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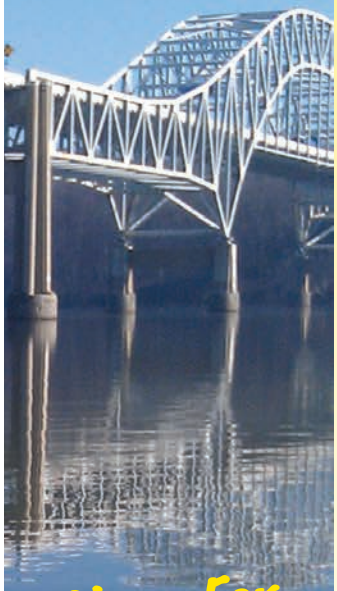
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## *Thank You*

Re-launching a magazine can feel a wee bit daunting. But starting over with Anne Fullem as my creative graphic artist makes it easy. As I fumble for the right words to describe my idea, she manages – somehow – to figure it out. I can never thank her enough for not rolling her eyes when I'm sharing some crazy concept!

George Wagner, owner of Bahoukas Antique Mall and Beer MuZeum, has been a best friend since I moved here in 1997. From day one, he has supported this publication and me. Once again, he stepped up to the plate to handle distribution, which is no easy feat.

## On the Cover

Photographer Marita O'Connell took this beautiful spring photo of the Concord Point Lighthouse. Marita moved here in 2003 and has been active in our community from day one! She presently volunteers regularly at the lighthouse, among many other activities.

A lighthouse stands for many things: offering light and hope when we're on the stormy seas and guiding us safely home. A lighthouse symbolizes strength and shelter, offering a sense of peace.

To me, the Concord Point Lighthouse is home where I find friends with whom I can share the hard times and celebrate the good. It is where I breathe a little deeper and smile a lot more often.

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# HIDDEN GEMS

Part of the joy of writing articles for the magazine is the interesting people I get to meet. I had heard about Open Mic Night at Concord Point Coffee. What a hidden gem. I'd been told that teens through older adults meet for an impromptu gathering to share their music, poetry, comedy and more. Oddly, this best-kept secret occurs just up the street from where I live, and I didn't know about it.

Recently I went to the coffee shop where Barbara Moore, who works as one of the baristas, was kind enough to introduce me to three delightful teens.



Left to right, they are Chyna Young, Frankie Sweeting, and Thomas Kucharski. They were open and excited and very funny. What a great way for someone in her 70s to meet teens of today. Thomas was new to Havre de Grace and enjoyed the folks he met at the shop. Chyna has hopes of getting into Julliard. Her friend Frankie would love to do the same. Julliard! Now that was not what I expected to find.

These three convinced me to attend the upcoming Open Mic Night that starts at 7 pm (after the shop closes to customers) on Second Fridays of the month. I cannot thank them enough for the encouragement.

Open Mic Night and I saw easily 40-50 people. I quietly walked to a seat where I thought I could get a few photos without being a bother to anyone. Happily, I sat next to two young ladies that were also here for their first time. But they were here to perform and came from Lancaster, PA. Lauren and Megan Mullis are sisters, Lauren is two years out of high school, and Megan is in 8th grade. They both read their poetry. Impressive!

Throughout the two hours with each performer given 10 minutes, I heard some astounding talent. I listened to a keyboardist and singer who performed for his first time. Well, I don't know where he was hiding, but he had a beautiful voice. From that moment on, I was mesmerized. A mix of music genres sprinkled with comedy and poetry made for a full evening. There are often young teens and students from Harford Community College, older adults trying out a long lost dream and even a few professionals who stop in just to enjoy sharing the moment.







Aaron Fuzz who performs with his family's band, Aaron Fuzz and the Chotikul Family Band, offered this comment.




"Open mics just bring a new energy and excitement to my performance. Any audience has a huge impact on my creative process. Open Mics are all about sharing. I love sharing my music with others and helping everyone take a step back in time and slow down and enjoy the moment even if it is for a few minutes."




For those of you who may be baby boomers, this event took me back to the times when we did the same in our living rooms, accepting all who were willing to share their talents. This evening I watched individuals take the risk to stand in front of an audience and share their art. I felt, yes, felt the special camaraderie of the other performers and the audience as they accepted and encouraged each performer, regardless of their abilities. In an age where we see bullying everywhere by any age group, this evening was refreshingly human-kind.




Amber Melissa Turkin sums it up perfectly:
"Hosting Second Friday's Open Mic Nights for the last four years has been a constant reminder of all the kindness, love, and talent existing within the Havre de Grace community and the world as a whole. This night is my favorite night of every month, and I feel like the baristas, the performers, and myself have all become family. Sharing your music and poetry in front of people is an incredible act of vulnerability, and I'm so thankful that Concord Point Coffee offers a supportive and open-minded space for everyone to bare their soul. What we share in our art reveals what we value, and at Open Mic we value everyone and everything."







