



Issue 10

# The Maritime Messenger

Newsletter of the Havre de Grace Maritime Museum

Winter 2018-2019

*We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our new and returning members!*

Members receive free admission to the museum and a 20% discount at our What Knots Gift Shoppe.

- Carole Andrews
- Maury & Bonnie Benbow
- Augustus & Penelope Brown
- Al & Betty Caffo
- Michael & Susan Capp
- George & Rita Cardona
- Juliette Forbes
- Robert Hickey
- Jack & Jan Hirschfeld
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- Joe Kochenderfer
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- Winifred Roche
- Bruce Russell
- Jane Scocca & Family
- Robert Shakeshaft
- Joyce Simmons
- Abe & Rosalyn Spergel
- Gerald & Lynn Van Keuren



The Museum is on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#)!

## From the Board of Directors

A Message from our Board of Directors –

- We're happy to report an increased number of visitors this year! We're in good shape financially, which we attribute this to careful money and budget management, generous donors, successful fund raising events, Coast Guard Auxiliary classes, museum docent-led tours, facility rentals, new grants and growing programs.
- We established and funded an endowment fund, and a new trust fund established by a former museum President. These will provide sustainable income for good times and periodic downturns in the economy and in turn non-profit giving by donors and grant making organizations.
- We established and funded a rainy-day fund in anticipation of expected/planned building maintenance. Our 2019 planned maintenance project will be the painting of the exterior painting of our building. In 2022 or 2023, depending on our capital improvement fundraising campaign, we plan to replace our shingled roof.
- Our boat shop team completed the restoration of two historic boats (for display purposes) and installed these within the rafters in our main gallery.
- Our boat shop will be open to the public for regular visitors starting in 2019 after we install several visitor safety features. Visitors can now peer into the Lafayette street windows to see three of the boats we built in recent years and/or visit the Museum to see the historic boats that we have renovated for display in our main gallery.
- Our volunteer boat shop team, Abe Spergel, Al Caffo, Chuck Sheetz, and David Anstrand, just finished restoring a wooden *Jet 14* racing sailboat. The boat was in rough shape. Now that work is completed, we hope to sell the boat with proceeds supporting our next project as well as general museum operations.

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# Letter from the Board, cont.

- Our exhibits’ committee installed in our main gallery several new exhibits and put on display 15 artifacts in our reception area and gift shop. Please come check these out. The most impressive new exhibit on the history of the Baltimore Clipper was researched in collaboration with Paule Audebert, a student at Harford Community College.
- We established an ad hoc exhibits’ committee of all volunteers to research and develop a new exhibit on the Underground Railroad in the greater Havre de Grace Area. We plan to install this in part of the main floor gallery now occupied by the Jamestown and Beyond exhibit (this exhibit will be reconfigured and enhanced with new Native American artifacts). We expect for this to be a two-year project, conducted in phases. We will be seeking grant and donations.
- We opened to visitors our Environmental Center gallery on our ground floor (via a slow elevator ride—it is worth the trip!). The purpose of this gallery is to inform visitors of the rich ecosystem of the upper Chesapeake Bay and environmental issues impacting its health.
- We welcome Marcie Daniel to our Board of Directors. Marcie brings a wealth of social media, marketing and finance experience. We are so excited to have her join our Board.
- We thank Butch Bradley, of Bradley Atlantic Insurance Management, for his 7 years of service on our Board. Butch’s term has expired and since he has moved out of the area, he will no longer be a Board member. Butch has been extremely supportive of the mission of the Maritime Museum and will be sorely missed. He promises to still be a part of the Museum’s activities and events and contribute when he can.
- We would like to recognize our 40 or so volunteers that actively participate in the many programs and activities of the Museum and Environmental Center. Thank you so much!

