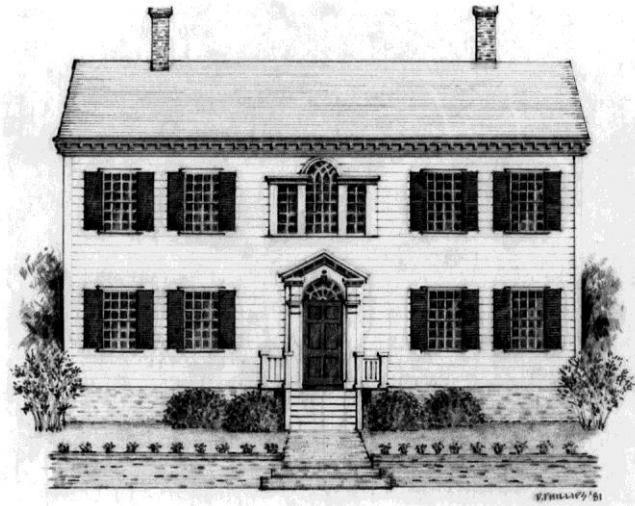


Handy's Memo

From the Friends of Poplar Hill Mansion

117 Elizabeth Street
Salisbury, Maryland 21801
Newsletter No. 3, winter of 2006



Appraisal Fair, Santa, and a whole lot more

2005 was a busy year for the Friends. In our last newsletter we mentioned various spring and summer activities including our bicentennial evening celebration and the Estonian delegation dinner. The fall and winter months were just as busy. On September 24th, the Mansion hosted an Antiques Appraisal Fair. Weschler Auction House and local toy and doll collectors

Cecilia Bobo and Donna DanEssendelft appraised items throughout the day. On December 3rd, Santa Claus (David MacLeod) and Mrs. Claus (Gen Deggendorf) met with over 50 children at Poplar Hill. Special thanks to everyone who helped make the event a joyous occasion. The following day, Poplar Hill opened its doors for its annual yuletide open house. The Mansion also hosted its first annual free member/ guest coffee and desert night on December 8th. Certain members of the board provided gourmet deserts and coffee and a brief presentation was given about the history of Poplar Hill for those who attended. These events were so well received that the Friends have decided to continue them on a yearly basis. Special thanks to the Four Seasons Garden Club for decorating Poplar Hill once again this holiday season. Keep your eye out for next year's edition of *Metropolitan Magazine* which will feature Poplar Hill's 2005 winter decorations.

Upcoming Events at Poplar Hill

Don't miss this year's annual Victorian Tea on February 19th 2006! Because of last year's tremendous response the Friends have decided to extend the hours of the tea from 1-4pm. Price of admission is \$10.00 per person and reservations can be made by filling out the form below. Tickets may also be purchased at the door on a first-come, first-served basis.

Membership Renewal Announcement!

Dear Members,

Those of you who joined the Friends last winter will receive a membership renewal letter in the mail. If you are interested in renewing your membership, kindly fill out the form provided in the letter and send (with dues) to:

**Poplar Hill Mansion
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Individuals who joined the Friends in the summer of 2005 will receive a similar renewal letter this coming summer. *First time members* can fill out the membership form at the end of this newsletter. Thanks again for everyone's support!

Salisbury University Student Involvement

The Friends are pleased to report that the Mansion has seen more Salisbury University student involvement over the past few months. Two history interns, Susan Koster and Natalie Stevens, worked at Poplar Hill during the fall 2005 semester. Their duties included archival work, event planning, and historical research. The Friends will continue to promote Poplar Hill's internship program and hope to have two new interns working at the house this coming spring semester. Salisbury University history professor Peggy Genvert has also taken steps to acquaint her students with Poplar Hill Mansion and its history. In October 2005, Professor Genvert included a tour of the mansion as part of her class curriculum. In a class essay, one of her students, Valerie Williford, commented; "I thought Poplar Hill Mansion was a very interesting home. I really got a feel for how people lived during the 19th century. It was also interesting to see the changes in lifestyle from the 18th to 19th century. I cannot believe we have something so full of information and history right here in Salisbury!"

