

FROM THE PILOT HOUSE

SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

Four months ago, in the last edition of the *Starry Banner*, I mentioned how we were knee deep in wintery weather – and now, as I write this edition of “The Pilot House”, it’s still cold, raw, and dreary. However, since it is Virginia, tomorrow’s weather likely will be 25 degrees higher, with a chance of sunshine and light breezes off the Creek. We love our changes in weather here – it makes our end of the Northern Neck so interesting!

The Museum is now open for the season – six days a week. We are in full tilt with events, activities, tours, and fun for all our guests. But, with this activity comes a great need for more help. By help I mean volunteers, and mostly in the form of front-line docents who help visitors and guests “discover” the wonders of the lower Chesapeake and our local waterways. If you have three hours per month to spare, please consider donating time to this good cause. We thrive as a cultural entity because of our docents. There are new displays and a fresh face to several older shows – all in the Covington Building. These include *Good Bones: Construction of a Butler Boat*, *A Sister’s Legacy: Jessica & Sarah Haynie and Iconic Images of Reedville*, and soon, *From Founders to Our Future: First Families of Reedville*. Austin Schmidt, Acting Curator, is doing research on the early families who built homes along Main Street in Reedville. If you have images of these first residents or their homes, please consider letting Austin scan them for use in this new show.



A Sister’s Legacy: Jessica & Sarah Haynie and Iconic Images of Reedville

I’d like to take an opportunity to say thank you to the Benefit Auction Committee who put on another amazing auction for the Museum. This by-annual fundraiser guarantees that we stay fiscally-sound for another year. And thanks, as well to ALL the auction donors, sponsors, Fund-a-Cause participants, caterer and food managers, BETA club students, and members of the community who came for the evening to bid on fabulous items or experiences.

Read on to see what the Museum is planning for the summer – we’re hosting concerts, the Independence Day festival, Classical Reedville weekend, and much more. Fun for all!

HELP WANTED

Volunteer to be a Docent!

Docents are the face of the Museum to the public and an integral part of the Museum’s continuing success. Docents assist visitors with tours of the Museum and give them information about the facilities and exhibits. Specific duties include running the video; guiding visitors through the Walker House, Model Shop, and Boat Shop; and serving in the Gift Shop. No special expertise or experience is needed—we will teach you all you need to know and help you get settled in to your role. Docents normally are scheduled for one 3-hour shift per month.

DOCENT
YOUR NAME HERE

To volunteer, please contact the Museum office at (804) 453-6529.