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Museums by Candlelight

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Stepping into the Brunner's 1756 holiday party, I found everyone, drinks and cookies in hand, making merry. I saw familiar faces, laughing and conversing, and also new faces of families smiling and sharing.

Christina Murphy, Schifferstadt's head gardener, shared with us the art of creating pomanders, the orange and clove scent wafting throughout the house. I ventured into the kitchen to find volunteer, Mary Ann Bevard, in front of a warm fire, sharing syllabub (a cream beverage sweetened with cider). On her wood kitchen table were tasty holiday delights. Upstairs our very own Museum Director, Liz Lipke, held an old fashioned story time. In the Summer Kitchen volunteers, Judy Candela and Diane Putnam, invited a room full of curious friends to try their hand at candle making.

As the evening drew to a close, I found myself not wanting to leave, not wanting the merrymaking to end. It was a treat to be invited to this home for the evening. I do hope to return next year.

Barnstormers Tour 2008 - The Barns of Catoctin

Join us on Saturday, June 21st from 10am-5pm for a one-day tour of eight older and unusual barns in the Thurmont and Emmitsburg area, along the foothills of the Catoctin mountains. Docents will provide tours of the barns. Many sites will include agricultural displays. The tour also will feature a "Paint-Out" where local artists will create paintings of the barns during the day of the tour and sell their works at the end of the day. Ticket price includes the barn tour, the art sale and reception.

The event is a fundraiser to increase awareness and inspire a passion for the older barns of Frederick County. Tickets are \$15; children 16 years and under are free. The Barnstormers is a subcommittee of the Frederick County Landmarks Foundation.

Thank You to Our Donors

Keep the Lights on Donations:

Mr. & Mrs. James W. Wolf

Mary Carrera

Patricia Ann Kelly

Oktoberfest Donations of Raffle Items for Oktoberfest Volunteers:

Harry Richardson (winner: Doug Claytor)

Cedar Ridge Soaps (winner: Frank Hackett)

Shepherdstown Sweet Shop Bakery

(winner: Steven Buckingham)

Handmade for Hospice

(winner: Stephanie Devoe)

Daisy Girl Jewelry (winner: Jeff Shrider)

A generous monetary gift was made to FCLF by **Earl & Kristine McDaniel** in October.

On September 1st, **Eagle Scout Troop 268** of New Market, MD rebuilt the Heritage Garden Fence. A much appreciated donation of time!

Also, **Christina Murphy** donated materials to build the bench around the Holly tree.

Thanks to **Kim Roberts** Graphic Design who gave a 50% discount for her services for the FCLF website.

Brunner descendant, **Josef (Keanu) Bruner**, of Hawaii, gave a monetary donation and thank you gifts to the docents at Schifferstadt.

On June 16th, **Zachary Fransen** gave the gift of time

doing computer programming, software donation, maintenance work, cleaning and gardening for FCLF.

Many thanks to **Mrs. Peggie M. Roscoe** for her donation of her family history to the Schifferstadt Museum Library linking the Middlekauff and Brunner families.

Thanks to **Lloyd Graf** and **Mark Whitmore** for their handyman help this year; rebuilding storage shelves, installing quince tree plaque, rebuilding front steps railing and rebuilding holly tree bench after vandalism.

A very warm thank you goes out to the **Ann and Knight Kiplinger Fund** for the generous monetary gift to the Zion Church Restoration.

Also, we thank **Mr. Bill Bodine** and **Gary and Cathy Smith** for their donations of computers and computer expertise.

Thank you to **Joyce Rayburn** and **Tom and Sally Martin** for donating Barry Richardson prints for our annual raffle.

Thank you to **Beverly and Raymond Compton** for 22 David Yontz prints which will be used for a fundraising event in 2008.

Our appreciation goes to **Andrea Caceras** who built four benches and shelves for the Schifferstadt garden.

Lowe's donated \$363.53 worth of garden tools and supplies— thank you!

Seven New Board Members Welcomed at Annual Meeting



2007 and 2008 Board Members

Top Row L-R: Bernard Callan, Joseph Sweeney, Birch Hotz, Dean Fitzgerald, Doug Claytor, Bottom Row L-R: Nancy Geasey, Irene Kirilloff, Sarah Matthews, Judy Candela, Liz Martin, Christina Murphy Photo: Joy Young

Members, volunteers and others came together on Sunday afternoon, November 11, 2007, with a common purpose—the continuation and future of Frederick County Landmarks Foundation. With a newly elected board, FCLF bid a fond farewell to FCLF's President Sarah Matthews; who is looking forward to enjoying and participating in FCLF solely in the role of a member.

A warm welcome goes out to Board President-Elect Dean Fitzgerald, VP Chris Weir, Secretary Elizabeth "Liz" Martin, Treasurer Joseph "Joe" Sweeney,

Directors Gary Baker, Douglas "Doug" Claytor, Lois Jarman, Christina Murphy, Bernard "Bernie" Callan, and Birch Hotz. Alan Feinberg will continue on the board until his term's end in 2008.

