



The Linden Times

A bi-weekly newsletter for the members & friends of the Calvert County Historical Society – December, 2021

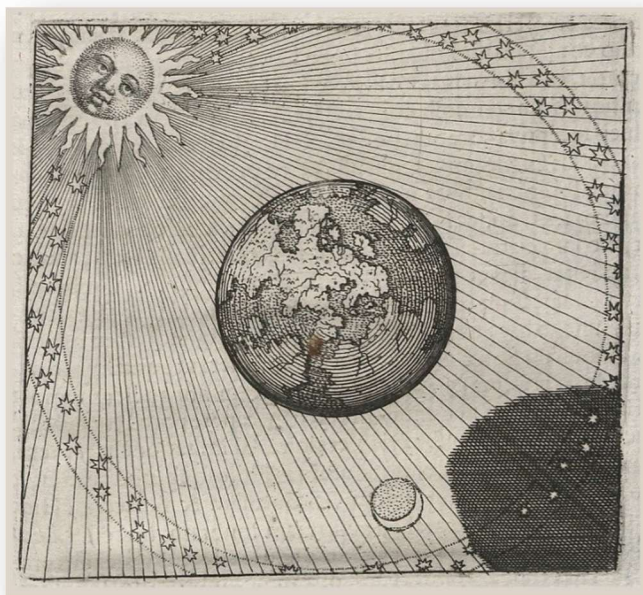
The Calvert County Historical Society is very proud and happy to share with our members and friends the great successes we have had hosting some wonderful events at Linden this year. Beginning in June was the first of four of our free **Outdoor “Front Porch” Summer Concert Series** which ended in October. These last few months of 2021 have seen our **Fall “Grand Parents Day” Tea** which was attended by members and their guest with seating both inside Linden and on the front porch. Next was our **CCHS Annual Membership Dinner and Silent Auction**, at Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum. This outdoor event was attended by many folks who thoroughly enjoyed the festivities, the Silent Auction and our guest speaker, Carol Booker who talked about her new book, *Cove Point*. Fall rang in a very successful **Barns of Calvert County Art Show & Sale** by local artists featuring the disappearing barns of Calvert County.

The **Hospice Annual Festival of Wreaths**, was held at Linden on November 20th. The money raised at this event went to Hospice to support the great work they do for people and families in our community. The most recent event just completed was the **December 4th Home for the Holidays – Light Up Linden**. This event was held in partnership with The Calvert County Chamber of Commerce. The highlight of the event was caroling, visits by Santa and the Grinch, and the lighting of the Linden

holiday tree. An estimated 300 members, friends and guests attended this event and shared in the holiday festivities. ([Photos on page 3](#))

There is now only one CCHS event remaining for 2021, the **CCHS “Celebration of the Seasons” Winter Solstice Celebration**. It will be held on the longest night of the year, December 21, 2021, from 5:00 to 6:30p.m. This event celebrates the history and folklore surrounding the Winter Solstice. The evening will feature historic origins of the Winter Solstice, a bon-fire, seasonal readings and poetry. **The event is FREE and open to all!**

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From the book "Theosophie & Alchemie", 1687

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Winter and Holiday Vacation for CCHS:

Calvert County Historical Society closes each year during the holiday season. The CCHS office and archives will be closed for the holidays from December 15th through January 11, 2022. *Our staff and volunteers will return to host the Winter Solstice event at Linden on the 21st.*

Director's note:

Wow what a calendar year for Calvert County Historical Society. While 30% of historical societies in the country had to close their doors over the last 18 months due to COVID, your CCHS remained open, viable and even expanded some programs and events for its membership and friends. The CCHS shifted many events and programs to late summer and fall and began this very publication, ***The Linden Times*** to keep in constant contact with our membership by providing historic Calvert County stories, articles and news on a bi-weekly basis. Including this edition, we've written 16 ***Linden Times*** and three of our ***Letters from Linden & Postscripts*** newsletters.

