



GHHS Gazette

Summer 2024

Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of Summer!!

We are kicking off a busy summer here at GHHS with the premiere of “Blue Hen Records, Sounds of Delmarva”. The event is scheduled for June 15, 6pm at the Harrington Fire Hall. Check out all the details in this edition of our newsletter.

As we have previously shared, construction projects are underway. 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 the last week of July, with a completion date on August 10th. A sketch of the windows is included in the newsletter.

GHHS has received grant funding to renovate the attic area into a controlled environment archival storage space. A big thank you goes out to Longwood Foundation for a grant of \$40,000, to The Delaware 250th Committee for \$10,000 and to Delaware Preservation for \$10,000 to fund this much need renovation. THANK YOU ALL!!!!

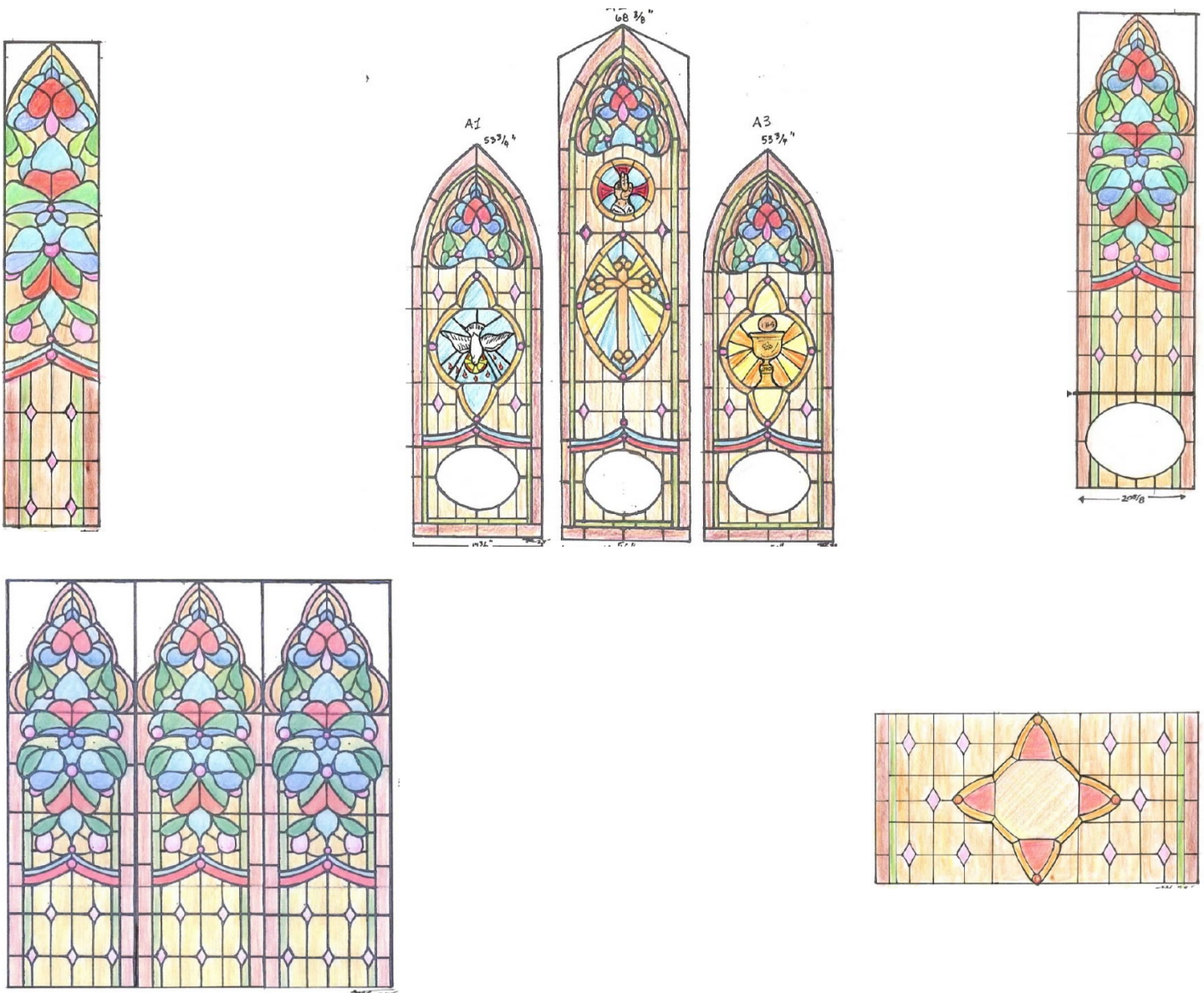


It will soon be time to renew your membership dues. Dues are \$20.00 and we will be sending out renewal emails and notices beginning July 1, 2024. We are always looking for new members, so bring a friend and have fun!

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.



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!



46th Annual Harrington Heritage Day

It's time to celebrate our history!

Please join us and the entire City of Harrington as we celebrate our city! Make your plans to be here on Saturday, August 24th, 2024, for all the fun. A parade will kick off event at 9am. There will be vendors, food, and fun for all! All three museums will be open to explore. Don't miss the rededication of the church museum at 12pm. Oh and did we forget to remind you, don't forget your old-fashioned soda from the Burtons Soda Fountain!



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 or at the museum.



Wreaths Across America Fundraising Golf Tournament – Date & Location TBA

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

46th 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