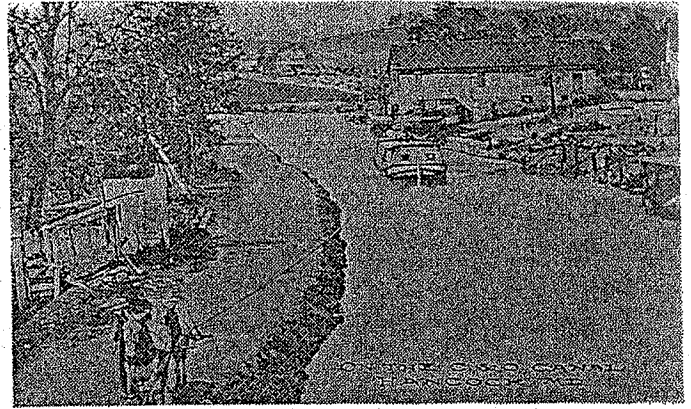


Hancock Historical Society

HANCOCK, MD 21750



Dear Members and Friends:

The fall season is upon us, ready or not. I am looking forward to my favorite time of the year in the mountains of Western Maryland. As we anticipate the beautiful colors and the natural wonders of our region, we are also reminded of the ones who came before us and of their history. At our last meeting, Mac Elser did an amazing job of telling the story of how the early settlers in Maryland made their way to our neck of the woods. It was a wonderful program for all who heard it.

I am so excited about this month's meeting where we will learn about slavery in our area; this is an area where we seem to have a void in our local recorded heritage. Learning more about the dark side of our history makes us all aware of how we came to be as a people and how to learn from tragic experiences, as well as the exhilarating ones. I hope many of you can be with us for this program.

During the past summer, a group of our local volunteers served the C&O Canal NHP as docents at the Bowles House in Hancock. Through their efforts, over 2600 visitors experienced what life on the canal was like in our area. This would not have happened if our local history lovers had not stepped up. As a result, Marian Golden, our Vice President and Charter Member, was recently named "Volunteer of the Year" by the C&O Canal. Congratulations, Marian, for coordinating the effort and making it such a huge success. Anyone who knows Marian knows it was a labor of love. Our community is so much richer having people like her.

I hope to see many of you at our meeting on October 25th.

Have a wonderful fall season!

Dan Murphy, President
Hancock Historical Society

Hancock Historical Society
Summer Membership Meeting
July 26, 2015

The 106th meeting of the Hancock Historical Society was held on Sunday, July 26, 2015 at Town Hall with President Dan Murphy presiding.

A light crowd of 15 friends were in attendance, including two guests from St. Mary's County.

Minutes from the previous membership meeting were read by Secretary / Treasurer Wayne Keefer and approved as written.

President Murphy reported that the Hancock Historical Society is likely not to participate in the Washington County Museum Ramble. He cited our participation last year over a two day period which brought in only one person, the event organizer.

It was reported that work continues on a design and layout of the old Hancock Post Office structure to be placed in the Museum.

Museum hours are to be changed, due to the difficulty in finding volunteers to staff the location. The museum will now be opened on the first Sunday, April – October, from 2-4pm. A new sign will be ordered, and announcements will be made. Previous hours were the second and fourth Sunday.

Vice President Marian Golden reported on the progress of the Bowls House. During the first two months of May and June, over 900 visitors came. Another 70 came over the most recent weekend. The Bowles House Visitor Center will be open only until Labor Day as per the original agreement with the US Parks Service, but if the remainder of the summer continues to be successful, VP Golden may try to renegotiate for mid-October. VP Golden also reported that the US Parks Service has been wonderful to work with on the project.

Guest Speakers – Mac Elser, and travelers from St. Mary's County to Hancock

Hancock Historical Society Board Member Mac Elser gave a wonderful presentation, to include a slideshow of pictures, on early settlers from St. Mary's County coming into Hancock. His presentation included maps of differing routes that would have been taken, and present day photographs of some locations. Two guests were in attendance from St. Mary's County who had heard about the lecture just prior to the meeting.

Special Mention – The passing of Odell H. Rosen

Odell H. Rosen, age 96, a long-time supporter of Hancock and the Hancock Historical Society, passed away on August 10, 2015 at his home in North Carolina. Born January 30, 1919, he held various appointed government posts on both the local, state, and national front, including an appointment by US President Lyndon Johnson to the US Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity. Perhaps in Hancock, he is best known for operating Rosen's Downtown, a clothing retailer with locations in Hancock, Hagerstown, Carlisle, Martinsburg, and Charles Town. Upon his passing, he bequeathed the sum of \$2,500 and a special photograph to the Historical Society. His wife, Pearl, passed away in 2009.

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