FCLF's financial situation was discussed as well as the importance of grants and the heart of FCLF; its volunteers! On that note, Judy Candela was awarded the 2007 Volunteer Appreciation Award for her invaluable service with FCLF. Congratulations Judy! The Annual Volunteer of the Year Award went to Pat Miller in recognition of his service as a docent every Sunday and his generosity in writing and donating proceeds from his book on Schifferstadt.

Cheese, crackers, cookies, fruit, coffee and more were enjoyed by all, but more so the company kept. The people of FCLF have an honorable yet challenging endeavor ahead, but with their warm hearts and dedication, FCLF will thrive. *-Joy Young*



Pat Miller, Volunteer of the Year 2007 at Schifferstadt, the subject of the book he wrote and donated to FCLF



Lifetime Volunteer Award recipient Judy Candela and FCLF President-Sarah Matthews photo by J.Young

A New Director For the Beatty-Cramer House

Notes from Judy Candela as she turns over Directorship of Beatty-Cramer House to Doug Claytor

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Doug Claytor as the new Director of the Beatty-Cramer House beginning in January 2008. Doug has been involved with the house for almost 20 years and possesses a wealth of knowledge about the architectural features and construction details of historical buildings as well as the history of both the Beatty and Cramer families.

Although I am resigning as Director, I will not be "abandoning the cause." I will continue as the primary tour guide for Beatty-Cramer. I have been actively involved with the house for too many years to just walk away from it—it has become a part of me.

In the 1980's after the house was saved from becoming a firefighters' training site, the stewardship and education began with the buildings being stabilized and tidied up. The process of "educating the public" was underway with a wagon train event with "Susanna Beatty" making a grand entrance into the site.

Our dream of restora-

tion is still alive. The Beatty-Cramer House has been nominated several times to the Maryland Endangered Sites program. Time and weather have taken their toll. I am thankful for all the people who have devoted time, funds and effort. I hope you will support Doug Claytor in his role as the new Director— it's not an easy task.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



This past year has seen many accomplishments; primary among them has been a functional yet elegant web page. Our records continue to be refined and more properly managed. We held another successful Oktoberfest, with around 3,000 atten-

dees and revenues of about \$20,000. This seems to be about what we've made the past few years and we would like to do better. We need *your* new ideas.

We continue to participate in many other events: Living History Days, Bell and History Days, Museums by Candlelight. We did a private tour of the Thomas Farm and two homesteads in Middletown Valley. We were proud sponsors of the highly successful Barn Tour of Middletown Valley, a collaboration with many new supporters of FCLF's mission. Zion Church continues its wonderful restoration work.

As to plaques, five more plaques were given to homes in our county this year. Interest is growing

in the old summer resort community of Braddock Heights as many of those homes approach the century mark.

An important strategic planning process for Schifferstadt is underway. This will help the Board determine the future of that landmark. We hope many of you will participate in this important process

Our challenges this year did not diminish. A few faithful volunteers shoulder a burden that was made for many. Our financial situation remains precarious. Ideas abound but resources, both people and financial, leave us unable to start them. Preserve Frederick, with its mission of obtaining buildings needing preservation, finding the right buyers and giving them our expertise about tax credits and grants, then selling them at a profit is our best hope for raising income and must be embraced if the organization is to continue.

I welcome five new Board members and I wish them and incoming President, Dean Fitzgerald, all the best luck—and fun!

Sarah Matthews, President

FCLF AWARDS HISTORIC PLAQUE IN MIDDLETOWN

Frederick resident and property owner Dave Kirkwood received a historic plaque from FCLF for his property on Picnic Woods Road in Middletown, MD. The land's name; "The Blooming Month of May," was part of an 1815 resurvey on "Locust Valley" for Jacob Flook. A date on an interior hearth is June 5, 1815. The land included a brick mill and other buildings, one Jacob may have leased for 99 years at one cent per year as an English or German schoolhouse.

The log and stone mill house retains the original floors, plaster and woodwork. Known as the "Phleeger Mill" from 1861 until it burned down in 1920. Its close-by neighbor is the Sgt. Lawrence Everhardt house that Everhardt purchased in 1833 and where he remained for the rest of his life.

In other committee news, committee members, Bonnie and Art Dee, Carol (Cookie) Larkin, Jennifer DiGiovanna, Ann Leberz and Lucille Davis, Chairwoman, reviewed eight applications for historic plaques and awarded five to Frederick County home owners: two in Burkittsville, one in Middletown, one on Bentz Street and the first one for Braddock Heights. Press releases were published for all plaque presentations in several local publications. Consequently, interest in the program remains strong. Jefferson Ruritan Club, Jefferson, MD, has adopted the program and will underwrite the application cost for homeowners who are successful in qualifying for a historic plaque. This community project was selected by Jefferson Ruritan Club because of the strong interest in preserving its history.

—Lucille Davis, FCLF Plaque Committee Chair



L TO R: Dave Kirkwood (owner) Jennifer DiGiovanna, Plaques Committee and Lucille Davis, Plaques Committee Chair.

