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Woodford Farm

It didn't rain on the show house this year! Enalee Bounds once said that when she was show house chairman she used to pray, "Dear God, please don't let it rain on the show house." He must have been listening this year, as just about every day was perfect show house weather. In fact, with the unseasonably warm weather we experienced

we were all very glad that the house was air conditioned.

Woodford Farm was our 23rd show house, and it was a magical experience—including a storybook wedding. The house was closed on September 29 for the wedding reception of Jay and Salena Rhine, who plan to live in the house where Jay grew up. Jay's business is Rhine



President Holland making remarks at ribbon cutting ceremony at preview party.



The show house wrap party on October 21 certainly put a smile on everyone's face—enjoying the end of a very successful project. Pictured are homeowners Salena and Jay Rhine, front, and Design Chairman Carroll Frey, General Chairman Wanda Mathews, and committee chairs Claire Fulton, Lorna Ozgun, Judy Draper, Janet Kusterer and Ellen Bell.

Landscaping, so as you might imagine the areas surrounding the house were beautifully done. The preview party was even more elegant than usual as guests enjoyed canapés while strolling around the huge patio, watching the flames in the outdoor fireplace and admiring the magnificent sunset. What a treat.

The 140 acre farm is in agricultural preservation. It was a pleasure to enjoy the scenery while knowing the horses wouldn't be moved out any time soon to make way for new development. Many thanks to all of the volunteers who made this event the success it was! Let's start looking for #24.

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Message from the President

By Charlotte Holland

Congratulations and a great big Thank You to our Show House Committee for a beautifully done Decorator Show House at Woodford Farm. Under the leadership of Chairman Wanda Mathews, the Committee has received unsolicited praise from many visitors for the professional design and warm personal welcome. Thanks also to the many volunteers who gave their time to share in the work and the fun.

Proceeds from the Decorator Show House have been designated for our next major project, building a replica mill education center in the heart of the Ellicott City Historic District. Our Mill

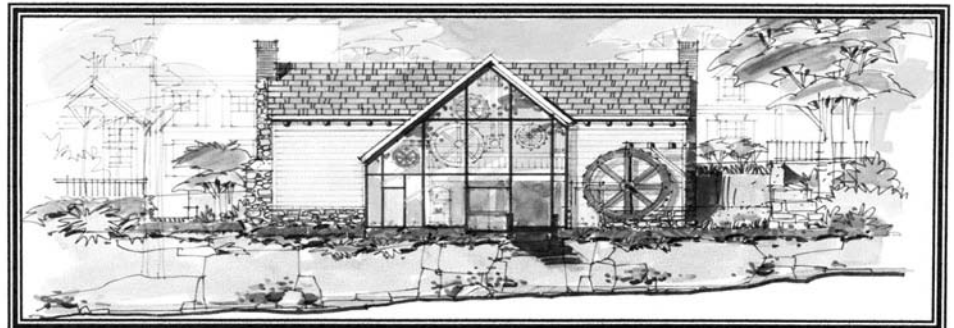
Committee, ably led by Treasurer Tom Kusterer and Past President Roland Bounds, has been meeting for over two years and has achieved much: The project, to be built on land owned by Howard County, received the approval of the County Council on March 5th of this year and the lease agreement was signed by County Executive Ken Ulman on June 26th. Thanks to all the committee members, John Byrd of Howard County

Recreation and Parks Department, Dave Robbins of Architecture Collaborative, Inc., and Lou Weckesser for their special contributions. Our next challenge is to raise the funds to construct the building. You'll be hearing more from us on that effort in the near future.

As always, we thank you for your interest in our organization and invite your participation. Come join us and share in the fun!

HISTORIC ELLICOTT CITY, INC.

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ELLICOTT'S MILL EDUCATION CENTER

Board Recognition Day



Message from the Editor

By Janet Kusterer

It is an exciting time to be a member of Historic Ellicott City, Inc. The Ellicott's Mill Education Center is the focus of a lot of our efforts right now, and we are still interested in pursuing oral histories of Ellicott City, and in adding historic plaques to appropriate buildings to help visitors learn the history of our town as they walk through it. We are always looking for volunteers interested in helping with data entry, research, and the search for the next show house. Join us today by filling out the form on the back of the newsletter.

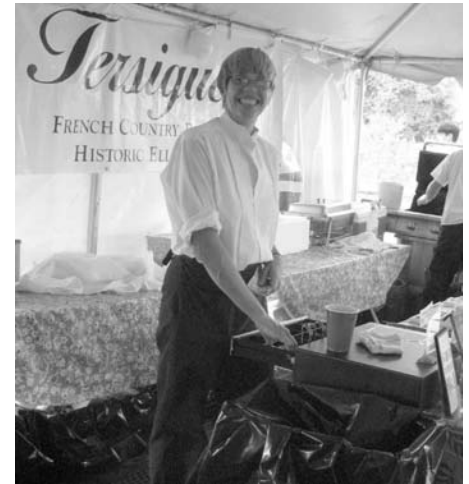
We were happy to see some old friends at the show house on October 6, when HEC, Inc. celebrated all of the folk who have volunteered as members of the Board of Directors and Advisory Council over the years, presenting each with a certificate. In honor of the occasion, a picture cake featuring the proposed Ellicott's Mill Education Center was served. The cake, from Main Street's Fisher's Bakery, was as delicious as it was decorative.

Members and Friends



Michel Tersiguel and Angie Noppenberger have announced their engagement. Both are part of Tersiguel's French Country Restaurant, and each has put in a great deal of time in the catering tent at a variety of show houses. A January, 2008, wedding is planned.

Roland and Enalee Bounds were honored with the James Clark Lifetime Achievement Award, bestowed on them by Preservation Howard County in a ceremony at Waverly Mansion on November 4, 2007. This award recognizes their many years of volunteer service to the Ellicott City community, activity which continues today with both as active in Historic Ellicott City, Inc. as they have ever been. Both are past presidents and Roland is currently co-chairman of the Ellicott's Mill Education Center project while Enalee is on the Board of Directors.



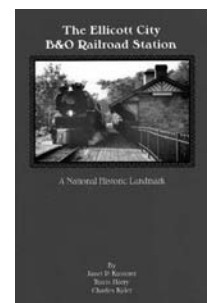
Advisory Council member Vickie Goeller is a multi-tasker. Not only is she a chairman of the Plaque Program, but she also found time to manage the catering tent for Tersiguel's French Country Restaurant.

BUY THE BOOKS



Historic Ellicott City, Inc. has published two books that are valuable resources for your collection of local history. They are *Ellicott City, Maryland, Mill Town USA, updated*, which

sells for \$18.95 and *The Ellicott City B&O Railroad Station*, available at \$9.95. Both make fine holiday gifts. Call the HEC, Inc. office at 410-461-6908 to order.



On September 9 a group of HEC, Inc. volunteers had the opportunity to participate in a fundraiser program at Maryland Public Television in Owings Mills. We were the group who answer the phone in the background while Rhea Feikin urges you to send in your pledge. The opportunity was arranged by this year's show house chairman Wanda Mathews, who appeared with President Charlotte Holland for an interview with Rhea during the program. Wanda and Charlotte were able to talk about both HEC, Inc. and the show house, garnering some great publicity. And we all had a good time wearing our specially designed royal blue HEC, Inc. t-shirts.

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HEC, Inc. Membership Application

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