



Winter Meeting

Saturday, January 21, 2017 – 2:00 p.m.

Port Tobacco Courthouse

Elaine Flynn portrays Alice Roosevelt Longworth



If the headlines of today's political scandals make you shake your head in disbelief, wait until you hear Alice Roosevelt Longworth "dish the dirt" on scandals of yesteryear. Elaine Flynn portrays Alice, Theodore Roosevelt's eldest daughter and the first celebrity (1884-1980).

Alice is uniquely qualified to share stories as she was a witness to the goings on in Washington, DC for most of her 96 years. The words on her pillow attest to her love of gossiping. "If you don't have anything nice to say, come sit by me."

Alice starts with her own scandals. "If there is to be gossip said about me, I want to say it first!" She then continues relating the scandal that led to the

death of a Congressman, President Harding and his mistresses, the love affairs involving Franklin D. Roosevelt and Eleanor Roosevelt, the person (other than Mamie) who REALLY liked Ike, the women linked to JFK, the Capitol Hill employee who couldn't file, type or even answer the phone, the story of the Congressman, Fannie Foxe and the Tidal Basin and more.

Don't miss Alice's tales of her life in the White House, her marriage in the White House, her life with her husband, Speaker of the House, Nicholas Longworth, her life after Nicholas and all the stories in between.

~Guests are welcome to this free event~

Friends of Rich Hill Receive Grants

The Steering Committee for the Friends of Rich Hill applied for 4 grants this fall and were very fortunate to have received them all:



From the **Charles County Heritage Commission**: A grant for a research paper on the history of Dr. Gustavus Brown and his Descendants.

From the **Southern Maryland Heritage Area Consortium**: A grant for a brochure about Historic Rich Hill.

From **Preservation Maryland**: A grant creating panel and virtual exhibits entitled: "From Slavery's Shadows to Freedom's Light: The Story of Mary Swann and the Enslaved African-Americans who toiled at Rich Hill"

From **Charles County Tourism**: A grant to fund the following projects:

- Matching funds for the brochure about Historic Rich Hill
- Five panel exhibits on Charles Countians connected to the Lincoln/Booth Story: George Atzerodt, Dr. Samuel Mudd, Thomas Jones, Mary Swann, Oswell Swann
- A panel exhibit on Samuel Cox
- A panel exhibit on Dr. Gustavus Brown

- A pull-up exhibit on the Genealogy of the Cox Family
- A pull-up exhibit on the Genealogy of the Brown Family

We need your help! The grants from the Southern Maryland Heritage Area Consortium and Preservation Maryland are matching grants. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to help with our projects, please make your checks payable to: The Historical Society of Charles County, Inc. and mail to PO Box 2806, La Plata, Maryland 20646.

All your generous help is greatly appreciated. We have a year for the first 3 grants and 6 months to complete the projects from Charles County Tourism. So, as you can tell, we will be very busy in 2017!

If you have not had the chance yet, please join our Facebook page, **Historic Rich Hill** and also follow us on **richhillfriends.org**.

Mark Your Calendar for 2017

- **Friday, March 3** – The Friends of Rich Hill will present "An Evening with John Wilkes Booth" at the Port Tobacco Courthouse, 6 pm.
- **Saturday, May 6** – 8th Annual Market Day at the Port Tobacco Courthouse, 9 am to 2 pm.
- **Sunday, May 7** – Spring Luncheon Meeting at Historic Stagg Hall, Port Tobacco, 1:30 pm.
- **Sunday, May 23** – Open House, Civil War Encampments & Archaeological digs at Historic Rich Hill, 10 am to 4 pm.
- **Saturday, October 21** – Fall Dinner Meeting, Durham Church, 6 pm. Dr. Bradley Gotfried will speak on a Civil War topic.

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