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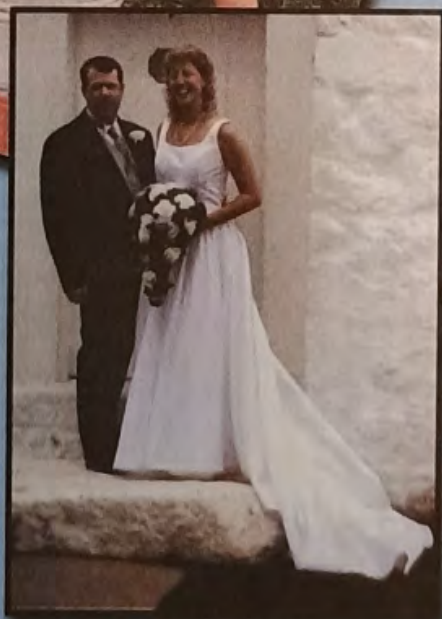
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Ohayugosaimasu (Ohio-go-zia-mus-oo) – which is Japanese for a “good morning.” Last issue I mistakenly called the new Oriental restaurant the Japanese Garden. Well, the restaurant is actually *Osaka Express Restaurant*. Owners Danny and Sherry Chen were very gracious when I visited them to apologize for my oversight.

The Chen's moved here from Taiwan in 1983. They have owned several restaurants in their lifetime. Having plans to retire, Danny was stunned to find his investments taking a nosedive during 2000. September of 2001 they moved to Havre de Grace from Rockville, MD to once again open a restaurant and rebuild their lives.

Danny and Sherry are a very friendly couple who bought the Chinese buffet that was previously at this location – 800 Pulaski Highway (Route 40) next to McDonald's. They continued to operate it as a buffet for two months. After getting all the permits and approvals required, they remodeled the restaurant. They are now able to serve tasty entrees prepared to order from the new hibachi located at the front of the restaurant. They use no MSG in their cooking. Danny removes fat from the quality meats and chooses fresh vegetables to complement the meal.

If you haven't tried the California Roll Sushi, you have a treat coming to you. “Sushi does not always mean raw fish,” Danny explains. “It's a movie thing.” Offering both Chinese and Japanese entrees, I highly recommend that you stop in and give them a trial run. I don't think you'll be disappointed. And remember it's *Osaka!*

The coming fall and winter season brings some interesting community events. September offers the Children's Art Festival in Tydings Park. This is their 14th year and it is always a delight for young and old. From face painting to puppets and everything in between, you're bound to have a giggle enjoying this great program. The Bike Run 4 Breast Cancer is new to our area. Check out the article elsewhere in this publication to learn more about it.

To answer the many ways one might look to have fun, we have wine cruises aboard the Skipjack MARTHA LEWIS, an antique car show, and a great Fall Harvest Festival at Steppingstone. Or maybe you would rather see a play, enjoy our 1st annual Oktoberfest, take a nature walk or chuckle with the kids sporting their great costumes in our Halloween Parade.

Of course, we don't want to forget the exciting Concord Point Lighthouse Celebration of 175 Years of Light on Saturday, November 2nd. Then as we move into the December holiday activities, the Festival of Trees, downtown Christmas Parade, and the 30th Annual Candlelight Tour help to round out the year. The annual Duck Drop & Fireworks to bring in the New Year has become a unique Havre de Grace celebration.

The early months of 2003 will offer a wide variety of historical lectures and museum fundraiser activities. Freedom Road Productions will offer a series of concerts.

Then we know spring has arrived when the much-anticipated Skipjack MARTHA LEWIS has

their Annual Bull & Oyster Roast fundraiser. This year it is scheduled for April 25th and they'll be celebrating 9 years of a great way to move from winter to spring!

The first weekend in May the town is jumpin'! With the HdG Decoy Festival, the War of 1812 Re-enactment downtown and at the Lockhouse, the Musical Mile of entertainment throughout town, and the Civil War Re-enactment at Steppingstone... well, you just have to be here to appreciate this amazing weekend!

When I talk of the Havre de Grace Experience, I like to share stories of the interesting people who make up our community. I had the opportunity to talk to several business owners that have decided to relocate here after visiting as tourists.

Ten years ago while traveling I-95, Bob Buden checked the map for an interesting place to have lunch. There it was – a spot right where the Susquehanna River met the Chesapeake Bay. Havre de Grace, MD – the meeting place!

That's the way Bob described his first stop in town. After many return visits, he has opened his business – *Tapestries and Treasures* – and is remodeling his new apartment. The new location - 220 N. Washington Street.

The great prices for commercial real estate were Bob's pragmatic considerations for choosing our community. But “a great small town with barbershops, friendly people, and the potential for growth were

New Visitors Center Hosts Chinese Delegation

What an exciting opportunity to have international visitors before our Visitors Center is even officially open. On August 8th Havre de Grace hosted an international delegation from Dalian, China. The officials were here to gather information on the Havre de Grace Jetty Project. They are preparing to create a similar project that will include a yacht harbor, marina and yacht club in Dalian, China. The team also visited cities in New York and California during their trip to the U.S.



Picture above from left to right are: Mayor David R. Craig, City of Havre de Grace; Mr. Lin Hao, Directors General of the Dalian Xinghai Development & Construction Administration Center; Ms. Liu Chang, Deputy Chief Engineer, and Mr. Liang Ye, Assistant Manager of Housing Finance Department, China Construction Bank

The morning began with a welcoming reception hosted by the Havre de Grace Maritime Museum, followed by a luncheon on the grounds of Tidewater Marina. Both of these events were catered by Stephanie Anderson-Costa of the Havre de Grace Ritz Café.

While it was a long day for all involved, friendships were made. The finale was a dinner presented at the city's new Visitors Center located in the old police station at 420 Pennington Avenue. Bill Correll from Susquehanna Station Restaurant catered the meal with the Ritz Café offering the dessert.

Other guests included:

Cecil Hill, Allen Fair, Gary Pensell and Herbert Shepler of the Jetty Committee (HdG Downtown Focus Group); Kathy Vincenti, President HdG Chamber of Commerce; Diane Ford, Chairperson HdG Economic Development Commission; Meg Wloczewski, Chairperson HdG Focus Group and member representing Discover Harford Co. Tourism; Mayor David Craig and members of the HdG City Council.

Two other visiting Chinese delegates were: Yao BaoSheng, Chairman, Dalian Xinghai Bay CBD Property Management Co., Ltd. and Liu Zheng, Chief Engineer, Dalian Xinghai Development & Construction Administration Center.