There is more to report on – please read ahead about our “Oars for Art” program, Logan Poore’s Environmental Center Report and a report from our Executive Director, Mary Leavens.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,



**Bruce Russell,**  
President of the Board



## Contact Us

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## Visit Us

100 Lafayette Street  
Havre de Grace, MD 21078

**Spring & Summer Hours  
(April 1 - October 14):**

Wed - Sat: 10am – 5pm  
Sun: 1pm – 5pm

**Fall & Winter Hours  
(October 15 - March 31):**

Sat: 10am – 5pm  
Sun: 1pm – 5pm

## Board of Directors

- Bruce Russell, President
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- Jean Johnson, Secretary
- Toni Bench
- Marcie Daniel
- David Dulik
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- Leslie Kaufman
- Barry Kline
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# From the Desk of the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Greetings! Best wishes to you for a healthy, happy and prosperous 2019. As we begin the new year, I am reminded of many of the wonderful things that happened in 2018 at the Maritime Museum and would like to share some of them with you:

- Opened 10 new exhibits in the Museum including two new boats renovated in our Boat Shop, the *Baltimore Clipper*, several from the Oars for Art project that were purchased and then donated to the Museum and several exhibits in the Environmental Center.
- Welcomed more than 12,000 visitors from 32 states plus Canada, England and Puerto Rico.
- Greeted more than 1,400 kids to our Museum with guided tours, workshops and events.
- Received many amazing comments from visitors such as wonderful, learning is fun, very nice museum, had a great time visiting the Museum, enjoyed the displays, great, and WOW! just to name a few.
- Sponsored Oars for Art program where artists turned old, unusable oars into works of art.



- Held the annual Secret Garden Tour and Garden Mart in May. Great numbers for the tour and for purchasing plants. This coming year is sure to be even better.
- Hosted a wedding rehearsal dinner themed as a luau and an event for the Havre de Grace high school 40<sup>th</sup> reunion.
- Made much-needed facilities upgrades – replaced 3 air conditioning units and an aging water heater.
- Offered 7 classes taught by the Coast Guard Auxiliary and museum volunteers.
- Provided docent-led school tours for nearly 600 public and private school students as well as day care groups and home-school students.

## **How to Read a Nautical Chart**

Sat., January 5, 2019  
9 AM – 1 PM

## **Happening – Film Screening**

Wed., January 9, 2019  
7 – 9 PM

## **Blue Fin – Film Screening**

Wed., February 13, 2019  
7 – 9 PM

## **Trashed – Film Screening**

Wed., March 13, 2019  
7 – 9 PM

## **Eating Animals – Film Screening**

Wed., April 10, 2019  
7 – 9 PM

## **Evolution of Organic – Film Screening**

Wed., May 8, 2019  
7 – 9 PM

## **Garden Mart / Plant Sale**

Sat.-Sun., May 18-19, 2019  
10 AM – 6 PM

## **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Secret Garden Tour**

Sat.-Sun., May 18-19, 2019  
12 – 5 PM

## **Shrimp & BBQ Fest**

Sat., June 15, 2019  
6 – 9 PM

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# From the Director, cont.

- Welcomed more than 150 young children to Story Time, a free kids' summer program that was held each Thursday during the month of July. Each week, Miss Sue Capp, a volunteer, read a different story to the kids. She then led a fun craft workshop related to the story with recycle, reuse, and repurpose in mind.
- Hosted 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Shrimp and BBQ Fest in June with a record-breaking crowd. Food was provided by Route 40 BBQ. A great time was had by all!
- Voted 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Maritime Museum in Maryland in the 2018 Best of the Bay contest sponsored by *Chesapeake Bay Magazine*.



- Won first place, in conjunction with the Havre de Grace Green Team and the Harford County Climate Action Group, in the Havre de Grace Independence Day parade for best non-profit float and best representation of a theme categories.
- Won first place in the Havre de Grace's 2018 Holiday Wreath Contest in the category of "Most Original."