Apologies if I was incorrect with any names. ~Ellie

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# The Editor's Walk

Since this editor also sells the advertising, it seemed appropriate to title this column "…the editor's walk." Many of the nuggets I'll share are a direct result of walking and talking with advertisers, locals, and visitors along my sales journey.

Humans are storytellers. They've been sharing their history, culture, and wisdom through stories since the beginning of time. We all relate to storytelling whether it's good times around a campfire, talking with a friend on a park bench, or sharing conversation over a meal.

The easiest way to share the enthusiasm for our beautiful city and historic Havre de Grace is to share stories. Whether it's a story of a local business, a view of our marinas, parks, and events, hints of our ghost/history tours, or introducing a particular member of our community, I'll do my best to share it as an interesting story.

Some of you may know this is a re-launch of the havredegrace Magazine, which was published 1998-2008. I sold the magazine, but it didn't continue after 2011. So why bring it back?

- First is to be a welcoming handshake sharing all that you may be missing when you visit our city.
- Second is to add interesting insights that may intrigue the locals as well as our visitors.
- A third is to encourage you to browse our shops, enjoy our eateries, stay at our local B&Bs, visit our museums, and enjoy the many activities and events throughout the year.

Small towns and cities attract folks who relish friendliness and a more leisurely pace. At the same time, we want you to know that you can still be connected using free Wi-Fi available in a number of our business as well as computers available to you at our local public library.

Several of our restaurants and shops welcome your canine friends inside, and many leave a bowl of water outside their door for quick refreshment. Entertainment is available whether it's young people enjoying an open mic night or folks listening to the live music/karaoke offered in our restaurants and pubs.

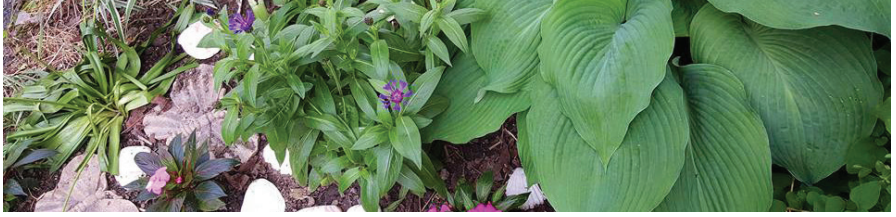
Art is everywhere from murals you may see around town and in many businesses, art galleries, and unique shops throughout the city. Our recently renovated Havre de Grace Opera House offers an eclectic mix of programs from black & white movies, kids programs, and concerts to theater and more. It's an exciting addition to our community bringing wonderful programs to us and offering a great space for our local Tidewater Players Community Theater and the new Scottfield Theatre Company. Free Concerts in Tydings Park on Fridays (June and July) and our First Fridays send music into the air.

Our waterfront activities offer well-maintained marinas, marine services, and transient docks. This year we have the Black-Eyed Susan Authentic Paddlewheeler Dinner Boat and the M/V Summer Breeze Cruise Boat offering two unique ways to enjoy the water. For the slightly more daring, we have Old Town Parasail, and, yes, they also offer boat rides and charter service (for those of us not so willing to have our feet dangling over the bay). Paddleboard and kayak rentals are available, and there are several locations where you can fish off a pier without needing to purchase a fishing license.

Add walking the Promenade or enjoying one of our many parks, and we're sure you'll realize you want to return again and again. Peruse our Calendar of Events; there's certainly something for everyone. Be sure to tell our advertisers you saw them 'in the magazine.'

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# Gardens, Art, & Spring!

For over a decade Havre de Grace has had the perfect spring event – a Secret Garden Tour. This is the twelfth year for the tour. It is a fundraiser for the Havre de Grace Maritime Museum, organized by the Gardens de Grace Club. Over the years the event changes with the participants, making it intriguing since you won't know who is on the tour until you purchase your ticket and pick up the brochure.

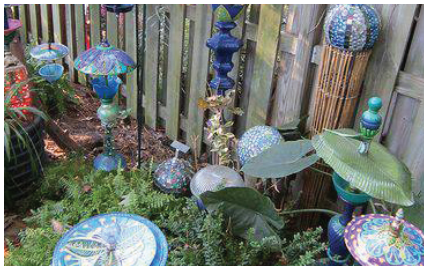
As you embark on this self-guided tour, you will enjoy gardens from the wild to the perfectly groomed landscape. Notice the artistic flair of the individual gardeners as they blend annuals and perennials, natural or finely designed, simple or complex.

Some may be tiny side yards where you can nearly hear the plants breathing as a result of the dedicated attention given to them by their designer. Others may be large with walkways and buildings and several different gardens within one huge area. Each of them will create a quiet space where nature is busily creating. Pause and notice.

