

Isle of Kent - 1631



Newsletter of The Kent Island Heritage Society, Inc.

To Discover, Identify, Restore and Preserve the Heritage of Kent Island

Annual Christmas Dinner Meeting

We hope to see you there!
Friday, December 6, 1996 at Annie's Paramount Steak House

Music by Emil Lacivita

New this Year:
Silent Auction

Cash Bar - 6 p.m.

Dinner - 7 p.m.

Menu Choices:

8 oz. Sirloin Steak

Tossed Salad & Baked Potato

Southwestern Chicken Breast

Tossed Salad & Baked Potato

Barbecued Shrimp

Tossed Salad & Rice

Chocolate Mousse

Coffee/Iced Tea



The auction's success depends on
your donations. Be creative...
donate your services, a piece of
Island memorabilia... a craft you love
to make... use your imagination!

Call Elaine Scharmus at 643-6496
to donate your treasures for
the auction.

Remember, you're helping a good
cause and your donations might be
tax deductible!

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President's Message

Dear Kent Island Heritage Society Members:

Once again the season is upon us. The holidays are a time of rushing around for gifts, attending parties and very large family dinners and enjoying the children as they wait for Santa. I hope all of you have a happy, joyous and blessed Christmas. May your new year be the best ever.

Please take time from your busy schedules to renew your membership for 1997. While you are renewing your membership, you may also purchase a Kent Island Days patron ad for an additional \$10, and you may make a donation to the new scholarship we will donate to the new high school. Remember, for some of us, giving to charity is our only tax write off. All donations to the Heritage Society are tax deductible.

Thank you.

Hugo Gemignani, President

**Kent Island Heritage Society
President Hugo Gemignani is
available for speaking engagements
on the Chesapeake Bay and the Kent
Island Heritage Society.**

**Call him at (410) 643-1690
to make arrangements.**

Additional Nominations Made

Additional Nominations for 1997 Board of Directors

Dear Recording Secretary:

This letter is to inform you that I wish to appoint Ms. Cheryl Hoffman and Mr. Franklin Smith to the Board of Directors of the Kent Island Heritage Society. I would ask that they be approved by the Board of Directors and the General Membership at our December meeting.

Sincerely,

Hugo G. Gemignani, President

September 21, 1996
November 15, 1996 - Board Meeting

Minutes

Topics covered:

Necessary Cray House repairs and the Kirwan property were discussed.

Eva Thompson made a motion for the membership to accept the bylaw changes as presented in the Fall newsletter. It was seconded by Bill Denny. The vote was unanimous. Please note, effective January 1, 1997 the dues per person will be \$10.

The Heritage Society has permission to use the Episcopal Church hall and parking lot for Kent Island Days 1997. New for 1997, the festivities will run from the Church to the Cray House and Train Station. Kent Island Days will be on Saturday, May 17 from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. The rain date is Sunday, May 18.

"The Gunning Decoys Carvers of Kent Island" print is finished. Five-hundred prints are standard and are for sale for \$10 each (as voted on at the Board meeting). Fifty specially done prints are double remarked and are available for sale at \$200 each (framing and matting is an additional \$150).

A special subcommittee will be appointed at the first of the year to work on updating the Society's bylaws.

Nancy Cook is working on obtaining a grant for the Heritage Society from the Maryland State Arts Council. Because of the magnitude of the project and the documentation involved, she is requesting help. A completed application is due by January 17, 1997. So please contact President Hugo Gemignani immediately if you are interested in assisting.

Treasurer's Report

August 24 through
November 15, 1996
Audrey Hawkins



Beginning Balance in Checking Account	
.....	\$3,580.77
Total Cash Receipts	
.....	\$3,788.81
Total Receipts & Checking Acct. Balance	
.....	\$7,369.58
Total Disbursements	
.....	\$5,964.04
Balance in Checking Account as of 11/15/96	
.....	\$1,405.54
Balance in CD Account	
.....	\$10,063.37
Balance in CD Account	
.....	\$650.09
Balance in CD Account	
.....	\$2,615.00
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$14,734.00

*Please note the following donations received
by the Heritage Society:*

- \$3,500 from the American Legion
- \$1,615 from the Queen Anne's County Arts Council
- \$250 from Mr. Eisinger
- \$25 from the Island Garden Club
- \$6.84 from donations made at the Cray House/Train Station

Holiday Shopping

As the holidays approach and you're looking for a gift they'll treasure forever, remember that we have what you're looking for! (And your purchase will help the Heritage Society in our fund raising efforts.) Just give Audrey Hawkins a call at (410) 643-5969 to purchase any of the following items.

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

New This Year

Hand-painted by local artist Laura Hemsley, these white luster balls are adorned with area landmarks. These will be cherished throughout the generations. \$14.30 plus tax.

KENT ISLAND 1631 VASE

This gorgeous vase was hand-designed by Cheers pottery in Stevensville for the Heritage Society. \$15 plus tax.

HAND-PAINTED T-SHIRTS & SWEATSHIRTS

These original t-shirts and sweatshirts are hand-designed by local artist Pat-Kelley-Lee with the Love Point Lighthouse and the Smokey Joe. T-shirt, \$17 plus tax; Sweatshirt, \$30 plus tax.



K.I.H.S. members should check it out!

Here is a list of some of the fascinating books in the Kent Island Heritage Society's library (at the Stevensville branch of the Q.A.C. Free Library). They are there for your information and enjoyment, so please check them out!

Chesapeake Circle

Chesapeake Duke

Diary of An Early American Boy

Early Manor & Plantation Houses of Maryland

Eastern Shore Families

Endeavors & Exertions of Queen Anne's County,

Maryland During the Revolutionary War

Entailed Hat: The Story of Patty Cannon's Times

Evidence of Washington

**The next membership meeting
is March 20th at the library
in Stevensville at 7:30 p.m.**

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Membership dues are \$10
per person per year or
\$100 for a lifetime membership.

The new dues
notice also contains a
card for you to sign up
early for a patron ad &
to donate to the
scholarship fund for
the new high
school.

Name (s), address, telephone number and payment
can be mailed to

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