



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

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**First Ladies Tea to Benefit The Serpentine Garden**

Wednesday, February 23, 2011

11:30 a.m.

Join us for this President's month Tea. Enjoy a fruit cup, hearty savory soup, assorted tea sandwiches, scones with Devonshire cream, a variety of White House sweets, and of course, our Lady Grey Tea.

Local jewelry artist, *Donna Warren*, will show her new spring line of traditional and artsy necklaces, earrings, bracelets, and pins. It is all about the accessories!

Call soon to reserve your table, our teas are always sellouts and we don't want you to be disappointed.

\$20.00 per person

**Spring Luncheon to Benefit The Serpentine Garden**

Wednesday, March 23, 2011

11:30 a.m.

The Friends of Poplar Hill Mansion is pleased to invite you to join us for our Spring Luncheon. The Menu, prepared by Board Members Rita Tiso and Louise Nock, includes a seasonal homemade soup, spring salad, homemade chicken salad and a special dessert, served with tea and coffee. While enjoying your luncheon, a fashion show will be presented by *Fashions by Vernon Powell*. Reservations are required for this luncheon.

\$20.00 per person

**Textile Show to Benefit the Serpentine Garden**

*Save the dates and visit the website for details!*

Saturday, April 9

1-5 p.m.

Sunday, April 10, 2011

1-5 p.m.

Historic exhibits throughout the Mansion of 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> century textiles including demonstrations.

Donation of \$10.00

**Book Fair at Barnes and Noble**

Saturday, April 30, 2011

all day

Help support the Friends of Poplar Hill Mansion as we will receive a percentage of sales from B & N in Salisbury and on line...including the Café!

There will be demonstrations and discussions on pertinent topics of history, restoration, and a craft project for the kids. Call or email Nancy if you would like to help by staffing the welcome table for an hour or two or if you have a subject matter you would like to speak about for 30-45 minutes.

**Mother's Day Tea to Benefit The Serpentine Garden**

Saturday, May 7, 2011

11:30 a.m.

Our Mother's Day Tea is the perfect time to celebrate that special woman (or women) in your life. Show her how much you care in a lovely historic setting, with beautiful table settings including fresh flowers, and traditional tea cuisine to make the Queen Mum envious. Make it a family event. Limited setting.

\$20.00 per person

**Tours:**

Come see the beautiful restoration work which has been completed at the Mansion. We are open for FREE tours on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month, all other times for a \$3.00 pp fee. "Friends" benefit from free tours on any day, please just call ahead. Arrange for a group tour with your bridge club.

With the paint project accomplished, the historic value has increased at the museum to make it an educational component for all ages to enjoy and appreciate the Federal lifestyle. On Sunday, January 30, 2011 Brice Stump wrote a wonderful article with graphic photos for *The Daily Times* SHORELIFE Section. Hope you enjoyed it!

**Gift Shop:**

Andy Nunez and Dr. Gianni DeVincenti Hayes co-authored a pictorial book about our town, which we have for sale. Our copies of "Salisbury, Maryland: Picturing the Crossroads of Delmarva" are signed by both authors and available for purchase for \$20.00 each. We are pleased to have submitted several old photographs for this publication.

Die-cut sterling silver charms, designed by local jeweler G. B. Heron, are for sale for \$25.00 each. The charms which may be used on a bracelet or pendent are in the shape of the Mansion and gift boxed for a lovely presentation.

Poplar Hill Mansion themed note cards, hand painted glass ornaments, photography cards, magnets, post cards, historical books, mouse pads, tote bags, mugs and more are available for your shopping and purchasing pleasure!

**View from the Second Floor:**

I have not had much of a "View" as I have been away while the crew sands and repair the plaster walls and then paints. Maybe it helps to take a step back to see the entire "View". Wow! The Mansion looks amazing...inside and out: the chimneys repointed; the façade repaired and painted; the new sign in the front yard; the boxwood Serpentine Garden planted (the fountain is ready to be installed in early spring), the Milestones and Memories brick pathway is growing by the day; the entire first floor and second floor hallway are complete with restoration color, texture, and pattern.

We've come a long way, baby...thank you Board, Friends, and City of Salisbury.

Nancy

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**Newest Members:**

Deni and Darryl McJilton

Encourage your neighbors and family to become members. Memberships are \$25.00 per year for an individual, \$50.00 for a family, \$100.00 for a patron or business, and \$500.00 for a lifetime membership. A membership makes a thoughtful gift.

**Join the Board**

If you are interested in joining this very active working Board, please send a letter of interest to Aleta Davis, Chair, at the Mansion.

The Board meets on the third Wednesday of the month at the Mansion at 7:00 p.m.

**Helpful Hints:**

To make a candle fit better in its holder try wrapping a rubber band around the base. Keep candles in the fridge prior to burning.

**Going Green:**

If you would prefer to receive your newsletter sent electronically, please send an email to: [curator@poplarhillmansion.org](mailto:curator@poplarhillmansion.org)

**Thank You:**

Thank you Barbara Benton for continuing to donate to the Friends Endowment Fund at CFES.

If you would like to contribute to that fund, contact the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore at:

1324 Belmont Avenue | Suite 401  
Salisbury, Maryland 21804  
Tel: 410-742-9911  
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[cfes@cfes.org](mailto:cfes@cfes.org)

They are also able to help you with your planned giving requests.

The monies for the interior restoration project came from the Friends of Poplar Hill Mansion's endowment fund. Thanks, we couldn't do it without you and we can't do it without your continued support.

**\*\*\* A Perfect Gift for Valentine's Day\*\*\***

We are very excited to complete *The Serpentine Garden* by adding a brick pathway for Milestones and Memories. What a special way to celebrate a special person or event in your life by purchasing a brick. Just fill out this form and mail it back at the address below. If you have questions please call 410-749-1776.

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**Personalized Brick Order Form for the Boxwood Serpentine Garden Pathway**

“Milestones and Memories”

Bricks are approximately 4” x 8”. Each brick will be printed with 3 lines. Each line may be up to 14 characters including spaces. Donation of \$50.00 per brick includes printing.

**\*\*\*PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY\*\*\***

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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PHONE/EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

MESSAGE/SENTIMENT FOR THE BRICK:

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We reserve the right to refuse messages deemed inappropriate for The Serpentine Garden.