



## **Handy's Memo From the Friends of Poplar Hill Mansion**

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### **Special Thanks...**

#### **Textile Exhibit and Demonstration:**

The following graciously donated their family heirlooms for all of us to enjoy at our recent exhibit:

Jeanine Anderson, Marilyn Bassford, Margaret (Peggy) Buchness, Betty J. Burbage, Lynn Cathcart, Aleta Davis, Dean Davis, Peg Dutton, Jane Dibbern, Ellen C. George, Reba Goslee, Mary W. Hitch, Sylvia Langelier, Bonnie Lavish, Marasco Family, Arline Mascarich, Sylvia Mears, Louise Nock, Sue Ellen Smith, and Rita Tiso

Also, big thanks for those who were volunteer docents that weekend:

Aleta Davis, Dean Davis, Tutie Foskey, Ellen George, Kay Gibson, Anne Lampert, Bonnie Lavish, Nancy Marasco, Louise Nock, Sue Ellen Smith, Rita Tiso, and Tracy Wright.

And a special appreciation for our spinners:

Susan Brazure  
Claire Otterbein

### **Continued Thanks...**

We also thank Dr. and Mrs. Spicer Bell for contributing to Poplar Hill Mansion's Endowment Fund through the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, (CFES).

If you would like to make this type of donation to support the Mansion, you may contact the CFES directly at:

1324 Belmont Ave.  
Salisbury, MD 21804  
[www.cfes.org](http://www.cfes.org)  
410-742-9911

A very BIG and special thank you goes to volunteers Kay and Jim Gibson who, with the help of Jane and Chip Dibbern, have been doing the task of tree trimming and cleaning up the residual debris.

As always, the Four Seasons Garden Club has been busy at work getting the gardens ready for the season.

Marilyn Bassford, volunteer, has been laundering and ironing our linens with the help of Board Members.

Thanks go out to Salisbury University's group of students for helping us last month with getting the ground ready for the brick pathway; Ashley Dickinson, Jenna Santura, , Maya Cruz, Karol Patton, Cearah Camp-Green, Jeffrey Smith, Chris Thompson, and Greg Coudon. Also helping were volunteers Tracy and Chris Wright and PHM Board Members.

John Cannon recently stopped by with the original door knobs and hinges that belong on the privy his father, the late Robert Cannon donated over a decade ago...what a find!

Thank you to the City of Salisbury, especially the office of the Mayor and the City Council, for all the support and encouragement to continue the historic preservation of Salisbury's oldest documented home, a Federal house museum, one of Delmarva's Hidden Treasures.

Our sincere thanks to all who volunteer!

### **Book Fair at Barnes and Noble**

Saturday, April 30, 2011  
All Day

All day presentations, live music, and a children's project. A NOOK raffle. See last page for more information and vouchers and check the website for a detailed schedule of events.

### **Mother's Day Brunch**

Saturday, May 7, 2011  
11:30 AM \$20.00 over 12- adult  
\$10.00 7-12

Enjoy a traditional brunch buffet in an historic setting. Tables will be set with linens and fresh flowers. It's the perfect way to celebrate that special woman, or women, in your life. Call for reservations as seating is limited or mail your check today.

### **Ribbon Cutting and Open House**

Wednesday, May 25, 2011  
4:00pm FREE Event

Help us celebrate the completion of renovations on the main floor and upstairs hallway. It looks amazing! Light refreshments.

### **Wants and Needs...**

\* We are still collecting non-perishable food and personal care items for the Joseph House. Our tally to date has brought in over 500 pounds of goods and we have donated two tables as well. Next time you attend one of our functions, please consider bringing a donation.

\*Our Hospitality Committee has asked for additional large-sized tea pots for our tables. We would be happy to accept your donations.

\*Cloth napkins and round tablecloths are still a need. Let us iron them!

\*Volunteers. With summer coming, hopefully, we will need some help with the yard, garden, and general clean-up. Please call if you can spare some time. We will schedule a work party soon.

\*An 8' aluminum or fiberglass ladder is really needed. We currently have a wooden one which is too heavy to be carried by one person.