As you browse the gardens, be attentive to the artistic touch. Many of the owners are artists as well as gardeners, creating paintings, note cards and more. Some will display their art through items they use to decorate and highlight their plantings. Others may have notecards or other items for sale.

Whimsical or tailored and nearly everything in between, the Secret Garden Tour is always imaginative and quite often reflect the owner's interest. Watch for transitions such as water fountains or bridges, or even a sculpture or rock display. Notice the use of an old wooden chair or a rusty gate to add texture and interest. Close your eyes and feel the presence of Mother Nature speaking to you.

With the rather chaotic arrival of spring this year, the gardens will hopefully be spectacular, reminding us that there is always hope. Enjoy!



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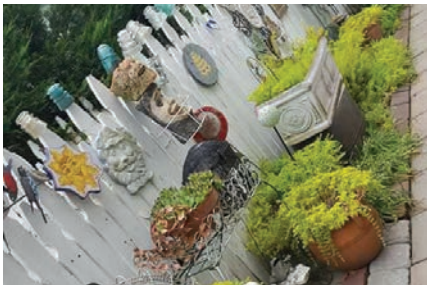
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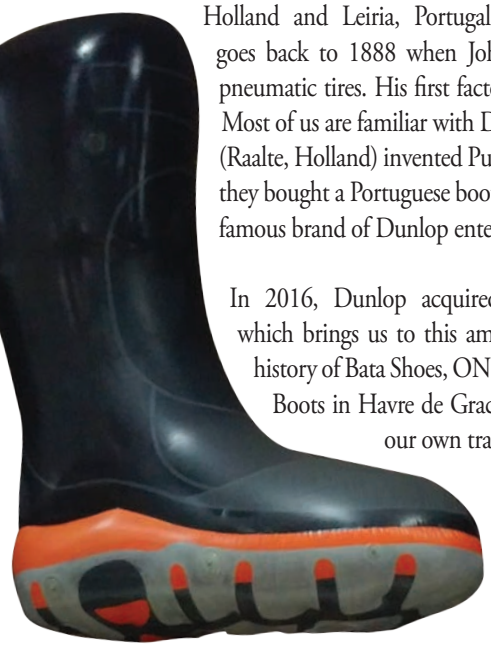
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# Millions of Boots

Did you know that thousands of boxes of Dunlop Boots ship throughout the world with "Made in the U.S.A." and "1850 Clark Road, Havre de Grace, MD 21078 U.S.A" printed on them? No? Check this out.




Dunlop Boots of the Netherlands purchased ONGUARD in 2016, and we became part of a company that includes locations in Raalte, Holland and Leiria, Portugal. The history of Dunlop goes back to 1888 when John Boyd Dunlop invented pneumatic tires. His first factory was in Dublin, Ireland. Most of us are familiar with Dunlop Tire. In 1980 Hevea (Raalte, Holland) invented Purofort® work boots. In 1995 they bought a Portuguese boot manufacturer. In 1996 the famous brand of Dunlop entered the world market.



In 2016, Dunlop acquired ONGUARD Industries which brings us to this amazing story. With the long history of Bata Shoes, ONGUARD, and now Dunlop Boots in Havre de Grace, the story fits so many of our own traditions.

Interviewing their Marketing Director, Colin Clark, he shares the following:

"I joined Dunlop Boots July of 2016. I came from a bunch of innovative companies in sports. What I really love about this place is how Mary Steinebrunner* (Managing Director USA) has built this amazing family atmosphere. You've either been here for under two years or over 20 years. Nobody ever wants to leave which is great because we have this great knowledge base of very knowledgeable staff that is very compassionate about the product.

"The other thing is that even though we have a 79 year history of producing innovative footwear everyone was open to try something new... We've done all sorts of innovations here this year, and everyone's been really excited.

"The PUA machine (Purofort®) was like building a factory inside a factory. It took six months to build. We had people come over from Holland to help get us up to speed. The staff was extremely passionate and determined to build the best product they possibly to help give the world's workforce the protection and comfort they deserve.

"This new machine was an opportunity for us to build out the U.S. marketplace, to take our rich history in product innovation with our proprietary material Purofort® that lasts longer, is lighter and more tear resistant to the U.S. economy.

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The other thing I noticed was that for every style of boot, there is a good – better – best choice. I cannot imagine the effort that goes into handling inventory. Keep in mind they create boots for several markets: agriculture, food industry, general industry (construction), oil – gas – mining, hazardous materials, and a new line this year – Chesapeake Boots.

Dunlop Boots employs an average of 100 over three shifts with five or six day work weeks (depending on sales). They produce, pack, finish and ship all out of this one location.

