



MUSEUM NEWS

Investigating, Collecting & Preserving the History of Essex & Middle River



Message from the President

February 2023

In January, our Board of Directors met to discuss upcoming projects and goals for 2023. One of our goals was to revive our Speaker Series and bring more historical talks to the community. In December, we had a great turnout for our Historian Paul M. Blitz's talk on Maryland's role in the Civil War, so we decided to open up our doors to more speakers this year. Our first speaker event of the year will be this week, featuring Fr. Kevin Mueller and his talk on **Streetcars in Baltimore and Beyond**. Next month, we will host Debi Wynn from the Glenn L. Martin Aviation Museum who will tell us all about the important role of **Rosie the Riveter** during WW II. The complete list of speakers as well as our other upcoming events can be found at www.essexmuseum.com.

We are looking forward to a great year, and we are thankful for your support of the Heritage Society. If you're not already a member, please consider joining us. Details and member benefits are in this newsletter. We hope to see you soon!

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Lisa Harlow, President

Upcoming Museum Events



Speaker Series: Streetcars in Baltimore and Beyond

Wednesday, February 15, 7 pm

Please join us at for the first Speaker Series of 2023. Father Kevin Mueller, a longtime member of the Baltimore Streetcar Museum and streetcar enthusiast, will talk about the streetcar system that we had and what made it go away. He will also discuss cities that still have streetcars to this day. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Visitors are welcome to tour the Museum after the talk.

Open House

Saturday, February 18, 11 am to 1 pm

Stop by for a tour or to browse our gift shop.

Monthly Membership Meeting

Thursday, March 2 at 7 pm



Speaker Series: "Rosie the Riveter"

Thursday, March 9 at 7 pm

Debi Wynn from the Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum will discuss the important role of Rosie the Riveter in manufacturing during World War II. During WWII, Essex and Middle River was the destination for folks in search of employment. Discover how Glenn Martin's hiring of 19 women for his Eastern Blvd. aircraft manufacturing company launched the Rosie the Riveter movement and contributed to bringing the war to an end while creating social change in the workplace. Attendees to this presentation with a Rosie in their family are invited to bring a photo of their Rosie to briefly share where she worked and the job she did. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Visitors are welcome to tour the Museum after the talk.

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Saturday, March 11, 11 am to 1 pm

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Haunted History Night

Sat, March 18, Two Time Slots:

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM and 7:15 PM – 8:15 PM

Please Join the Baltimore Paranormal Society for a night of haunted tales as we explore our historic building and exhibits while learning about the haunted happenings experienced by our guests and local paranormal teams. Your night will begin with a brief overview of ghost hunting equipment before being led on a candlelight tour of the museum where museum staff and BPS members will regale you with tales of the supernatural that have been reported within our 100+-year-old building.

**FREE but reservations are required and space is limited.*

Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/haunted-history-night-tickets-537829651967>.

Membership News

Become a member of the Heritage Society today!

Individual: \$15/year

Couple/Family: \$25/year

Business: \$50/year

Individual Lifetime: \$100 one-time fee

Member benefits for Individual/Couples/Family Memberships include:

- Invitation to Members-Only Paranormal Preview Event
- Invitation to Members-Only Member Appreciation Party and other events
- Use of Meeting Room at a reduced rate
- Monthly Member email update
- Invitation to monthly meeting
- The chance to meet like-minded individuals and new business associates
- The satisfaction of knowing you are a partner in saving the history of Essex and Middle River
- If you purchase a **Lifetime Membership** to the Heritage Society, your name will be on an engraved plaque on our Lifetime Membership Board that hangs in the Museum's Blue Room.

Business Membership Opportunities

Business memberships to the Heritage Society are now available at a lower price of \$50 per year. Businesses who support our Museum will receive invitations to members-only events and the opportunity to use our Meeting Room for private small group meetings. For more information, please contact Keith Haight, Membership Director, at 484-354-5909.

Business Member Benefits:

- Recognition of your business and link to your business website: www.essexmuseum.com
- Recognition of your business on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/HeritageSocietyOfEssexAndMiddleRiver>
- Recognition on our Monthly Member email update
- Use of Meeting Room at no charge up to 4 times a year (must schedule in advance)
- Invitation to Members-Only Paranormal Preview Event
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Thanks to our two newest Business Members, Junk Doggie and Urban Defense!



2023-2024 Team

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Mission Statement:

To investigate, collect and preserve the history of the Essex and Middle River areas for ourselves and future generations; to support and promote programs and projects for the good of the people of these areas.