Gathering together again in safety was a must. Examples of a few notable and successful events were our Annual Dinner and Silent Auction at Jefferson Patterson Park, in September, where we had one of the largest number of attendees, in a number of years and our free front porch concerts series whereby we were outside on Linden's front porch and provided four free concerts to approximately 500 members, friends and families of CCHS. Simply put the CCHS not only survived the last 18 months but built a foundations of services programing and partnerships which will help us grow and serve our membership and friends in the community for 2022 and beyond.

Thank you for your membership and continued support of the CCHS in 2020 and 2021. We eagerly look forward to all the wonderful things ahead of us as we go forward in accomplishing our mission to collect, protect, research and share the history of Calvert County. From our CCHS family, we wish you and yours the happiest and safest of holidays and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

CCHS Membership Special!

Join or renew your membership from December to June 2022 for **only \$20!** Send a check for \$20 to the address above or, click on the link below to our secure **PayPal \$20 Membership Special Join/Renewal page.**



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Thank you for your support!



Light-up Linden



Elizabeth McWilliams was festively dressed to welcome visitors at the CCHSs table, where we offered complimentary cocoa and hot apple cider.



The Grinch was actually a very friendly and outgoing character. Santa, with whom the Grinch later lit the Christmas tree, gave out stuffed animals.

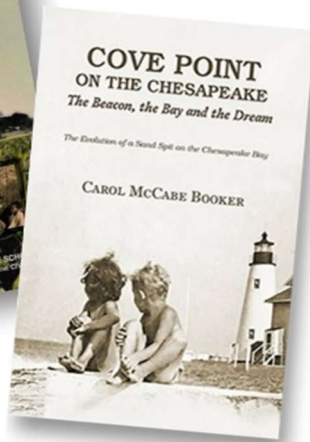
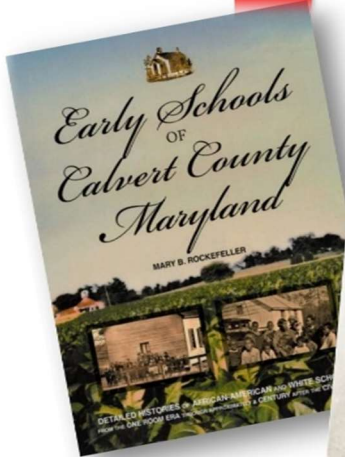
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Holiday Book & Gift Shop Sale
December 14th, 10:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.!



10% off for members and guests!
Stop by for those last minute stocking stuffers & great book titles, from national and local authors.



Early Schools of Calvert County Maryland written by Mary B. Rockefeller who is our archive volunteer. This volume represents four years of research and details the establishment and development of schools from Colonial times to approximately the 1970's.

Cove Point on the Chesapeake: The Beacon, the Bay, and the Dream, by Carol Booker tells the story of how nature and human desire define a singular place along storied waters.

Our final event for 2021...

**CCHS "Celebrations of the Seasons"
Winter Solstice Celebration**

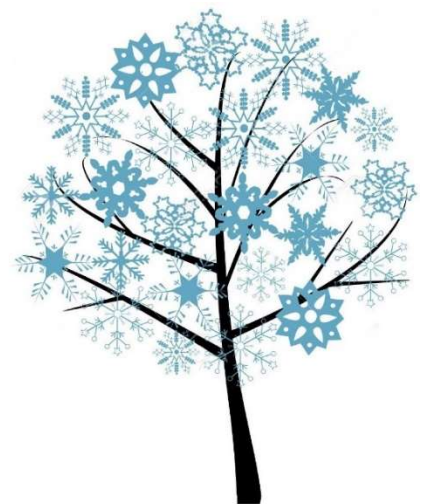
December 21st – 5:00 p.m.

Bonfire, poetry, readings, songs and light snacks and beverages will be available.

