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The Annual Report of the Historic St. Mary's City Foundation

From the Commission President

The last few years have been extraordinarily challenging for living history museums across the country and Historic St. Mary's City is no exception. Fortunately our professional staff (the best anywhere, btw) was quick to recognize and deal with the economic challenges. As a result our museum operations and programs survived intact. Moreover the museum is positioned to provide a more unique experience as we enhance our web presence and the resources we provide to teachers and students.

Helping students learn the lessons from St. Mary's City's past is doubly important in 2011 as we see so many countries struggle with how to transition from dictatorship and monarchy rule to a more viable and sustainable governance structure. They would do well to look to the example of the Calverts and the 17th century Maryland settlers as they formed one of the first and most successful representative democracies for effective governance of a diverse population.

Many thanks to Dick Moe for his many years of leadership and service as president of the Historic St. Mary's City Commission. His many contributions will serve us well in the coming years.

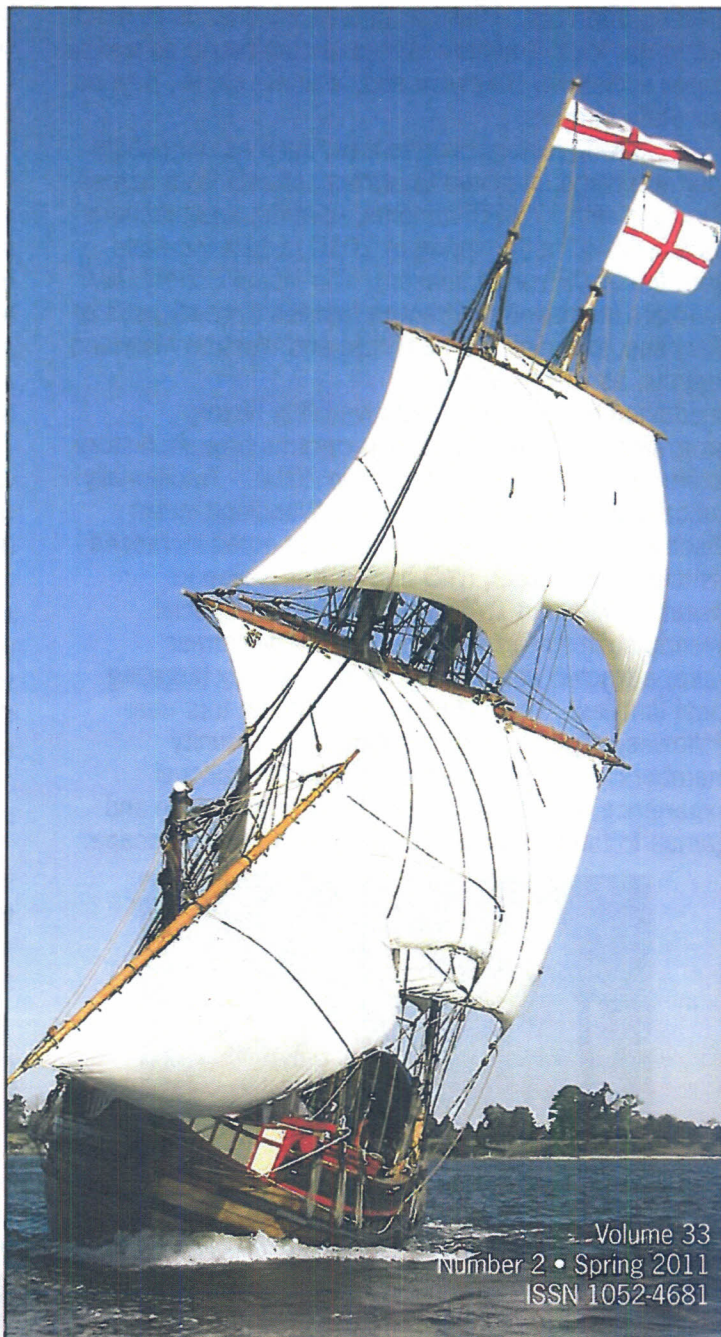
Thanks for everyone's support of HSMC and thanks for the opportunity to serve as your new commission president!

John McAllister

Letter from the Executive Director

2010 has been a year of change, development, and renewal for the museum. Thanks to the Maryland Heritage Project, Historic St. Mary's City has a variety of engaging exhibits for a full day's experience. Now the focus for the staff is on attracting visitors to the museum and expanding our programs for learners of all ages. Jennifer Legates, our Deputy Director as of January 2010, specializes in museum education and has been working with staff to broaden our offerings of

lectures, concerts, programs, and events. In partnership with St. Mary's College of Maryland, we are rehabilitating the former Nature Center at Chancellor's Point for environmental and outdoor programs. We have used technology to reach our many friends, thanks to Bob the Cow's fun and educational Facebook newsletters. We look forward to welcoming our visitors to St. Mary's City in 2011 and seeing them enjoy the programs and events we have planned.