Congratulations to all of those involved for a great day of international sharing and a wonderful beginning for our new Visitors Center.



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even more important," says Bob. He comments on the fact that three of the major churches are building and expanding. This "community of old fashioned values" was the final tug that cemented his decision. Of course his love of the water and sailing certainly made it an even easier choice.

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Bob's enthusiasm for his trade is obvious when he says, "Tapestries are wonderful in that they are art, they are history, they are beauty, and they are quite practical." You'll want to make it a point to catch up with him. He offers selections in his building through the *Thorofair Antiques Center* at 220 N. Washington.

He has also completed extensive renovations to create his new office in the rear of the building. He sells a great deal over their new website: www.tapestries4less.com and through wholesale at trade shows. With seven years developing a customer base, this next stage seems to be a natural.

An interesting side note is listening to Bob share his excitement at seeing his tapestries that were purchased for the daytime TV program, "As the World Turns." He also sold tapestries for the set of the Hallmark Hall of Fame's program, "Hamlet."

Tapestries & Treasures is a welcome addition to our community. Bob's personal energy, friendly demeanor and enthusiasm for our city are welcome attributes that will most certainly improve his chances for success!

Keith and Sandra Williamson of *Chesapeake Country Candles*, 450 Franklin Street, have a similar story. Keith's office was moving to Belcamp, MD so they were scouting the area looking for a place to call 'home.' Sandy had heard of Havre de Grace a great deal where she lived in Newark, Delaware.

As they drove through town, they loved that it was on the water. They checked out the marinas; then had a drink at MacGregor's Restaurant. As they talked about this charming, historic community, Sandy shared her excitement with Keith that maybe this was the place they might consider to build their candle shop.

Linda Braswell, an employee at the restaurant, overheard them discussing the shop. She told them about the building across the street on the corner - the one where she had an apartment. She explained that there was a corner storefront with an apartment above it.

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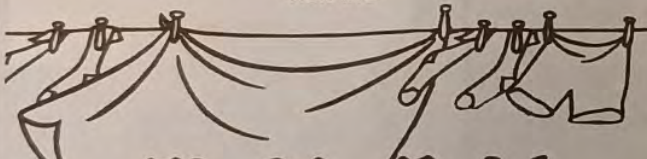
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"I have the best vanilla around," remarks Sandy. She admits that vanilla was not her favorite until she started testing. Now she loves her creation. One of her secrets - burn a vanilla with a black cherry. Mmmm...mmmm.

Sandy's now working on lines for the coming fall and holiday season. She'll also soon be creating a natural and aromatherapy line created with a vegetable based wax and essential oils.

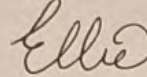
In the beginning of 2003, Sandy hopes to add her own

line of bath & body products including items such as handmade soaps created with natural ingredients. Add a candle and "Voila!" - instant personal spa!

And Keith? Well, between building new display cases, creating unique labels that offer great photos of local historic and natural sites, he's kept pretty busy trying to keep up with Sandy.

The Williamson's make a perfect team. Stop in to their shop and welcome them to town. Then don't go away empty handed. Be sure to visit their website at www.chescountrycandles.com.

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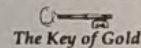


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Re-enactors at the Susquehanna Lockhouse Museum (museum photo), Daycampers showing off their art projects at the Oyster Art Program where they also enjoy being aboard the Skipjack MARTHA LEWIS (CHC Inc. photo), Bobbing for apples during the Fall Festival at Steppingstone (photo by Ellie Mencer), Wedding of Joey & Sheila Jobs - June 15, 2002 - at the Concord Point Lighthouse (photo by Dave Hagan of White Hall, MD)

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Saturday hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Beginning at 9 are the children's activities at the Museum, a bake sale and you can sign up for the Free Raffle Registration.

At 10 a.m. "Scales & Tales" – live birds and reptiles will be presented. The 1st Silent Auction opens. And at 10 a.m. Vernon Bryant will demonstrate a Punt Gun. Watch from the boardwalk. You'll hear it!

At 10:50 Honorary Duck Fair Chairman, Bill Veasey will be introduced. At noon the 1st silent auction ends. And there will be another Punt Gun demonstration. Bidder

registration for the Live Auction is from 11 til 2 p.m.

At 1 p.m. the 2nd Silent Auction begins. Also Vicky Trainor and friends from Oakdale Retrievers will demonstrate the techniques and skills of both dogs and their trainers. Great fun to watch. See them on the lawn beside the museum at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. From 2 to 3 p.m. the Live Auction occurs. At 3 p.m. the 2nd Silent Auction ends.

On Saturday and Sunday at 11, there's a great opportunity to catch a glimpse of the fine art of decoy carving. Watch and listen as the masters exchange stories (and probably a few tall tales) as they quickly whittle duck heads.

Sunday opens at 10 a.m. and closes at 4 p.m. The

morning begins with Children's Activities at the Museum. The Decoy Painting Tent opens, as does the Bake Sale. Again you can register for the Free Raffle. And the 1st Silent Auction begins.

At 10:30 judging for the Carving Competition will be on the Boardwalk. At noon the 1st Silent Auction ends. At 1 p.m. the Retriever Demonstration will begin as will the 2nd Silent Auction. There will be another Retriever Demo at 2 p.m.

The 2nd Silent Auction ends at 3 p.m. And at 3:30 the drawing of the Free Raffle will take place.

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What I never anticipated was that one of the people that would most be affected was MY mom and MY family. My own mother was diagnosed with breast cancer soon after my return from the 1996 ride. Fortunately, through early detection and good medical treatment, she is a success story and doing well today.

I was inspired by my 1996 experience to organize Bike Cancer, Inc. The organization secured non-profit and tax-exempt status in September 2001. Its purpose is to reach out to people in need of education, testing and treatment for breast cancer. In 1996, when I embarked on my first solo cross-country bicycle ride, 1 in 12 women would be diagnosed with breast cancer. Now, less than seven years later, the statistics reveal breast cancer will affect 1 in 8 women!

Yes, the word is getting out there. Awareness is increasing! However, there are still many people who need to hear our message of early detection and obtaining good medical treatment. In my community alone, a 2000 study showed that just over 50% of the women between the ages of 50-69 have annual mammograms. The standard is a yearly mammogram starting at age 40. Bike4BreastCancer is striving to reach all communities - even if it means bringing

Bike4BreastCancer to you and cycling through your town.



