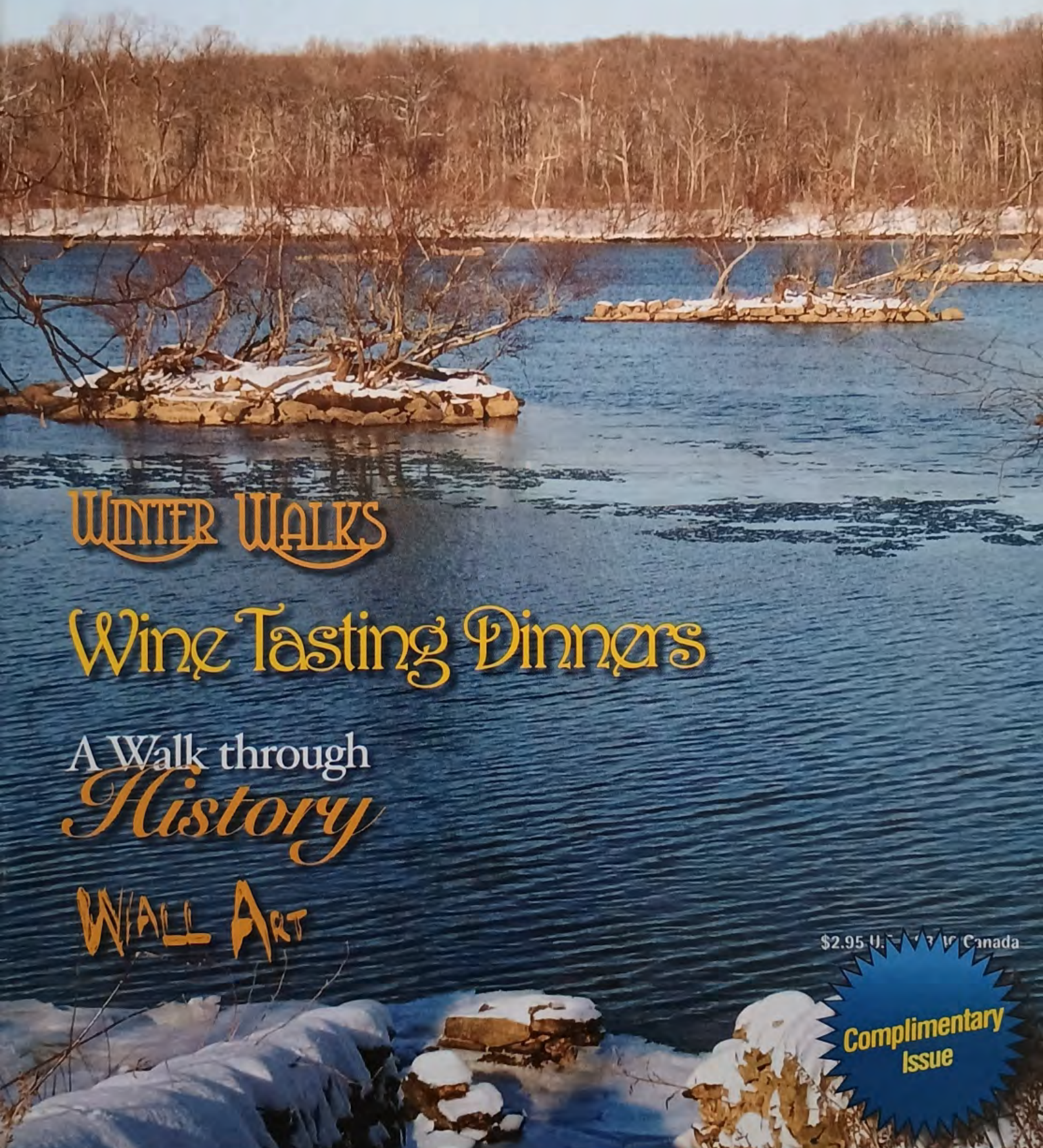


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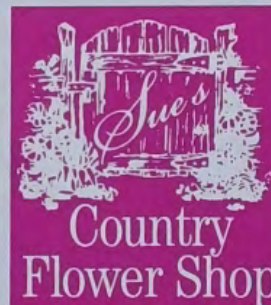


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Winter seems far away as I write this in mid-September. But the signs are everywhere. Days grow shorter. Temperatures begin to drop, especially in the evenings. There's often a chill in the air though the sun is still warm. Geese are beginning to head south, but not in the numbers we'll see in just a few weeks.

