

GHHS Gazette

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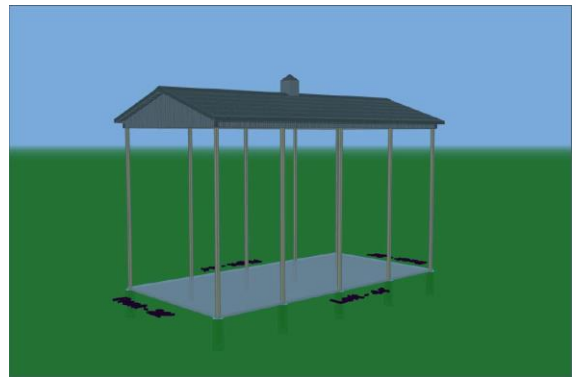
Improvements Abound at GHHS!

What's happening at the Historical Society?!

We are full opened and operating following a shutdown due to COVID-19. While we have been reopened since July of 2020, we have seen limited hours and events were cancelled including the cancellation of Harrington Heritage Day in 2020. But that is history, so it's time to move forward!

Shall we start on the out side? Both flower gardens in the front of the church and the Pauline Satterfield Annex received new plants and mulch. In addition to spreading mulch, we have planted over 100 tulip bulbs that will surely be beautiful for many springs to come. The Annex has received a new roof and an upgraded HVAC system that includes a device that removes viruses and bacteria from the air. The Railroad Tower also had an air condition system installed to better protect the artifacts and make for more comfortable tours for our visitors. It got hot in there during the summer! Shew! The Church had HVAC repairs to the ductwork and the bathroom was removed allowing for additional storage space. During the spring cleanup, the church was found to have some wood rot on the north side along with some foundation issues which are currently being evaluated for repairs.

Construction has begun at the Railroad Complex



Thank you to Welfare Foundation and Longwood Foundation! the pavilion over the caboose has been removed and a new one constructed. Once the restoration to the caboose has finished, longer scalloped sides will be added to complete the look. A dedication of the pavilion and of the other projects underway at the Railroad Complex will occur on Heritage Day, Saturday August 28 at 11am. Make plans to join us for the dedication of the new pavilion and see all the artifacts and history held within the block tower and caboose. Be sure to say hi to Ed! Try to stump him with a railroad question.

THANK YOU CRYSTAL TRUST!

Thank you can never really tell the whole story! The Greater Harrington Historical Society was given a marvelous gift, a grant for, drum roll, \$100,000!!!! This money will allow for all the needed repairs to the caboose and block tower to be completed over the coming months. Already a new roof has been placed on the block tower. Contracts have been signed for the rust repair, sand blasting and historically accurate painting of the caboose. She will shine as the day she was built in 1925! A special dedication will be held on Heritage Day, Saturday, August 27, 2021, beginning at 11 am.

Please join us in rededicating this complex.

Delaware Humanities comes through again!

COVID-19 impacted us in so many ways, especially in fundraising efforts. Thankfully the GHHS was able to submit for grants related to the impact of COVID-19. Through the first two grants we received a total of over \$12,000 to assist us with bills and other cost. We were able to use this fund to help us not only keep the bills paid while the doors were closed but install such things as touch-less faucets and hand sanitizers throughout the facility. We then received a \$20,000 grant through the ARP funding. This money again is to help us thrive and grow. Marketing ideas such as tablecloth for events, give away items were purchased. And to prepare for future disruptions, we will be making copies of the Harrington Journal available online soon! We can never thank Delaware Humanities enough for their continued support of GHHS.

FUN FACT- Did you know Harrington had over six ice cream parlors at one time! Email us at info@ghhsociety if you can remember them!

COMING ATTRACTIONS

MEMORIAL DAY

The Greater Harrington Historical Society will be hosting a Memorial Day Parade to honor our veterans on Monday, May 30th, 2022, beginning at 9am. Please join us in honoring the brave men and women that have paid the ultimate price for our freedom. To join in the parade, go to www.ghhsociety.org and complete the parade form.

HERITAGE DAY

The 40th annual Heritage Day will be held on Saturday, August 27, 2022. Heritage Day was begun by the Historical Society and the public library to celebrate our city's history. Volunteers will be needed to help with museum clean up before Heritage Day and to staff all 3 museum locations on Heritage Day. Please call the museum and leave a message or contact an officer if you are available to help.

Looking Forward

The building committee continues to work with Delmarva Pole Buildings on plans for a commercial pole building as a possible expansion to the museum. We will be working with local and state officials to help fund the project.

And As Always...

Donations are always welcome. We have very fragile artifacts that need conservation and restoration. Not to mention just the day-to-day expenses incurred running our museums. You can donate any time by using the donation button on our website or by mailing a check to the museum. You can also donate in addition to your membership dues when you renew.



Crossroads: Change in Rural America

The Greater Harrington Historical Society is excited to announce our newest exhibit! In cooperation with Delaware Humanities and the Smithsonian Institutes Museums on Main Street program, the Historical Society will be hosting the traveling exhibit "CROSSROADS: CHANGE IN RURAL AMERICA".

Opening date for the exhibit will be Saturday November 19, 2022, at 10am. We will have additional dates and times for tours of this exciting exhibit that will be announced shortly. The exhibit will remain in Harrington until Saturday January 28, 2023. Look for special events at the museum during the exhibit.

For more information on the coming exhibit, visit

[Smithsonian Crossroads/Museum on Main Street](#)
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