Bike4BreastCancer's Pink Ribbon Rides are the result of this desire to give men and women an opportunity to get involved on a local level. These day rides are designed to interest riders of various skill levels and raise money and awareness for breast cancer through the recreation of cycling. Monies raised benefit the local communities and surrounding areas which host the **Pink Ribbon Rides**.

This September (2002) **Bike4BreastCancer** will host two **Pink Ribbon Rides** in Maryland. The first will be September 8th in Havre de Grace and the second will take place September 21st in Greenbelt. For more information or to register, log on to: www.bike4breastcancer.org.

Kathy currently resides in Bel Air, MD with her daughter, Bobbie Lynn - a welcome addition to our community!

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Mules were generally used to pull canal boats because they were considered:

- 1) Smarter,
- 2) Not frightened by small animals or snakes, and
- 3) Generally do not drink tainted water

Usually a pair of mules was used to pull a boat. If two boats were being pulled, then four mules would be used. It was not a practice to use only one mule for the boat.

When two boats met, the one ascending the canal kept to the towpath. The descending boat would drop its towlines and the ascending boat went over the lines.

You are encouraged to check out the Susquehanna Museum at the Lockhouse. For information, call 410-939-5780.



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What's New In Town?

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Streetscapes:

The streetscape projects continue. The St. John Street-Union Avenue intersection is shaping up nicely. There will be a welcoming gateway to our city completed there shortly.

The 300 block of St. John Street was completed with the signature sidewalk, new lights, and wiring placed underground. The trees will be re-planted in the fall as well as the finishing touches, like benches, will be placed.

BGE has been replacing old gas pipes. So please be patient as they work these long hot days to help to improve the city's infrastructure.

In reference to all this roadwork, be sure to acknowledge those great folks who stand out in the hot sun for hours directing traffic. This summer has been a real test for all of them.

Visitor's Center

The center at 420 Pennington Avenue (in the old Police Station) will most likely be open by the time you hold this publication in your hands (or very shortly after).

A lot of volunteers have supported the city in getting this building refurbished for the center. City councilman Richard Tome's enthusiasm has most certainly been a key part in making this all come to fruition. Area businesses and organizations have contributed items to decorate the center, as did the City.

The Lockhouse to Lighthouse staff is looking forward to being able to introduce our new Manager of Tourism and Marketing. This project has been a long time dream of a lot of folks. So take a moment when you're in town to check and see if the center is open. They're looking forward to telling you all about the great community we wish to share with you.

Shops

The Heritage Tea Room isn't exactly new. It was a



Dressing up...at the Heritage Tea Room

thriving business in Bel Air before Peggy Brewer moved it to Havre de Grace. Here you can enjoy a truly leisurely lunch with friends or share an afternoon tea.

But the hidden secret and really fun part of the Heritage Tea Room is the opportunity for a birthday celebration where the young ladies can play 'dress up' and have tea and crumpets!

Just when you think that young people no longer know how to pretend or create their own play, you can find yourself giggling with the girls as they try on dresses and hats of yesteryear and imagine themselves a princess, bride or hostess.

Whether you're surprising a daughter or granddaughter, or you wish to take a friend out for a quiet luncheon, you'll have a wonderful experience at the Heritage Tea Room located at 421 St. John Street. You can call for reservations at 410-942-0290. And it certainly makes for a great gift certificate for the coming holidays!

Bayside Antiques located in the old National 5 & 10 has opened at 232 North Washington Street, offering an eclectic choice of antiques and collectibles.

Just a few storefronts away, you'll see *Tapestries & Treasures* lettered on the window of the *Thorofair Antiques* store at 220 N. Washington Street. *Tapestries*

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A-Tours offers historic and scenic tours of the Upper part of the bay with exclusive tours of the underground railroad. Tours offered year round. \$
Visit: www.atours.net Info: 410-939-1133

Lantern Queen

Dinner Cruises aboard an original turn of the century paddle wheeler. Leaves from the dock at Hutchins Park (foot of Congress Avenue) \$ Reservations Req'd
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SEPTEMBER 2002 EVENTS

September 6-14

FALL USED BOOK SALE - Friends of the Library - HdG Public Library. Call: 410-939-6700

September 7

14th ANNUAL CHILDREN'S ART FESTIVAL - Tydings Park 10 am to 3 pm. (Rain location: HdG High School Gym). Call: 410-297-8767

September 8

BIKE RUN FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS - Begins at Tydings Park. Registration 7 am. Metric Century & 50 mile loop begins at 8 am. 25 mile loop begins at 8:45 and the family Fun Run starts at 9:15. Check out their website at: www.bike4breastcancer.com. Info: 1-888-906-BIKE (2453)

September 10

WINE CRUISE aboard Skipjack MARTHA LEWIS: Enjoy a great fall evening on the Upper Bay while sipping a fine glass of Harford County Fiore Wines. Boat departs promptly at 6 p.m. \$20/person. Call: 410-939-4078

September 11

PATRIOTIC THEME REMEMBRANCE CRUISE aboard the Skipjack MARTHA LEWIS includes wines from Fiore Vineyards of Maryland, 6:00 pm Reservations, \$15. Call: 410-939-4078

September 14

GUIDED NATURE & HISTORICAL WALK OF THE NORTH PARK TRAIL 10 am meet at 9:45 at Susquehanna Lockhouse Museum - approximately 1 hour - FREE
Call: 410-939-5780

September 14 - 2 and 8 p.m.

FREEDOM ROAD PRODUCTIONS presents Kim & Reggie Harris concert at the Old Opera House, 121 N. Union, HdG. \$ Contact Pam at 410-893-1637 or www.FreedomRoadProductions.org

September 14-15

15th ANNUAL DUCK FAIR - Decoy Museum outside event, Sat. 9 am - 5 pm, Sun. 10 am - 4 pm, features carvers, antique & contemporary decoys, wildlife artists, photography, retriever demos, carving competition, & children's activities. ADA Accessible
Call: 410-939-3739

September 18

ANTIQUe APPRAISAL FAIR by the HdG Arts Council at HdG Community Center
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September 24

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September 28-29

FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL & CRAFT SHOW – Steppingstone Museum, 461 Quaker Bottom Road, 11 am to 5 pm, includes scarecrow stuffing, apple butter making, country music, square dancing & clogging, storytelling, crafts, food. \$5 (12 and under FREE) ADA Accessible
Call: 1-888-419-1762 or 410-929-2299

September 29

ANTIQUE CLASSIC CAR SHOW – HdG High School – noon to 5 pm (Cars must be registered between 10 and noon \$) FREE to public but a donation of canned goods for the Salvation Army is appreciated. Info: 410-939-6600

OCTOBER 2002 EVENTS

October 5 - 8 p.m.

