



# Letters From Linden & Postscripts

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## CALVERT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Fall 2019

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### *Linden's Newsletter*

It has been a while since we have produced and circulated a Calvert County Historical Society newsletter.

After a great deal of discussion the Calvert County Historical Society has decided to publish a quarterly newsletter as opposed to monthly. Many factors have led to this decision, cost effectiveness being of paramount significance. We value your membership and monetary contributions and aim to ensure they are utilized in the most economical way. We have made changes to the distribution process as well. CCHS members that are not on the email list will receive the *cont'd page 2*

### **John R. Johnson**

Director

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**(410) 535-2452**



It is an honor and privilege to have joined the Calvert County Historical Society (CCHS) as the new Director and to focus on serving our membership, community and friends for years to come. I have held many positions in my career. I have served in the military, worked in social services, juvenile justice, as well as a civil servant for the Department of Defense but my constant true love has always been antiquities, cultural civilizations and history. I look forward to using all my management, leadership, financial experiences and talents in supporting CCHS and its membership for the Society's overall continued success, now and into the future.



### **Tassia Weems**

Administrative  
Assistant

**(410) 535-2452**

As a new appointed employee of the CCHS I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself

officially to you. My name is Tassia Weems and I joined the CCHS team on August 20, 2019. I have sixteen years of experience working in an administrative support position and twelve years working as a contractor for the *cont'd page 2*

## ***Newsletter***

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newsletter in the mail. For the members on the email list, we will email you a link to the newsletter when it is available online. We encourage members with email to sign up to receive a quarterly email informing you that the newsletter is available on the CCHS website.

[www.CalvertHistory.org](http://www.CalvertHistory.org) for viewing or download.

For inquiries, concerns, or suggestions please contact the CCHS staff. **Your opinion is valued!**

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“You make a living by what you get.  
You make a life by what you give.”  
Sir Winston Churchill

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## **Tassia Weems,**

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government. I am a former volunteer for More Tasty Blessings Community Kitchen and Resource Center, Asbury Solomons Retirement Community, and local churches and schools.

As a Calvert County native I am delighted to hold the position as Administrative Assistant at CCHS. I eagerly anticipate contributing skill and knowledge towards the progression of the CCHS mission; to collect, preserve, publish, and disseminate historical facts for cultural purposes.



## ***Farewell Leila***

We bid farewell to our very own director, Leila Boyer. Having served at CCHS for nearly a decade she is retiring and passing the baton.

While we bid her farewell, she will continue to serve Calvert County Historical Society (CCHS) offering knowledge and skill as a volunteer. Leila's contribution to CCHS has played a vital role in the growth and success of the organization. An article of recognition was recently published on SoMDNews.com and in the Calvert Recorder. A few of her accomplishments and contributions to the community from the article are:

Leila earned a bachelor's in history and anthropology and a master's in history.

She began her tenure at CCHS as administrative assistant in 2010 until 2012 when she became director. She assisted in raising \$20,000 – which an endowment matched – enabling the society to purchase a state-of-the-art BookEye4 Scanner, which scans newspapers and then enable the user to perform a keyword search of the documents.

Under Leila's direction CCHS has been able to expand its Calvert County African American archives, almost doubling it.

In June of this year Leila, along with Chloe Ewalt, was awarded The Calvert County Historic District Commission's Preservation Education Award for their work on the CCHS Kids' History Camp.

The camp runs the first full week in August and has children completing projects on family and local history, as well as field trips. A primary goal of the camp is to instill an appreciation for and an invitation to connect children's own experiences to an understanding of their community, its history, and to our national history.

[Link to → Calvert Beacon article](#)

## Moving Forward - Renovated Website!



### Calvert County Historical Society

To collect, preserve, research, and share the history of Calvert County.

A number of changes are taking place at the Calvert County Historical Society (CCHS). With the implementing of fresh ideas, we are heading in an innovative and positive direction. Our goal is to maintain the authenticity of our mission while progressing with the present day. The renovation of the CCHS website is one of many ways this goal has been accomplished.

Our newly renovated website offers many services. With ease you can navigate Linden's history, future events, quarterly and archived newsletters, helpful links aiding with the search for information on family history and additional general information are fully accessible. We now have an online shop, where you can browse featured books and other sale items. The option to purchase online will be available in the near future! In the meantime, you can call to have your items shipped to you or reserve your copy and stop by to pick them up. **The CCHS website also offers an online option to join and pay membership fees as well as donate securely via PayPal.** We invite you to visit and try out the new features on our website.

