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NEWSLETTER OF THE KENT ISLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.

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TO DISCOVER, IDENTIFY, RESTORE, AND PRESERVE THE HERITAGE OF KENT ISLAND

IN MEMORIAM: JULIUS GROLLMAN

Audrey Hawkins

Kent Islanders were saddened to hear of the death of Julius Grollman December 15th. Julius will be missed by the community and especially by the Kent Island Heritage Society.

In 1975 Julius was one of our charter members and he served as President of the Society from June 1979 to June 1981. Julius also served a Co-chairman of the 350th Annicersary Celebration of the founding of Kent Island.

On December 12th, 1985 the Board of Directors, by unanimous vote, granted an Honorary Life Membership to Julius as an expression of sincere appreciation for his long years of service.

The Kent Island Heritage Society has lost a valuable and helpful member, always willing to participate in all our events with a smile. Julius gave us silent financial help. He sold Kent Island hats and T-shirts in his store and gave the Society the profits from the sales, a substantial amount over the years. Julius diisplayed our book, "Of Heritage and Houses" in his store and has sold meny copies for us.

The Heritage Society regrets his passing but his name and work will remain in our records as a testament of his interest in the Kent island Heritage Society.

R.I.P. Rest In Peace

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Audrey Hawkins

Thank you for the honor of being re-elected as your president for 1992.

I want to welcome ***Lois Cockey*** as our new Treasurer, and ***Emma Thomas*** as a new Director. I also welcome ***Jonathan Slocum*** as publicity chairman, ***Mae Hutchison*** as membership secretary and ***Virginia Donaldson*** as refreshment chairman. We will have a change in our Cray House Committee: ***Janet Ellis*** will be chairman for the Cray House tours and special events. ***Myrtle Bruscup*** and ***Mary White*** will still be chairman of the furnishings of the Cray House.

A special thank you to ***Roland Bruscup*** for his 7 years of excellent publicity for the Society and also to ***Florence Dunn*** and ***Elaine Grollman*** for years of delicious refreshments at the K.I. Heritage general meetings. The Society's appreciation is also due to ***Myrtle Bruscup*** as Cray House chairman for keeping the Cray House open every Saturday during the months of May through October. ***Avaleen Thompson***, membership secretary, has kept excellent records of our membership dues, an important job well done, and thank you.

Our library files continue to grow because of ***Mary White***, Chairman. ***Bettye Speed*** does an excellent job as editor of our newsletter, thank you both. ***Catherine Kirwan's*** special interest has helped our membership grow. And special appreciation is due to my officers, directors, past and present.

The Officers and Board of Directors have met

several times since January 1992 to make plans for the year:

1. First, we finally have received a letter from the Maryland Historical Trust that funding has been approved for our Preservation project survey of Kent Island. We have not received the money as yet, but at least the funding has been approved for $5,000. Per ***Paul Wilderson***, survey chairman, a copy of this letter is printed in this newsletter. Also we have printed a Kent Island Archaeological Survey outline by Darrin Lowery. Darrin will be our speaker at our general meeting, March 19th.

2. ***Gil Dunn*** and his helpers have been working all winter at different times inside the train depot. Gil's goal is to have the depot finished by spring or early summer. When the depot is finished, we plan a grand opening ceremony. Stay tuned for further information. I hope you all will make a special effort to come to this celebration, because Gil and his helpers have worked hard for many years to restore this original train depot to create another historical museum for Kent Island.

3. Plans have been in the making since November, 1991 for KIHS to hold an 18th Century Colonial Weekend, Saturday and Sunday, **October 17th and 18th** on the Cray House lawn. Chairman Janet Ellis is currently working to make this Festival a happy and enjoyable weekend for all. More information and plans will be printed in the June newsletter. Put these dates on your calendar and plan to attend. It should prove to be a uniquely different KIHS affair.

Our first regular meeting this year will be at the Kent Island Library on Thursday, March 19th. at 7:30 p.m. Plan to attend, I will be looking for you.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
1992 Dates to Remember

The Society's 1992 membership meetings will be held at the K.I. Library:
Thursday, March 19 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, June 18 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 17 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 10 6:00 p.m. Kent Island Yacht Club, Dinner Meeting

This year our Kent Island Days will be celebrated with an 18th Century Weekend at the Cray House on October 17th and 18th. Watch for further information.