I look forward to the changing of the seasons. Fall is beautiful in Maryland. I'm hoping this fall proves to be the best yet! Then winter will follow seemingly too quickly as the falling leaves crunch underfoot.

The cover photo, courtesy Mary Ann Lisanti, Executive Director of the Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway, offers a refreshing view of our area in winter. The article, **Winter Walks**, hopefully will encourage you to put on your hiking/snow boots, warm mittens and scarf and enjoy a walk along the Promenade in Havre de Grace, the city streets and shops, the North Park Trail, and on to Susquehanna State Park. The area offers up the seasons in all its splendor and magic everywhere you wander. Be sure to take your camera. Not only changing seasons, but also changing weather will give you a most unusual view if you merely tilt your head and look with new eyes.



ABOVE: Friends Allen and Gail
BELOW: Photographer, Mark Gardner
& Wife Brenda



Then end your day of outdoor adventure by enjoying a wine-tasting dinner, or just pleasant conversation with friends at a local pub.

Speaking of wine dinner (great lead, don't you think), I want to thank **Mark Gardner** for his fantastic photography. Our **Wine-Tasting Dinners** article features Mark Gardner's fine eye for capturing the fun and the flavor of the evenings. Our very first wine dinner included my dear friends: Marie Bell, Gail Ashenfelter, Allen Philippe and Mark's wife, Brenda.



Ellie, Editor and friend Marie

Add a Native American Pow-Wow, many 'Haunted' celebrations, an opportunity to step aboard the Skipjack Martha Lewis and experience an adventure of a lifetime — dredging for oysters, and you'll want to return again and again to experience Havre de Grace. Add tea parties, fall cruises, guided nature walks and Christmas boutiques and we know you'll be back.

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In completing the **Calendar of Events**, even I was astonished at the list of activities. Several of our museums continue their programming and offer lectures and classes sure to help curb that 'cabin-fever' feeling. Of course, the holiday season offers festivities and religious services for young and old! Add First Fridays, shops offering everything from boating needs to binoculars — candy to Christmas decorations — munchies to mittens, and the many celebrations ending with a Happy New Year, and I'm sure you'll love spending time in Havre de Grace.

There are even two events to get your toes tappin' while raising money for a worthy cause. The Annual Arts Gala in January, sponsored by the Arts Commission, and the Mardi Gras Ball in February, sponsored by the Maritime Museum, will help to heat up the long, cold months.

Havre de Grace is THE meeting place. There are scores of reasons to stop by for an afternoon, a weekend, or even to move here! May this issue give you a unique perspective for enjoying our community throughout the fall and winter. A couple visits and, before you know it, spring will be back.

Happy Holidays Everyone! May 2007 offer each and every one of health, peace and abundance.

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A Walk Through History

By Ron Browning and Ellie Mencer

The fall-winter season offers a wonderful time to stroll the historic district of Havre de Grace. Architectural details are easily noticed when the leaves of many trees and vines are gone.

As you casually stroll a few blocks, you'll soon realize that you're being exposed to a plethora of architectural styles covering 200+ years of history. Although examples of a particular architecture may be found, Havre de Grace builders often adapted styles to available building materials, locale or individual tastes. You—the explorer—will discover blended styles and even eclectic applications of architecture.

With about 800 structures making up the Havre de Grace Historic District, you'll find our city an uncut jewel of historic treasures. Sometimes you'll need to look closely. Modifications to various structures over the years may disguise their early origins.

Six general periods loosely divide the timeline of our historic district:

1. The earliest period dates from the 1780s to the 1830s. Although the town has earlier origins, a ferryboat crossing began here in 1695 across the Susquehanna River. These very early colonial structures have perished.
2. The construction (1836) and opening (1839) of the Susquehanna & Tidewater Canal and the completion of the Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad brought great prosperity to the ferry boat town/terminus of Havre

de Grace. This prosperous era (1830-1850) embraced Gothic, Federal, early Victorian and other styles.