Our web address: [www.calverthistory.org](http://www.calverthistory.org)



### Founding & Early History

Calvert County, MD was founded on **July 3, 1654**, though the first colonists came to the county soon after the arrival of the ships Ark and Dove in 1634.

Only three counties in Maryland are older:

St. Mary's - founded in 1637, Kent in 1637 and Anne Arundel in 1650.



## New CCHS Board Members

**Carolyn Hobbs** — Carolyn was born and raised in Barstow, MD the daughter of Hagner and Helen Mister. She is a teacher specialist at the Career and Technology Academy, part of Calvert County Public Schools. Carolyn and her husband are the parents of two adult children and the grandparents of five. She looks forward to working with and supporting the goals of the Historical Society.

**Michael Phipps** — W. Michael "Mike" Phipps is a native of Owings, MD having grown up on the family farm on which he stills grows hay, corn, sweet potatoes and tobacco and raises Black Angus cattle. He received a B.S. in Business and Management/Finance from the University College and worked as a banker and funeral director before going back to work on the farm. Michael has

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## **New CCHS Board Members -**

***Michael Phipps, continued***

served on various boards over the years including the Calvert ARC, Calvert County Chamber of Commerce, Calvert County Farm Bureau, Calvert County Nursing Center, Calvert Farmland Trust, and Calvert County Planning Commission and served as President of the Maryland Farm Bureau. He currently serves as Vice Chairman of the SMECO Board.

**Malcolm Lloyd Funn** – At six months old, Malcolm arrived in Calvert County when his father returned in 1945 to resume his position as Principal of William Sampson Brooks High School in Prince Frederick after a two-year sabbatical. He graduated from Brooks High School, attended Virginia State University, married in 1967, and returned to complete his studies at Bowie State University in 1971. He continued his education at Columbus School of Law at Catholic University, receiving his Juris Doctorate Degree in 1974, beginning a career as an attorney in IRS's Office of Chief Counsel, retiring in January 2004.

After living in Prince George's County for 29 years Malcolm, with his wife, returned to Calvert County in 1998. They joined Bayside Baptist Church in Chesapeake Beach. He was appointed to the Board of County Commissioners' Citizens Advisory Committee assisting in completing a study and recommendations for commuter Park & Ride lots and reviewing and rewriting Calvert's Animal Control Ordinance. As a graduate of W.S. Brooks High, Malcolm worked with Brooks High's All Classes Reunion Committee. Later, incorporating the committee and restructuring it as the W.S. Brooks High School Alumni Association, Incorporated, a nonprofit organization.

Malcolm has served on the Calvert County Planning Commission, Calvert County Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board, Calvert County Board of License Commission (Liquor Board) and the Harriet Elizabeth Brown Commemorative Task Force. Presently, he is a docent at the Old Wallville one-room school; serves on the Calvert County Campus Advisory Council, College of Southern Maryland; NAACP (life member), first Vice President; Member of the Steering Committee of Big Conversations on Dismantling Racism and Privilege; the State Board of Elections; Co-Director of Strong Schools Maryland, a movement informing Maryland citizens of and advocating for the recommendations of the "Kirwan Commission". Residing in the Asbury-Solomons Community, Malcolm serves on its Ethics Committee.

**Carl Fleischhauer** – Carl Fleischhauer retired from the Library of Congress in 2016 and lives in Port Republic. In recent years, his work at the Library pertained to digital library activities and the preservation of content in digital form. Prior to that, he worked at the Library's American Folklife Center, and several of his publications are folklife related, including the documentary CD/book *The Hammons Family: The Traditions of a West Virginia Family and their Friends* (Rounder Records, 2000) and the photographic book *Bluegrass Odyssey, 1966-1986* (University of Illinois Press, 2001). In Calvert County, Fleischhauer has been active with the American Chestnut Land *cont'd., page 5*

## New CCHS Board Members

*Carl Fleischhauer, continued*

Trust since its founding and also contributed short statements to both versions of the Money Crop, a book about Calvert's historical Connections to tobacco.

**Kirsti Uunila** – Kirsti Uunila is a Registered Professional Archaeologist and has served Calvert County Government since 1993 as Historic Preservation Planner and as staff to the Calvert County Historic District Commission. In this position she reviews all development projects in the county for potential effects on cultural resources and designs and manages research projects to capture, preserve, and share history of Calvert County. She has also recently served as principal investigator on an archaeological project to locate and understand the seventeenth-century Calvert County seat and has successfully pursued funding opportunities to plan for cultural properties threatened by climate change.