CRAY HOUSE REPORT
Myrtle Bruscup

In our Winter 1991 Newsletter the Society gratefully acknowledged the donation of a wrought iron fireplace set from ***Julia Norman Kibler. Bill Denny*** took the fireplace set to ***Mike's Guns*** of Stevensville, to be cleaned of rust and painted. ***Mike Whitmore*** repaired a broken part, sandblasted and painted the set with heat resistant paint. A beautiful job well done, the set looks like new. The set consists of 11 pieces and has been placed in the Cray House living room where it occupies a central focal point. Mike Whitmore presented KIHS with a "No Charge" bill for $93.50. We want to express our grateful appreciation and acknowledgment to Mike's Guns for the generous contribution.

A most successful Cray House Open House was held Sunday, December 29 when about 60 people visited our house museum, hosted by Myrtle Bruscup and Mary White. Janet Ellis gave a demonstration of spinning which everyone seemed to enjoy. They came from Baltimore, Rockville, Silver Spring, Grasonville, Stevensville and Chester.

A surprise of the day was the arrival of ***Christopher*** and ***Teresa Killian*** with their children ***Nancy*** (13), ***Laura*** (10), and ***Geoff*** (6). They drove up in their antique car, dressed in colonial costume, from their Love Point home. The Killians sang "The Hollly and The Ivy" in the Sussex, England version, while the children gave their rendition of "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer" , which was delightful. The impromptu entertainment was just the right touch to end a successful day. Also I must thank the members who supplied the cookies for the day.

ATTENTION!!

STEVENSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Plans are being developed to organize an

SHS Alumni Association

WATCH FOR FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

TREASURER'S REPORT

Violet Harris (1991) Lois Cockey (1992)

Nov. 7, 1991 - Feb. 20, 1992

Balance:	$11,491.90
Receipts	4,127,79
Disbursements	2,507.06
CD Accounts	11,029.72
TOTAL ASSETS:	$ 24,142.35

PROPOSED BUDGET

For the first time, Kent Island Heritage Society has a written budget in order to manage funds better in an ever expanding economy with enlarged operations.

Balance 1/2/ 1992: $14,158.03

INCOME:

Dues	$2,000
Donations	1,000
Bank Interest	500
Colonial Weekend- Patrons	2,000
Book Sales	500
MHT Grant	5,000
Christmas Dinner	1,700
Miscellaneous	200
	$13,900

Balance: $27,058.03

EXPENSES:

Cray House, maintenance	$700
Depot	500
Cray House Furnishings (1991 Carry over Memorial Money)	600
Insurance (fire & liability)	400
Electric	60
Printing	1,000
Speakers	200
Meetings	100
Archaeological Survey	10,000
Depot Celebration	200
Christmas Dinner	1,700
	$16,565

Balance 12/31/1992: $10,493.03

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST RESPONDS

Paul Wilderson sent this letter from Mark Edward, Deputy Director of the MHT re: the KIHS Archaeological Survey.

January 6, 1992

Re: Kent Island Archaeological Survey

Dear Mr. Wilderson:

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that our Board of Trustees and Housing and Community Development Secretary Jacquelin Rogers have approved funding for ten FY 1992 Maryland Historical Trust Historic Preservation Grant Fund projects, including yours, as described above. The specific level approved was $5,000.

Our office is now in the process of drafting grant agreements with all our successful applicants. We should be forwarding a grant agreement to you for your signature within the next six weeks and hope to begin your project shortly thereafter.

If you have any questions about this, please contact Mrs. Richelle Thomas, our Grants Manager, at 410 514-7608. We look forward to working with you on this most important project.

Sincerely,
Mark R. Edwards
Deputy Director
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

KENT ISLAND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Darrin Lowery

I. Shoreline Survey: Goal: The researcher will check all eroding shorelines for prehistoric and historic sites. Bulkheading and all non-eroding shorelines will be noted.
Estimated Duration: January to Mid February

II. Private: Goal: The researcher will check and note all known collections of prehistoric and historic artifacts from Kent Island. Based on the assistance of local artifact collectors, the researcher will note, plot, and record all unrecorded archaeological sites.

