

A Briefe Relation

The newsletter of the Historic St. Mary's City Foundation

Annual Report Issue

375 in Review

Historic St. Mary's City was the official site for Maryland's 375th Birthday, and special events were held throughout the year. The celebration helped focus the attention of press and attracted the interest of the wider public. Many 375th events were free and they boosted complimentary visitation to the museum by over 6,000 individuals – a whopping 250 percent increase from 2008 counts! Paid visitation also rose throughout the year, reversing a downward trend in recent years. The count of paid visitor revenues increased by over ten percent.

The celebration began on Maryland Day weekend with a Saturday symposium, *Maryland at the Beginning*. Speakers shed light on the first years of the colony for an engrossed audience that filled St. Mary's Hall to capacity.

Maryland Day featured a keynote address by Governor Martin O'Malley. Dr. Martin Sullivan and Mr. Roger Hill were awarded the Cross Bottony, HSMC's highest honor, for their many contributions to the museum during their tenures as chief ex-

ecutive officer and chief operating officer. Brewer's Alley introduced 1634 *Ale*, created especially for the anniversary; the beer was marketed state-wide.

A 'birthday bash' commenced on June 20, Maryland's Charter Day. The day-long celebration was a great success, despite two deluges and a tornado warning. The *Kalmar Nyckel*, Delaware's floating ambassador, and the *Sultana*, based in the Chesapeake, joined the *Maryland Dove* at the waterfront. Performers graced a lively sound stage while strolling minstrels and entertainers amused visitors touring living history sites and trying hands-on activities.

Vendors lined Aldermanbury and Middle Streets. Special exhibits included the first printed copy of the Maryland Charter from 1635 and the beautifully illuminated Patent of Nobility, which James I presented to George Calvert declaring him the Lord Baltimore. Sales at The Shop at Farthing's Ordinary were double its previous best day ever!

The day closed with a reprise River Concert, featuring special music commissioned for the anniver-

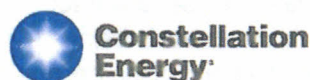
sary. Total attendance for the day's events is estimated at over 3,000.

Culminating the year-long celebration was a three-day conference, *The Early Chesapeake: Reflections and Projections*, jointly sponsored by HSMC, St. Mary's College of Maryland and the Omohondro Institute of Early American Studies.

Thank you to our 375th corporate sponsors (listed below) and the countless donors and volunteers who helped us make 2009 a banner year!



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Finances

The mission of the Historic St. Mary's City Foundation is to provide private philanthropic support for the activities of the living history museum and archaeological site.

Most of the museum's operating budget is provided from general funds from the state of Maryland. In 2009, over \$2 million was appropriated by the state to the museum, but this represents a five percent reduction from the prior year. Special funds are earned income derived from admissions, rental property, special programs, grants and income from the museum shop.

HSMC Commission Operating Budget

Funds	FY07	FY08	FY09
General	\$2,162,720	\$2,137,129	\$2,025,691
Special	553,298	736,803	737,892
Federal	273,291	-	-
Total	\$2,989,309	\$2,873,932	\$2,763,583

The Historic St. Mary's City Foundation provides both direct support to the City for operations and for the chapel construction, and indirect support by directly purchasing advertising and other marketing and public relations materials. Usually, direct and indirect support for the museum runs about \$200,000, and support for the chapel construction has run \$500,000 annually and more. In 2009, the Foundation received two substantial contributions. The first came from the federal government, which granted \$392,000 to finish construction of the chapel. The second was a very generous unrestricted bequest from Mr. David Caunter, a Marylander, in the amount of \$332,000. By vote of the Foundation Directors, a small portion of this has been set aside for chapel construction, but most of this bequest is being held in a reserve fund. In addition, the Foundation raised \$109,000 in corporate sponsorships for the 375th Birthday.

HSMC Foundation Budget

Funds	Fiscal Year 2009
Membership Dues	\$125,753
Donations	342,925
Special Events Income	36,687
375th Campaign	109,000
Chapel Campaign Income	452,180
Annual Appeal	15,462
Total Revenue	\$1,082,007

Volunteers

Volunteers make the world go around! In 2009, museum volunteers contributed over 24,000 hours of their time to the museum – equivalent to 12 full time staff! Volunteers share their skills in the office, in the gardens, on the ship, in the labs and on archaeological excavations. They provide tours, help distribute marketing material, model for ads, clear invasive plants, lend color and build exhibits. Thank you, volunteers!