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*"We expected to spend
an hour [at HSMC]
and we spent all day."*

2010 Visitor Survey Quote.

HSMC Education Programs

New Challenges, New Numbers

HSMC's educational programs achieved excellence this past year in spite of a challenging economic climate. Our goal has been to increase visitation while continuing to provide excellent patron service. This was accomplished by adding new programs and streamlining existing offerings. These programs enabled us to reach out to our local Southern Maryland community as well as larger audiences statewide and, in some cases, beyond our state borders.

Living history experiences, such as our school tour programs, continue to attract schools from across Maryland with 17,426 students, parents, and teachers visiting HSMC in the spring of 2010 (a 11% increase from the 2009 spring season). Our Home School Day numbers increased by drawing families from all parts of Maryland, including the Baltimore and Western Maryland regions, as well as Virginia.

In addition to our daily interactive living history programs, our special events programs brought history to life for an increase of visitors in 2010. Traditionally successful special events such as Woodland Indian Discovery Day and Militia Muster both noted increased visitation from 2009, (WID had 23% increase in visitation, MM had 1.4% bump) while new special events, such as Grave Matters and Mid-summer Faire, attracted new audiences to HSMC by targeting local families. Grave Matters, a nighttime tour near Halloween, appealed to neighboring community members looking for a seasonal, yet educational experience, while Mid-summer Faire provided fun and games to families looking beyond the video landscape.



Research, Archeology and Curation

The Research department has many exciting and important projects both new and ongoing. A new project involving the treatment of significant archaeological artifacts from the Town Center area will be funded by the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) a conservation grant in the amount of \$141,000. Our archaeology field school is noted as the oldest, continuous field school in North America, and this year excavation continued in the yards around the Leonard Calvert House. In addition to new information on the arrangement of fences, the students discovered a cellar, probably a dairy. Our archaeology staff also continues to give support and expertise to St. Mary's College of Maryland conducting testing and mitigation for the Anne Arundel Hall replacement, Mill Field parking lot, and Margaret Brent Hall relocation as part of the overall Maryland Heritage Project.

Our professional staff spends much time off site as well. Dr. Henry Miller represented us at in England at the Center for Medieval Studies while researching chapel fittings of the 17th century and the Calvert family. His work led to two study tours abroad in the United Kingdom and Ireland. The staff presented numerous lectures and papers to the Preservation Maryland Conference, Society for Post-Medieval Archaeology in Newfoundland, and the Coopersmith Seminar at Oxford University. Staff members spoke to crowds in the *Written in Bone* exhibit during "Forensic Fridays" at the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History.

After much research, preservation, and the creation of interpretive panels the Mackall Barn exhibit was opened to the public. This exhibit continues the stories of HSMC by introducing significant aspects of life in 19th century Southern Maryland 19th.

*"My kids (10, 8, and 2)
were all engaged."*

2010 Visitor Survey Quote.

MUSEUM FINANCES

Historic St. Mary's City Foundation provides philanthropic support for the Museum in both direct support and indirect support. Indirect support includes but is not limited to purchasing goods or services such as advertising, public relations and marketing materials. In 2010 the Foundation was able to fund the construction of the Chapel Pavilion and pay for interior exhibits using funds from the Maryland Heritage Area Authority and Colonial Daughters of the 17th Century. We were also able to procure 2 vehicles from SMECO and 16 computers from the College of Southern Maryland. The following is an overview of FY 2010 revenues.

HSMC Commission Operating Budget			
Funds	FY08	FY09	FY10
General	\$2,137,129	\$2,025,691	\$1,965,256
Special	\$ 737,803	\$ 737,892	\$ 685,506
Total	\$2,874,932	\$2,763,583	\$2,650,762

The Museum is funded primarily by the State of Maryland which is reflected in the General line in the chart below. The museum also funds activities with the proceeds from the museum shop, ticket sales, and rental of the property for special events these funds are reflected in the Special line.

A Year of Preparation

In terms of results the year 2010 appeared rather quiet for the board of directors of the Foundation. A good bit of work was being done behind the scenes and there was much focus on updating and reorganizing. The Museum has hired an IT Manager and there has been much progress in bringing the computerized files into reality. We are now better able to identify donors and their contributions, as well as list all volunteers and their demographics. The work of the board has been divided among various committees so as to allow individual board members to concentrate on specific projects.



All committees have developed action plans, meet regularly and are proceeding. At the annual meeting all committees will submit a short year end summary which will become part of the annual report. It is anticipated that the year 2011 will show the fruit of our labors. As always our main goal is to support the Museum and its programs. We feel strongly that Historic St. Mary's City Museum is an important asset to our local and regional community and worthy of support both financial and with our time.

Sincerely,

J. Patrick Jarboe
President

HSMC Foundation Budget	
Funds	Fiscal Year 2010
Membership Dues	\$ 102,446.00
Donations	\$ 40,940.00
Special Events Income	\$ 36,000.00
Chapel Campaign	\$ 46,326.00
Total	\$ 225,712.00

Volunteer hours have been given a value of \$20.80 in Maryland by the Independent Sector Nonprofit which comes to \$ 370,302.

