

# TideKeeper TIMES

Issue 13, Fall 2011

*Tales from the place where time & tide meet*

## Little Projects with Broad Appeal

One of the best things we do across our Southern Maryland Heritage Area is a program called Mini-Grants. And they are pretty true to that title, awards of no more than one thousand dollars each for projects that are coming up quickly and need a funding boost. These grant applications come in during the later summer, get evaluated by our Board of Directors in early fall and by October, checks are starting to go out in the mail to get things rolling on ten or more small projects. This year we were able to support fourteen wonderful projects across our three counties.

One of the things that makes these projects even more special is that they are funded, in part, by your membership dollars. So please take the time to read over these brief descriptions and know that you helped to make all these exhibits, tours, signs and events possible.

**Calvert County Government, Tourism Division, Replacing Historic Signs along the Solomons Riverwalk.** Project will undertake to replace and update signage that interprets the history and ecology



*Port Republic's One-Room Schoolhouse.*

of the Patuxent River, with additional funding support from Calvert County Government.

**Friends of Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum,** will host a workshop titled: *What is That? And What Does it Mean: Material Culture in the Chesapeake, c.*

1650-1800. This volunteer and museum training workshop will be open to all local museums and heritage sites with cash match coming from 4 regional organizations.

**Calvert Marine Museum Society,** *Cloth Furnishings for the Keepers House*

*at Cove Point,* The Keepers Quarters at Cove Point Light House will be available for visitors and this grant will help to pay for furnishings the kitchens and baths of rental units of the duplex. Balance of funds to come from year-end appeal.

**Friends of the One-Room School, Port Republic,** *Revision/Update of Informational Brochure.* Reprinting of brochure – originally supported by SMHA Mini-Grant – which tells the story of this iconic one room schoolhouse in Calvert County.

## The Southern Maryland Heritage Area Consortium

PO Box 745, Hughesville, MD 20637  
Phone: 301-274-4083  
Fax: 301-274-1924  
Email: [SoMdHeritage@tccsmd.org](mailto:SoMdHeritage@tccsmd.org)  
Web site: [www.DestinationSouthern-Maryland.com](http://www.DestinationSouthern-Maryland.com)



Executive Director: *Roz Racanello*

### Board of Directors:

**Doug Alves,** Southern Maryland Museum Association, Chairman  
**Billy Price,** Ducks Unlimited, Vice Chair  
**Jenny Plummer-Welker,** Calvert County Planning, Secretary  
**Wayne Clark,** Exec. Dir. Tri-County Council, Treasurer  
**Michael Bojokles,** 1812 Committee Liaison, Member-At-Large  
**Hon. Dennis Scheessele,** Mayor of the town of Indian Head  
**Phil Rollins,** St. Mary's County Parks  
**Kim Cullins,** St. Mary's Museum Division  
**Martha Battaglia,** Charles County Parks Department  
**Dr. Brad Gottfried,** College of Southern Maryland  
**Sherry Santana,** Chaney Enterprises  
**Fred Tutman,** Patuxent Riverkeeper  
**Jennifer Pitts,** Byway Manager

### Marketing & Technical Advisory Committee:

**Carolyn Laray,** St. Mary's County Tourism  
**Catherine Carroll,** Charles County Tourism  
**Joyce Baki,** Calvert County Tourism

*(Continued on page 2)*



Printed with soy ink on recycled paper.

Where  
TIME & TIDE  
SOUTHERN MARYLAND Meet

(Mini-Grants, Continued from page 1)



*Sunny day at Annmarie Garden's Makers Market*

**American Chestnut Land Trust,** *Parkers Creek, South Side Trail Head Sign.* Similar to the sign on the North Side which was supported by SMHAC Mini-Grant a few years back, this new sign will be on Scientist Cliffs Rd. and will clarify the entrance for the public.

**Town of North Beach,** *"Picture the Past" North Beach Business in the 30's and 40's.* A second interpretive panel for the boardwalk in town, this one will tell the story of businesses along Chesapeake Avenue in the 30's and 40's. The panel will go at 3<sup>rd</sup> St. and Chesapeake.

**Annmarie Garden,** *Makers Market Rack Card.* The Maker's Market, featuring Maryland handmade, homemade, or homegrown products including produce, arts and crafts,



*The Three Notch Trail in St. Mary's County*

honey, soap, clothing, etc. takes place the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month (except January), 9am-Noon in the parking lot of Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center. This piece will serve as promotion and guide with additional funds to come from Ann's Circle.

**Bayside History Museum,** *War of 1812 Exhibit Materials.* Costumes and materials for an exhibit featuring an 1812 cannon and other artifacts at the museum in the town of North Beach. Additional support for this project will come from the museum and the Town.

**Charles County Government, Tourism Division,** *Crain Memorial Welcome Center Exhibit Case.* To begin the mission of featuring Charles County's history at the visitor's center, they will purchase a glass case for exhibits of local Civil War, War of 1812 and Religious Freedom items and interpretation. Additional cash match to come from the County.

