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St Michaels Museum News

2010 Events

April 10

**Annual Meeting and
Community Supper**

May 1

**Museum opens for the
Season**

May 8

**Opening Reception
Antique Quilt Exhibit
& Renovated Chaney
House**

June

**Special Lecture on
Antique Quilts**

July 4th

**Annual Town
Celebration**

August-October

**History of Local
Transportation:
Ferry, Road and Rail
BC&A Railroad
Marshall's Express**

December

**Special Exhibit for
Christmas in St
Michaels**



Quilters, Julianne Hardy, Beverly Birkmire, and Judi Gunter examine our quilts

Antique Quilts 1840-1950

Opening on May 8, our spring Exhibit will feature 8 rarely seen antique quilts from our collection plus additional quilts obtained from private collections. Various types and styles will be included along with quilting tools.

Renovated Chaney House Opens

The renovated Chaney House will open on May 8 with the interior finished ready to proceed on the planned library and resource center on the first floor and much needed curatorial space on the second floor. Contributions from Christmas in St Michaels, Historic St Michaels – Bay Hundred, Questors, private donors and last years successful Wye House event as well as dedicated work from our volunteers made this possible. Come see the results!

A Note from the President

Dear Members and Friends of
St. Michaels Museum,

The Board of Directors greet the new season, energized by a wonderful 2009, and encourage you to join us! There are two exciting and interesting exhibitions on the calendar, the popular 4th of July Celebration and upcoming talks about the history, cultural heritage and quality of life here in St. Michaels and the Bay Hundred Area.

The Chaney House is almost completed and our goal in the upcoming year is to finalize plans for a resource library, open to the public, offering the history of St. Michaels through written word, photographs, prints, paintings and intriguing artifacts in both buildings. We have initiated a Capital Campaign to raise funds for an access ramp at the Teetotem Building making the museum easily accessible for all our visitors. Your support in this effort will certainly be appreciated.

With increased numbers of visitors to the museum and other projects in the works – such as participation town's celebration of the War of 1812 (actually 1813 for the visit by the British here) – we are seeking volunteers to keep the museum open and work with us to create programs that enlighten, entertain and educate both visitors and members.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you often!

Marie

Museum Musings

Successful 2009 gives way to ambitious 2010

In 2009 we presented spring and fall exhibits, the annual Town 4th of July, along with 3 lectures and a major fund historical fundraising event at Wye House. We are proud that our membership and paid museum visits rose by 21% and 25%, respectively. We hope to do even better this year with the spring focused on Antique Quilts and the fall on Local Transportation with exhibits BC&A Railroad, Marshall Express and others. Special lectures will be presented on Eastern Shore Transportation. You can do your part by renewing or becoming a new member and attending our events including the April 10 Annual Meeting and Community Supper which is always a big hit. Enjoy!

New Diorama for the Battle of St Michaels

We are already preparing for the 200th anniversary of the August, 1813 battles of St Michaels. Bob Mason



has installed new multicolored diodes denoting the major locations of American and British Forces and push buttons that describe the

events. Along with the audio recording this gives a clear picture of our version of what happened in those battles. Come see and thanks to Bob!

Visit Our Sales Table

Next time you visit be sure to look for an official St Michaels Flag and hat. New this year we also have an Illustrated Guide for the Frederick Douglass in St Michaels walking tour which George Seymour has produced to document his very successful program of St Michaels walking tours. Now you can do it on your own and impress your visitors. Of course guided walking tour are still available on request. Call George at 410 745 3050

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Museum
at St Mary's Square**

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A New Entry for the Museum

Our Long Range Plan includes reorienting the main entrance from the Sewell House on St Mary's Square to the TeeTotem Building on E. Chestnut St. This project has for a long time been our next highest priority after completing the Chaney House Project. The new entrance would accomplish two major goals. First, a gradual ramp from the sidewalk to a rebuilt porch at the current double doors leading into the TeeTotem Building would provide an ADA compliant entrance. Secondly, this new configuration would place the docent desk with phone and our small souvenir table together and would allow us to visually return the Sewell House entirely to its 1860s period. In 2008, a design was commissioned and bids requested for estimated costs for a gradually sloped, landscaped brick path and new entry porch. Current preliminary estimates for the project are \$12,000. Visit the museum or the Community Supper to see a proposed layout of this project.

Recently, Christmas in St Michaels has pledged \$4000 to this project from their 2010 event. We plan to approach local funding sources this year. Our effort will be more successful if we can point to significant contributions from our members. Please include a donation with your new membership using the form below.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP 2010

Clip and return to St Michaels Museum, PO Box 714, SM, 21663

The museum is a not-for-profit volunteer organization completely supported by members and friends. Please join us

RENEW ___ OR NEW ___

Membership Categories – Individual \$15; Family \$25; Supporting \$50. Additional Capital contributions will support the New Entry Project

Name: _____

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Note: We are trying to go to email Newsletters and program announcements. Please provide if possible or indicate no email and we will continue to send material via USPS

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Join Us

Community Supper and Annual Meeting



Christ Church, Etherton Hall, April 10, 5:30 PM
Members \$13 Guests \$15

Meet old friends, neighbors, and make new friends.
Recent arrivals and Weekenders are most welcome

Learn about our Quilt Exhibit that opens May 8

Reservations: [stmichaelsmuseum @atlanticbb.net](mailto:stmichaelsmuseum@atlanticbb.net) or phone 410 745 0530