

# King William County Historical Society Newsletter

December 31, 2012

## **From Our President**

The Board has been meeting on a regular basis and has taken actions on several ongoing projects. We voted to propose placing Acquinton Church and the property we own across from the church in a King William Historic District. This designation will provide some long term protection to the property as major changes to this area would need to be approved by the county. This action is currently pending since the county staff position responsible for acting on this matter is vacant.

Our current insurance bill is \$2475.00. It has been fully paid by the Museum. The major portion of the premium is for liability coverage which protects KWCHS. The Board voted to split the premium between the Society and the Museum on a 50/50 basis. In addition, we also voted to have the Society pay for the security monitoring in the new jail space (approximately \$60.00 per month).

Prior to the January meeting, we are hosting an Open House for potential new members. We have sent out about 75 invitations to this event at the Museum at 2:00 p.m. before our membership meeting on January 20. If you know of any prospective members, please encourage them to attend.

We have obtained a new supply of note cards (views of Acquinton and the old Court House) which will be available for purchase at the meeting.

Best wishes for the new year.

*Carl R. Fischer*  
President

## **Jail Project**

It is our hope to have the historic jail project completed by our January meeting. Please plan to come by and see it before or after the meeting. All that remains is the completion of the kitchenette area. The total cost was about \$52,000. A full report will be given at the meeting in January.

We have reserved \$2,500 for work on the old court house portico that will be completed this spring. We plan to repair the crumbling stucco and paint the entire front of the building.

*Carl R. Fischer*

## **October 21<sup>st</sup> Membership Meeting at Bear Garden**

The members of the King William County Historical Society were cordially invited to meet on the grounds of Bear Garden on October 21, 2012. In lieu of President Carl Fischer's absence, Vice President Adele Smith held a brief business meeting with members sitting on benches outside near the stables of Bear Garden. Following the business meeting, home owner Elizabeth Flippen gave a short history of the early 1700s house and invited the members to tour it. We were able to visit all the rooms of the home and walk the tree covered grounds. It was a treat to see a property that might be one of the oldest in the county and we greatly appreciate Mrs. Flippen allowing us the opportunity.

*Adele Smith*

## **Membership and Dues**

There are still a number of members who have not paid their dues for 2012. As mentioned in our October Newsletter, we have ongoing projects and preservation needs, as well as recurring expenses for 2013, that require the support of our Membership. If you have not yet paid your annual dues for 2012, please take the time now to do so. The dues structure is:

Individual	\$20	Family	\$30
Student	\$10	Lifetime	\$250

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One significant change in our financial structure during the last quarter was to establish an investment account with Wells Fargo Advisors in Richmond. This was recommended by the Board due to the low returns being generated by bank CD's. The account is classified as Moderate Growth and Income and consists of money markets, stock and bond mutual funds. Even though we expect short term fluctuations in the portfolio, we are confident that long term, the results will outperform those expected with fixed rate CD's, especially since low interest rates are expected to continue for the next few years.

*Ron Parker*

## **Local Events**

King and Queen County  
Historical Society Meeting  
Sunday, January 27, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.  
At the K & Q Courthouse

The K&Q County Historical Society is pleased to have as guest speaker Gordon P. Watts, Jr., Ph.D., International Nautical Archaeology Scholar, residing in Washington, N.C. Dr. Watts will speak about his research and investigation of the two 18th Century shipwrecks located in the Mattaponi River near Newington Plantation in King and Queen County, Va.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting in the Tavern Museum.