**The Historical Society of Charles County, Inc.,** *Colonial Clothing Exhibit at Friendship House.* The Society will purchase clothing, mannequins and signs for exhibit at Friendship House on the campus of the College of Southern Maryland in La Plata. Additional funds to come from the Friendship House Foundation of the Historical Society.

**College of Southern Maryland,** *Friendship House Lecture Series.* The Southern Maryland Studies Center will coordinate a spring lecture Series in April through June of 2012 about Colonial Life in Southern Maryland. The talks will take place at Friendship House and will be done in coordination with the Charles County Historical Society. Additional funds will come from the College Foundation.

**St. Mary's County, Parks & Recreation,** *Map/Guide of Three Notch Trail.* The brochure will include a trail map, brief history of the former St.

Mary's County railroad, information of interest for trail visitors, along with the rules and regulations for use of the trail. The county has funded design and file preparations of the piece.

**St. Mary's County, Division of Tourism,** *War of 1812 "Hub" Exhibits.* Two visitor hubs will be created to serve as starting points for all interested visitors, one at Patuxent River Naval Air Museum and the other at the County Historical Society in Leonardtown, both will feature 4 – 5 interpretive panels. Matching funds will from the County and the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum.



*Friendship House, on the CSM campus in La Plata*

**St. Mary's County, Division of Tourism,** *Civil War Sites Enhancement.* Refurbish and increase exhibits, signage, displays and lighting at Point Lookout Civil War Museum and provide a marker for the US Colored Troops Memorial Monument in Lexington Park. Partners for this project include Point Lookout State Park and the Unified Committee for Afro-American Contributions. Additional funds will be coming from the County and from Point Lookout.

Those are our mini-projects for the year. Please watch your local newspaper for new exhibit openings, the launch of the lecture series and any other related announcements about these projects. Your attendance and enjoyment of the mini-grant projects is every bit as important as your membership contributions!

# The War of 1812 on a Rainy Day in the Park

Every single year the most significant naval battle in Maryland's history is reenacted right where it originally took place – at the mouth of St. Leonard Creek along the shores of the Patuxent River in what is now Jefferson Patterson Park.



SMHAC Executive director Roz Racanello walks to the camera as troops march behind her.

In a few years a large spectacle will take place there. The original battle took place in 1814, so the bicentennial of our piece of military history in the War of 1812 will be reenacted in a very big way in 2014. In the mean time however, we continue to play out the script of that battle annually and spectators can see the battle, hear the explosions and even smell the gunpowder as if time had stood still.

This spring, Maryland Public Television will air a documentary travelogue about the many places across the state of Maryland that relate to the War of 1812 and the Star Spangled Banner. Many historic sites along the Star Spangled

Banner Scenic Byway and National Trail will be highlighted with various speakers describing their significance.

Our own Heritage Area director, Roz Racanello, was asked to speak about the Battle of St. Leonard reenactment at Jefferson Patterson Park. It was a blustery, rainy day but the cameras rolled on much as the cannon did on that day and every year since. To add to the gritty reality of the moment, a troop of fully armed soldiers marched to battle behind her as she described the exciting experience available to visitors at the event.

So make a point to come to the battle reenactment next year and again in 2014 when it will be an even more sensational event in Southern Maryland. You will not be disappointed.

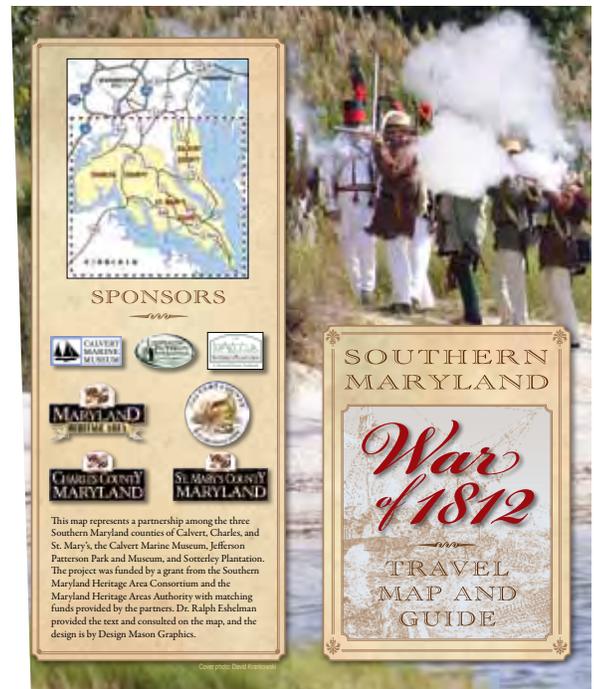
## New! Regional Map & Guide for War of 1812 Sites

Here in Southern Maryland we build partnerships to help get things done. And one of the strongest bonds has been among the counties and sites that share important history related to the War of 1812 and the creation of the Star Spangled Banner.

Last year, the three county tourism divisions, Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's, along with the Calvert Marine Museum, Jefferson Patterson Park

& Museum and Historic Sotterley Plantation, shared funds and efforts to create our very first regional map and guide related to events of the War of 1812.