FREEDOM ROAD PRODUCTIONS presents Jack Williams & Stephanie Corby concert at the Old Opera House, 121 N. Union, HdG. \$ Contact Pam at 410-893-1637 or www.FreedomRoadProductions.org

October 5

Discovering & Collecting Sci-Fi at Washington Street Books (131 N. Washington). This all day seminar features authors: Jack Chalker and Yoji Kondo (Eric Kotani) and members of the Balt. Sci-Fi Society plus thousands of books, comics, etc. Info? Contact: 410-939-6215 or www.washingtonstreetbooks.com

October 11-13

Tidewater Players present "Poison for II" at the Old Opera House, 121 N. Union Ave, HdG, Fri & Sat – 8 pm, Sunday 3 pm \$ Tickets available at HdG Ritz Cafe Call: 410-939-0430 or 410-939-5046

October 13

1ST ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST STREET FAIR – downtown 10 am – 5 pm (Raindate: October 20) No Admission Charge. Enjoy music, children's puppet show, plus food, crafts, art, & antiques vendors with lots of fun for all ages.
Call: 410-939-3551 or 410-939-6215

October 18-20

Tidewater Players present "A Poison for II" at the Old Opera House, 121 N. Union Ave, HdG, Fri & Sat – 8 pm. Sunday 3 pm \$ Tickets available at HdG Ritz Cafe Call: 410-939-0430 or 410-939-5046

October 19

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October 25-26

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Call: 410-939-0430 or 410-939-5046

October 30

DOWNTOWN HALLOWEEN PARADE – 6 pm registration, sponsored by the HdG Parks & Recreation
Call: 410-638-3853

NOVEMBER 2002 EVENTS

November 2

16th ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY DINNER – for HdG Decoy Museum at the Bayou Restaurant – 6 pm cocktails, 7 pm dinner, \$, Reservations
Call: 410-939-3739

What's New In Town?

& Treasures offers quality, affordable new tapestries as well as one-of-a-kind and antiques pieces. Although much of the sales occur through shows and the Internet, there is an interesting selection available on-site as well. Stop in and check it out for yourself!

Ladies, we have a great dress boutique that has opened next to Ice Dreams. *Waiting for the Tide* is a delightful shop that offers comfortable clothing for more than reasonable prices. Rebecca Felkoski's stunning smile and excellent customer service makes your search for a great outfit a treat rather than a trial.

"Quintessential clothing for the free-spirited woman" says it all. If your concept of the highest form of clothing is created with wonderfully natural fabrics in the most delightful array of colors, styles that are both contemporary and classic, and a fit that allows a woman to move with ease while looking stunning – well, there you have it! Quintessential!

I might add that anyone familiar with the great hand-dyed silk scarf creations by *Colourful Stitches*, you'll find them here. They're part of the complementary jewelry and accessories that make this shop a one-of-a-kind find.

Don't wait a moment longer. Stop by *Waiting for the Tide* at 211 N. Washington Street. Say 'hello' to Rebecca and staff and select the outfit that accents your personality. Whether you're looking for fun, funky or some serious functionality, you're sure to find clothing that speaks to you and for you!

I'm sure I've missed something. Take the time to browse our shops, meet the interesting folks who own them, and take home lots of wonderful items for yourself and gifts for those you love. Don't forget the holidays are coming and we have some pretty unique ideas throughout town and in our museums to make your holiday gift-giving list a lot easier to fill.

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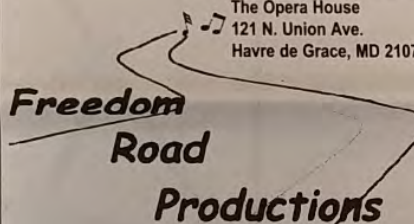


The Havre de Grace Decoy Museum is open seven days a week from 11:00am - 4:00pm
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November 2 (tentative) 8 p.m.

FREEDOM ROAD PRODUCTIONS presents Wishing Chair concert at the Old Opera House, 121 N. Union, HdG. S Contact Pam at 410-893-1637 or www.FreedomRoadProductions.org

Please note the corrected date:

November 2

CONCORD POINT LIGHTHOUSE 175th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Celebrate the 175 Years of Light beginning at 8 a.m. with a graveside service and wreath laying for lighthouse keeper, John O'Neill and Master lighthouse builder, John Donohoo at Angel Hill Cemetery. At 10 there will be a procession/parade through town beginning at Rochambeau Plaza (Greene, N. Washington, St John St. intersection). Dressing in period costume (1820s) is encouraged. At 11 there will be a ceremony at Concord Point. About 11:30 - 4:30 there will be entertainment and food available on lighthouse and lightkeeper's house grounds. Between 5-5:30 a candlelight vigil and "first" lighting of this light tower followed by a catered dinner, auction, etc. from 6-9:30 p.m. The dinner takes place in a heated tent on the O'Neil House property in a heated tent. (Tickets req'd for dinner) For info call: 410-939-9040

November 17 - 8 p.m.

FREEDOM ROAD PRODUCTIONS presents David Roth concert at the Old Opera House, 121 N. Union, HdG. S Contact Pam at 410-893-1637 or www.FreedomRoadProductions.org

November 22

THANKSGIVING DINNER - given by S.M.I.L.L.E.S., HdG High School
Call: 410-939-6600

DECEMBER 2002 EVENTS

Nov 30 - Dec 7

FESTIVAL OF TREES - Sat. & Sun. 11a.m.-5p.m. and weeknights 5-8p.m. Sat., Dec. 7th open from 11-3 with Gala from 6-10 (tickets req'd). Sponsored by the HdG Chamber of Commerce to benefit Chamber and the Harford County Boys & Girls Club. This event includes life entertainment, silent auction, model train displays, activities for kids, and of course - SANTA!. Admission: only \$2/adults with Children 10 and under - FREE. Location: HdG Community Center. Info call 410-939-3303

December 6-8

Tidewater Players present "A Christmas Carol" at the Old Opera House, 121 N. Union Ave, HdG, Fri & Sat - 8 pm. Sunday 3 pm \$ Tickets available at HdG Ritz Cafe
Call: 410-939-0430 or 410-939-5046

December 7th

FESTIVAL OF TREES GALA - HdG Community Center. Catered, Silent Auction, Entertainment, Great gift ideas for sale. \$\$ Reservations req'd. Info call HdG Chamber of Commerce at 410-939-3303

