

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

I hope that 2019 brings you much happiness. The Christmas season brought so much light and beauty to the quaint village of Reedville. Once again this year the House Tour homes sparkled with decorations by the creative minds of the Chesapeake Bay Garden Club, to whom we owe immense thanks for their time and talent. Christmas on Cockrell's Creek had something for all ages and drew people from all over to our beautiful museum and community.

With the hustle of the holidays behind us it is a slower paced time of year here at RFM. Plans are being made for the many events and programs to take place in 2019. Museum-sponsored events like the speaker series, July 4<sup>th</sup>, an expanded boat show, oyster roast, cocktails, our exhibits, and vessels will draw individuals to Reedville. They will then shop in our stores, fill their cars with gas, have dinner out, and contribute to our local businesses.



**New Decking at the Museum Thanks to Russ Bertino & Friends**

The Museum is a great financial asset to this community that has a ripple effect on our local economy. In 2018, the American Alliance of Museums reported on a study by Oxford Economics showing that for every one hundred dollars generated by museums, an additional two hundred dollars is created in other sectors of the economy. So looking at the Museum through the lens of economic development is another reason to become involved this year.

By preserving our heritage and showcasing the unique story of the Chesapeake watermen we are an economic entity that needs preservation and renewal.

Please join us on Sunday, February 24, 2019 at 3:00 pm for the Annual Meeting to elect the board and hear about the plans for the year ahead. I look forward to seeing you there and hope that you will become more involved this year.

With best regards,

Lydia R. Haynie  
Board President



**From the Pilot House** (continued from page 2)

Interested in helping out but can't commit to a weekly task? Stop by the office (M-F 9-5) and talk to me... we could use your help in the following ways:

- Grants (finding, writing, applying)
- Development (financial)
- Event set-up or break-down (just come by for 30+ minutes before or after an event)
- Collections management (object/artifact care, rehousing documents/ephemera, library organization)
- Work on the historic vessels (weekly spot-checks, annual cleaning and maintenance, acting as crew)

Be safe and be well ... and let's have a great 2019 season here at the RFM!

Cheers, Lee