3. By the mid-19th century (1850-1880), the earlier Victorian styles began to influence Havre de Grace architecture.
4. The High Victorian era (1880-1910) is well represented in our historic district with numerous captivating examples.
5. The late era (1910-1940) reflects Havre de Grace as a regional recreation center. Sportsmen flocked here to gamble at the racetrack and to gun ducks on the Susquehanna Flats.
6. The contemporary time period from 1940 to the present can be seen in buildings such as the City Hall, High School, the new U.S. Post Office building and other government and commercial buildings. All of the buildings contribute to a changing cityscape.

In this article we'll share the earliest period from the 1780s to the 1830s.

GEORGIAN STYLE: One of the oldest structures is the *Rodger's House* located at 226 N. Washington Street. It's a brick Georgian townhouse. Note its oversized entrance portal. Colonel John Rodgers, a tavern keeper in Perryville and a ferryboat captain, bought the house in 1788 and operated a tavern here.

A humorous comment was often made by Matt Johnson, who operated A-1 Tours before he died, "Rodger's House and Rodger's Tavern (Perryville) were probably the first American franchise."

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ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH (c. 1809); 200 N. Union Avenue



cottage (c. 1790). A major restoration occurred in 1994. Low ceilings on the second floor and high ceilings on the lower floor attest to early construction.

FRENCH INFLUENCE: Several structures show a French influence. The *Baptiste Aveilhe-Goldsborough House* (c. 1801), 300 N. Union Avenue, has an outstanding hipped roof, slate-covered with a step, concave curve, rising to a peak.

The *Old Ordinary* (c.1800), 100 St. John Street, has the balconies reminiscent of New Orleans's French colonial structures, perhaps due to the wrap-around porch and the hipped roof with gabled dormers. This structure was restored in 1986.

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OLD ORDINARY (c. 1800); 100 St. John St.



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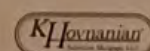
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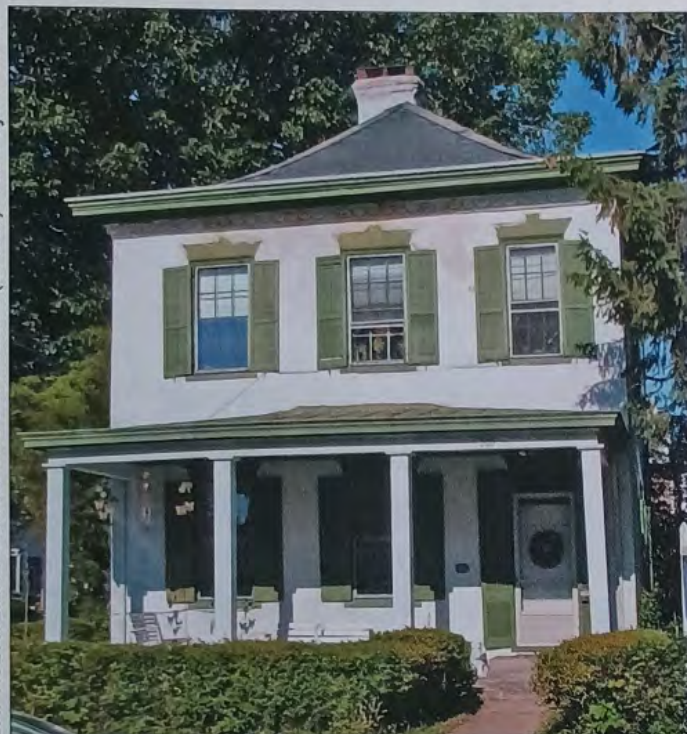
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An example is *St. John's Episcopal Church* (c. 1809), 200 N. Union Avenue, Havre de Grace's oldest church. Damaged by the British burning of the town, the church was further gutted by fire in 1832. Reconstruction involved changes, such as the minimization of the second story windows. A slate roof and belfry were added circa 1884. The building is remarkable for its Flemish bond brick walls and graceful arched windows.

