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SANDY SPRING MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

SAVOR THE STRAWBERRIES, Saturday, June 7!

A sunny Saturday — we trust! Thrilled children cheering behind hayride horses. Eager moms checking baskets of strawberries for the best ones. A tiny grandson timidly reaching out to pat a sheep. A little white-haired lady at a picnic table licking whipped cream from her spoon. Crafts tables offering birdhouses, wind chimes, and hand-made jewelry. A moon bounce. A dignified quilt awaiting a new owner. That's what we'll see on the Museum's lawn June 7.

Bring friends for a few hours of neighborly strolling, buying, and indulging - all benefiting our jewel of a museum. Call Cathy Case (301-651-5389, cacase@comcast.net) if you'd like to volunteer for a shift (thus assuring that your "thank you" gift is saved for you).

Volunteers are signing up as we go to print. Food vendors — ethnic and traditional — are getting ideal sites. Live music will play all day. The ever popular pony rides will be ready to go!

But have you started baking? Bake table donations can be brought late June 6 or early June 7. And please look over your outdoor and indoor plants; bring shoots from plants you are thinning along with cleanly potted flowers and seedlings for sale.

Tickets: Buy at the gate, rain or shine, 10-5 p.m. — \$5 per family, or \$2 for adults, \$1 for children. You know where we are — 17901 Bentley Road, opposite plenty of parking at Sherwood High on Route 108 in Sandy Spring. Everybody, come! ■



Summer Camps Are Back

Elementary school-age children are not too young to learn what life was like in our community "back in the days" before houses had electricity, running water, or modern appliances. The Sandy Spring Museum's Education Department is superb at teaching about those times.

In between other summer programs, sign your small people up for a week or more of educational games and fun. They will learn how to churn

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President's Message

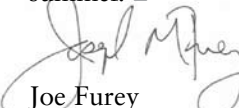
Navigating the Challenges

With the arrival of spring, the Museum is gearing up for its annual Strawberry Festival. Completion of our campus expansion means that the physical landscape has changed significantly. Outreach and programs are growing, as is recognition of the Museum as an important historical repository. We are truly becoming a focal point of local activities and a resource for our community.

With success come new challenges. Our campus is more costly to maintain. Staffing responsibilities grow. Our need to "get the word out" increases with every program. Our volunteer program is more important than ever. The Museum's trustees are fully committed to meeting the challenges we face so as to fulfill the promise of our new campus.

Not surprisingly, we are striving to enlarge our membership, more effectively promote programs and services, and continue to attract and recognize outstanding volunteers. I hope we can count on you to continue your support of the Museum, to volunteer, and to participate in the many wonderful events we have throughout the year.

I hope you and your families come to the Museum often and have a wonderful summer. ■


Joe Furey
President





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Director's Desk

MORE HANDS ON DECK

Spring cleaning is a common theme this time of year. For your Museum, it is a time of eager energy. It is always important for the Museum to look "perfect" for our visitors, which we address in the March/April time slot.

With 75% of your Museum painted, we must complete the task. Handy-men, -women, -persons!! Your help is needed, both now and over the summer,

for lots of little tasks. Make us an offer we can't refuse. A few weeks ago, wonderful Sandy Spring Friends School students cleaned the grounds, raked, picked up sticks and branches, and trimmed where necessary. We look good! A few weeks later, Rockville Boy Scout Troop #457 descended on us to complete cleanup and put finishing touches on outside needs, while the Garden Club will do its annual spring sprucing. We are always impressed by the cooperation of our community to work together on such projects.

Our Carriage Museum is starting to bulge...and on June 28 and 29, Montgomery County Heritage Weekend, we will have a grand opening of the display, including tours showing the history of buggies, carriages and sleds dating from 1840 - 1920, including the carriage used by Dr. Bird, founder of Montgomery General Hospital, restored by Amish craftsmen. One of our restorers will explain the restoration process. Join us!

Then comes the Strawberry Festival. Weeklong summer camps begin July 7. Sign up your children and grandchildren for an educational experience and fun under the professional guidance of our Education staff. And there will be Monday evening concerts.

Have a great Spring, and clean out the "stuff," the cobwebs and the emotional trash so you can really "spring forward!" ■

Henry Lieberman, *Executive Director*



Serving the Greater Historic Sandy Spring Neighborhood as Follows:

Ashton, Brighton, Brinklow, Brookeville, Burtonsville, Cloverly, Ednor, Holly Grove, Norbeck, Olney, Spencerville, Sunshine, Sandy Spring, Unity, and neighboring Howard County.

