll County Presented by Linda Van Hart

The Carroll County Artists' Studio Tour celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2024. The tour was the brainchild of metalsmith Linda Van Hart, a founding member of the Carroll County Arts Council and renowned art educator. Linda will talk about her work and the work of other artists who comprise the vibrant art scene in Carroll County. Cost: \$3 for members \$5 for nonmember 12—1 pm Grace Lutheran Church.



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