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Annual Business Meeting *Election of Officers*



Saturday, October 25, 2008

5:00 Social Hour – 6:00 Dinner

Christ Episcopal Church, Wayside, Maryland

Menu

Roast Pork

Parried Potatoes

Green Beans

Coffee - Tea

Rolls

Dessert

\$22.00

R.S.V.P. by October 17, 2008. Make your check payable to: Historical Society and mail to Bob Pender at P.O. Box 2808, La Plata, MD 20646.

Directions to Christ Episcopal Church:

From La Plata, travel south on Route 301.
Turn left on Rt. 257, Church is on the left.
13050 Rock Point Road • Wayside, Maryland

Speaker

**Archaeology and the
Search for Colonial Charles County**

James G. Gibb (Jim)

Port Tobacco Archaeological Project

Two important archaeological projects in the past year have brought to light the remains of Charles County's first two county seats: Moore's Lodge, investigated by Dr. Julia King and Mike Sullivan, and Port Tobacco. This illustrated talk examines both studies, briefly describing the Moore's Lodge effort, but focusing on what the Port Tobacco team has learned through combined documentary and archaeological research.

Jim is an archaeologist with over thirty years of experience, specializing in the archaeological and historical study and interpretation of seventeenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth century communities. Currently he is Managing Director of the Port Tobacco Archaeological Project and adjunct professor in the History Department of Stevenson University. He holds a Ph.D. and M.A. in anthropology from Binghamton University.

Jim and his wife, Bonnie, live just outside of Annapolis with two ill-behaved dogs, Annie and Amis.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Reserve This Date on Your Calendar!

WINTER MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2009

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*Report of the Nominating Committee
to be voted on at the October Meeting*

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Historic Sites Committee

Louise Turner, chairman, assisted by the diligence of Joyce Candland, has been busy re-organizing and upgrading the Historic Sites Files of about 200 sites in Charles County and Southern Maryland. This extensive collection is housed at the Southern Maryland Studies Center of the College.



Friendship Farm

Pathways to History

Charles County Maryland, 1658-2008



MARK YOUR CALENDAR
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2008
7:00 p.m.

In conjunction with the celebration of the 350th anniversary of Charles County, The Charles County Heritage Commission is sponsoring a book talk on “Pathways To History” at the Center for Business and Industry, College of Southern Maryland. The presentation will include glimpses and insights from each of the three authors as well as a book signing following the presentation.



Marshall Hall outing – circa 1890



Friendship House

The Historical Society would like to acknowledge the College of Southern Maryland for the beautiful new roof and the new coat of paint for Friendship House. With the expertise and guidance of George Dyson, Friendship House administrator, this project was completed this summer. In addition the Friendship House furnishings committee under the direction of Joyce Candland worked with Schoenbauer’s furniture of Charlotte Hall in restoring and repairing the large spinning wheel, butter churn, round tilt top table, small child’s chair, cradle and pestle & mortar box.



Another great photo

Pathways to History

CHARLES COUNTY MARYLAND, 1658 - 2008

Charles County is the birthplace of Revolutionary War heroes, Confederate agents and two of the most inspirational figures in African-American history.

Pathways to History offers fresh perspectives on the county that was founded 24 years after the first landing of English settlers on Maryland soil in 1634. The book ranges from the Paleo-Indian period to the plantation society that controlled the county well into the 20th century, and concludes with the unexpectedly swift demise of tobacco, a crop that has defined Charles County into the 21st century.

Pathways to History provides a stimulating journey for all readers, whether they are well versed in local history or new to southern Maryland. The book owes much to the citizens of Charles County who have shared their stories and artifacts in this, the 350th anniversary of the founding of the county.

Three scholars describe life in Charles County in the centuries before and after the arrival of English settlers. Their chapters address the pre-colonial, colonial and Revolutionary War period; the antebellum and postbellum eras of the 19th century, and the county's 20th-century modernization. More than 370 illustrations accompany the text and highlight her rich past.

Julia A. King, an expert on the archaeology of the colonial and 19th-century Chesapeake period, is currently working on a book, *Landscapes of Ruin*, which examines contested historical places in the area. She is associate professor of archaeology and anthropology at St. Mary's College of Maryland and serves on the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, an independent federal agency. King holds a doctorate in American Civilization from the University of Pennsylvania.

Christine Arnold-Lourie, who wrote her doctoral dissertation on the Hamilton family of Port Tobacco, has a unique knowledge of Charles County in the second half of the 19th century. She is a professor of history at the College of Southern Maryland, where she received the Faculty Excellence Award in 1997. Arnold-Lourie holds B.A. and M. Phil, degrees from George Washington University and a Ph.D. in American Studies from the University of Maryland, College Park.

Susan Shaffer, a Charles County native from Indian Head, directed a study of the slot machine era in Charles County while working at the College of Southern Maryland and has moderated forums for the Smithsonian Institute on 20th-century topics. She earned both her B.A. and M.A. from the University of Maryland.

Pathways to History is published under the auspices of the Smallwood Foundation, Inc., the nonprofit organization formed in 1938 to restore the Charles County home of William Smallwood, Maryland's highest-ranking Revolutionary War officer. All proceeds from the sale of this book are pledged to fund research, restoration, preservation, and appreciation of Charles County's history.

The book will be available for sale at select locations in early December 2008. If you wish to pre-order copies, please complete the attached form and mail to:

**Pathways to History,
c/o the Smallwood Foundation, Inc.,
P.O. Box 7, Mount Victoria, MD 20661**

Please visit our website
www.charlescountypathways.org
for more information

I would like to reserve _____ copies of **Pathways to History**. Enclosed please find my check for \$62.00 each made out to **Smallwood Foundation, Inc.**

Name _____

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We will notify you when the books arrive. For an additional \$6 each, the book[s] will be shipped you at the address below:

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Friendship House Committees

Friendship House is up and running. We have established committees and they are listed below. If you are interested in serving on a Friendship House Committee, please contact Mike Mazzeo at 301-659-5369.

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