Garden Club

THE GARDEN CLUB LOOKS AHEAD TO A BUSY SUMMER!

The Sandy Spring Museum Garden Club is a very special part of the Museum — a group of mostly females who work, laugh, plan, play and contribute. We do all of the above and want to share with you the events for this summer.

At the Strawberry Festival, our booth will sell plants and garden crafts. If you can volunteer to work part of that day, please contact Mary Dominique (301-774-5362, or MDominique@comcast.net). And please look around to see if you can bring newly divided plants, seedlings, and cleanly potted indoor or outdoor plants late Friday, June 6, or early Saturday morning to sell.

At a July 27 workshop, 1-5 p.m., Carol O'Connell will teach us to make decorative bows for our always successful December greens sale. Come for all or part of the afternoon. For details, call Penny Sidell.

An August 20 trip will take us to Chanticleer Gardens, 35-acre pleasure garden and fabulous estate near Philadelphia, opened to the public in 1993. To reserve, contact Kathy Gaskill 301-774-6738 or K_Gaskill@verizon.net).

Our first fall General Meeting September 14 will plan for the fall and share refreshments. All Museum members are welcome.

Garden Club officers are eager to learn your interests. Get in touch with them:

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Come and play with us! ■ — *Kathy Lieberman*



Gallery Update

Art Committee and Gallery

Visitors always appreciate the wonderful art shown in the Museum's galleries. However, most do not know who puts these shows together or how works are chosen.

The gallery was created by Ed Longley and Jim Lessig. The first artist to show his beautiful paintings was Greg Mort in the Farquhar-Nesbitt Gallery (hallway). The Art Committee has since expanded as has the gallery to include the Dr. Byrd Room for large paintings.

Gallery team members from various occupations all share a love of art. Members are Kay Fornatora, Jane Preece, Marvin Hoffman, Mimi Hegler, Harold Hoiland, Ralph Smith, Rawligh Sybrant. Natalya Parris and Ruth Bird are valued consultants. Artists are from D.C., Northern Virginia, Baltimore, and Annapolis.

New shows, curated each quarter by two members, exhibit two-dimensional art on the walls



Professional photographer Rawligh Sybrant

and three-dimensional works in display cases. Upcoming shows are paintings, miniature paintings, sculpture, and ceramics by the Olney Art Association; hooked rugs by the Potomac Thrummers, with the High Country Basket

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MICHAEL BUSH BUILT A BEAUTIFUL BASEMENT BATHROOM

The Garden Club thought a "necessary" was important downstairs where members hold workshops and arrange Christmas greens. Michael Bush generously donated his time and talents to build it last fall. Volunteers are marvelous. Thank you, Michael! ■



Sandy Spring Back When...

My Family's Country Store — Brinklow General Store and Post Office

Brinklow General Store and Post Office, between Ashton and Brighton on New Hampshire Avenue, was owned by my parents, Wilbur and Esther Dayton, and before that by my grandfather, Charles Hill. I clearly remember the 1930s and 1940s as a simpler time when community life seemed centered around our store. Neighbors not only shopped there, but also got their mail and shared the everyday comings and goings of daily life. Let me share some of them:

My grandfather bought the store from George Stabler, who had opened it in 1895. My parents worked in the store for my grandfather until they bought it in the 1940s. With an Amoco gas pump out front and a kerosene pump in the store, we were open six days a week and a half day Sundays. We lived next door — an advantage because my parents could open the post office when needed, fill late grocery orders, and take turns eating meals. Some days were so busy that even meals had to wait. The work was hard, never a vacation!

People didn't just walk in and start filling carts like today. Customers gave a list to Father who collected the items around the store. Father pumped gas and the kerosene with which Brooke Road residents filled their lamps. Mother kept the books. Both parents worked on inventory. It took both to make the store work. Frank Lee did odd jobs and Johnny Cuff helped on Sundays. We were a successful business even in the depression. Everyone needed to buy food.

Though this was during segregation, our store served the black community alongside whites. We were within walking distance of Brooke Road (formerly "Cincinnati") and across from Haviland Mill Road where I live today. Among Haviland Mill Road customers, I still remember the elderly Iddings brothers driving their old Franklin car down Haviland Mill Road towards the store, straight across New Hampshire Avenue without once stopping — we always held our breath expecting tragedy but they made it every time! I also remember Miss Mary Hopkins arriving by horse and buggy long after most people traveled by auto. In the store, men would gather around the stove and gossip.