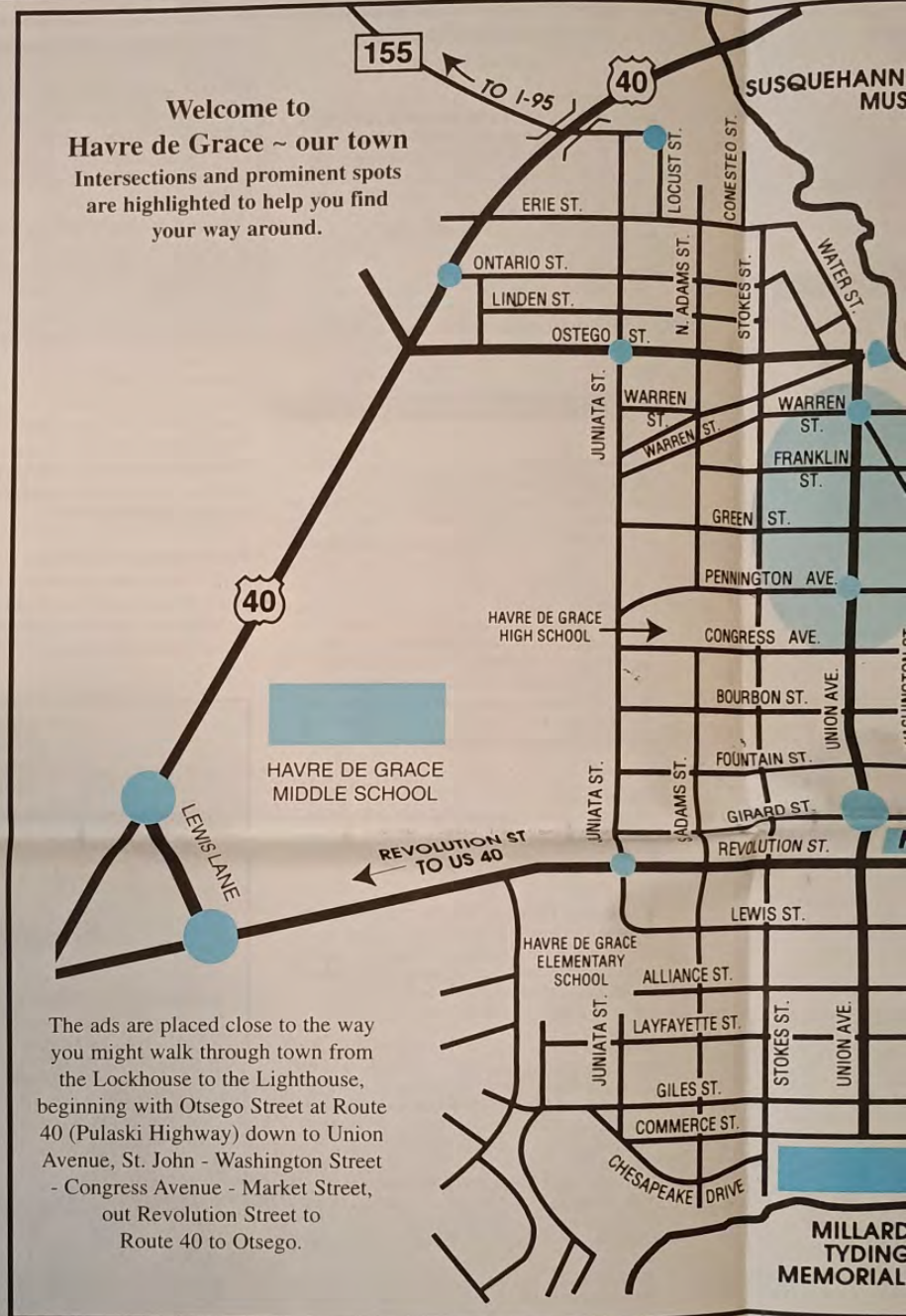
December 7

DOWNTOWN CHRISTMAS PARADE - 6 p.m. registration, sponsored by the HdG Parks & recreation
Call: 410-638-3853

December 7-8

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE at the Susquehanna Lockhouse Museum
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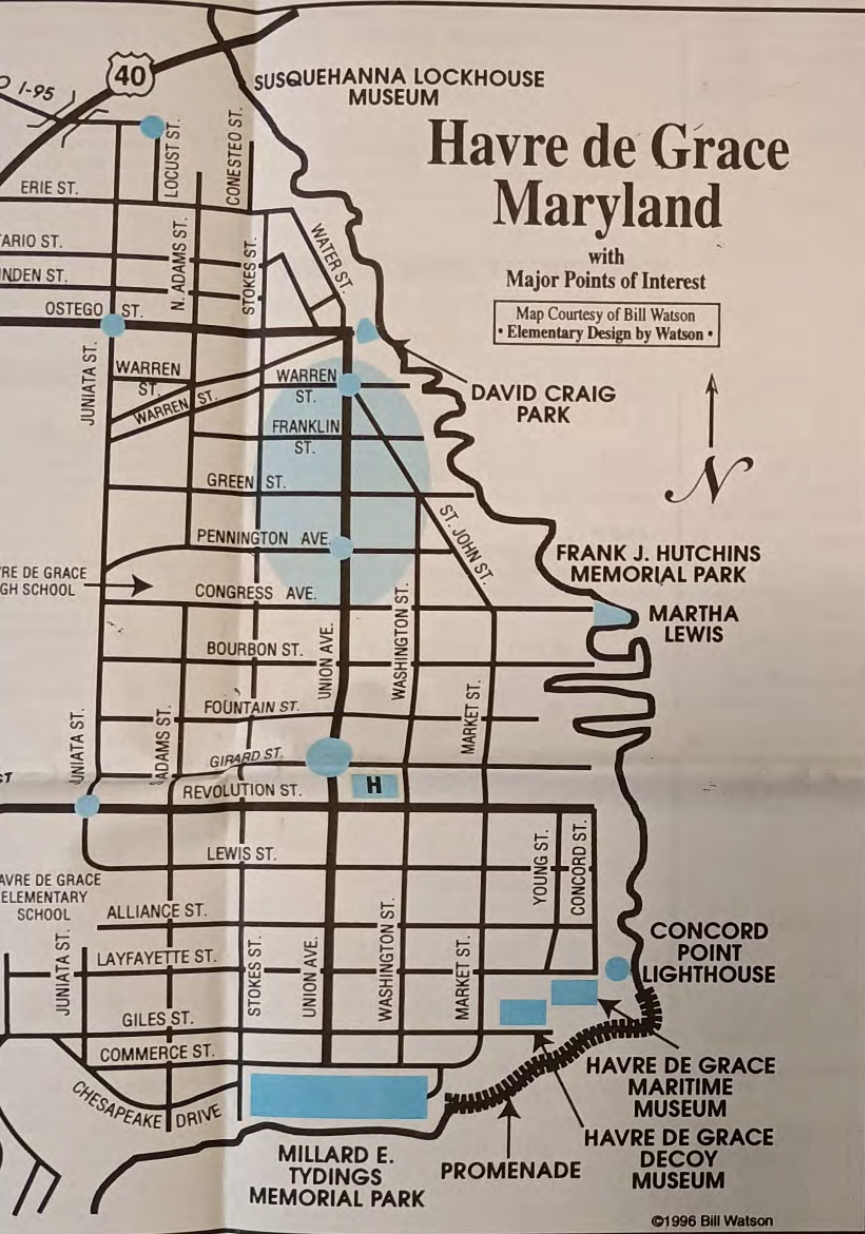