Estimated Duration Time: Mid February through March.

III. Record New Sites Found During Shoreline Survey: Goal: The researcher will fill out archaeological data forms for each site and also label all the artifacts found during the shoreline survey.

Estimated Duration Time: Mid-February through March.

IV. Begin Field Survey: Goal: Each contributor (Kent Island Heritage Society, University of Delaware Center for Archaeological Research, and the Maryland Historical Trust) will suggest certain fields to focus on during the field investigation.
Estimated Duration Time: Mid February through March.

V. Conduct Field Investigations: Goal: The researcher will check selected tilled fields based on their potential for producing archaeological remains.
Estimated Duration Time: Late March through early May.

VI. Record new Sites Found During Field Survey: Goal: The researcher will fill out archaeological data forms for each site and also label all the artifacts found during the field survey.
Estimated Duration Time: Mid-May to June.

VII. Complete Research Paper with Suggestions for Future Research:
Estimated Duration Time: June.

MINUTES

Carolyn Stevens Koegel

February 5, 1992 At a special meeting, the directors discussed whether to hold Kent Island Days in May or combine it with a Colonial Weekend in October. October was chosen. The Kent Narrows Association contacted the Board asking that we consider holding Kent Island Days at their facilities at the Kent Narrows Marina in June. This is the first time the Narrows organization has ever acknowledged the existence of The Kent Island Heritage Society, although they are aware of our presence. Audrey Hawkins and Bill Denny attended their meeting. Present were Bob Sallitt, Wheeler Baker, Joe Stevens, Woody Woodford, Morris Jones, and Mr. Donaldson.

They offered a free building mentioning that the roof doesn't leak having been fixed. Lacking air conditioning, they said there are five large fans available, if needed. Folding tables are also available. Security would be the responsibility of KIHS. People could be bused from local parking. There are three restrooms. Perhaps KIHS could consider the building in 1993.

Plans for the Colonial Weekend are set for the Cray House Oct. 17-18, depicting living history. Featured will be settlers, a blacksmith, a mountain man, demonstrations of soap and candle making. Strolling player John Douglas plays early music. Midwife Sarah Lewis will be present. Janet Ellis will chair Colonial Days.

MINUTES

February 20, 1992

It was noted that Christmas cards were sent KIHS by Friel Lumber, Goehring Printing, and Special Tees.

A check for $25 in memory of Julius Grollman to be used for the train depot was received from *Liz Bukowsky*.

The Queen Anne's County Visitor Service invited KIHS to attend a meeting Feb. 26 at the River House at Queenstown Harbour Golf Links. Mrs. Hawkins and Bill Denny will repesent KIHS.

A letter from *Ellen Klages* asked us to help advertise the *Island Garden Club*'s Fashion Show and luncheon at the Kent Manor Inn April 2nd.

Audrey reported that she has discussed placing the Stevensville Train Depot on the National Historic Sites list with Gil Dunn and Orlando Ridout. No action has yet been taken.

Audrey reported on her meeting with the Narrows Association re: 1992's Kent Island Days. KIHS cannot accept the invitation due to the short preparation time and the already scheduled Depot Dedication and October Colonial Weekend. We will consider 1993 at the Narrows. Meanwhile the Narrows Association is proceeding with a Waterman's Day in June.

Darrin Lowery, the archaeological researcher, will be speaker at the membership meeting March 19th. Darrin will give a status report on his research so far.

Charlie Koegel will need help setting up chairs for the meeting from early birds.

COMMITTEES

Besides the Board of Directors and Officers of the Kent Island Heritage Society elected in December and published in the Winter Newsletter, the following members have agreed to serve as chairmen of the special committees for the Society:

Audit	Florence Dunn
Archaeology	Paul Wilderson
Cray House Events	Janet Ellis
Cray Furnishings	Myrtle Bruscup & Mary White
Cray House Gardens	Island Garden Club
Cray House Exterior	Gil Dunn