Mother ran the post office. Mr. Ramey, who delivered mail along with grocery orders phoned in, let me ride along with him and I helped with the mail. This was so much fun!

"In those days you knew your neighbors and we all looked out for each other. That's what a general store was all about."

Brinklow General Store sold just about everything our community needed — fresh vegetables, meats (our specialty), canned goods, penny candy, cookies, soda drinks, dipped ice cream, men's shoes and clothes, and gasoline and kerosene. Every day, vendors delivered Wonder Bread, Nabisco, Esskay, Coke, and men's wear, and each week Father drove to Baltimore for other supplies including fresh bananas which he hung from the ceiling.

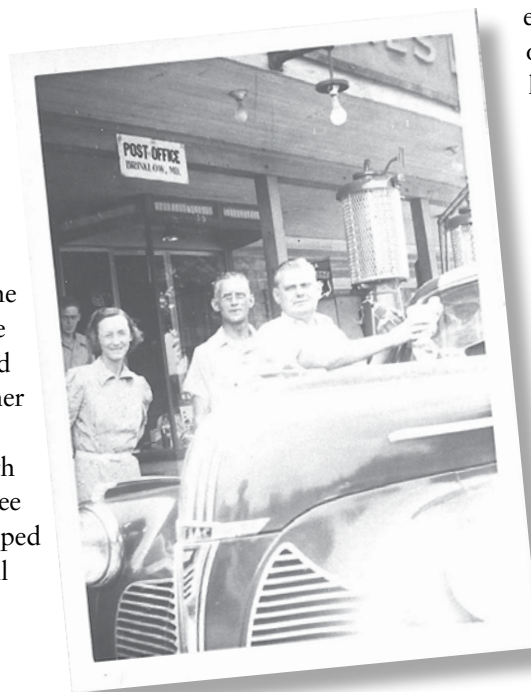
Oh, and I can't forget the chicks! At Easter, we waited in great anticipation for the baby chicks to arrive in the mail. Yes, they really did come to our post office in cardboard boxes (with air holes in the sides). I could hear them chirping and always sneaked a peek. Mother would call the neighbors to announce their arrival.

I have fond memories of hand-dipped ice cream (from Eberts in Frederick) and rows of jars of loose candy behind a glass case of Nabisco cookies. You pointed to the candy you wanted and it was put in a small paper bag — you could buy a single cookie or candy. Mother always worried that Father would catch the mumps when children with their heads wrapped in cloth came to the store for candy.

The store was a success because it served a need. There were no Giant- or Safeway-type stores around Brinklow then. A

business needed to be close to its many customers without cars who had to walk. We stocked the store with what people in the community used every day. Grocery items were fresh, service was friendly and efficient, and the store clean.

But the store was more than just a business. It was also our identity, our way of reaching out to neighbors who were our friends. In those days you knew your neighbors and we all looked out for each other. That's what a general store was all about. ■ —Colleen Hill Marrow



The author's parents, Wilbur Dayton, right, with Esther and her brother, Claud. The Daytons ran the store in the 1920a - 1940s

Sandy Spring Back When...

Enterprising Farmers — 142 years of the history of our neighborhood

The Enterprise Farmers Club's organizational meeting December 1865 led to a first meeting in January 1866. Young farmers, sons of Senior Farmers Club members, wanted a club of their own. Club meetings rotated among the sixteen members' homes, or, often today, local churches. For years, meetings were held the second Saturday of each month, but in recent years every other month. Many members today are not farmers, but have an interest in agriculture or come from a farming background.

Meetings years ago were held mid-afternoon or early evening so members and guests could tour the host farm and offer suggestions on improving operations. Constructive criticism and new farming techniques were "gobbled up" as members exchanged ideas. After the farm tour came a bountiful meal, for which the farmer's wife and maybe a friend or two got great credit for their exhausting preparations. Still today, after dinner the chairman and/or president calls the meeting to order, guests are introduced, minutes read, crop prices quoted, and questions asked. Topics discussed usually relate to farming — not including religion or politics.

"...Stanley Stabler, a valued member for nearly seventy years, gave wonderful advice to many farmers and friends."