Colin explains, "We're a small team and can be very nimble reacting to customer needs. Being a made in the USA producer give a huge advantage over our competitors as it allows us to react to customer needs and create new products quicker."

There is so much to share about this exciting company. Look at the photos. It's an impressive factory. The warehouse is mind-boggling, filled with millions of boots shipping in boxes all around the world, from our city of Havre de Grace.




One last message from Colin, "We're a growing company. We're going to need more machines, need more space, open more markets. We've been hiring and growing and best of all we are just getting started."

That's beautiful news for Havre de Grace. We welcome this innovative company with a history as rich as the city they're located in.

**Visit: www.dunlopboots.com**

**Mary Steinebrunner grew up in White Marsh, MD. She went to work at Bata Shoes in 2000 as a marketing assistant. She's worked in every area of the business and through all the changes of ownership in that time.*

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Another special couple married on April 23, 2010. Tom Fitzpatrick and Teresa Yost married at the banquet room upstairs of MacGregor's Restaurant. It was another beautiful occasion – simple, casual, and poignant.

Kristina & Janice Sciarra celebrated their October 2017 wedding at the beautiful La Banque at the Seaplane Base with fun-loving friends and family. Perfect celebration! And today, they own the local Lagom Restaurant.

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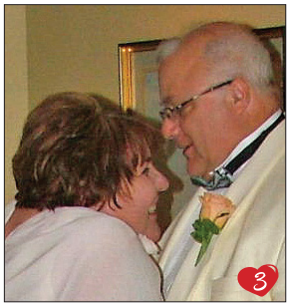
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In the meantime, enjoy this array of photos from over the years.



















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1-2-4 George & Barbara Wagner
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3 Tom & Teresa Fitzpatrick • 5 Arrived on motorcyles - Brian & Shannon Scott, June 10, 2017 with the Broken Spoke Family Association, Inc., a non-profit charity • 6 Janice & Kristina Sciarra with Frank McFadden officiating.




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# Theater Is In Our Blood





*Old Interior*

In February 2018, our Havre de Grace Opera House Renovation received a Maryland Preservation Award for Project Excellence: Community Impact from the Maryland Historical Trust. The Trust states on its website: The Preservation Awards are the highest level of recognition for historic preservation, heritage education and community development projects in the state."




To those of us who live, work, and play in our city, we are more than thrilled to have the curtains going up again. Our Tidewater Players Community Theatre of Havre de Grace has returned along with a new organization, the Scottfield Theatre Company.

With Executive Director Rebecca Jessop at the helm for the Havre de Grace Collective and a diverse and active board, the programming has been excellent and varied. The volunteers stepped up to the plate resulting in programs for each and every one of us and our variety of tastes. That's not an easy feat. But with the City of Havre de Grace and the entire community supporting this massive undertaking, opening night was easily called a success.

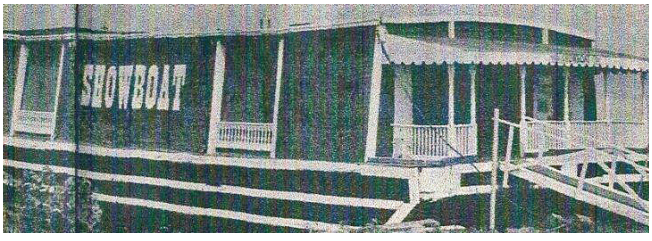
LISTEN TO THE WALLS

The Opera House has a colorful history. An opera house was really a misnomer. Very little opera was performed there, but opera houses "provided an appearance of social and cultural respectability to avoid the stigma of "theaters." The objections to "theaters" can be traced back to the Puritans in the colonial era. … The public perceived them as morally suspect … " (from https://victoriaoperahouse.org )

The Cultural Center at the Opera House, built in 1870, was not only for the performing arts, but has served as a city hall, dance hall, and was home to a chiropractor and a number of organizations throughout its years. Many of our citizens have fond memories of enjoying activities at the Opera House including community dances. The local Tidewater Players Community Theatre organization has called the Opera House home since their beginnings in 1979.

In looking back through our history, it's nearly impossible that the Opera House wouldn't survive and thrive. Theater really IS in our blood. From the early years of Minstrel Shows and Follies presented at the high school or other venues – like the Elks Club, by a cast of local characters, to the Showboat – a barge that was moored at the end of Green Street, actors on stage are part of our community personality.

In 1962, Henry Hanson Boyer, a local insurance broker and developer, spotted a 350-ton dry barge neglected in the backwaters of Baltimore's Harbor. The story goes that it had sunk once with a cargo of sugar. When the sugar melted, the barge floated back to the surface.




