



## ***WORD FROM THE WATERFRONT***

**PRESERVING HISTORY AND GROWING COMMUNITY**

**APRIL 2024**



### ***From the Editor***

Hello SPRING! We've been anxiously awaiting your arrival! In the Northern Neck, the osprey's have returned and the hummingbirds are finally making their way back too. Flowers are blooming and many of us are preparing to plant a few flowers and veggies. Spring is right on schedule!

The opening of the museum for the 2024 season will be on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> and we're very excited about that too!

### ***"The Ice Cream Scoop"!***

This topic fits perfectly with the Opening Day Celebration . . . shortly after Opening Day, the ice cream

freezer in the pavilion will be stocked and ready for rest of the season!

### ***What's Been Happening***

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The **Annual Membership Meeting** was held at the museum on a very rainy Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, with over 40 people attending. The Annual Meeting Packet was available for review on the web site and all the topics of interest were presented. I, for one, am always amazed about the efforts and activities that took place—not only the events but **EVERYTHING** that keeps the museum going. Fantastic job and great presentation at the meeting! **THANK YOU!**

The Nominating Committee presented recommendations for new directors. Leigh Hubbard and Jack

Pettigrew were voted in to assume the director positions vacated by outgoing directors Kyle Lee and Suzanne Wheatley.

We want to give a big **SHOUT OUT!** to both Kyle and Suzanne for their ongoing service and many contributions through their years of service. We look forward to visiting with you at museum events this year.

Also, please give Leigh and Jack a big **WELCOME!**

Following the meeting, a warm and delicious lunch of Brunswick Stew was provided by Steve Sykes. It was perfect for rainy day and not a single drop was left over! Thank you, Steve!!

A full list of current Officers and Directors can be found further below.

The **Total Solar Eclipse 2024** was on April 8th and the moon fully blocked the sun for over 4 minutes.

Morattico was not in the direct path however around 3:20 PM, the view (with special glasses, of course) was incredible—the sun appeared to be a sliver.

My brother, journalist Clark J. Kent from the Daily Planet (ha-ha!), was on-site in Little Rock AR to witness this incredible event. Photos below were provided by brother Clark.

Please note the next total solar eclipse will be August 23, 2044 and is currently expected to only touch 3 states in the US. Neighbor, friend and long-time museum member George H. said he plans watch the 2044 eclipse with a closer view since he could be in heaven by then!

2024 Path:



From Little Rock at approximately 2:00PM Eastern/1:00PM Central and then approximately 1 hour later.



**Upcoming . . . SOON!**

**OPENING DAY** at the museum is scheduled for Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 11-4PM and is a very special event this year—it's the fabulous **20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY Celebration!**



**MORATTICO  
WATERFRONT  
MUSEUM**

**20th Anniversary and  
Opening Day Celebration  
11:00 am - 4:00 pm**

Join us for a day of remembering who and how our museum began.  
~Commemorative Ceremony at 11:00 ~ Fabulous food 12:00-1:00~  
Music by Bob Wilson from 12 - 4 ~ Rock to Gems & Crystals ~ Friends of  
Belle Isle ~ Golf Cart Tours of the Village of Morattico ~ Artist Debra Howard  
will be signing her MWM Anniversary print ~Photo Contest and much more!  
The museum will be open free of charge from 12 noon to 4:00 on Saturdays, and  
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Sundays through October.

Click link below to see full flyer:

<https://www.morattico.org/event-flyers>

**Behind the Scenes**

**Docents** – we need you! Check your calendar now and be sure to sign-up as a volunteer docent early. This is a rewarding, much needed and greatly appreciated service for the museum. (Training will be offered May 18<sup>th</sup>— watch Facebook, the web site and emails for additional information.) Docent sign-up is available online through SignUpGenius. **THANK YOU** in advance!



[Click here to sign up](#)

Also be sure to check out the Museum’s gift Shop for new additions!



**Our Board Officers and Directors**

- President – David Henley
- Vice President – John Henry Taylor
- Treasurer – Debbie Saunders
- Recording Secretary – Betty Barrack
- Corresponding Secretary – Connie Conley
- Directors – 2022 – ‘25**  
Tim Davis (replaced Gale Dickerson)
- Directors – 2023 – ‘26**  
Marsell Bustos  
Deborah Edgar  
Steve Sorensen
- Directors – 2024 – ‘27**  
Leigh Hubbard  
Jack Pettigrew

**Museum Opening Day 2024**  
**Saturday, May 4**  
**May through October**  
**Saturday 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM**  
**Sunday 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM**

**THANK YOU** for your continued support. Stay safe!

## Upcoming 2024 Events

Listed below are the current planned events. Please be sure to check Facebook, the web site and email as dates get closer.

Sat, April 27 @ 9 AM	Clean-Up Day
Sat, May 4 @ 11 AM	MWM 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
Sat, May 18 @ 11 AM	Docent Training & Lunch
Sat, May 25 8-10 AM	Community Coffee
Sat, May 25	Fish Fry
Fri, June 7 @ 5 PM	First Friday Happy Hour
Sat, June 8 @ 2 PM	Wine Glass Painting
Fri, July 5 @ 5 PM	First Friday Happy Hour
Sat, July 6 @ 11 AM	Morattico Village July 4 <sup>th</sup> Parade & Picnic at Pavilion
Fri, Aug 2 @ 5 PM	First Friday Happy Hour
Sat, Aug 3 2-4 PM	Paint & Sip at The Pavilion
Sat, Aug 31 8-10 AM	Community Coffee
Fri, Sept 6 @ 5 PM	First Friday Happy Hour
Sat, Sept 14 4-6 PM	12 <sup>th</sup> Annual Crab Feast
Fri, Oct 4 @ 5 PM	First Friday Happy Hour
Sat, Oct 19 3 -5 PM	16 <sup>th</sup> Annual Oyster Roast



**\*\*The First “First Friday Happy Hour” of the season, hosted by Rob McArdle and friends, will be June 7 at 5PM. The theme for this event will be in memory of Jimmy Buffett’s Cheeseburger in Paradise.**