BAPTIST AVEILHE-GOLDSBOROUGH HOUSE (C. 1801); 100 St. John Street



A special *thank you* to Ron Browning of La Cle D'or Guesthouse for his diligent research for this article. As a member of the Historic Preservation Commission of Havre de Grace, sharing this history is a passion for him. He is a wealth of information, details and stories. **Thank you, Ron.**



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Nov 4

BACK TO THE FUTURE—LIVING HISTORY AT THE LOCK HOUSE

Susquehanna Museum; Living History demonstration; 1–5pm; free; visit www.lockhousemuseum.org; 410-939-5780

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ALL MD REPTILE SHOW

At the HdG Community Center, 9am-3pm. Live reptiles, books, supplies, caging equipment for sale and trade. Adults: \$5 / Ages 2-6: \$3 Info: 410-526-4184 or hrbc@pythons.com

Nov 11

VETERAN'S DAY

11am Tydings Park, Commerce St, HdG; Ceremonies honoring all military veterans on this special day; 410-939-0449

Nov 13

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At the HdG Maritime Museum—small admission fee. For info: 410-939-4800 www.hdgMaritimeMuseum.org

Nov 22

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St. John's Episcopal Church, Union & Congress Avenues, HdG; 7pm

DECEMBER

Dec 2 & 3

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AT STEPPINGSTONE

Steppingstone Museum, 461 Quaker Bottom Road; Farmhouse decorated for the holidays, cookies and cider, story telling, music, tours, museum store open for shopping. Noon–4pm; Free; 410-939-2299

Dec 3

PERRYVILLE TREE LIGHTING AND CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Rodgers Tavern, 4pm. Info: 410-642-6066 or www.perryvillemd.org

HOLIDAY TEA LUNCHEON

12:30 pm—Heritage Tea Room of Havre de Grace—421 St. John St., 410-942-0290—reservations required \$16.25

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Dec 9 & 10

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Dec 10

34th ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT TOUR OF HISTORIC HOMES OF HDG

Susquehanna Museum; Visitors will tour historic and architecturally interesting homes, shops, churches, and museums; \$15 visit www.lockhousemuseum.org; 410-939-5780

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Dec 17

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Dec 17-Jan 7

8TH ANNUAL OUTDOOR NATIVITY SCENE CONTEST

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Jan 6, 2007

ANNUAL FROST BITE WALK of NORTH PARK TRAIL

10 am—This guided nature and historical walk is free to the public. Approx. one hour. Meet at the Lock House. Info: Susquehanna Museum 410-939-5780 or visit www.LockHouseMuseum.org

Jan 8

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At the HdG Maritime Museum—small admission fee. For info: 410-939-4800 www.hdgMaritimeMuseum.org

Jan 10

ELLSWORTH B. SHANK HISTORICAL LECTURE SERIES

John Smith's First Chesapeake Bay Voyage, at the HdG City Hall—7 p.m. Info: Susquehanna Museum 410-939-5780 or visit www.LockHouseMuseum.org

Jan 20

PRESERVATION WORKSHOP

At the HdG Maritime Museum, learn how to preserve your family heirlooms—9 til noon—\$—info: 410-939-4800 www.hdgMaritimeMuseum.org

Jan 27

17th ANNUAL ARTS GALA

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Feb. 7

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Feb 12

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At the HdG Maritime Museum—small admission fee. For info: 410-939-4800 www.hdgMaritimeMuseum.org

Feb 17

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Feb 24

MARDI GRAS BALL

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MARCH

March 7

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Early Cartography & Navigation on the Chesapeake. Free to the public. HdG City Hall at 7 p.m. Info: Susquehanna Museum 410-939-5780 or visit www.LockHouseMuseum.org

March 12

LECTURE/CONCERT/FILM SERIES

At the HdG Maritime Museum—small admission fee. For info: 410-939-4800 www.hdgMaritimeMuseum.org

March 17

GUIDED NATURE and HISTORICAL WALK of the NORTH PARK TRAIL

Free to the public. Approx. one hour. Meet at the Lock House. Walk begins at 10 a.m. Info: Info: Susquehanna Museum 410-939-5780 or visit www.LockHouseMuseum.org

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March 24

CHILDREN'S DAY

At the HdG Maritime Museum from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A day filled with kite flying, games and crafts, hands-on activities, and storytelling to welcome the Spring! Admission charged. For info: 410-939-4800 www.hdgMaritimeMuseum.org

APRIL

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It's a social evening that generally lasts about three hours. As each course is offered, the wine host will delight guests with stories that may include the personality of the vintner, the location of the winery, and the perfect description of the wine and its accompaniment to the food being served.