As you can see, we have just finished a very exciting and accomplished year for the Maritime Museum. We increased our number of exhibits, updated our facility, greeted lots of visitors and made more friends in the community. I have just finished my first year here as Executive Director and I can say it has truly been a wonderful experience. I am thrilled to be a part of

this great organization and enjoy working with our visitors, members of the community, other Museum directors and local government. Things are going great and, with your continued support, 2019 is sure to be promising and bright and our best year yet.

With warm regards,

**Mary Leavens**  
Executive Director



## Donations Needed!

Next year (Nov. - Dec. 2019) the Havre de Grace Maritime Museum will be holding a Christmas fundraiser selling live, decorated Christmas wreaths and other Christmas items.

As you go through your Christmas decorations this year, OR if you may be in the process of downsizing, please look through your items and donate NOW any Christmas related items you may have, such as Christmas balls, ribbon for bows, decorative picks for wreaths, etc. In addition to items for the wreaths, we are also delightfully accepting other Christmas items such as nutcrackers and other holiday-related decorative items that we can sell in our Christmas Mart. What a great thing to clear out some of your "unwanted" items, while helping the Maritime Museum at the same time. You will receive a donation letter acknowledging the donation you made to us. The Maritime Museum is a registered non-profit organization and donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. PLEASE, NO LIGHTS!



All proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the Havre de Grace Maritime Museum. For more information, or to make a donation, please contact Mary at 410-939-4800, or email [hdgmaritimemuseum@verizon.net](mailto:hdgmaritimemuseum@verizon.net). Thanks so much for thinking of us.



# Thank You to Our Funding Donors!

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Chesapeake Bay Trust  
City of Havre de Grace  
Constellation Energy  
Harford County Cultural Arts Board  
Harford County Government  
Joseph Robert Foundation  
Maryland State Arts Council  
PNC Foundation  
The Drescher Foundation, Inc.  
William F. & Caroline Hilgenberg Foundation

## Oars for Art

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There were several. Some were green, others red – cracked paint exposing weathered wood – all looking more or less worse for wear, having sat unused in storage for years. These dusty, splintered oars and paddles had been in the indefinite possession of the Havre de Grace Maritime Museum, doing little except taking up space – that is, until an idea dawned on Bruce Russell, Museum President, and Leslie Kaufman, President of Philadelphia Sculptors: Why not hand over these old, forgotten relics of the past to local artists who could then transform them into completely new works of art? So began the project that would be dubbed *Oars for Art*.



*Oars for Art* takes its cue from the Museum’s numerous displays of folk art, many of which are installed as part of permanent exhibits. Amongst these artifacts are a nautical knot board (found in the Museum’s Gift Shop) and a trail board, which was once attached to the retired Chesapeake Bay skipjack *Amy Mister*. At one point serving a practical function, their utilitarian nature has now been rendered obsolete by the passage of time. However, these objects remain as works of art for us to enjoy today, and are termed “folk art” (as opposed to “fine art”). Some other examples of folk art include decoys, weathervanes, and quilts, to name but a few. In this sense, an oar might be considered a work of art in and of itself – a collector’s item, perhaps – but the intent of our artists was to “upcycle” the oars, thus creating radically new pieces.

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# Oars for Art, cont.



