

Handy's Memo From the Friends of Poplar Hill Mansion

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Introducing: Our New Curator!

To start off this newsletter, I would like to take the time to introduce myself and express my excitement and appreciation for being granted the opportunity to be a part of this wonderful organization. My name is Vreni Gust, and I am the new curator here at Poplar Hill Mansion.

To tell you a little about myself, I grew up in Massachusetts where I was surrounded by the history of the colonial era. This is where my passion for historical preservation and education was born. I then studied art and design as well as education in college, and during that time developed an interest in community based education. I went on to work as an educator and fundraiser for some

art-based non-profits, and before my arrival here at Poplar Hill was working in North Dakota.

I am thrilled to be here at Poplar Hill Mansion for so many reasons. Everyone in Salisbury has been so welcoming, especially the Museum Board and the Friends of Poplar Hill Mansion.

I believe that historical preservation is imperative to community development and community culture, as it is so important to know the historical roots and background of one's community. I am thrilled to be a part of an organization that shares this belief and is so grounded in its community.

It is clear to me that the Friends of Poplar Hill Mansion have fostered a wonderful relationship with their community and worked extremely hard to make Poplar Hill what it is today. I am thrilled to be a part of such a progressive and positive organization, and I look forward to being a part of the exciting possibilities that lie in the future for Poplar Hill Mansion.

Thank you all so much for your support, and I look forward to meeting each of you.

Sincerely,
Vreni Gust
Curator

Congratulations to the Friends

On January 18th, 2012 the Friends of the Poplar Hill Mansion Board were awarded the Heritage Award by the Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Council. This award recognizes the Friends long lasting contribution to their community through preservation, interpretation, and support of their local heritage and history. In the past few years, the Friends have accomplished so

much through their diligent work and dedication, including completing the interior paint restoration, revamping the museum gift shop, and greatly increasing events and tourism at the museum.

The Heritage Award is a true testament to their hard work. We would like to express our congratulations to each one of the Friends, for they are truly deserving of this recognition.

The Friends received their award at the Heritage Council's Annual Meeting, where several other local docents, preservation groups, and museums were being honored. It was a privilege to be honored among such a wonderful group of people!

Here is a photo of the Friends receiving their Heritage Award from the Heritage Council's Executive Director, Jay Parker (far right).



Shown Above: (from left to right) Vreni Gust, Curator; PHM Board Members: Louise Nock; Jane Dibbern; Anne Lampert; Bonnie Lavish; Jessie Cocci; Aleta Davis; and PHM Volunteer, Jeanine Anderson.

The award is now on display in the museum, so be sure to check it out next time you're in the area!

Poplar Hill Mansion Online

What's New on Our Website

If you've recently visited www.poplarhillmansion.org you've probably noticed a few changes. Our website has been fully updated and corrected! The calendar has been updated with all of our Spring events, and be sure to check out the News and Events page to see what's new at the mansion!

Most exciting is the addition of our online gift shop! Items can be viewed by clicking the Gift Shop link on the left side of our website, and be sure to check back often because we are always adding new items. Our gift shop features items made by local artists and craftspeople, and purchasing an item supports both the artist and Poplar Hill Mansion! Please call or email the mansion in order to purchase.

Like Us on Our New Facebook Page!

Check out our new and improved Facebook Page by visiting <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Poplar-Hill-Mansion> or searching for us via Facebook.

Like us on Facebook to get updates on events and what's going on at Poplar Hill Mansion!

Special Thanks

We'd like to mention a few special thank yous to our wonderful donors.

- Some anonymous donors recently stopped by the museum to donate a locally made violin. It was a wonderful surprise and will be a wonderful addition to our upstairs display!

- Marshall and Mary Zugehar graciously donated a beautiful wooden toolbox and tools. Another wonderful addition to our museum!
- Thank you to Tutie Foskey for her donation of several table cloths. They will be wonderful for our teas and events.
- Jane Dibbern donated a beautiful cache pot to be displayed downstairs in the museum. Thank you!
- Thank you to our outstanding volunteers Louise Nock and Rita Tiso for all of their support and hard work. They help make what we do at the museum possible.
- Danielle Lingo recently volunteered her time and skills to help us create the flyer for the Valentine's tea. Thank you Danielle!
- Garland Harvey put on a spinning demonstration at one of our recent events. It was a wonderful demonstration and we really appreciate her giving her time.
- Jeanine Anderson is another one of our wonderful volunteers. We would like to thank her for her time and help with our events.
- Thank you to North Salisbury School for coming for a tour. We really appreciate their interest in the mansion and enjoyed having them!

Wants and Needs

- We are happily accepting any donations of multi-tiered trays to serve cookies and sandwiches on during our teas and luncheons.
- Also for use during our teas and luncheons, any donations of sugars and creamers would be wonderful!
- We are always in need of extra sets of china (a place setting for four or more) for our teas.
- Also for our teas, any donations of china tea pots are welcome.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Valentine's Tea

February 9th, 11:30 AM

Join us for a Valentine Tea with jewelry for sale by designer Joan Devaney. Menu includes fresh fruit cup, savory soup, tea sandwiches, scones, desserts, and Lady Gray tea. \$20.00 per person, reservations required.



Meet Our New Curator! Open House

March 11th, 1-4 PM

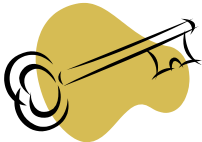
Join us for this **FREE** open house to meet our new curator, Vreni Gust!



Spring Fling Luncheon and Fashion Show

April 12th, 11:30 AM

Join us for a delicious lunch and festive fashion show with Fashions by Nancy N! Menu includes creamy potato soup, chicken salad, green salad, and special dessert. \$20.00 per person, reservations required.



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 \$5.00 per person fee, just call ahead. The Mansion is closed on Tuesdays and holidays.

School groups, homeschool groups, bus tours, and all other group tours are welcome!

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New Board Members:

Applications are currently being accepted from interested persons to serve on this working Board. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 5:30 P.M. at the Mansion.

We are specifically in need of a treasurer to serve on the executive board, but all other inquiries are welcome.

Please send a letter of interest to the Mansion which will include your strengths which embody the mission statement:

The Friends of Poplar Hill Mansion, Inc. is a non-profit corporation dedicated to the fostering and perpetuation of the Federal Period heritage of Poplar Hill Mansion, a public property located in Salisbury, Maryland, listed on the National Register of Historic Places