Members:

Sushma Agarwal

Jane Bailey

Stephen Bassford

Barbara Benton

Nancy and William Blank

Ellen and Charles Bloodsworth

Judy and John Brittingham

Daniel Brown

Jeanette Brown

Peggy Buchness

Jackie Cassidy

Sharon Clark

Jane Corcoran

Edward Deacon

Gen Deggendorf

Steve Deggendorf

Beverly Dombrowski

Anita Foskey

David Ganoe

Mary Ellen Gentile

Ellen and Thomas George

Judy Glenn

Reba Goslee

Suzanne and Floyd Gray

Kathleen and John Groutt

Patsy Guy

Margaret Habliston
Ann Hankins
Lisa Hicks
Bob Hogg
Elizabeth Hughes
Judy and Peter Jackson
Angela Judd
Charlotte Langrall
Pat Layton
Barbara Lindenkohl
Mary Beth Lindsay
Connie Lupean
David Macleod
Louise and Ed Nock
Emily and Frank Robinson
Eunice Ruark
Joy Shamburek

Margaret Stewart
Eleanor Stump
Morris Sumner
Ann Suthkowski
Janet Taylor
Pat Taylor
Mayor Barrie and Mat Tilghman
Rita Tiso
Joanne and Nevins Todd
Erma Ward
Dorothy Warner
Leonard Winkleman
Carol Winters
Betsy Wolfe
Elizabeth and Richard Wootten
Mary and Marshall Zugehar

Curator Thesis Publication

Our curator Jason Illari is hoping to publish his graduate thesis “The Mystery of Who Lived at Poplar Hill Mansion: A Social and Cultural History 1795-2005” by June 2006. Any person who may have information regarding the Huston, Waller, Robertson, Adkins, or Garber families is encouraged to contact Jason at 410-749-1776. This information will be compiled and may be used throughout his publication. Papers and photographs pertaining to Poplar Hill’s 20th century families will be extremely helpful.

Meetings

The board of the Friends of Poplar Hill Mansion meets the third Wednesday of each month during the year with some exceptions during July and August. If you have suggestions or comments to share with the Board, please contact the curator at 410-749-1776.

Touring the Mansion

Poplar Hill Mansion is open to visitors on the first and third Sundays of each month from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Admission is free for Poplar Hill Members and their families. If you would like to arrange for a separate tour at \$3.00 per person, please contact the curator at 410-749-1776.

Newsletter Title Contest

Special thanks to Mayor Barrie Tilghman for her submission of the name “Handy’s Memo” which was submitted for our newsletter title contest. *Levin Handy initiated*

construction of Poplar Hill sometime after 1795 but records indicate that the house was still incomplete by 1800. Prominent Salisbury physician, Dr. John Huston completed the house sometime between 1800 and 1805.

Board Members Announcement

The Friends extend their warm gratitude for the many services rendered by former members of the board Mr. Ted Deacon and Mr. Robert Hogg. Two new members will be appointed to the board and begin work in February 2006.

Friends of Poplar Hill Mansion Board of Directors

Marshall Zugehar, Chairman	Tammy Gharbi
David MacLeod, Vice Chairman	Judy Jackson, Corresponding Secretary
Gina Boobar, Recording Secretary	Louise Nock
Stephen Bassford, Treasurer	Mary Zugehar
Dorothy Warner	
Gen Deggendorf	

Jason Illari, Curator

Membership Form:

The Friends of Poplar Hill Mansion Inc. oversee the restoration, decoration, furnishings, operation and maintenance of this beautiful historic home. All interested persons are invited to join our annual membership.

<i>Name:.....</i>	<i>Annual Memberships*</i> - Individual \$25.00 ____
<i>Address:.....</i>	Family \$50.00 ____ Patron \$100.00 ____
<i>.....</i>	<i>All members will receive our Poplar Hill newsletter and partake of numerous membership benefits including free tours of the Mansion. Ask about our \$500.00 individual lifetime membership* as well.</i>
<i>Phone:.....</i>	
<i>Email:.....</i>	

*Please make checks payable and mail to:
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Thank You for your support!



Victorian Tea at Poplar Hill Mansion!

Join us for this years annual Victorian Tea on February 19th 2006! Because of last year's tremendous response our tea hours have been extended to 1-4pm. Please fill out the form below and reserve your space today! Great food, great entertainment, free guided tours, and a whole lot more! Call 410-749-1776 for more information!

Victorian Tea Response Form:

Yes, I would like to attend your Victorian Tea on February 19th 2006 from 1-4 pm. I am enclosing money for ___ guest(s) at \$10.00 per person.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

*Tickets (which will include a specific time reservation) will be sent to guests after payment is received.
Send payment to:*

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Thank you!