The ads are placed close to the way you might walk through town from the Lockhouse to the Lighthouse, beginning with Otsego Street at Route 40 (Pulaski Highway) down to Union Avenue, St. John - Washington Street - Congress Avenue - Market Street, out Revolution Street to Route 40 to Otsego.



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As the only hospital-based sleep center in the area, Upper Chesapeake Health Harford Memorial Hospital is a great local resource for individuals who fail to get a good night's sleep. If you're having trouble falling or staying asleep, talk with your doctor about a referral to the Sleep Center. Because getting a good night's sleep can help you live your day to the



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CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE – Steppingstone Museum, 461 Quaker Bottom Road, Noon – 4 pm
Call: 1-888-419-1762 or 410-939-2299

December 8
30th ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT TOUR of historic homes, churches, B&Bs and businesses. \$ S10
Businesses Noon to 4 pm, Homes 4 to 8 pm
Call: 410-939-3947 or 410-939-3303

DECOY MUSEUM SALE & CARVER CELEBRATION – HdG Decoy Museum, 11 am – 8 pm
Call: 410-939-3739

December 13-15
Tidewater Players present “A Christmas Carol” at the Old Opera House, 121 N. Union Ave, HdG, Fri & Sat – 8 pm. Sunday 3 pm \$ Tickets available at HdG Ritz Cafe
Call: 410-939-0430 or 410-939-5046

December 20-21
Tidewater Players present “A Christmas Carol” at the Old Opera House, 121 N. Union Ave, HdG, Fri & Sat – 8 pm. Sunday 3 pm \$ Tickets available at HdG Ritz Cafe
Call: 410-939-0430 or 410-939-5046

December 31
HdG NEW YEAR CELEBRATION ANNUAL DUCK DROP & FIREWORKS
Location tba – midnight
Call: 410-939-3303

JANUARY 2003 EVENTS

January 9
HISTORICAL LECTURE SERIES – subject tba – co-sponsored by HdG Middle School (location of lecture – school Media Center) and Susquehanna Museum at the Lockhouse. FREE to public, begins at 7p.m. Info call 410-939-5780

FEBRUARY 2003 EVENTS

February 12
HISTORICAL LECTURE SERIES – subject tba – co-sponsored by HdG Middle School (location of lecture – school Media Center) and Susquehanna Museum at the Lockhouse. FREE to public, begins at 7p.m. Info call 410-939-5780

MARCH 2003 EVENTS

March 5 - 8 p.m.
FREEDOM ROAD PRODUCTIONS presents Billy Jonas concert at the Old Opera House, 121 N. Union, HdG. \$ Contact Pam at 410-893-1637 or www.FreedomRoadProductions.org

March 8
CHILDREN'S DAY – HdG Maritime Museum.
Info call 410-939-4800

March 12
HISTORICAL LECTURE SERIES – subject tba – co-sponsored by HdG Middle School (location of lecture – school Media Center) and Susquehanna Museum at the Lockhouse. FREE to public, begins at 7p.m. Info call 410-939-5780

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leep center in the area, Upper Chesapeake Health's Sleep Disorder Center at a great local resource for individuals who fail to get a full night's sleep. So if or staying asleep, talk with your doctor about a referral to the Sleep Disorder od night's sleep can help you live your day to the fullest, and your life as well.

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2nd Havre de Grace Historic Video Released

Looking for a great gift idea? Or maybe you're a history buff and want to treat yourself?

The Havre de Grace Historic Preservation Commission recently finished and issued its "Walking Tour" video – the second in their series. The video complements the commission's self-guided Walking Tour publication with additional information and commentary, as well as, a wonderful assortment of both current and historic photographs of Havre de Grace's notable buildings and historic sites.

The first video entitled "Reflections: Havre de Grace's Losses, Part I," features old photographs, sketches and postcards recounting the city's past. This "walk down memory lane" takes viewers on a virtual tour of old-town Havre de Grace recalling buildings, businesses and sites that no longer exist.

Both videos are productions of the Havre de Grace Historic Preservation Commission through Miller Productions of Jarrettsville, MD. The cost is \$15.00 each and are available at City Hall (located at Pennington and Juniata), Courtyard Books on St. John Street, Washington Street Books, the Susquehanna Museum at the Lockhouse, or the Havre de Grace Decoy Museum.

The commission's third video project will develop the topic of Havre de Grace's gains and changes. Look for it to be out soon!

By Ron Browning, Pres. of the HdG Historic Preservation Commission and owner of La Cle D'or Guesthouse.

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HOURS: Year Round 9 a.m. to Sunset
Lapidum Boat Launch Facility 24 hrs/daily
Memorial Day thru Labor Day

Come Play – Explore – Relax!

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March 14
R. MADISON MITCHELL ENDOWMENT DINNER at the Bayou Restaurant, HdG. Presented by the HdG Decoy Museum. Reservations req'd, \$.
Call: 410-939-3739 for info.