Drew Stabler, great grandson of a charter member, is today's Enterprise Club president. His father, Stanley Stabler, a valued member for nearly seventy years, gave wonderful advice to many farmers and friends.

In the late 1800s and early 1900s, agriculture was at a low ebb. Much of the land had been cleared, cropped in tobacco, no longer productive, and abandoned to pine and cedar trees. Importation of guano, a South American fertilizer, stimulated recovery of farm production.

Bits and pieces of old Enterprise Club minutes, dating from 1866, are amusing. For example:

In 1887, the secretary was instructed to write a letter expressing disgust at the lack of "necessary conveniences" at the ladies room of the Laurel train station.



In 1908, the first "horseless carriage" (automobile) carried a member to a meeting. By 1920 no horses were used.

There was Club concern in 1918 over "bad whiskey" brought into the county from Ellicott City.

Stanley Stabler often mentioned that, when his great grandfather bought nearby land for \$2.05 per acre, a leading Quaker observed that he had paid "\$2 too much."

Francis Thomas remembered that one cold February day in 1918 he had traded one egg at the Ednor Store



Harry Goff's Enterprise Farmer's Club meeting, 1974. L-R: Harry Goff, Tim Conner, Norbert Behrendt, Drew Stabler, Robert Beall (hidden), Francis Oursler, Jim Wightman, Frank Willson, Fred Gilpin, Cliff Wightman, Derrington Riggs.

for a loaf of bread. (Does that mean a dozen eggs would get you 12 loaves of bread?) He also recalled days when no one cared if a blizzard struck, because farmers had wood in the woodshed, potatoes in the bin, and plenty of vegetables in jars put up the previous summer by industrious wives.

Former State Senator and one-time Ambassador to Haiti Roy Tasco Davis remembered his dog parading into his vegetable garden to chase the pigs. The pigs upset a beehive and the bees got after the dog and Roy Davis. (Painful? Yes!) Also, his wife got a bad case of poison ivy while picking raspberries and spent a month in the hospital. (Costly? Yes!)

Fewer farms and farmers today, but the Enterprise Farmers Club still exists. Its "Old Minutes," which are on our Museum's shelves, offer good lessons in Sandy Spring history. ■ — *Tim Conner*



MUSEUM GIFT SHOP PRESENTS....

House Portraits painted by Artist Sue Moses



The Gift Shop offers portraits of your historic home or any home by Watercolor Artist Sue Moses. Sue will work with your photo, or, if you prefer, one she will take. She will listen to your ideas and follow up with a pencil sketch and color study if needed for your approval, culminating in a final enlarged watercolor, matted and ready to frame.

Sue has over 20 years of art and teaching experience, a Master of Fine Arts Degree from the Maryland Institute, and has been featured at juried shows and galleries including our own Farquhar Gallery last year and the 2002 Women's Club of Chevy Chase Art Show. She was awarded "Best-in-show" at the 2005 Kensington Labor Day Festival.

Please contact Kathy Polletto for further information. ■

FREE MONDAY EVENING CONCERTS!

A lovely setting for 7:30 p.m. summer concerts in our intimate and lively concert hall. Who is coming?

- Monday, June 9, the Olney Big Band, a fine popular, award-winning jazz band, will bounce off the walls of our reverberant Dr. Bird Hall.
- Monday, July 14, the Georgetown Woodwind Trio, professional musicians, will offer a rich evening of classical and modern works for flute, oboe, and bassoon.
- Monday, August 11, the Dixie Rascals, local performers of Dixieland jazz, will have our toes tapping.

Other groups hope to join this series, including the Friedman-Wysong flute-guitar duo, who will reprise last summer's exquisite concert. Call the Museum to learn what concert is up for your next Monday evening out in the neighborhood. ■

Acquisitions

Underground Railroad Exhibit

The exquisite quilt in the main exhibit hall has images which, legend has it, told blacks fleeing slavery where they might safely go. More accurately, it symbolizes their efforts: a wagon wheel suggests the road to Canada, a bear track the trail through the woods, a basket the food and supplies to be carried, flying geese to follow, and a sailboat to cross the Great Lakes to the north star - which they really did use as a guide. Come see it.

Below it are long-ago photos of Sandy Spring homes where desperate travelers found help, including the Cedars, Mt. Airy, Madison House, as well as Charley Forest and Fulford which both had escape tunnels.