FCLF Names Liz Lipke Schifferstadt Museum Director

After many years of recognized need, FCLF has hired a director for the Schifferstadt Architectural Museum with a goal of giving the museum the leadership, care and nurturing it needs, for professionalizing the museum's management and for improving the programming at the museum.

Born in East Brunswick, New Jersey on January 29th, 1986, Liz finished high school in June of 2004 and entered Hood College in August of that year.

Currently, finishing a Bachelor's Degree in English and Honors, with minors in classical and medieval studies, Liz plans to attend graduate school, possibly in museum management, when she graduates in May of 2008.

Liz started volunteering at the Schifferstadt Architectural Museum and FCLF in January of 2006 and starting working as the gift shop clerk in the summer of 2006. That same summer, she traveled to England with her English professor Dr. Foys of Hood College, and two fellow students, as part of a medieval internship revolving around an early 11th c. *mappa mundi*. In the fall of 2007, she was offered the Directorship at Schifferstadt, where she currently works and plans to continue working in the upcoming year of 2008. Welcome Liz!



News Blooms from the Garden at Schifferstadt

by Christina Murphy

It has been a busy, hard, but very rewarding year in the Garden. Our Summer Serve program went well, gaining us a new tree bench for guests to use. We harvested peaches, apples, pumpkins, and other vegetation and were able to donate to not only the Food Bank, but the Frederick Mission as well. This year we donated 30 pounds of pumpkins, 6 bushels of green beans, 75 pounds of apples and 45 pounds of watermelon. This donation of fresh fruit and vegetables is important to those in our community who need them most. Our canned goods were plentiful and we have successfully perfected the Black Currant jam.

I'd like to thank **Marge Burriss**, her daughters, **Cathy & Christine Pugliese**, **Clau-dia**, **Tina**, **Zach**, **Gio**, and my loving family. Also, we warmly welcome **Stephen Linger** and **Phaedran Linger** and welcome back **Harris Johnson & family**. We also are quite happy that four Eagle Scouts asked to do projects. Our first project, the garden fence, was done by **Kevin Roeder** and his troop from New Market. Unfortunately, we had vandalism of the tree bench being broken and graffiti on the doors and signs damaged. Thanks to **Mark Whitmore** and **David Murphy** for repairing the damage. We also now have a nice gentleman named **Greg** splitting firewood for us.

Well, the soil is turned now and some plants are bedded down, and I am hoping for another wonderful winter season. On that note, Have a Happy Holiday and a Happy New Year and I'll see you in the garden next season!



Mr. Chris Collins receives an Award of Appreciation from Head Gardener Christina Murphy for his invaluable services.



FCLF Events 2008

Cut and Save for Future Reference

- April 5-6 **Schifferstadt Grand Re-Opening and Bell & History Days** This event begins with bell ringing concerts at museums and other historic sites throughout Frederick. View 18th century living history demonstrations.
- April –December **Spirit Tours** begin every Friday 7pm & 8pm \$6 adults 12 and under free
- April 20 **Open Hearth to Fireless Cookers** Pat Reber demonstrates a variety of cooking techniques from 1:00-3:00 pm courtesy of the Maryland Humanities Council Speakers Program.
- May 17-18 **Beyond the Garden Gates** Schifferstadt's Heritage Garden 12-5pm
- June **Living History Event** Demonstrations of 18th and 19th century lifestyles, trades, crafts and skills come alive at the Beatty-Cramer House on Liberty Road. Dates, times and admission TBA.
- June 7-8 **Spring Family Festival at the Farm** Free. On a 250 year old farmstead; a celebration of farming today and yesterday. Colonial gardening techniques, plants and resources.
- June 21 **2nd Annual Frederick County Barnstorming Tour** 10am to 5pm \$15 adults A one-day tour of 8 older and unusual barns in the Catoctin area. The Tour will features a "paint out" where local artists create paintings of the barns on the day of the tour and sell their works at the day's end. Tickets include barn tour, art sale and reception.
- Oct 18-19 **Oktoberfest at Schifferstadt** \$3 adults. Children under 12 free. A festival for the whole family with a traditional German Oompah band, locally brewed beer, a juried craft show with over 30 crafters. Hearth cooking, blacksmithing, spinning and weaving demonstrations. Visit the Colonial Heritage Heirloom Garden ready for the harvest. Tour the Schifferstadt house. \$3 adults.

Schifferstadt Architectural Museum

A Frederick Landmark for 250 Years!

1110 Rosemont Avenue, Frederick, Maryland 21701

Open for tours April 1 – December 10 Thursday through Sunday 12:00-4:00

Other times by appointment. Call 301-663-3885

Beatty-Cramer House (c. 1732)

9010 Liberty Road (Route 26), Frederick Maryland

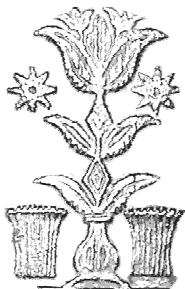
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