The chef, of course, plays the key role in the staging of this discovery. For it is the chef who savors the wines; then chooses the perfect food, the most thoughtful sauce, the eye-pleasing presentation, all to create a tantalizing combination that delights all the senses.

The combinations are often surprising. And the event is always fun. You can never go home from the wine-tasting dinners without a food that you will most certainly try again and an exciting list of new wines to share with others.

First Dinner

I attended my first wine tasting dinner with a few wise words from a friend. Lachelle Beazley-Scarlato was unable to attend. Encouraging me to go on with another friend Cheryl Strader, she offered the following:

"Ellie, the word is dry... not 'ooooo... it's so sour!' Remember that with each course you will be given a new wine. So if you really like one or two, be very careful about drinking another glass. You have many courses to go. Otherwise, just have fun!"

I was very nervous. After all, what in the world is a child of the 60's raised on Boone's Farm Apple doing at a wine-tasting dinner in a fine restaurant? Well, the rest is history. It was a wonderfully fun evening. And the pairing of wine and food was an astonishing discovery in taste sensations.

Dessert brought my most amazing lesson. The dessert was a very delicate, sweet, caramel topped pastry. When they poured the wine, I was prepared to pucker up and try not to say, "ooooooo... how sour!" But there was no need to worry. The wine was perfect. It was so well balanced for the sweetness of the dessert that I smiled and could barely speak.

This wine-tasting adventure was just the beginning.

Vandiver Inn and Fiore Winery

The **Vandiver Inn** was our introduction to wine-tasting dinners in Havre de Grace. A group of friends, including photographer Mark Gardner, excitedly anticipated our first course. None of the others had been to an event like this. It was a real test of friendship since they mostly preferred beer!

John Muldoon, proprietor of the Inn, introduced local Vintner Michael Fiore. Michael, with his wife Rose, own **Fiore Winery** in Pylesville, Maryland. It's the only Harford County winery at present. As he enticed us with comments and notes of each of his wines, we were truly entertained. Michael is a Master Vintner. And his wines have won many awards. And this night, he shared his knowledge, wit and passion.

Susan Muldoon, proprietor and chef, created the most perfect complimentary dishes. It soon grew difficult to decide which course, or which wine, we liked better. At one point the phrase 'flavor explosion' was used by a guest. It was repeated frequently. Dessert was a beautiful Chambourcin Truffle by Patisserie Lucie's, a local gourmet bakery.



Served with Fiore's Chambourcin wine, we giggled with delight as we savored the last of the evening's 'flavor explosions.'

The event was a wonderful camaraderie of adventure and discovery. We talked and laughed and so enjoyed Michael Fiore's enthusiasm. The beautiful fall evening in the pavilion at the Vandiver Inn was an evening we hope to repeat.

Aquatica's Taste of Italy

The next dinner that photographer Mark Gardner and I attended took place at **Aquatica's Gourmet Seafood Restaurant**. Chef Mark Laubner allowed the anticipation to build as we waited for everyone to be seated. As Chef Mark introduced us to Todd Ruby, an independent fine wine broker and our host for the evening, our journey of discovery began.

From the moment the first course arrived, we were mesmerized by the perfect blending of wines and foods. Again, it was difficult to choose a favorite. One of the courses neither Mark nor I were very eager to try — scallops! Chef Mark's

Pan Seared Sea Scallops over Crimini Risotto

with Apple-wood Smoked Bacon Bechamel was absolutely delicious.

Through this new adventure, we were teaching our palate to appreciate new tastes and textures.

The scallops were served with Frascati Superiore, "Villa Simone," Villa Simone 2005 creating an outstanding combination. Todd explained that Frascati was once Rome's pride and joy. This evening, we tasted the Villa Simone Frascati that is recapturing the lovely original flavors and returning it to its extraordinary popularity.

The evening continued with much sharing, laughter and moments of silence as we savored the wonderful blend of tastes and aromas of well-matched food and wines. As you can well notice, I am not a connoisseur. And that, my friends, is the joy of this new social event.

Gather a few friends and reserve your place at the next wine-tasting dinner. Prepare to share an evening of such fun and delight that you'll be anticipating the next dinner before you leave the first one.

Just remember those sage words: pace yourself. There are many delicious courses with beautiful wines to match. And I promise that you'll never once wrinkle your nose in dismay or be tempted to say, "ooooooo... it's so sour!" You may have your favorites, but it will all be worth the discovery.