Samplers by Quaker girls

Have you seen the lovely old cross-stitched samplers of long ago? Since girls, even Quaker girls, couldn't play sports back then, remarkably young girls whiled away hours stitching alphabets, sayings and pictures. ■

Summer Camps *(continued from page 1)*



butter, weave, make a toy, play an old fashioned game, watch the blacksmith, make ice cream, and do other hands-on activities and traditional crafts, wearing early American clothing if they wish.

Three week-long sessions are available at \$180 per child per week: July 7-11 and 21-25 for children entering grades 1 and 2, and July 14-18 for those entering grades 3-5. Call the Museum by June 7 to register. ■

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Summer 2008

- Fri. Feb. 1 - Sun. Nov. 20 Display of 19th Century Quaker girls' samplers and underground railroad sites (Free*)
- Wed. Apr. 20 - Mon. June 2 Multi-Media art exhibit by the Olney Art Association (Free*)
- Mon., June 9 Olney Big Band, big band jazz, 7:30 p.m. (Free*)
- Mon. June 9 - Mon. June 23 Sherwood High School Art Show (Free*)
- Sat. June 7 Strawberry Festival, Museum grounds, 10-5 p.m. (\$2/adult, \$1/child, or \$5/family)
- Wed., June 25 - Mon. Sept. 22 Exhibit of hooked rugs by the Potomac Thrummers and baskets by the High Country Basket Guild (Free*)
- Sat. June 28 & Sun. June 29 Montgomery County Heritage Days 12-4 p.m. Display of restored buggies, sleds, carriages from 1840 through 1920 restoration of carriage of Dr. Bird, founder of Montgomery General Hospital. Lectures on restoration and history, 1:00 and 3:00 each day. (Free*)
- Sun. June 29 Artists reception for the rug hookers and basket weavers, 2-4 p.m. (Free*)
- July 7-11 & 21-25 Hands-on-History Camp for children entering grades 1 and 2, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. (\$180)
- July 14-18 Hands-on-History Camp for children entering grades 3, 4, and 5, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. (\$180)
- Mon., July 14 Georgetown Trio, classical and modern music for flute, oboe, bassoon. 7:30 p.m. (Free*)
- Sun. July 27 Garden Club decorative bow-making workshop, 1-5 p.m. (Free*).
- Mon., Aug 11 Dixie Rascals, Dixieland jazz, 7:30 p.m. (Free*)
- Wed. Aug 20 Garden Club visit to Chanticleer Gardens near Philadelphia. Carpools leave Museum at 7:15 a.m. (Fee: \$10 for tour guide.) Reservations required.
- Sun. Sept. 14 First fall Garden Club General Meeting, 2-5 p.m. Refreshments served. (Free*)
- Wed. Sept. 24 - Sat. Nov. 29 New exhibit: Gaithersburg Art League multimedia show and sculpture by Barry Johnston (Free*)
- Sun. Sept. 28 Artists reception for Gaithersburg Art Association exhibit, 2-4 p.m. (Free*)
- Sat. Sept. 27 Appraisal Day, 10-3 p.m. (\$15 first item, \$5 each additional item).

Unless otherwise noted, all events take place during Museum hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays; 12 noon - 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. To register for courses and for more information, call 301-774-0022 or see www.sandyspringmuseum.org.

[Suggested Museum admission for non-members is \$5, \$3 for seniors, free for members and children under 12.]*

Art Committee and Gallery

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the Portrait Society; Friends of the National Zoo (FONZ) photo club; and abstract paintings and sculptures.

The team juries all art, plans two years ahead, selects high quality, professional works, and educates viewers to each show's multiple techniques by visual explanations and demonstrations. Opening receptions offer music, snacks, and a chance to mingle with the artists, curators, and many old and new friends.

The beautiful displays complement the Museum's on-going exhibits and impart the joy of art appreciation. ■

— Jane Preece

Sign Up to Give to Your Community, Learn Our History, and Meet Friendly People

Joe Furey and Henry Leiberman both invite readers to volunteer at the Museum in their articles in this issue. Specifically, the Museum would like to train another docent for visitors. A writer could expand our public relations. Tell us what you like to do — we'll find you a role. We can adapt to any schedule. To join the friendly fellowship of volunteers, call Cathy Case at 301-651-5389. We'll toast you regularly! ■



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**ELLEN HARTGE,
ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER**

**Teacher, Sandy Springer, weaver
— what more could we want?**

Welcome, Ellen! ■



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Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Weekends Noon - 4 p.m.