Volunteer Hours Detail 2009

Administrative & Development	2,411
Archaeology	5,900
Archives	285
Commission & Foundation	894
Events	240
Garden Club/Horticulture	636
Docents, Interpretive, Chapel, & Wardrobe	2,059
Marketing	375
Maryland Dove	6,250
Militia	328
Museum Shop	197
Visitor Center	72
Facilities & Maintenance	241
Terrae Mariae	185
Trails	241
Total	24,314

Letter from President –

Yes, 2009 has been a banner year! For Historic St. Mary's City and its Foundation! We owe thanks to –

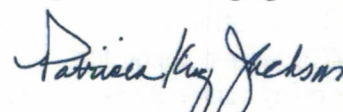
- SAIC, the Lead Sponsor of the 375th Celebrations, and our other supporters for the year-long Birthday Celebration.

- Our extraordinary loyal and generous 1634 Society Benefactors.

- Our many donors who have made second (and third!) gifts to help us complete the Brick Chapel.

- Our hard working Historic St. Mary's City staff, volunteers, Foundation and Commission Board members who make history fun and worthwhile!

Thanks to all of you listed on the following pages. Your support – especially during these challenging times – is invaluable.



Pat King Jackson
Outgoing Foundation President

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HSMC Featured on Byway

Last fall, Southern Maryland's Religious Freedom Byway received a National Designation from U.S. Department of Transportation. This places our Byway among the top driving tours in the nation. Historic St. Mary's City is the starting point for the tour, which winds 195 miles through St. Mary's and Charles Counties.

The tour includes major visitor sites as well as small churches and areas that are of significance to the history of the settlers, native Americans, and slave populations. Already designated by the state and included in the Maryland Byways Guidebook and Map, the route commemorates the landing of the English colonists and the establishment of the first government that featured the separation of church and state.

The National Scenic Byways program was cre-

ated to identify roads with unique archaeological, cultural, historical, natural, recreational, and scenic qualities. "The journey is the destination along these nationally designated Scenic Byways that provide an authentic Maryland experience," said Maryland Transportation Secretary Beverley K. Swaim-Staley. The tour was developed by the St. Mary's County and Charles County Planning Departments, working cooperatively with a team of local stakeholders – museum directors, clergy, laypeople and local historians – under the aegis of the Southern Maryland Heritage Area Consortium.

Visit the National Scenic Byway site, www.byways.org, to learn more about the Religious Freedom byway and other driving tours.

Deputy Director Legates Joins Team



Historic St. Mary's City welcomed a new deputy director, Jennifer Legates, on January 19, 2010.

Prior to joining the HSMC team, Legates was director of curriculum and educational initiatives at the Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History in Kennesaw, Georgia. She has served as curator of education for Dumbarton House in Washington, DC, and has

held positions at the B&O Railroad Museum in Baltimore, Pamplin Historical Park in Petersburg, Virginia, and with the Delaware State Museums. She began her career as a costumed interpreter, a natural evolution from her avocation – participating in Civil War re-enactments!

Legates holds a Master of Liberal Studies with a focus on museum education from the University of Oklahoma and a Bachelor of Arts from Shepherd College.

"HSMC, with its intriguing stories, magnificent setting, and unique facilities, is an incredible resource for the nation, state, and the local community. The more I learn, the more excited I become about working with staff to find the resources that will allow us to increase exposure and use of the site," Legates said. "We will be seeking new and innovative ways to expand programming, marketing, fundraising, and community partnerships at the museum."

Executive director Dr. Regina Faden commented, "We are delighted to have Jennifer join us at HSMC. She brings a rich background in management and museum operations and a great enthusiasm for public and living history. As deputy director, she will oversee daily operations and focus on developing revenue generating programs and marketing."

Outside of the office, one of Legates first challenges was finding a pair of snow boots, "not a wardrobe essential in Atlanta," she noted wryly. "Throughout the seven years I lived in Georgia I longed to see snow again. I didn't mean I wanted to see all the snow I missed during those years my first month in Maryland!" Once appropriately attired, Legates began exploring the tidewater region and enjoying the beautiful water views, noting, "the quiet sure beats suburban traffic and the train whistle noises I heard in Georgia!"

Where did you get your license?

HSMC plates are on the street! The first batch of specialty license plates was delivered in February. Have you spotted any?

The plates are a great way to build awareness of the museum and they're prettier than the standard model. Call the development office at 240-895-4977 to order your own.



Colonial Kids Programs

Go creative, go active, go colonial for summer fun! HSMC is hosting two programs for children this summer. Get the scoop on the Colonial Cooking Challenge, for kids and an adult partner, and the Colonial Kids Mini-Camp below. Please note, both programs require reservations since both are likely to be sellouts. R.S.V.P. today!