***Havre de Grace the Meeting Place***

Mr. Boyer, whose wife was a member and actress of the Susquehanna Players in Havre de Grace, gave it to the theater members. They transformed the old barge into a 150-seat theater with dressing rooms and storage areas below deck. It was painted red and white with SHOWBOAT spelled along the side.

Due to its hefty maintenance costs, in 1967 the showboat barge was donated to the Harford County Recreation and Parks and towed to Edgewood. Not long after, vandals got aboard and set her on fire, ending her short theater life.



In 1979 the Tidewater Players were formed and theater was once again revived. When enjoying the Tidewater Players you may sense ghosts of performances past – or maybe it's the late Harry Malin keeping watch on the development of each new presentation. Look closely for the use of Harry Malin's photo as a prop somewhere on stage with each presentation, in memory of the work and support given by Mr. Malin, founder and member emeritus. It's a tradition!

They continued until the two years that the Opera House was being renovated. They're back along with many other wonderful performers, prominent musicians, and other programs. With each new performance, more and more people beyond Havre de Grace are discovering this beautiful venue, offering an economic boon to our historic downtown businesses.

Executive Director Rebecca Jessop shared, "The Opera House is a 19th-century building which is now 21st-century state-of-the-art.

She continues, "This building meant a lot to a lot of people. Everyone talks about the experiences they've had here over time. But the devotion to get it done, the fundraising and then the city support to finish it has been very impressive. It's a major victory!"

"People always debate the place of the arts in their world and in society. So to have the city of Havre de Grace commit to it and have a dedication to it – that's a big deal and to know that it's going to be part of the fabric of what it's like to live here. That's what makes Havre de Grace so attractive."

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**443-502-0092**
Visit: havredegracefarmersmarket.com

## MAY

**May 3 - Thurs**
**MINISTERIUM NATIONAL DAY of PRAYER**
noon-1pm • Meet at HdG City Hall
711 Pennington Ave
**410-939-1646**
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**May 4**
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**May 5 – Sat**
**14th FREE COMIC BOOK DAY**
11am-5pm
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**410-939-6215**
Visit: WashingtonStreetBooksandMusic.com

**May 4-5-6 (Fri, Sat, Sun)**
**27th ANNUAL HdG DECOY & WILDLIFE ART FESTIVAL**
Fri. 6-9pm / Sat. 9am-5pm / Sun. 10am-4pm
*Decoy carvers & wildlife artists display & sell their work; carving competitions, retriever demonstrations, children's activities, food & more!*
**410-939-3739**
Visit: decoymuseum.com/events

**May 12 - Sat**
**HHS MUSIC BOOSTERS 5k RUN**
*Throughout historic, downtown HdG to support the High School Music Boosters.*
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**May 17 – Thur**
**EVENING BIRD WALK**
5:30-6:30pm • Meet at the HdG Maritime Museum – 100 Lafayette Street
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**May 19 - Sat**
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**May 19 – Sat – ALL DAY**
**PALM TREE LIGHTING PARTY**
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**410-939-0234**
Visit: AmericanLegionPost47.org

**May 19-20 / Sat-Sun**
**SECRET GARDEN TOUR & GARDEN MART**
*by Gardens de Grace Club*
**410-692-9757**
10am-6pm *for Garden Mart*
*sale of native perennials & showy annual plants.*
HdG Maritime Museum – 100 Lafayette St.
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**May 19-20 / Sat-Sun**
**HACKING HISTORY – See it, Make it, Take it**
11am-4pm • Steppingstone Farm Museum
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Visit: SteppingStoneMuseum.org

**May 28 – Monday**
**MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE**
9am – Angel Hill Cemetery
11am – Tydings Park
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**JUNE & JULY**
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7:30pm – every Friday • Tydings Park
*Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy a FREE concert on the waterfront. No rain location.*
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**June 1**
**FIRST FRIDAY**
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**June 10 – Sun**
**SWING MUSIC**
7pm
*HdG High School Alumni Jazz Ensembles presents an evening of swing music at the Cultural Center at the Opera House. Benefits the Brian Anthony Wilson Memorial Scholarship.*
**443-540-5333**
Visit: BrianAnthonyWilson.org

**June 16 – Sat**
**HOSPICE REGATTA**
*Join us on the grounds by the Concord Point Lighthouse for sailboat race, raffles, live band, dancing and dinner – all to benefit the Senator Bob Hooper House Hospice Program. Event begins 5pm.*
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**June 23 – Sat**
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**June 29 – Fri**
**SUMMER RECEPTION**
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**July 1 – Sun**
**INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE**
2pm
*Celebrate our nation's Independence Day with a stunning parade down historic Union Avenue.*
Visit: HavredeGraceJuly4.org

**July 1 – Sun**
**FIREWORKS OVER THE CHESAPEAKE BAY**
*The Independence Day Fireworks will be shot from a barge in the Susquehanna River, just of the Concord Point Lighthouse. Join us early for FREE live music.*
Visit: HavredeGraceJuly4.org