The resulting piece, funded in part by the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority, is already proving to be a leader in the field of interpretation for the Bicentennial commemoration of the War of 1812. The brochure gives an overview of our role in the war, plus extensive and concise histories of the people, places and events for the battles, skirmishes, raids and encampments all across Southern Maryland. Written by Ralph Eshelman and designed by Jen Seidel,



The Southern Maryland War of 1812 Travel Map and Guide.

The Southern Maryland War of 1812 Travel Map and Guide is flying off of shelves in visitor centers across the state.

### Mission:

*The Mission of the Southern Maryland Heritage Area Consortium is to enhance the economic activity of Southern Maryland through combining quality heritage tourism and small business development with preservation, cultural & natural resource conservation and education.*

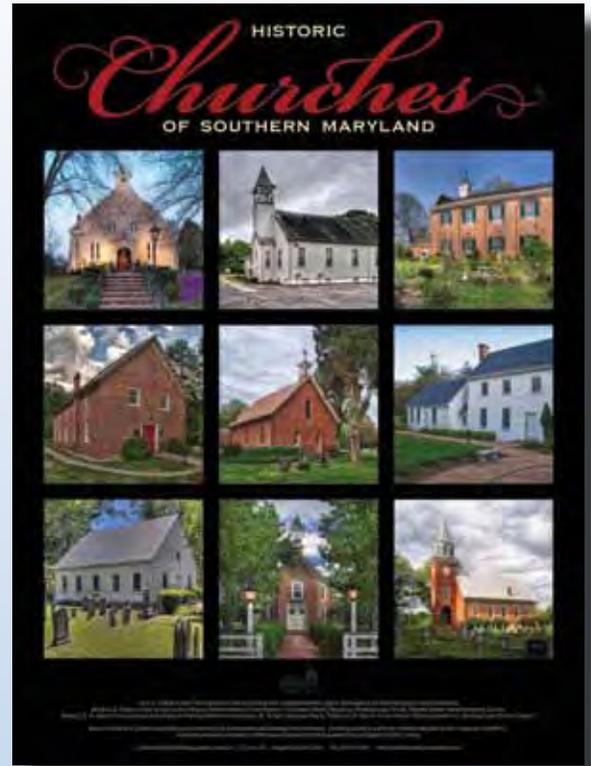
# Our History — Framed!

My message this time is really in two parts. First, take a second look at the fourteen projects we helped to fund with our Mini-Grants. We use some of our state grant to fund those, but the rest of the money comes from contributions. So if one or more of those projects sounds like the kind of thing you'd like to take friends to see and experience, fill in the form below and become a TideKeeper today.

We are fortunate to have so much history and heritage here in Southern Maryland. Colonial Maryland's story includes the first separation of church and state in the English speaking world. Some of the earliest churches that were part of that first attempt at Religious Freedom still stand and are in use today.

So the second part of my message is this: Join us today and send in your contribution of **\$50 or more** and our beautiful, suitable-for-framing poster; Historic Churches of Southern Maryland will be our gift to you. And the next time we announce our Mini-Grant Awards you will know that you were an integral part of investing in our shared heritage.

Roz Racanello, Executive Director



## Support Southern Maryland's Heritage... Become a **Tidekeeper** now!

The people of Southern Maryland are interested in the history and culture of our region. These people make up our Friends group, called *Tidekeepers*.

With your help, we will preserve, enhance and promote all that is special about our heritage area. By doing that we will demonstrate what a terrific place Southern Maryland is to work and play, for all the residents and also for the visitors and businesses in the region. Joining this elite circle of pride can cost as little as twenty dollars, so complete the Membership Form today and send it in with your donation – become a Tidekeeper of Southern Maryland.

**YES**, I want to join the Tidekeepers and demonstrate my pride in the unique Heritage of Southern Maryland! Enclosed is my donation for the Membership Level:

(please check one:)

Associate Member \$20     Supporting Member \$100     Sustaining Member \$500

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Special interests/concerns/talents: \_\_\_\_\_

I want to make an additional contribution in this amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **Friends of Southern Maryland Heritage**, a non-profit organization, organized under the 501-c(3) of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland. Your dues are tax deductible.

Mail completed form and check to: **Southern Maryland Heritage Area Consortium, PO Box 745, Hughesville, MD 20637.**

*The Southern Maryland Heritage Area Consortium is funded in part by the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority, by Calvert County, Charles County and St. Mary's County, and supported by the Tri-County Council of Southern Maryland.*

### Membership Levels and Benefits

**ASSOCIATE MEMBER: \$20.** Open to individuals and non-profit associations. All Associate Members will be on our mailing list to receive our newsletters and other information.

**SUPPORTING MEMBER: \$100.** Open to all who have a special pride in our region. All Supporting Members will receive a copy of our "Barns of Southern Maryland" poster.

**SUSTAINING MEMBER: \$500.** Open to businesses and individuals in Southern Maryland that wish to make a substantial and positive contribution in support of the Heritage of Southern Maryland. All Corporate Members will receive a plaque of appreciation for their contribution.