\*A wheel barrel would be handy for the garden work.

\*3-tiered dessert/sandwich trays, porcelain or china preferred.

### **Life Time Members:**

*Sushma Agarwal  
Stephen Bassford  
Margaret Buchness  
Edward (Ted) Deacon  
Gen Deggendorf  
Steve Deggendorf  
Sylvia and Harrison Langelier  
Amy M. Newton  
Carol Smith  
Barrie Parsons Tilghman  
Matt Tilghman, Jr.  
Richard and Elizabeth Wootten*

### **Lifetime Honorary Member:**

*Betsy Wolfe*

### **New Members:**

Carol Mitchell  
Mary Newton  
Claire Otterbein  
Susan Brazure  
Kate Parkinson

### **Friends of Poplar Hill Mansion Board of Directors...**

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Rita Tiso

### Get Well Wishes:

Life Time Friend and former Board Member, Gen Degendorf is recovering from a bad fall. We know she is doing better with each day.

### In the News:

Pick up June's issue of "Early American Life" magazine and turn to page 44. Look familiar? This is such an honor. Thank you to Louise Corderman.

### Out and About:

Board member, Tutie Foskey and Curator, Nancy Marasco have been visiting local nursing and assisted living facilities with a 28 minute DVD of the Mansion, passing out brochures, answering questions, and all of this in historic costume. Contact Nancy if you would like us to make this presentation to your group. We are happy to offer this free of charge in support of our community.

### Historic Tours:

We are open for free tours on the first and third Sundays of the month from 1 – 4 PM. All other times by appointment and a \$3.00 per person fee, just call ahead. The Mansion is closed on Tuesdays and holidays. Friends always tour for FREE.

Visit our website for upcoming events and news.  
[www.poplarhillmansion.org](http://www.poplarhillmansion.org)

### In Memorial:

Charlie George Upshur Sr., born Jan. 31, 1938, passed peacefully on Saturday, March 12, 2011, at Coastal Hospice at the Lake in Salisbury, with family at his side.

At the Mansion, we remember him as a wonderful man and musician, with the *Jheno Connection*, who often performed on the bass to our great pleasure.

Our sincere condolences go out to his family and friends.

### Recipe:

One of the most requested recipes from the "Kitchen Cuties" at the Mansion is for Carrot Soup. Here is their recipe:

2 ½ cups water  
2 chicken-flavored bouillon cubes  
1 beef-flavored bouillon cube  
5 large carrots, scraped & thinly sliced  
5 stalks celery, thinly sliced  
1 small potato, peeled & diced  
1 small onion, chopped  
1 T chopped fresh parsley  
¼ t salt  
¼ t pepper  
3 T butter  
1 T plus 1 ½ t cornstarch  
¼ t dried whole basil  
¼ t dried whole marjoram  
¼ t dried whole thyme  
2 cups milk  
1 ½ cups sour cream, divided  
Chopped chives

Combine water, bouillon cubes, carrots, celery, potato, onion, parsley, salt, and pepper in a medium Dutch oven; place over medium heat, and bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer 40 minutes or until vegetables are tender.

Transfer vegetables and cooking liquid to container of an electric blender; process until smooth. Add butter, cornstarch, basil, marjoram, thyme; process until well blended. Return mixture to Dutch oven.

Stir in milk; cook over low heat, stirring constantly for 5 minutes or until mixture thickens. Add 1 cup sour cream; mix well.

Ladle soup into individual serving bowls. Garnish with remaining sour cream and sprinkle chives on top and...enjoy!

If you haven't enjoyed this or the tomato soup or a dozen of the other goodies our Board Members prepare, be sure to make reservations for the Mother's Day Brunch and the Fall Luncheon.

FUNDRAISER AT BARNES AND NOBLE ON APRIL 30, 2011

# Barnes & Noble Bookfair

**Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>  
All Day  
Barnes & Noble**  
2618 N. Salisbury Blvd.  
Salisbury, MD 21801

**\*\*FREE Nook Raffle\*\***

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Poplar Hill Mansion

117 Elizabeth St.  
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at our Open House. You do not need to be present to win.

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