July 6
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**July 8 – Sun**
**SUMMER FUN DAY**
*Enjoy a great family day with lawnmower racing, an antique car & tractor show, an ice cream eating contest, music, and food at Steppingstone Farm Museum.*
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Visit: SteppingStoneMuseum.org

**July 14 – Sat**
**CHRISTMAS IN JULY**
9am-3pm
*Find the best in handmade craft items, candles, candy, numerous vendors and much more. Food available. All at the American Legion Post 47.*
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## AUGUST



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**Aug 7 – Tues**
**NATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE DAY**
10am-5pm
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Visit: concordpointlighthouse.org

**Aug 18-19 / Sat-Sun**
**55th ANNUAL HdG ART SHOW**
Sat 10am-8pm / Sun 10am-5pm
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**Sept 8 – Sat**
**30TH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S ART FESTIVAL**
11am-2pm
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Visit: explorehavredegrace.com

**Sept 14 – Fri**
**FALL ART RECEPTION**
7-9pm • 307 St. John Street
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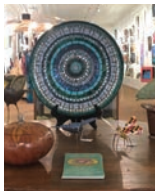
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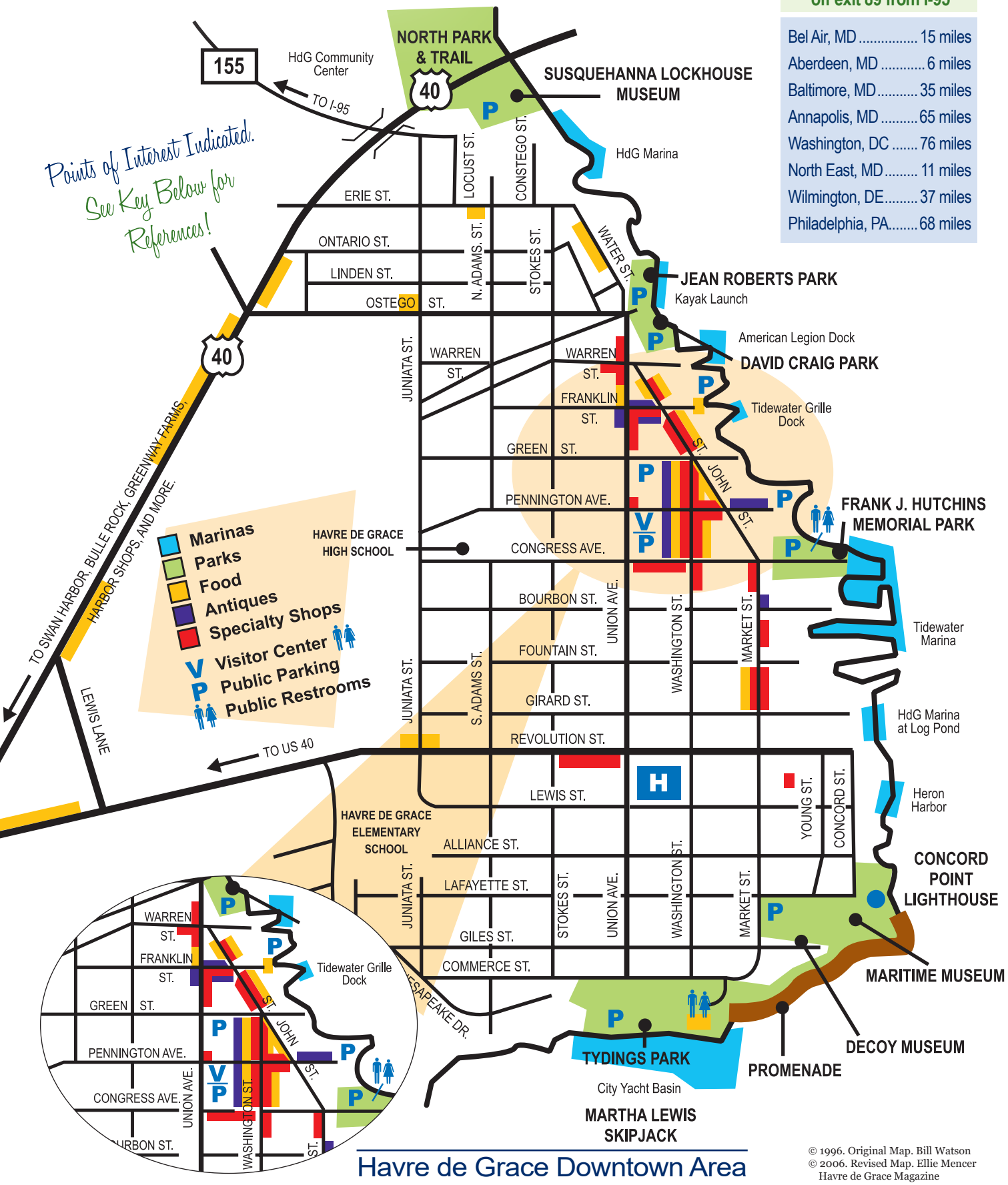
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## Havre de Grace Downtown Area

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Havre de Grace Magazine

# Don't Dismiss Our Museums

*by Bethany Baker*

When you think of Havre de Grace, what comes to mind? The water? Our History? Outdoor spaces? Boating? Decoys? Lighthouses? Well, we've got museums covering these topics and more.

