



President's Message

Spring is a time of new life and renewal, and this is certainly true for the Oxford Museum. As you can see by the stories in this issue of our newsletter, the Museum has been anything but dormant during the past winter months! We have a lot planned for 2017, and we hope you'll join us.

To help you plan, I took the liberty of creating a "to do" list:

Renew your membership! The Museum is here to serve you – our members – and we have an exciting program planned for 2017. So please send in your renewal when you receive our mailing in the next few weeks. We count on your support – and thank you for your loyalty!

Visit the "Sports of Oxford" exhibit. The exhibit offers a rare and very personal view into the sporting accomplishment of Oxford residents - as well as a few sports stars who visited our terrific community in the past. Come by to see what kinds of sports your neighbors excelled at in their youth or more recent years.

Attend the "Oxford: The First Three Centuries" lecture and reception. May 12 at 6 pm at the Oxford Community Center. The photo-lecture is based on my father, Norman Harrington's, original script. It has not been presented for more than a decade.

Attend our Annual Meeting. June 9, 5:30, Parish Hall, Church of the Holy Trinity.

Watch for future events. The Museum's next exhibit – after Sports of Oxford – will be Oxford: The First Three Centuries in photographs. This exhibit will feature a collection of photographs developed by Norman Harrington for the book written by Dickson Preston.

Attend the member-appreciation special reception to celebrate the Museum's interior and garden facelift. Location: The museum and museum garden. Date: Summer 2017 – to be scheduled.

Thanks as always for your continuing support. I look forward to seeing you at our events and at the Museum.

Lisa Harrington

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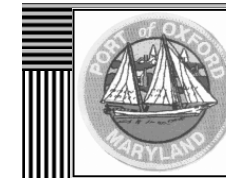
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Oxford: The First Three Centuries with Lisa Harrington

Friday, May 12 at 6pm

Cost: \$30 (\$25 for Museum Members)

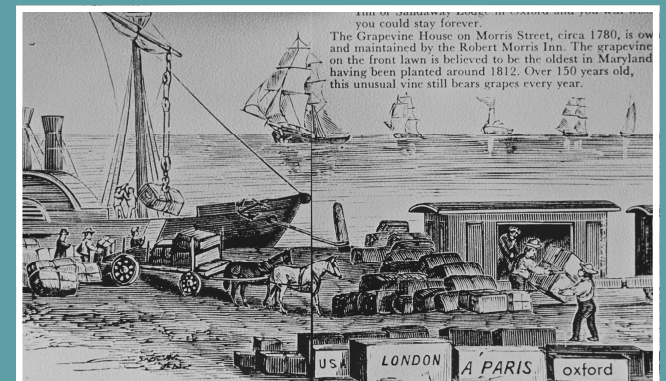
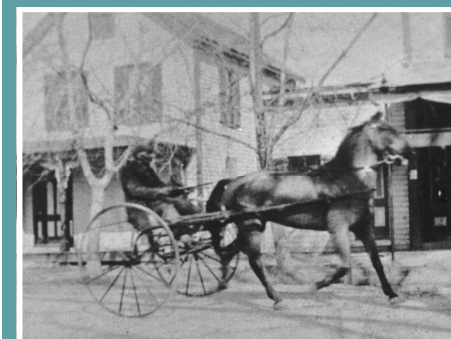
Together, the Oxford Museum and the Oxford Community Center welcome Lisa Harrington, who will present "Oxford: The First Three Centuries," based on the book of the same name by Dickson Preston and Norman Harrington.

The program will be held at OCC.

Pulling from historic photographs and incredible original photography by Norman Harrington, as well as research, interviews, and oral histories, this definitive presentation on Oxford's history hasn't been given in more than a decade. Following the program light refreshments will be served with a cash bar available.

For tickets call the Oxford Museum at (410) 226-0191, email theoxfordmuseum@gmail.com or stop by the Museum at 100 South Morris Street.

Don't miss this chance to learn about and enjoy the history of this unique village!



Yankee Pedler Returns to OCC

After spending the winter under cover, the *Yankee Pedler* is back home. Under the direction of Larry and Dorette Murray and Tom Campbell, the little skipjack has received a facelift,



Larry and Dorette Murray and Tom Campbell



with minor repairs and a new paint job. Others who helped with the restoration include Chris Neustadt, Jerry Kyle, Robert Klimszak, Ronald and Coleman Walker, and Robert Hyberg.