Volunteers

Administrative and Development	2134
Archaeology	5743
Archives	75
Commission and Foundation	932
Events	320
Garden Club and Horticulture	765
Education	2153
Marketing	346
Maryland Dove	4403
Militia - 15	324
Museum Shop	75
Visitor Center	65
Facilities and Maintenance	143
Terrae Mariae	175
Trails	150
Totals	17,803

Lists of supporters include those who have contributed to the HSMC Foundation during Fiscal Year 2010 (July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010). Gifts received after June 30, 2010 will be acknowledged in the FY2011 roster. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy but mistakes sometimes occur. If we have misspelled or omitted your name, please accept our most sincere apologies and let us know by contacting the Development Office at 240-895-4977.

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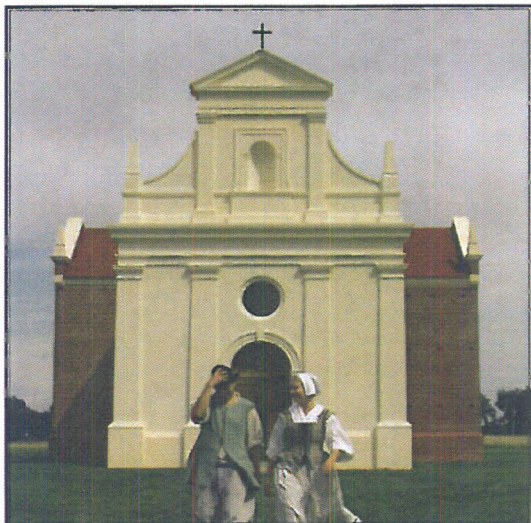
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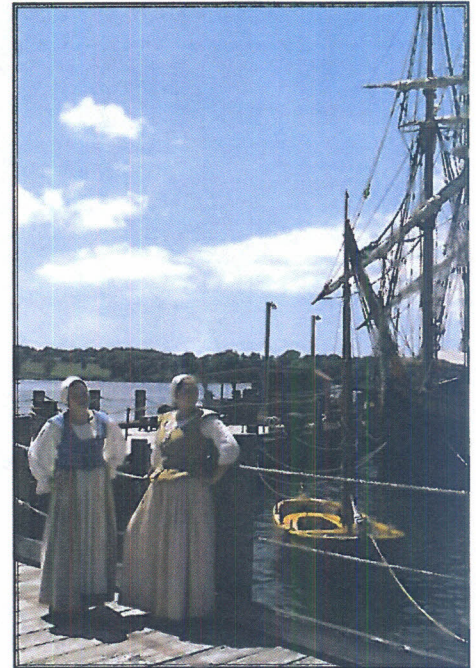
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| March 15 | Living history exhibits open. The entire museum is open Tues. - Sat., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. |
| March | Maryland Residents Month. State of Maryland residents enjoy \$2 off regular admission! |
| March 16 | Little Explorers: Peas and beans and growing things! For parent and child age 3-5. 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Story on page 1. |
| March 26 | Maryland Day. It's Maryland's 377th anniversary! Program at 1:00 p.m. See related stories on pages 2 and 4. |
| March 27 | Museum Lecture Series: The Ferryland Maryland Connection with Dr. James A. Tuck, Professor Emeritus, Memorial University, Newfoundland. 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Free. HSMC Visitor Center Auditorium. Story on page 4. |
| March 30 | Little Explorers: Big or little? An exploration of size. For parent and child age 3-5. 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. See story on page 1. |
| April 7 | Museum Lecture Series: Three Centuries of St. Mary's City. Talks by HSMC researchers. 6:30 p.m. Free. HSMC Visitor Center. |
| April 9 | Colonial Times Workshop Series: Felting. Age 9 and up. 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. See story on page 2. |
| April 13 | Little Explorers: Down on the farm. Meet a chicken! For parent and child age 3-5. 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Story on page 1. |
| April 16 | Colonial Times Workshop Series: Native Plant Propagation. Age 15 and up. 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Story on page 2. |
| April 20 | Homeschool Day: Our Natural Environment. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Fee. 240-895-4489 or programs@stmaryscity.org . |
| April 30 | Colonial Times Workshop Series: Spinning Wool. Age 12 and up. 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. See story on page 2. |
| May | First Responders Month. Police, fire, and ambulance personnel visit free. Accompanying family members enjoy \$1 off admission. |
| May 5 | Garden Market. Plants, produce, paraphernalia, and more on sale from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Old State House Road and Rte. 5. |
| May 11 | Little Explorers: Forest Friends -- Whoooo is hiding there? Pre-school and parent. 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Story on page 1. |
| May 21 | Colonial Times Workshop Series: A pirate's life for me. Ages 9-12 years and parent. 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon. Story on page 2. |
| May 22 | Music at the Museum: Wood's Tea Company in Concert. 2:00 p.m. in the Visitor Center auditorium. \$15 admission. |
| May 22 | BeerFest. Sample regional brews and restaurants, shop local crafters, enjoy live music. 12 noon until 6:00 p.m. Story on page 3. |
| May 25 | Little Explorers: Turtle Time! For parent and child age 3-5. 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Story on page 1. |