Kirsti is an American-born daughter of Finnish immigrants. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in anthropology from the University of Arizona. She completed two years of graduate work in social anthropology at the Johns Hopkins University, and earned a Masters of Applied Anthropology from the University of Maryland in College Park, with a focus on public archaeology. She is always interested in finding new ways to use the past to build healthy communities in the present.

**John Johnson, Director** – John was born into a military family and moved extensively in the United States and overseas during his life. Two of the more memorable childhood experiences were living in occupied Japan in the early 1950's and when John's family was assigned to Thailand (formally Siam) from 1962-65. During those years John was a freshman/sophomore at the International High School, Bangkok, Thailand.

In 1971, John joined the Air Force after college where he entered pilot training at Williams AFB, in Arizona. Thereafter his career took him to assignments in Canada, Spain and Portugal and stateside: to Scott AFB, IL and the Pentagon.

After an honorable retirement from the USAF in 1993, John utilized both his military background and psychology degrees, to become the executive director of four juvenile treatment/therapy programs for troubled teens in Maryland and Virginia. From 1999 to 2018, John went to work for the Department of Defense, until he formally retired in 2018.

In late 2018 John decided to move closer to his four children (three in MD and one in N. VA), and purchased a home in Lusby. In April of 2019, he married Margaret Garis of Richmond, Virginia.

### New In Our Book Store!

Reprinted especially for the Calvert County Historical Society,  
**Persistence, Perseverance and Progress, History of African American Schools in Calvert County, Maryland, 1865 – 1965.**  
By Richlyn F. Godard



Soft cover – 95 pages – \$15.00

In Honor of Fall, From the Photo Archives of the Library of Congress - Calvert County  
John Collier, Jr. - "New Deal" Photographer, 1942



*“Easily stored food needs no curing or canning.”*



*“Cured pork hanging in the meat house of a Negro FSA (Farm Security Administration) client.”*



*“Weak shelf board endangers jars.”*

**John Collier Jr.** (May 22, 1913 – February 25, 1992) was an American anthropologist and photographer. His book, *Visual Anthropology: Photography as a Research Method* (1967) is one of the earliest textbooks in the field and is still in use today.

In 1941, Collier was hired by the [Farm Security Administration](#) establishing his career in photography. The Farm Security Administration (FSA) was a [New Deal](#) agency created in 1937 to combat rural poverty during the [Great Depression](#). The FSA is

famous for its small but highly influential photography program, 1935–44, that portrayed the challenges of rural poverty. Mr. Collier is also notable as someone who overcame significant learning and hearing impairments to succeed on a larger stage.

# CCHS



## 2019 Highlights

### Highlights of Events & Happenings of the Calvert County Historical Society

March – September 2019

#### March

- Mr. John R. Johnson's first day as the new Director of CCHS. Ms. Leila Boyer provided the orientation and training for Mr. Johnson. Since June, Leila is now a cherished volunteer on Thursdays at CCHS.
- Board and members of CCHS attended the WOW Lunch at the Rod and Reel in Chesapeake, MD. Ms. Rosemary Dawley was recognized by WOW for her tireless volunteer work at CCHS.

#### April

- Mr. Johnson met with Mr. Peter LaPorte (also newly hired as the Director of St. Mary's Historical Society), to discuss cooperation, communications and mutual historical society issues between Calvert and St. Mary's counties.

#### May

- CCHS held a Brown Bag Lunch featuring genetic genealogist Louise McDonald who discussed how DNA together with genealogy, can enhance your family history research.
- CCHS held its Annual Membership Dinner and Board Election. The dinner was attended by nearly 90 CCHS members and friends. Entertainment was provided by Vince and Bubba Turner, with "A Musical Salute to America's Military". In addition to the dinner, a silent auction was held, turning out to be a huge success. During dinner a drawing was held for a framed "crab" stained glass which raised nearly \$600 for CCHS. The winner of the drawing was: Ms. Laura James.

#### June

- At the monthly CCHS Brown Bag Lunch Lelia Boyer organized and lead a trip for members on a mini-trip to the Dr. Mudd House, featuring Kate Ramirez Taylor, a renowned re-enactor.

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## ***Highlights - cont'd from page 7***

### **July**

● CCHS Brown Bag Lunch was Greg Bowen discussing the Parker Creek project in association consistent with purposes of the Chestnut Land Trust.