A special appreciation goes to **Mark Gardner**, of *Mark Gardner Photography in North East*, for his creative work on this piece. Visit his site at www.gardnerphoto.com or call him at 443-309-3102.

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April 14

TEA WITH MATILDA—bring your doll and join us for a tea party with honored guest, Matilda O'Neill. Info: Susquehanna Museum 410-939-5780 or visit www.LockHouseMuseum.org

April 21

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

At the HdG Maritime Museum from 11a.m to 5 p.m. Learn about native plant species, the art of Bayscaping, and the unique environment of the Upper Bay and Susquehanna River region. FREE For info: 410-939-4800 www.hdgMaritimeMuseum.org

April 28 please note this is a SATURDAY!

BULL & OYSTER ROAST

Hutchins Park, HdG 7-11pm. Benefiting the Skipjack Martha Lewis; All you can eat raw bar, pit beef & buffet. Music, live and silent auctions. \$; www.skipjackmarthalewis.org; 410-939-4078

MAY

May 5-6

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May 12

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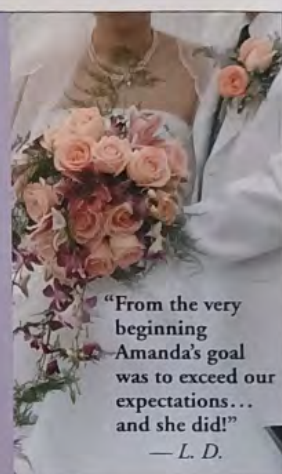
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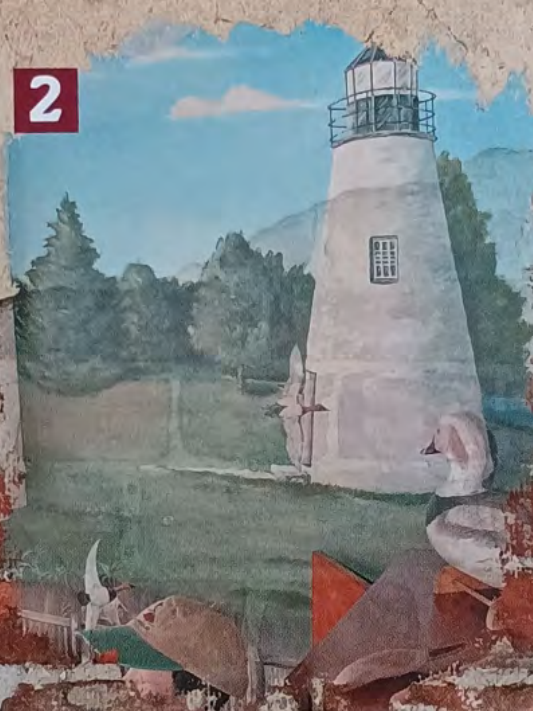
See if you can match the business with the wall art. Then you'll know how attentive you are to your surroundings. If you haven't noticed them at all, or if you just don't want to peek at the answers and want to go search, we give you the locations. Actually, we highly encourage the tour of the business. It can be a really fun way to enjoy a chilly fall or winter day. Make sure you say 'hi' to the local proprietors and tell them why you dropped by their shop.

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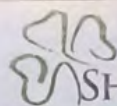


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CAPT. KARL'S FISHING REPORT



FALL
WINTER

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Capt. Karl Bunch is a USCG lic. Captain, Red Cross CPR & First Aid cert. and lic. in the state of Md., and commercially insured. We strictly practice Catch & Release of Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass.

Welcome Aboard! It seems the shoreline of beautiful Havre de Grace is constantly changing. One of the most recent and frequently asked about is the new Swan Harbor Farm's pier, located in the area known as the Back Channel. This area runs along the shoreline from the rear entrance of the City Yacht Basin to the mouth of Swan Creek.



Craig Lanphear, Swan Harbor Farms Park Administrator, tells me that the primary purpose of the pier is for fishing and sightseeing. But boaters are welcome to dock at the pier and enjoy the grounds of the park. A Maryland fishing license is required when fishing from the pier.

The park is also a popular spot for weddings. Recently Karl's Bassin' Adventures had the privilege to escort the first bride and groom, who used the pier to depart from their wedding at the farm.