In 2009, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Zalick donated the skipjack to the Oxford Museum. At that time the Museum arranged with the Community Center that the *Pedler* would be placed on the front yard of OCC for all to enjoy. A maintenance fund was established by Diane Flagler in memory of her late husband, Dr. Nick Flagler. The *Pedler* was dedicated on October 17, 2009, and has been enjoyed by residents and visitors since.

"We have a long history with the boat and are happy others enjoy seeing it as much as we do."
~Dorette Murray

Sports of Oxford Exhibit Opens

The Oxford Museum is pleased to announce its upcoming special exhibit, "**SPORTS OF OXFORD**," opening on Oxford Day, April 22, 2017, and continuing through the summer months.

This special exhibit will highlight images and historical objects associated with Oxford residents participating in various sports activities from the 1950s through to the early 21st Century. The exhibit features many present-day Oxfordians playing college football, baseball and lacrosse in the 1950s. Equestrian competition, sailing, deep sea billfish fishing, trap shooting, hiking, surfing, fly fishing, and many other sports are featured as well. If you have ever wondered "...just what did those people do before they retired to Oxford, MD?" this exhibit will surely help to answer that question.

In addition, the exhibit will feature rare original dramatic photographs of Major League baseball stars participating in sports activities near Oxford, MD. Many 1930's era photographs showing Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig fishing and duck hunting on the Choptank River will be in the exhibit, while early 20th Century photos and original newspapers highlight the Eastern Shore's own Hall of Famers such as Frank "Home Run" Baker (born in Trappe, MD) and Jimmy Foxx (born in Sudlersville, MD).

A special thanks to all those who generously loaned the Museum sporting photos and memorabilia for this one-of-a-kind exhibit.



George Gaffney pitching for the University of Maryland baseball team, circa 1955.



Lou Gehrig and Babe Ruth fishing on the Choptank River, circa 1930.

Oxford Museum: Open for Business

The Oxford Museum will open for the 2017 season on Oxford Day, April 22. It will be open each day beginning at 11 am – call the Museum at 410-226-0191 for hours. Admission is free, but donations are gratefully accepted.

2017 Membership Renewal - Don't Forget!

Memberships expire on July 1. You will soon receive a renewal form to complete and return to the Museum. We hope you will continue to show your support.

Wanted: Docents

Being a docent is interesting and fun. Docents work two to three times a month; shifts are two hours. If you would like to give a few hours of your time to help the Museum, please let us know.

Museum Garden Now an Eastern Shore "Cottage Garden"

The Museum side garden is undergoing a renovation thanks to the Oxford Garden Club and members Phyllis Rambo, Pat Jessup, Ingrid Blanton, Nancy Richards and Linda Wilson. They have been working on a design to make the garden more expansive and educational, with an emphasis on native plants and herbaceous perennials typical of an Eastern Shore "cottage garden."

Thanks to the generosity of Bartlett Tree, the "too large" Nellie Stevens holly was removed, allowing room for the garden's expansion. The Oxford Fence guys, Tony Passarella and Claude Maechling, generously donated time and materials to extend the picket fence across the back of the garden.

The garden is a "work in progress" on Oxford Day, but far along enough that visitors can enjoy its "new look."

The expense of the renovation is being shared between the Museum and the Oxford Garden Club and, of course, those generous friends mentioned above, whose contributions made the update possible. Keep tabs on our progress and check out the native plants when summer arrives.



Museum Gets Refreshing New Look

While the Museum was closed during the summer, willing hands pitched in to give the museum a new look including fresh paint and wall covering along with a much-needed thorough cleaning. Led by Earl Sheck and Jef Kinney, board members and associates donated time to complete the ambitious project in time for the re-opening on Oxford Day. Thanks to everyone who was involved in assuring the Museum's face lift would be ready to welcome members and visitors for spring and beyond.



Left: The interior with renovation underway and most of the crew "out to lunch."
Above: Wendy and Sean Sauber handle one of the big jobs.



Left: Steve Goldman and Leo Nollmeyer review photos for the sports exhibit.