### **August**

● CCHS Brown Bag Lunch was held at the Judge John Gray, Jr. house celebrating the 100th anniversary of the structure. The hosts were owners Maria and Renier Angala who were gracious to open their house to CCHS.

### **September**

● CCHS Brown Bag Lunch was Kirsti Uunila's presentation on history and events associated with Lower Marlboro Freedom Day.



### **Sprinkler Incident Report**

On June 3rd. at approximately 8:45 pm, staff and the Calvert County Fire Department responded to a fire alert at Linden. Fortunately, there was no fire, however, at 9:00 p.m., a sprinkler head located in the attic discharged water due to excessive temperature (155+ degrees) in the attic. The water came down from the attic, to the first floor and then down into the basement.

The good news is due to quick professional actions of our Calvert County fire department, none of our precious/important documents, books/pictures or any achieves were damaged! Also helping minimize the damages and quick recovery were some of our great folks/volunteers at CCHS: Leila Boyer, Mary and Peter Rockefeller, Silvia Freeland, Mike King and Thom Latimer. The air conditioner has been repaired, an exhaust fan installed in the attic, the fire sprinkler replaced, all damages repaired and the fire protection system was reactivated. CCHS reopened for business on June 11, 2019.

## **Calvert County Historical Society**

### **Officers**

Interim President: Mike King

Secretary: Carolyn Mohler

Treasurer: Margie Moore

### **Continuing Members**

Greg Bowen

Greg Stottlemeyer

Randi Vogt

Nancy Thompson

Diane Harrison

Thom Latimer

Margie Moore

Russell Stewart

### **New Members**

Carl Fleischhauer

Malcolm Funn

Carolyn Hobbs

Michael Phipps

Kirsti Uunila

### **Many thanks to these outgoing members**

Chris Banks

Fred Dellinger

Richard Dodds

Margaret Phipps

# UPCOMING Events

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## Join us every 3rd Thursday of the month!

Enjoy guest speakers & field trips delving into the history of Calvert County.

**Time:** 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** Linden – 70 Church Street, Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

**Bring your Lunch, Bring your Questions and Bring Your Friends!**

Free and open to all!

Visit [www.CalvertHistory.org](http://www.CalvertHistory.org) Events for details!

**BROWN  
BAG**   
**Lunch**  
at Linden



## “Music on the Porch at Linden!”

CCHS presents a FREE Outdoor Concert featuring local Bluegrass/Country band “Riverside South”.

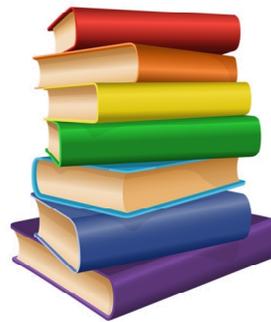
**Sunday, October 20, 2019, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Location: Linden front porch!**

Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and coolers!

Overflow parking at Trinity United Methodist Church parking lot. If inclement weather, concert will be cancelled. Questions? Call CCHS (410) 535-2452

**CCHS**  
**BOOK**  
**SALE**



## “Last Great” Calvert County Historical Society’s Used Book Sale

**Saturday, November 23, 2019, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Location: Linden - 70 Church St., Prince Frederick, MD 20678**

All books will be priced to go and no reasonable offer, will be declined. See you there and bring your own boxes and bags to take home collector editions and printed treasures!

# Linden Holiday

## Open House



## Calvert County Historical Society's Annual Christmas Open House

**Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Join us for holiday cheer, seasonal beverages and snacks. Gift shop will be stocked with unique gift ideas!

## Holiday Vespers & Light up Linden Event

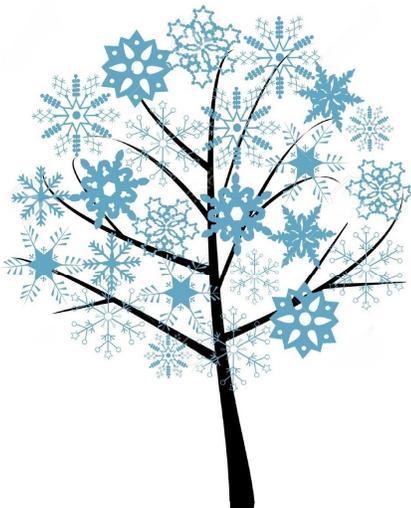
**Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 p.m. – Vespers at Trinity Church