Havre de Grace currently has five museums, each with their mission, focus, exhibits, and information. They are run by dedicated staff and volunteers, supported by the community and visitors through donations, fundraising, and grants. No matter how many times you visit, you'll always discover something new!



Right off the exit for Havre de Grace from I-95 is the entrance to the Susquehanna State Park. **Steppingstone Farm Museum** sits on 23 acres of ground within the park and includes 24 structures, offering static exhibits as well as artisan demonstrations throughout the season. The museum preserves and interprets the rural heritage of Harford County. Their dedicated team of staff, volunteers, and community partners love to share handcrafts, homesteading skills, trades, and arts with you. From barnyard animals to garden parties, hacking history to summer fun day, the exhibits, demonstrations, and events will teach and entertain.



Leaving Steppingstone and heading down the hill (on Rte 155), your first museum stop will be the **Susquehanna Museum of Havre de Grace at the Lock House** *(known locally as 'the Lock House')*. Established in the 1970's to save the property and tell its story, the interior at the Lock Keeper's House have been restored to its heyday. Discover the award-winning working scale model of the lock, built by David Wood in 2011. This model attracts not only those interested in history but also model enthusiasts who marvel at the detail and complexity. Visit and see how the lock works. Quite regularly a docent will show you the unique design enabling one to move the 10,000 lb. pivot bridge. The Susquehanna and Tidewater Canal was soon eclipsed by the railroad, but its history lives on through the Lock House museum and the staff and volunteers who love to tell its story.

Next stop is the south end of town and the beautiful waterfront promenade with three museums that focus on Havre de Grace's relationship with the Susquehanna River and the Chesapeake Bay. Standing sentinel at the meeting of these two bodies of water is the **Concord Point Lighthouse**. Built in 1827 and decommissioned by the Coast Guard in 1975, the lighthouse was left to the forces of nature. A small dedicated group of citizens decided to "save the Lighthouse" and established the Friends of Concord Point. This non-profit organization is solely responsible for the care and preservation of both the tower and the **Keeper's House Museum** located across the street. The Friends maintain the properties and grounds, and volunteers and staff open the structures throughout the season to thousands of visitors. The Keeper's House displays exhibits that show the many phases and uses of the house over many decades and the effort to take her back to the 1884 version that included the second story. Inside, you can see the 1827 floor. Although decommissioned, the Friends keep the tower lit every night, so be sure to drive by and see it shine.





The **Havre de Grace Maritime Museum** is located across the street from the Keeper's House Museum. Established in 1988, this museum showcases the maritime skills and cultural heritage of the Lower Susquehanna River and Upper Chesapeake Bay region. The museum houses 21 permanent exhibits on the main floor and a working boat shop on the lower level, as well as an environmental center with a gallery, classroom and research/teaching lab. Popular summer camps educate children on the importance of keeping our waterways healthy. Thousand-year-old Native American petroglyphs are just one of the unique items on display as well as historical and contemporary folk art, photos, paintings, and prints that bring color and appreciation of the craft and cleverness of the peoples who settled this region.

Last, but certainly not least, on the museum tour is the **Havre de Grace Decoy Museum**. And yes, it is the real museum (just a little local humor there)! For first time visitors, what is a decoy? Decoys, typically ducks in this area, are crafted likenesses of waterfowl historically used for hunting, but now considered a highly collectible, unique folk art. Havre de Grace isn't known as the "Decoy Capital of the World" for nothing! One

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visit to the museum and you will quickly learn about the rich history of duck decoy carving and duck hunting in Havre de Grace. Did you know that celebrities like Annie Oakley and US President Grover Cleveland visited the area for the 'fabulous gunning'? And just recently, the Havre de Grace City Council voted unanimously on Ordinance 991, with provisions to allow waterfowl hunting to continue on the south side of Tydings Island like it has for the last 150 years. Decoy carving continues today, and when visiting the museum, you might be lucky enough to see an artist in action.