APRIL 2003 EVENTS

April 9
HISTORICAL LECTURE SERIES – subject tba – co-sponsored by HdG Middle School (location of lecture – school Media Center) and Susquehanna Museum at the Lockhouse. FREE to public, begins at 7p.m. Info call 410-939-5780

April 12
ANNUAL GALA at the HdG Maritime Museum – call for info 410-939-4800

April 17
SUSQUEHANNA MUSEUM at the LOCKHOUSE ANNUAL DINNER – location: Bayou Restaurant. \$ Reservations Req'd. Info call 410-939-5780

April 25
9th ANNUAL BULL & OYSTER ROAST – fundraiser for the Skipjack MARTHA LEWIS, location: foot of Congress Avenue at Hutchins Park. \$\$ Reservations req'd. Info call 410-939-4078

MAY 2003 EVENTS

May 7 - 8 p.m.
FREEDOM ROAD PRODUCTIONS presents Ronny Cox concert at the Old Opera House, 121 N. Union, HdG. \$ Contact Pam at 410-893-1637 or www.FreedomRoadProductions.org

May 2, 3 & 4
22nd ANNUAL DECOY & WILDLIFE ART FESTIVAL – HdG High School, Middle School & Decoy Museum. Fri 6-p.m., Sat 9a.m. – 4p.m., Sun 9a.m.-4p.m. FEE, info call 410-939-3739

May 3
4th MUSICAL MILE – downtown HdG, 5:30p.m.-8p.m. Info call 410-939-9441

May 3-4
RE-ENACTMENT OF THE ATTACK ON HAVRE DE GRACE DURING THE WAR OF 1812 – Susquehanna Lockhouse Grounds, FREE. Info call 410-939-5780

May 4
CIVIL WAR LIVING HISTORY DAY – Steppingstone Museum, 461 Quaker Bottom Road, noon-5p.m, FEE. Info call 1-888-419-1762 or 410-939-2299

May 11
MOTHERS DAY CRUISE aboard the Skipjack MARTHA LEWIS. Cruises depart at noon, 1:30 or 3p.m. For reservations (\$20/person) call: 410-939-4078


May 14
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June 7-8

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June 15

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JULY 2003 EVENTS

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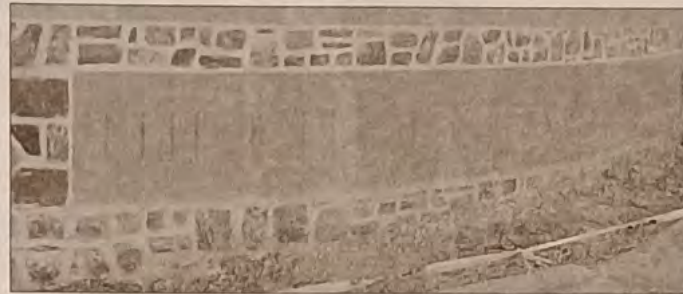
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July 21 (Monday evening)

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July 21

ART, OYSTERS & SAIL - Skipjack MARTHA LEWIS - info call: 410-939-4078



CityScapes

These photos show the work being done to highlight one of the entries to our downtown area located at the end of Otsego Street and one block south looking at the building sitting between Union Avenue and St. John Street. If you can't quite make out the stonework writing, it says "The City of Havre de Grace."

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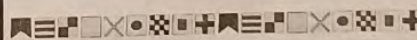
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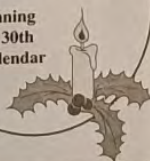
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Freedom Road Productions, Incorporated exists to foster and promote traditional, contemporary, and multicultural folk, jazz, bluegrass, blues, and other grassroots music in Harford County, Maryland. Freedom Road

Productions seeks to strengthen and advance organizational and individual initiatives in these music forms through education, networking, advocacy, and professional and field development.

The name, Freedom Road, comes from the trail through Harford County (Old Route 7 which goes very near our current venue) which was used by the Underground Railroad participants on their road to freedom through Maryland and Pennsylvania to Canada.

We are a currently a three member organization with limited membership. Our organizational structure is listed on our Home Page (www.FreedomRoadProductions.org).

We have two very successful years under our belt and look forward

to our upcoming third season filled with great music for the people of Harford County. We are grateful to the City of Havre de Grace for providing our venue in the Opera House and to the Cultural Arts Board of Harford County for its grant support toward our efforts this year. And we are grateful to you, our patrons, for your support in bringing nationally touring talent into our community.

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With the advent of Harry Potter, and the silver screen version of J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings*, a new interest is flowing towards reading and re-discovering Science Fiction. This October 5th, The World of Sci-Fi will come to Havre de Grace in the form of an exciting one day seminar on *Discovering and Collecting Science Fiction* featuring Maryland's own sci-fi author, **Jack Chalker** and author and scientist, **Yoji Kondo**, who also writes under the pseudonym of **Eric Kotani**.

Hosted by **Washington Street Books** and the **Baltimore Science Fiction Society**, this event will offer discussions and lectures throughout the day. There will be exhibits of sci-fi art, pulps, and other memorabilia. John Klisavage, owner of Washington Street Books, stated that this is "a wonderful collaboration between the Baltimore Science Fiction Society and Havre de Grace, giving people a chance to see sci-fi first editions, pulps and comics along with original art provided by the BSFS. You'll also meet two great authors."

John said "We are pulling out the stops and converting half of our store to a wonderful exhibit which will focus on Science Fiction".

Jack Chalker, author of over 50 science fiction titles, will give a

lecture, entitled *All My Universes*. Chalker, who has been writing extensively since the 60's, is published in over 20 languages. A visit to his web site at www.jackchalker.com will give one an understanding of how wide a range of work he has written along with a great appreciation of his humor.

Author and scientist, Yoji Kondo, who was a long time friend of Robert A. Heinlein, will lecture on the *Works and Legacy of Robert Heinlein*. In addition to being an author of eight sci-fi novels under the pseudonym of Eric Kotani, he has also edited a collection of works commemorating Heinlein's work. Yoji will also hold a second lecture on *Writing Science Fiction part-time while a full time scientist*.



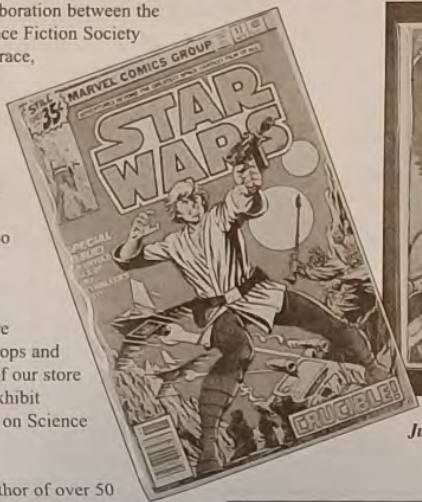
Jack Chalker, Author



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onto the web at www.sfw.org/members/kotani.

Discussions on *Collecting Science Fiction* and a talk on *Children's Science Fiction* hosted by the Baltimore Science Fiction Society will be included in this day-long event.