7:15 p.m. – CCHS Holiday Party at Linden



The **Calvert County Historical Society and Trinity United Methodist Church** (at 90 Church St.) are hosting a holiday kick-off evening on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Free and open to all, you may attend both or either event independently. The evening will begin at Trinity Church with Vespers (a brief service of evening worship). Vespers will be ecumenical, focusing on the holiday season and wishing good tidings to all. It will last approximately 30 minutes during which there will be a collection for one of our local Prince Frederick charities. Immediately following Vespers, the CCHS's party will begin. Folks can follow hundreds of candle luminaries leading the way from Trinity or up the driveway to Linden. Linden will be decorated in her holiday finest to celebrate the season. Everyone is welcome to join us for front porch caroling and an appearance of Santa who will have a few words of encouragement for the children. At that time Santa will be available for family pictures! Throughout the evening of good cheer there will be seasonal refreshments for purchase at CCHS. Hot chocolate, apple cider, and holiday baked goods, (to eat on the spot or take home, as neighborly gifts) will be available to purchase. In addition, the CCHS gift shop will be open featuring seasonal items. Parking available at Trinity Church and Linden.



### “Celebrations of the Seasons”

will be a new feature at CCHS, honoring and celebrating each season.

Please join us for our first

### Winter Solstice Celebration

**Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**

**6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Location: Linden, 70 Church Street, Prince Frederick, MD

Bonfire, poetry, readings, songs and light snacks and beverages will be available. Dress warmly for the outdoor evening event. Overflow parking at Trinity United Methodist Church parking lot.



# Holiday Volunteers Needed!





*Officer K9 Faro*

## ***“A Special Thanks”***

to artist Deanna Lewis of [www.BestPetArt.com](http://www.BestPetArt.com) for lending her talents to redesigning our CCHS web page and CCHS newsletter.

Deanna has graciously volunteered to maintain and update our web page at no charge moving forward.

## **MEMBERSHIP** **update**

The Calvert County Historical Society is amending its present process of annual membership. A letter will follow soon to inform each member of those changes for the upcoming year. **Don't worry! The dues for membership are not going up!**

Currently, we have memberships beginning and ending throughout all twelve months of the year. The process of keeping track of this monthly accounting is very costly and labor intensive.

We will be implementing a single membership renewal date of June 1, beginning in 2020 and a prorating membership fee. In June, everyone will be on the same membership cycle and schedule. We believe this simple and efficient approach will streamline the membership process, and be more economically viable and fiscally sound, which will be of benefit to both the membership and CCHS.

The membership letter will detail your current membership status and specifically explain how your membership dues will be pro-rated forward, so as to get you to the June 2020 renewal date. Be assured, nobody will be asked or expected pay more than their normal annual membership! If you have concerns or questions about this change, or anything with CCHS, please call us at (410) 535-2452. A staff member will be happy to walk you through the process. CCHS wants to insure that you understand and are fully comfortable with the process and results.



Calvert County Historical Society

### **Our mission:**

**To collect, preserve, research and share the history of Calvert County.**

### **Contact Us:**

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A Calvert County Historical Society membership helps support Linden, the Archives, and the numerous educational programs and workshops we offer. CCHS offers yearly student, individual, institutional, couple, individual sustaining and Partner in Preservation memberships.



Join or  
**RENEW YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP**

We're happy to offer an [online option link](#) ← click here, to join and pay your membership dues securely via PayPal on our website. Or, fill out the form below and return with a check for your membership dues. *Thank you for your support!*

**\$15**

Student

**\$40**

Institution

**\$40**

Individual

**\$60**

Couple

**\$125**

Individual  
Sustaining

**\$1500**

Partner in  
Preservation

The Calvert County Historical Society is recognized as a 501(c) (3) tax exempt entity. **Any donations made to benefit the CCHS are tax deductible.** CCHS will gladly provide a written receipt to accompany any cancelled check, an online PayPal donation receipt donation or cash donation made for your tax preparation purposes.



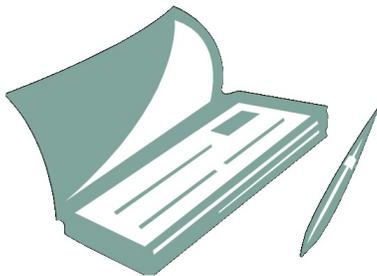
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Membership Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



If you wish to join, pay your dues or make a donation by check, please complete this membership form above, and make your check payable to: **Calvert County Historical Society.**

Mail to, or drop it off at:

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