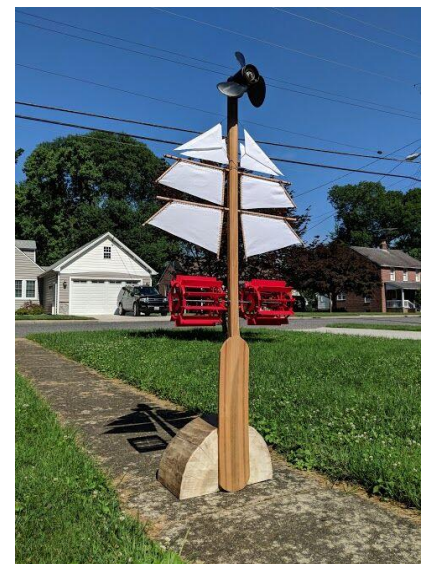
Spearheaded by Philadelphia Sculptors in collaboration with the Havre de Grace Maritime Museum, the process began with a call for artists, whose applications would be reviewed by juror Jim McFarland, Interim Dean of the Visual, Performing & Applied Arts department and an art professor at Harford Community College. The selected artists were not just Havre de Grace residents – several hailed from Philadelphia and parts of Pennsylvania, as well as diverse locales such as New Jersey, Virginia – even from as far afield as Chicago. The artists each received a stipend of \$200 to help defray expenses. They were given full *carte blanche* in terms of artistic expression, and were free to fashion the oars into any style, or conjure whatever imagery they wished. Once distributed to all of the artists, it was entirely up to them what kind of makeover these oars would undergo.

Artists got right to work – some taking out their power tools, others choosing mallets and chisels. Anticipation reigned as everyone at the Museum wondered what the resulting artworks would look like. Near mid-July, the completed projects finally started coming in. Some of the pieces required a bit of effort to handle – Grant McFarland’s impressive *Unrecovered, Unreturned* is contained within a heavy steel frame which stands upright at eye-level. Others, like Elizabeth Miller McCue’s *Nature’s Necklace*, were rather lightweight and smaller-scale. Viewing the works can be likened to sitting down to a multi-course meal. Each work has its own distinct flavor and is imbued with the artist’s energy, one work of art fairly straightforward in subject, another seemingly enigmatic and open to the viewer’s interpretation.



Many artists wanted to create a commentary with their piece, and had a specific philosophy that governed their process and choice of materials, which they shared in their artist statements. The themes ranged from sustainability to poignant reflections of humankind’s relationship to the water. The resulting works are evocative of the artists’ experiences, concerns, and sentiments surrounding the oars.

“The artists were very committed to this project and did a lot of research in the conception and production of their works,” Kaufman said. “What made this endeavor so fascinating was that each artist approached the oar from a completely different perspective. Some oars have a sense of nobility, others are treated with humor, and some have been broken up or transformed almost beyond recognition. But no matter what approach was taken, all the artists showed how art can alter people’s perceptions of what is otherwise a pretty common object.



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# Oars for Art, cont.

The works were housed in businesses and venues around town to include such as Blue Heron Gifts & Floral, Glyph, Artists' Emporium, Concord Point Coffee, Vincenti Decoys, Joseph's Department Store, The Art Rooms, Vintage Café, Havre de Grace Visitor Center, Spencer-Silver Mansion, Vandiver Inn, Havre de Grace Decoy Museum, the Havre de Grace Public Library, Opera House, and JoRetro Vintage Mall. We send out a big thank-you to Nic and Lynne Galloro. Along with both of them participating as artists in the program, they were both instrumental in moving the art pieces into sponsor's locations and then back to the Museum. We are so appreciative of your help. Nic has also volunteered to be a docent in the Museum.



Along with the Harford County Cultural Arts Board, Maryland State Arts Council and the Joseph Robert Foundation, these local establishments generously sponsored the project. Each venue worked in collaboration with the Museum to determine which work of art would be "hosted" for the remainder of the summer. Over the weekend of September 15-16, the oars had their homecoming as they all returned to the Museum. An auction and reception, open to the public, took place on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Our Board member, Bob Hickey, did a fabulous job as our auctioneer. A delightful crowd of approximately 60 people gathered at the Museum to bid on the art pieces. A wonderful time was had by all. Proceeds from the auction were equally split between the artists and the Museum.



*Our good friends, Nic and Lynne Galloro*



# Goings On in the Environmental Center

2018 has been a year of new opportunities and partnerships, as the Environmental Center continues to establish itself as a prominent force in environmental education, restoration and research assistance (citizens' science). We are excited to share with you what's been going on, and a few of our plans for the future. Some of the activities the Environmental Center participated in during 2018 are listed below...