The new pier was made possible in part through Program Open Space, Waterway Improvement (State of MD — your boat tax at work), and some local government money. The estimated project cost for the pier and gazebo: \$900,000.

Project Manager Bob Lee (Harford Co. Parks & Recreation Engineering Dept) said that they have tentative plans (October 2008) to dredge the area from the rear entrance of the City Yacht Basin to make the pier more accessible to boats.

For more information visit: www.harfordcountymd.gov/parks_rec/ or call the park office: 410-939-6767.

FALL/WINTER FISHING

Fall and early winter fishing can be a much-welcomed change for many fishermen from the hot and humid days of summer. The fish welcome the dropping temperatures and will become more active.

OCTOBER–NOVEMBER

The bass will be feeding and getting ready for the long, cold, winter months ahead. Target the shallow creeks as the baitfish will school and the bass will feed on them. Use Spinnerbaits and Shallow running Crankbaits. When the bite is slow, use a small 4-inch worm or Tube to entice the bass to bite.

As the temperature gets colder, follow the bass from the creeks to the deeper water in the mouth of the Susquehanna River. I recommend using deep diving Crankbaits, My Tidal River Drop Shot and Tubes. This is the season that your chances are best to get that BIG Smallmouth Bass that you've been dreaming of.

DECEMBER–FEBRUARY

These months the fishing will depend on Mother Nature. The winter months can be very cold with heavy precipitation (snow!). The mouth of the Susquehanna River does not usually freeze, but most of the boat ramps are located in shallow waters and will gather shallow ice around them. On the warmer days of winter, when you are able to venture out, fish the fall patterns for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass.

Don't let negative thoughts or stories you may have heard about navigating the flats discourage you from experiencing this great fishery. On your first trip in the area, I recommend using a guide, as there are many navigational hazards that are associated with fishing any flats area. But a competent, experi-

enced guide can quickly show you how to navigate this area safely.

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CAPT. KARL'S FISHING REPORT (continued)

The shorelines offer the bass fisherman many miles of fallen and submerged wood that is known as wood lay downs. Spinnerbaits, shallow running Crankbaits, and plastics are excellent choices when fishing these wood lay downs. The shorelines and flats are also abundant with large rocks that are excellent spots to fish all types of lures.

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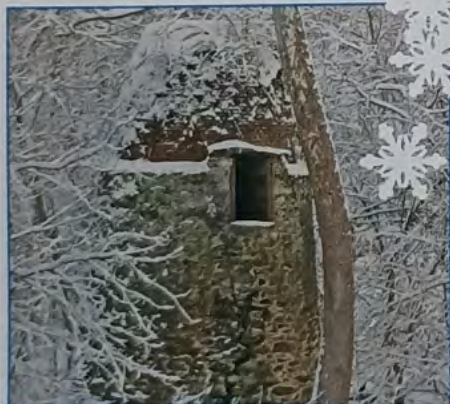


In total, the park offers 15 miles of marked and maintained trails for mountain bikers, hikers, equestrians, and nature lovers. There's a trail for the walker and the seasoned hiker, and everyone in-between, offering challenges requiring varying degrees of exertion! The Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway's (LSHG) Conowin-

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the Jersey Toll House (used to collect tolls on the bridge that spanned the Susquehanna connecting Harford and Cecil Counties or travelers going north on the canal), the John Archer Mansion, Stumps Flint Furnace and many foundations that remain of historic structures, will trigger your imagination as you consider life in those years gone by.

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Maybe I'll see you along the trail!

NOTE: Although the park does not have guides and the historic buildings are not open to tourists during the winter months, there are dozens of reasons to go and explore the area. Dress appropriately, carry water and snacks, and be sure to have your camera!



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Memories of Winters Past

Walking around town one Saturday morning, I decided to ask a few folks what they remember about winters in Havre de Grace when they were kids. The answers varied due to ages and our changing winters over the decades. But there were a great many similarities as well.



First, I realized that the characteristic of youth—feeling invincible—definitely crosses generations. Charlie McLhinney (who once owned McLhinney's News Depot) talked of going out on the ice off the Havre de Grace shoreline. He had a couple stories of kids falling in and the heroic (or crazy) efforts to get them out. Some parents had them carry spikes that they could use to grab hold of the ice if they fell in. The parents didn't do it because they liked the kids being out there, but because, at the very least, they could buy some time gripping the ice until someone could help them.

