



# GHHS Gazette

Spring 2024

## Springtime Programs and Building!!

The weather is getting warmer, the flowers are blooming, and life is renewing all around us. And here at GHHS, that same spirit has us filled with excitement! We will be everywhere this spring, events such as Bug & Bud in Milford, Buccaneer Bash in Bower Beach, I Love Lake Forest Day and more! All this activity will lead us into our two big spring events, Kids Day at the Caboose, and the premiere of “Blue Hen Records, Sounds of Delmarva”. More on those events later in the newsletter.

Construction here also is getting in full swing. The restoration of the exterior of the former St Stephens Church, as well as the replacing of the stained-glass windows is set to begin in May. A sketch of the windows is included in the newsletter. GHHS has also submitted grant request to renovate the attic area into a controlled environment archival storage space. Once completed, the organization will have a much-needed storage area that is temperature controlled and large enough to accommodate researchers. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for all the details and hopefully our grant award notifications!

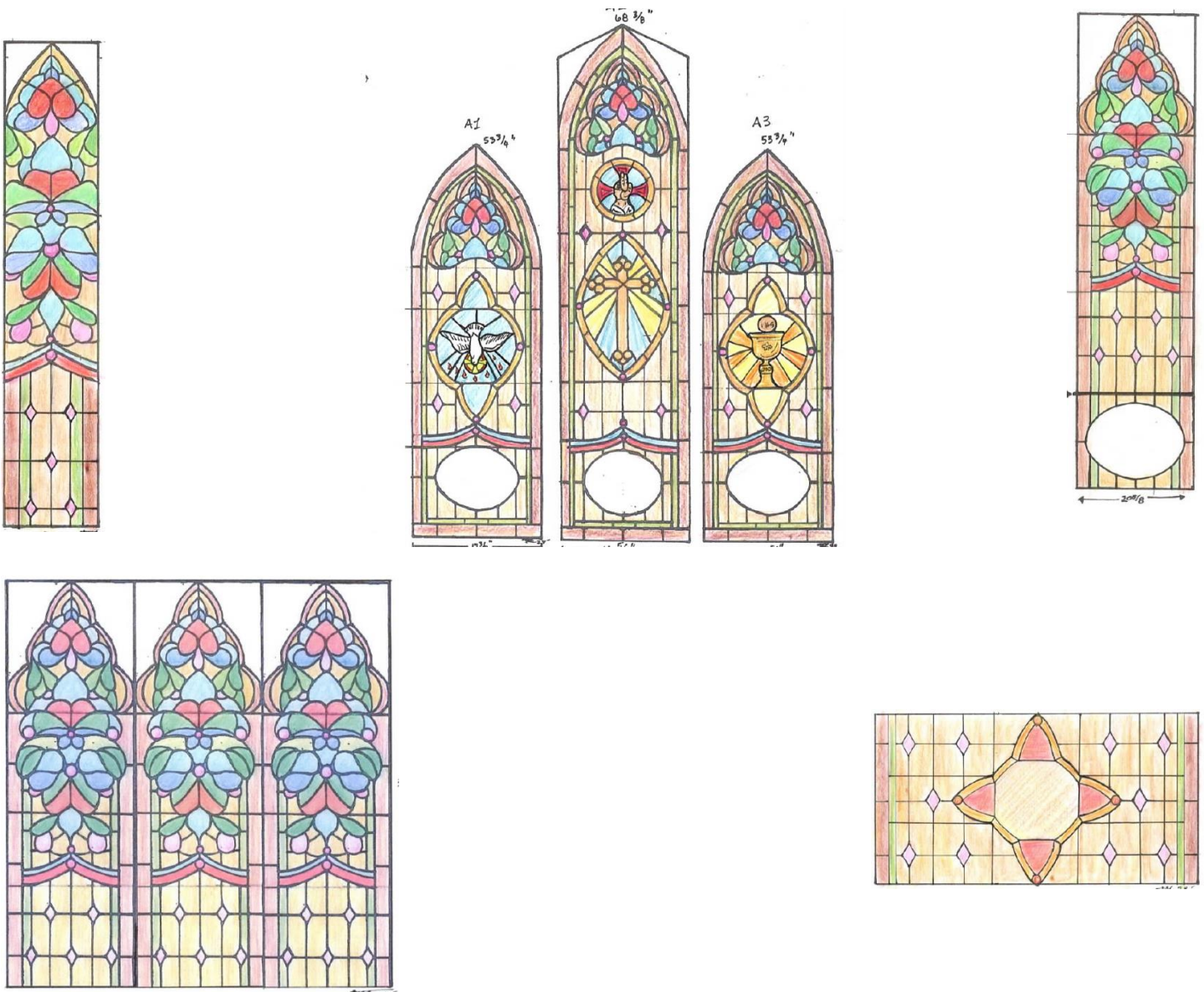


It will soon be time to renew your membership dues. Dues are \$20.00 and we will be sending out renewal emails and notices beginning July 1, 2024. We are always looking for new members, so bring a friend and have fun!

# St Stephens Restoration

## THANK YOU, CRYSTAL TRUST!

Beginning in May, the former St. Stephens Episcopal Church, which today serves as one of our three museums locations, will undergo a major restoration project. The restorations and repairs will include WOOD repairs to the exterior of the building and repainting of the entire structure. Installing the cross back on top of the steeple. Necessary repairs to the bell cradle so the bell can ring again! And the most exciting thing of all, the windows will have stained glass reinstalled! Again, a huge thank you to Crystal Trust for the generous grant! A special rededication of the church will occur during Harrington Heritage Day, set for August 24, 2024. Below are the sketches that have been approved for the project.





## KIDS DAY AT THE CABOOSE!!

Back by popular demand, Kids Day at the Caboose, will be held on Saturday, June 8, 2024, beginning at 10am. This year's event will also feature a car show, sponsored by Southern Delaware Street Rod Association. Come out for a day of fun, games, and food! Learn about Harrington's Railroad history and check out the cars!



## Blue Hen Records, Sounds of Delmarva

**It's almost time to rock your socks off!**

The documentary, produce by 302 Stories and funded through a grant from Delaware Humanities, will be premiered on Saturday, June 15, 2024, at the Harrington Fire Hall. Doors will open at 6 pm, with the documentary showing at 7 pm. Be sure to wear your best poodle skirts and bobby socks! There will be casual food and soda provided by GHHS. Come out and hear about a unique history and how Harrington was the home of Rock & Roll!



**Wreaths Across America Fundraising Golf Tournament** – Date & Location TBA

**Kids Day at the Caboose** – Saturday, June 8, 2024, 10 am till 2pm

**Blue Hen Records Documentary Event** – Saturday, June 15, 2024, 6 pm Harrington Fire Hall

**46<sup>th</sup> Annual Harrington Heritage Day** – Saturday, August 24, 2024

Special Dedication of the restored church

**Santa at the Caboose**, nights in December, to be announced.

**Wreaths Across America, Wreath Day 2024** – Saturday, December 14, 2024, 12 pm



## We Need Your Support More Than Ever!

The Greater Harrington Historical Society is looking for sponsors.

As you all know, the GHHS functions solely on grants, donations, and dues. Beginning in July of 2024, GHHS is looking for individuals, families, and businesses, that want to help us continue our mission through a sponsorship program. We are a non-profit organization and, as such, all donations are tax free contributions.

To ensure we can continue to preserve and present our history, we are asking the community for help. While many of our major projects receive grant funding, operational costs continue to be a challenge.

Applications can be found on our website, [www.ghhsociety.org](http://www.ghhsociety.org) or at the museum.