Colonial Cooking Challenge Saturday, June 19

10:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

(Rain date – Saturday, June 26)

Adults and children ages six and over

Price (per pair): \$30 non-refundable. (\$25 Friends members) A pair is one adult and one child. Extra participants are \$15 each.

Challenge yourself and one of your parents (or grandparents) to cook like a colonist for a day! Learn the basics of 17th-century cooking by preparing a meal from scratch at the Godiah Spray Plantation. Members of the Spray family will be on hand to teach everything you need to know, from starting a fire without matches to baking a pie without an oven. Participants will also have the chance to gather herbs from the garden, churn butter, make a recipe book, and, of course, EAT.

Registration is required. To reserve your places at the table, call HSMC education assistant Amy Griffin at 240-895-4979.

Survivor 1661: Plantation Summer Camp Wednesday, July 21 – Friday, July 23

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

9-12 yr olds

\$80 (\$70 Friends members)

Can you survive the New World? Discover the skills to that will help you find success in colonial Maryland. At the Godiah Spray Tobacco Plantation campers will build a fence, sew a haversack, search for hornworms, cook a meal, and more!

A registration form follows; please complete one per child and return it with payment to the address on the form. Fees are non-refundable unless a session is filled or cancelled. Payment must be received to guarantee registration. Confirmation of registration will be mailed. Please contact Amy Griffin, HSMC education assistant, at 240-895-4979 for more information.



Survivor 1661: Plantation Summer Camp Registration

Child's name: _____ Child's birth date: _____

Address: _____

Parent's name: _____ Phone: _____

Emergency contact: _____ Phone: _____

Any food allergies? (circle one) Yes No Please specify: _____

Are you a Friends member? (circle one) Yes No

Payment enclosed: \$ _____

Make check payable to HSMC and return to: Colonial Kids, HSMC, P.O. Box 39, St. Mary's City, MD 20686

The above child has my permission to participate in all Colonial Kids activities.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Upcoming Events at HSMC

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| March 28 | Maryland Day. Living history sites will be open free from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. to celebrate. Fly a kite at Town Center, join us for the Maryland Day program at 1 p.m. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Edward C. Papenfuse, Jr., Maryland Archivist and Commissioner of Land Patents and a HSMC commissioner. Mike Marlay will receive HSMC's highest honor, the Cross Bottony, and all will enjoy music from the First Missionary Baptist Church Youth Choir. At 3:30 p.m., St. Mary's College of Maryland Orchestra and senior soloists will perform under the direction of Jeffrey Silberschlag, conductor. The concert will take place in St. Mary's Hall. All events free! |
| April 6 | Homeschool Day. Special activities for homeschool families from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Admission. Registration is required. Visit stmaryscity.org for details or call 240-895-4984. |
| April 16 | Archaeology Month Lecture. HSMC's director of research Henry Miller will offer <i>An Archaeological View of Food in Colonial Maryland</i> . Dr. Miller will discuss what archaeology reveals about changes in the human diet in the Chesapeake through the 1600s. 7:00 p.m. in the Visitor Center auditorium. No charge. |
| May 6 | Garden Market. HSMC's annual plant sale supports museum gardens. Pre-orders and on-site sales by various local vendors at the corner of Routes 5 and 584 (Old State House Road). 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Contact Mary at mmalves@smcm.edu or 240-895-4964 for information. |
| May 26 - August 1 | Field School in Historical Archaeology. Eight college credits for ten weeks study at one of the nation's best-preserved colonial archaeology sites. Contact Dr. Tim Riordan (240-895-4975 or tbriordan@smcm.edu) for details. |
| June 5 | National Trails Day 5K Fun Run. Discover the beauty of the St. Mary's tidewater backwoods on a 5K Fun Run and Walk co-sponsored by the Chesapeake Bay Running Club. Meet at the HSMC Visitor Center 8:00 a.m. Fee. |
| June 5 & 12 | Print House Workshop. Experience printing 17th-century style! Produce and print a document during this two-day intensive for adults. 9:00 a.m. - noon. \$50 (\$40 Friends). Registration is required. Contact Aaron at 240-895-4978. |
| June 19 | Colonial Kids Cooking Challenge. Get the details on page 7. |
| June 20 | Charter Day. Save the date! Watch the web and news for details about a most entertaining event. |
| July 21, 22, 23 | Plantation Kids. Get the scoop on HSMC's summer mini-camp on page 7! |