Just a sampling of the thousands of books and comics available at Washington Street Books

John of Washington Street Books has been looking forward to this exhibit and hopes to host over 5,000 paperbacks and hardbacks, along with about 500 sci-fi pulps. They recently purchased nearly 7,000 comics. On exhibit will be comics from *Star Wars*™ and *Star Trek*™, along with other crossovers like *X-Men*™ and *Spider-Man*™ during the show. On exhibit will also be first editions of Heinlein, Edgar Rice Burroughs and other great authors. The importance of this event is to bring attention to a wonderful field - reading and collecting sci-fi.

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Why Am I Doing This? By Kay Sisk

The following is an article that I thought all of those folks who enjoy searching through old books might find interesting reading. When Kay sent me her permission to run the article, she also said, "We have visited Maryland once and truly enjoyed your lovely state, especially the crab cuisine! So different from the way we fix blue crabs in the state of Texas. Thank you, Kay Sisk"

I am an antiquer. Of the highest order, I might add. I belong to the ranks of those that brake for garage and estate sale signs. I have actually planned trips around the availability of someone else's castoffs. I glory in the "find," the "bargain," and the "steal." I have waited patiently as clerks have searched for just the right small key that's keeping me from the treasure I see, but whose price tag is neatly tucked under it. I touch everything, brazenly running my fingers over glassware and picking up china to read the maker's mark because my senses don't believe the claims made by the seller's tag.

Sometimes I'm quite good at talking the seller into a discount, and sometimes I know they can see my beating heart through my clothes. Then I know they know I'll pay the asking price because I WANT what they have. I may not need it, but I want it. It's a game and as long as everyone feels she's won, it can go on ad infinitum.

Which is the reason I stand at antique malls and flea market booths, and dusty estate sale hallways, and stare at rows and rows of deserted books. Hardcover books, some with perfect paper covers alluding to secrets within, promise a good tale if purchased. Paperback books, thumbed through, backs broken, promise to fall open upon just the passage I've been looking for. I take down hundred year old leather-bound volumes and run my fingers over paper so thin it threatens to tear.

I stare at the books and know what effort it has taken me to write five romance novels. I think of the myriad ideas I've discarded after ten pages or twenty. I remember my notebook of publisher and agent rejection letters and slips and I think: Why am I doing this if I'm just going to end up on a shelf in someone's hall? What if I'm tossed in the paperback bin at Goodwill or lined up on a card table under a tent and offered for a quarter?

What is the sense in doing this? Why sit at a computer-or pen and ink as my predecessors did and sweat over the motivations and compulsions of heroine and hero if no one is going to care for any longer than it takes to read the book? All those books—and I've touched the spines of thousands—all those books were somebody's baby, somebody's gift to the literary world, somebody's attempt to communicate beyond themselves.

Granted, some of those books changed the way people viewed the world. Pearl Buck's novels immediately come to mind, as do the nonfiction natural science

books of Ernest Thompson Seton, one of the founders of the Boy Scout movement in America. I love finding old Methodist tomes for a preacher-friend of mine, and I still seek an elusive guide to grape silver patterns for another. I gaze on books by Daphne DuMaurier and Mary Stewart, and I can't help but smile as I remember their stories I've read and treasured. To be like these master-storytellers? To fire the imagination, to transport my reader, to be remembered for my efforts long past the reading of such-maybe I'm beginning to understand why I write.

I should be so lucky to be on a shelf somewhere! I should be so fortunate as to have my back broken to the "good stuff," my edges rippled where they were steamed over the boiling pot because someone couldn't put me down long enough to fix supper! I should have dog-eared pages because each reader made a different passage through me. My front should be torn from being tossed about in a book bag because someone just had to take me with them wherever they went. I should be the object of a first novel hunt! Or even better – the first edition.

What am I thinking? Why am I doing this? Perhaps because I'm at my happiest and most content when writing, spinning tales that please me, hoping they'll please a reader, praying they'll please an editor.

So here's to dusty shelves in darkened hallways, to tables of romance novels, to being alphabetized in a used-book store, hunted down as a first book.

We should all be so lucky.

A native Texan, Kay Sisk blames her writer's voice on generous formative years' doses of "Twilight Zone" and "I Love Lucy." Believing a sense of humor is all that will get you through this life, with two sons, a revolving menagerie of household animals, and sports-minded husband, she hasn't had to look far to be amused. Please visit her website, <http://www.kaysisk.com>, for more information about her contemporary romances. <mailto:kay@kaysisk.com>.

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SURVEY UPDATE

Thanks to all of you who have responded to our survey. We hope you will continue to let us know about your visit to our community. In the spring 2003 issue, we'll share some of what we've learned.

The Meeting Place

I love to call Havre de Grace, "The Meeting Place" since it fits our city in so many unique ways. Whether it's the Susquehanna River meeting the Upper Chesapeake Bay, enthusiasts meeting to share their interest in decoys, war re-enactments, sailing or kayaking, or friends meeting at a half-way point to share a meal, walk along the promenade and stroll our community, "The Meeting Place" seems to say it all. Welcome, enjoy, and get to know one another. Havre de Grace is not just a quaint, historic village; she's a vibrant community that has energetic people creating a place we call 'home.' And home is always a place where strangers soon become friends.

Let us know if "The Meeting Place" is the way you would describe Havre de Grace. If not, give us 3-6 words you might use. Send me an e-mail at: ellieoops@aol.com or a postcard to: Ellie Mencer, 463 Franklin St. #3, Havre de Grace, MD 21078

TOURISM SURVEY

We have shared some of our stories with you. Now we would like you to share a bit of information with us. Tourism is ultimately a 'first impression.' We would like to know how you feel about us. Answering these questions will help us to improve our relationship with our visitors in the hopes that you'll want to return often.

Being good hosts also means maintaining our relationship. Learning more about what brought you here and what might bring you back again and again, or what we can do to encourage you to bring others, is the second stage of tourism. We can not be a tourist town with you! Please take a moment to consider these questions, answer them, add your comments, and return them to us. Without a doubt, we will give your thoughts and remarks our undivided attention.

Warmly, Ellie

1. What brought you to visit Havre de Grace?

2. How did you hear of Havre de Grace?

3. What is your favorite attraction in Havre de Grace?

4. How often have you visited Havre de Grace?

5. Do you stay overnight when visiting? If so, where?

6. How many miles do you live from Havre de Grace?

7. What would you like to see added to attractions in Havre de Grace?

8. Do you have any suggestions for improvements to Havre de Grace and it's offerings?

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