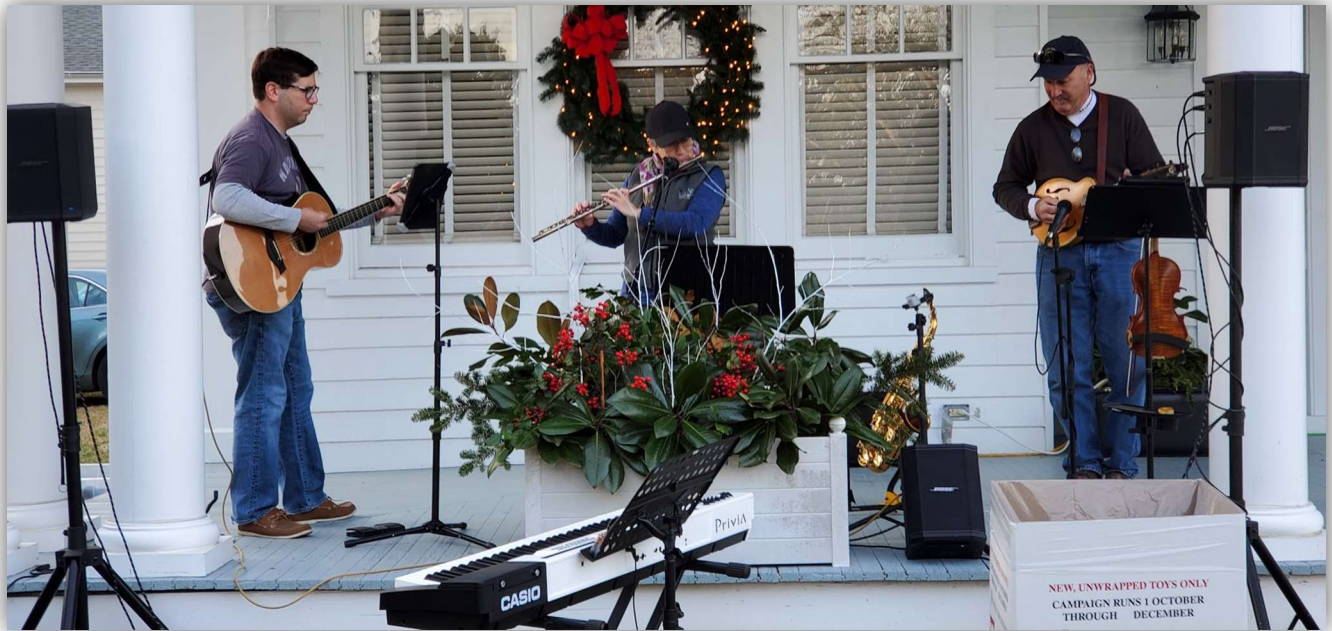
Location: Linden, 70 Church Street, Prince Frederick, MD

Outdoor evening event – Dress warmly! Overflow parking at Trinity United Methodist Church parking lot.

Questions, please call us at [\(410\) 535-2452](tel:4105352452) or, email director@calverthistory.org



Light-up Linden



"Some Assembly" performed to the delight of their fans and enjoyment of the gathering crowd.



Arnez Garcia led the way ensuring "Voices in Praise" made a grand entrance before their performance.

"You can tell a lot about a person by the way they handle three things: a rainy day, lost luggage and tangled Christmas tree lights." – Maya Angelou

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Director Holly Reynolds Lee, in red coat, and the pianist give some final instructions to the choir "Voices in Praise" Note "Santa's Mail Box" so the kids could drop off their wish lists.



Greg Stottlemeyer and Thom Latimer warm up by one of the two fire pits.

"Kindness is like snow. It beautifies everything it covers." – Kahlil Gibran

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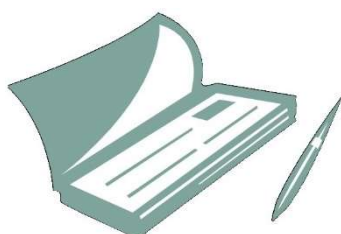


Linden 2021

The 2021 CCHS Annual Donation Appeal is upon us in the waning days of this most challenging year. We would appreciate any donations to the Calvert County Historical Society to help preserve and protect our history and heritage, documents and collectibles maintained at CCHS, in our historic Linden and in the Archives. Your donation is tax deductible. If you would like to contribute to the perpetuation and success of our historic society, please consider doing so via mail, in person or via our secure **PayPal donation link:**



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