Secondly, kids are always looking for a new twist on an old sport. Eli Silverstein (owner of Joseph's Dept. Store) doesn't recall going out on the ice. But, he says, "We were just as foolish. We would hitch rides off cars. That was until I hitched a ride and when I let go, my sled slammed into the wheel of a parked car." (Not a happy experience for Eli, I'm sure!)

In earlier history of Havre de Grace, there are stories of horse and sleigh races on the ice of the river. And in Charlie McLhinney's memory, he recalls when businessmen in their dress shoes would go down to the river, strap on ice skates, and enjoy some winter's play!

David Elliott (employee of Joseph's Dept. Store) remembers sledding at Tydings Park. They still do it today. But in earlier years, they would slide down the hill, over the parking lot and hope to end before the pier stopped! Of course, you could sled a bit more safely by sledding the west end of the park where the big dip (basin) is. The kids still enjoy Tydings Park today when the snows build up.

The one thread of common practice through the decades is that kids will be kids. Often unaware of the dangerous games they play, they still build jumps for sleds, toboggans and snowboards. And now and then you'll see a kid hanging on to a car. Now I'm certainly not advocating any of the above behavior. But it does seem that as adults we caution our children from experience!

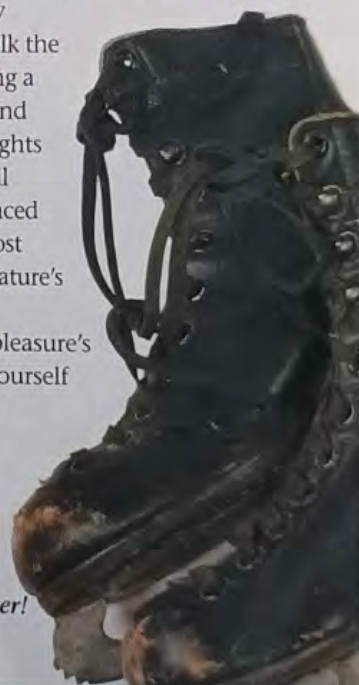
One of the differences between today and yesteryears seems to be the harshness of our winters. Certainly, we have our share of storms. But whether it is global warming or some other cause, today's storms don't seem to last as long. We may have several feet of snow, but the snows are usually over in a couple days. And within the week, we are back to normal routines. We may have several weeks of low enough temperatures

to put ice on the river, but rarely for more than a couple weeks; definitely not thick enough to be skating on.

Hopefully, the joys of winter will remain safe for you and your family. Enjoy the Parks, including great sledding at Tydings Park when the snows accumulate. Walk the Susquehanna State Park or the North Park Trail and enjoy the beauty of a crisp winter's day, when all seems still in the world and the only sound is the snow crunching beneath your boots.

If you're lucky enough to walk the town following a heavy snow and a full moon lights the way, you'll have experienced one of the most beautiful of nature's gifts.

And, for pleasure's sake, allow yourself a chuckle or two as you remember your own youthful exuberance. *Happy Winter!*



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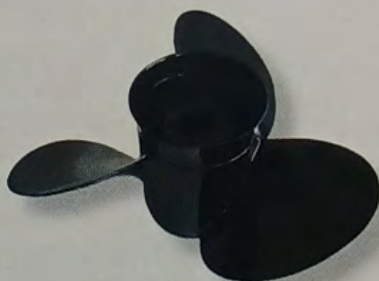
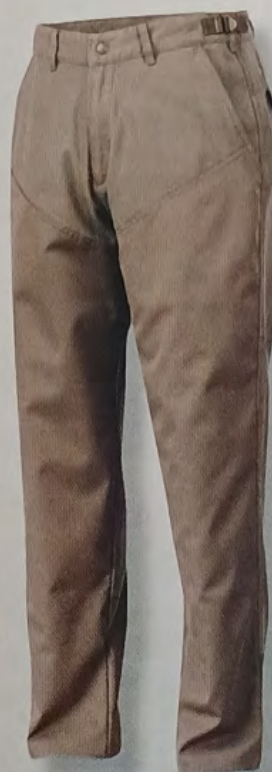
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