**The Skipjack Martha Lewis** is presently completing restoration with plans to be back in business at the end of summer. Visit: http://chesapeake-heritage.org/

Our museums offer hands-on, interactive programs and many exhibits. There are specific programs for school tours, kids programs, and adult events. The museums are family-friendly and waiting to share their knowledge and stories with you. They also offer meeting rooms and even unique wedding venues. And best of all, they have great gift shops for those 'just from Havre de Grace' items you want to take home with you!

You can find more information here:

**www.SteppingStoneMuseum.org**
410-939-2299 • 461 Quaker Bottom Road
*April-October/weekends: 1-5pm*

**www.theLockHouseMuseum.org**
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**www.ConcordPointLightHouse.org**
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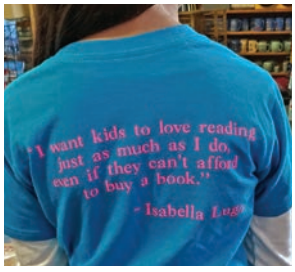
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Since the unveiling, Isabella and her mom regularly check the LFL to be sure there are plenty of books. Sometimes they have to clean out various fliers and such. But they believe folks finally understand the idea of "taking a book and leaving a book."

Isabella's story doesn't stop here. Being a member of a military family, she's moved a good deal in her short nine years, living in Havre de Grace for 3 years. They love the city. Moving here in the middle of a school year, it took Isabella nearly a year to make a real friend. She now has two very best friends and enjoys a busy life that includes horseback riding lessons in the summer and painting. In fact, she entered a piece in the Children's Art Festival, sponsored by the Havre de Grace Arts Commission, and won 1st place in her age bracket. It was a painting of her Little Free Library.




Being from Puerto Rico, the family was very concerned about friends and family members following two back-to-back hurricanes last year (Irma and Maria). Isabella's mom created an online raffle and a bake sale to help raise funds for Puerto Rico. They raised $500 from the raffle and $800 from the Bake Sale. The Bake Sale's profits were split equally between No Kind Hungry ( a Non Profit that fights child hunger in America and World Central Kitchen which was another Non Profit that made over 3 million meals in PR after Hurricane Maria). She can't say enough about the support from the school and the community.



Melissa shares that being a minority and a military family can be difficult. But they didn't find that to be true in Havre de Grace. They've enjoyed many activities and a great deal of support from the school, as well as the support of the Mayor and the city for Isabella's LFL project, for the bake sale, and for just being great neighbors.

The family loves the 'small town vibe that offers so much.' They see people from all walks of life in the schools. Melissa hopes that when Major Alexmi Lugo retires, they'll end up right here … in Havre de Grace. I, for one, know that young people like Isabella are a gift to our community!

**NOTE:** As Mayor Bill Martin says, "A 21st-century city is a city that reads and a city that promotes literacy." Isabella shared her love of books and reading by building a Little Free Library. There are now seven in Havre de Grace. Can you find them all? Check our website for their locations at https://havredegraceMagazine.com

Want to know more about this project?
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# Isabella




"I wanted to find a way to help people read. I wanted to help people who couldn't afford books to have free books to read"

***Isabella Lugo Frasqueri**, age 7*

Recently I was gifted with the opportunity to interview Isa (as some of her friends call her), now 9 years old. She told me how, with the help of her family and Mayor Bill Martin, her idea became a reality.

"Originally my husband Alexmi and I thought it was a phase that would pass. But to our surprise, a year later Isabella was still trying to come up with a solution to help others have free books to read. She was persistent," Melissa says. Melissa is Isabella's mom.

Next, her dad sketched a little house. Isabella approved and over several months, the little house became the first Little Free Library (LFL) to be built by a resident in Harford County. Isabella chose the colors and definitely wanted a purple roof. Since she loved being a member of the Purple House Group in school, a purple roof was important. (The Purple House Group is a part of the Havre de Grace Elementary School program – a PBIS program for teaching core values and team work).

Melissa researched and discovered the Little Free Library site. They registered Isabella's little library and began purchasing books to stock it. They also received many donations.

Living in a community that has an HOA, they were not able to put the Little Free Library in their yard. After considering several locations, they met with the mayor to share their ideas. The Promenade area, around the Concord Point Lighthouse, and Tydings Park were some of their favored spots. Tydings Park was the winner!

On June 22, 2016, Isabella joined school officials, family, friends, and the Mayor to unveil the first LFL done by a Harford County resident. This young girl's dream came true!

It was made even more special because Isabella's dad was home for the occasion. As a Black Hawk helicopter pilot on tour in Afghanistan, Major Lugo is gone for long periods. Having the entire family home for the unveiling made this celebration perfect. It also included her younger brother, Kai, now 5 years old and her grandfather, SFC Retired Victor Frasqueri.



Isabella's school later nominated her to receive recognition at City Hall because of her Little Free Library project. It was the first time a third grade student received this recognition (October 17, 2016).

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