- Installed an Osprey Camera on the Maritime Museum property. We now have a live stream to a monitor in our reception area. With a donation from BGE and help from Tidewater Marina, we were able to install a 50-foot nesting platform with a camera mounted above. We had a pair of Osprey show interest in our platform, however they did not stay through the season. They may have been a young pair and we hope to see them back in 2019, after which we plan on putting the camera feed on our website.

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# Goings On in the Environmental Center, cont.

- Awarded a grant of \$35,500 from the Chesapeake Bay Trust for a storm water restoration project along the waterfront. Additionally, we assisted the City of Havre de Grace in a separate storm water restoration project along the promenade. Hosted volunteering planting and cleanup days in our riparian buffer project along the Promenade shoreline. Our volunteers consisted of several DNR employees, two Conservation Corps units, city staff, employees from Underwood and Associates, members and volunteers from the Maritime Museum and Environmental Center, Green Team, and Decoy Museum. The Mayor even stopped by to put a few plants in the ground!
- Participated in the Susquehanna Museum at the Lock House's Family Pirate Fest. The crew helped over 300 families build recycled pirate ships out of corks, toothpicks and rubber bands, showing the kids that common household items don't always have to be thrown out, and can often be reused for other activities.
- Logan Poore, Environmental Center Project Coordinator published an [article](#) in the Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation's Newsletter referring to our role in Citizen Science and volunteer efforts in the Susquehanna Flats. (Pages 13-14)
- 2018 was a bad year for our submerged aquatic vegetation citizen science project. Strong and copious storms throughout the summer paved the way for less than ideal water quality conditions. Additionally, these storms brought large quantities of debris down the Susquehanna. The Environmental Center had to cancel its planned 2018 SAV surveying due to conditions. The safety of our volunteers is our top priority, and we could not safely be in the water with such conditions. We are hoping to reestablish the program in 2019.
- Bruce Russell and Logan Poore of the Environmental Center were asked to speak at the Maryland Water Monitoring Council (MWMC) 24th Annual Conference. The session was about our citizen science submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) program.

## Education

- Hosted Girl Scout Brownies for a planting day in our pollinator garden behind the museum. Jodie Shivery, native plant expert and volunteer, taught them about pollinators, after which she helped the Brownies plant dozens of native plants.
- Hosted the Sea Scouts for a tour of the Museum and Environmental Center. The goal was to teach them about maritime and environmental history, including its influences on local culture.
- Held two one-week long summer camps for local Head Start kids. The Children participated in lab activities such as looking at specimens through microscopes, learning about different ecosystems, water quality, pollution and many more current environmental topics and issues relating to the Upper Bay region.
- Hosted Harford Glen students for their Fall and Spring field experience trips. Over 200 students and 50 parents and faculty participated in activities in our lab and outdoor classroom. The experiences included hiking and learning about different local ecosystems, working in the lab looking at SAV samples from our tank and other specimens under microscopes and stereoscopes, basic water quality testing and learning what affects water quality and how storm water projects help protect the Bay.
- Continued our monthly environmental film and lecture series in partnership with the Havre de Grace Green Team, sponsored by the Joseph Robert Foundation. Hosted dozens of films and lectures throughout 2018.

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# Goings On in the Environmental Center, cont.

- Hosted the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's Student Leadership Program on site for a tour of the facility, lesson on environmental leadership in the community, and guidance on ways to get involved in local environmental programs.
- Held a "Water Quality Workshop" for kids, where kids learned the basics of water quality and water quality sampling. Where they took water quality samples from the new storm water project along the promenade. They then looked at macroinvertebrates from our living shoreline retention basins.
- Added several exhibits to the Environmental Center gallery. A new interactive exhibit was created with several displays on it, including an exhibit on our SAV program, and an exhibit on the environmental susceptibility of local species. We also added a Bay Grasses tank, holding several species of live grasses taken from the Susquehanna Flats, which holds the largest concentration of grasses in Maryland. An exhibit displaying the pollution in the Bay was created from pollution collected during our restoration project. Several new fish species were added to our tank displays, including two Rock Bass, a Channel Catfish and a White Perch, along with several new species in our foraging species tank. A new exhibit from our Oars for Art program has also been added to the gallery.

In closing, over the past few months, the Environmental Center, with assistance from ShoreRivers, has been facilitating discussions with several other watershed and environmental organizations in hopes of creating an alliance in the Upper Bay. Thus far, all organizations included in the discussions have agreed that it would be a worthwhile goal to pursue. We are excited to see the opportunities that present themselves as this vision takes shape.

The Environmental Center would like to take this moment to thank our volunteers, members, funding partners, and local government. Thanks to them, we are able to support the community and local environment through research, restoration, and education. It has been a terrific 2018, and we are excited to see what 2019 has to offer.

Best,

**Logan Poore**

Environmental Center Coordinator

## Membership & Donations

### Membership Matters!

Memberships are crucial to the success of any organization that depends on its community to prosper and grow. Annual memberships provide the resources to support the daily operations of the Maritime Museum and allow us to expand our horizons. The founders of the Maritime Museum believed strongly in the importance of preserving the history, skills and traditions associated with this region.

So strongly, in fact, they were able to attract like-minded members to raise enough funds to bring the Museum to existence. Now that the Museum is a reality, we continue to bring in new members to build upon the important work begun in 1987. So, we ask our current members to invite their friends, neighbors and families to enjoy the benefits of supporting this unique educational organization and become a part of the Havre de Grace Maritime Museum.

#### Membership Benefits:

- Free Admission (to the Museum for 1 year; excludes special events)
- Free Bumper Sticker
- 15% discount at What Knots Museum Shoppe
- E-Mail Updates

**Corporate** - all of the above plus advertisement on our website and event booklets.

**Membership Rates:**

**Student Membership**

\$15.00

**Individual Membership**

\$25.00

**Family Membership**

\$50.00

**Business Membership**

\$250.00

**Business Star Membership**

\$500.00

Please call (410) 939-4800, or email [hdgmaritimemuseum@verizon.net](mailto:hdgmaritimemuseum@verizon.net) to sign up, or simply print and fill out an application to submit to the museum, either in person or by mail.

**Membership Application**



Regardless of the amount, your donation makes a huge difference in our ability to conduct our business the right way as well as to offer new exhibits and programs. Your donation does make a difference and is much appreciated. Please go to [www.hdgmaritimemuseum.org](http://www.hdgmaritimemuseum.org) and click on DONATE NOW to make your donation on-line. If you prefer to mail your donation, please send your check or credit card number to:

**Havre de Grace Maritime Museum**  
100 Lafayette Street  
Havre de Grace, MD 21078

You will receive a letter acknowledging your donation to the Museum.



# SHRIMP & BBQ FEST

Saturday, June 15, 2019

6:00 – 9:00 PM

**WATERFRONT**

Overlooking the Susquehanna River

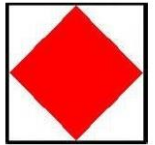


“Under the Big Tent” at Frank J. Hutchins Memorial Park  
121 St. John Street, Havre de Grace, MD 21078

**Cost: \$40 per person**

Tickets can be purchased  
at the Havre de Grace Maritime Museum  
or  
at the Havre de Grace Visitor’s Center  
or

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*Artisan smoked foods provided by Route 40 Barbecue*

Old Bay Steamed Shrimp ♦ Nic’s Rub Pork Ribs ♦ Pulled Pork  
BBQ Chicken ♦ Salads ♦ Water ♦ Sodas ♦ Wine ♦ Beer  
Coffee ♦ Dessert

**Silent Auction**



**BINGO  
POPP-OPENS**



All proceeds benefit the Havre de Grace Maritime Museum and the Environmental Center programs.