

Pemberton Hall Foundation

Spring 2014



Pemberton Hall - 1741

One of the earliest dated brick gambrel roofed houses in Maryland, Pemberton Hall was built for Col. Isaac and Ann (Dashiell) Handy and is typical of a mid-eighteenth century Eastern Shore plantation house of its class. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the house is under restoration by Pemberton Hall Foundation, Inc., a community based non-profit organization. The house is open Sunday, 2-4 p.m., mid May through October and by appointment. Pemberton Hall may be rented for receptions and special occasions.

Pemberton Hall Foundation, Inc.

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SUNDRIES IN THE PANTRY

Bill Wilson

Recently the Pemberton Hall Foundation was fortunate to be able to hire a part time (20 hours per week) administrative assistant. Donna Jackson brings a wealth of experience as secretary and office manager and has worked with Pemberton Hall over the years as a volunteer and member of the Board of Directors (see below). She will be maintaining our office at Pemberton Hall. Her hours will vary with the season four days per week. Duties will include clerical work, maintaining our collections and inventory, and setting appointments for tours and programs. Donna can be reached at Pemberton Hall at 410-742-1741. At the Pemberton Hall Foundation Christmas reception and Annual Meeting held on December 15th at the Hall, we honored and paid tribute to Donna, an outstanding individual who has worked quietly behind the scenes for Pemberton Hall restoration for nearly 35 years.

Donna Jackson has been a tireless worker for the restoration. She has been involved in nearly every aspect of "The Restoration" from working in the muck and mud of the archeology of the 18th century wharf, in the dust and dirt of the archeology of the Great Room fire place to selling our gift shop wares at our fairs and festivals. She has been indispensable, always ready to volunteer her time. Donna first became involved at Pemberton Hall while working as Dr. Bob McFarlin's secretary in his medical office. Bob had a way of involving everyone around him in the "The Restoration." She has from that initial involvement become an indispensable part of Pemberton Hall Foundation and Board of Directors. Donna could always be counted on to volunteer for behind the scenes support in any capacity needed. She is truly an unsung hero.

At our annual reception The PHF Board of Directors was able to surprise Donna with the dedication of the recently purchased eighteenth century flat-backed cupboard (placed in the restored kitchen) in her honor. A plaque will be

placed in that cupboard to honor Donna for her long service and dedicated hard work on behalf of the restoration of Pemberton Hall.



DOWNTON ABBEY FANS

Pemberton Hall Foundation with the aid of Chesapeake Tours and Promotions is putting together a special and exciting bus day trip on May 3, 2014, to Winterthur Museum and Gardens. If you are a fan of the PBS Downton Abbey series and love seeing beautiful gardens in full bloom and antique decorative arts, this trip is for you. It should be a fun special day.

"Costumes of Downton Abbey" at Winterthur is an original exhibit of designs from the award-winning television series. Forty historically inspired

costumes will be displayed. Visitors will be able to compare these costumes with those of Winterthur founder Henry Francis du Pont from that same period.

The Winterthur Museum gardens and Estate will be beautiful this time of the year with thousands of azaleas and rhododendron in bloom as well as drifts of tens of thousands of naturalized daffodils which can be enjoyed on the Tram Tour of the estate. A tour of a sampling of the decorative rooms in the Winterthur collection is included as well. The bus will stop at 19th century *Buckley's Tavern* in the nearby village of Centerville for dinner. A choice of moderately priced entrees will be available for dinner (not included in the price of the ticket). The cost of this special tour is just \$60 for Pemberton Hall Foundation members. For non-members the cost is \$65 which includes a complimentary limited membership in the Pemberton Hall Foundation, Inc. So put on your walking shoes and join us for this exciting special tour!

Please phone/contact Priscilla Timken with Chesapeake Tours and Promotions to purchase tickets (tickets can be placed on your credit card) at 443-366-2784 or for more information visit www.chesapeakeourplanner.com. Reservations for this special trip are available until April 16th . Funds received from this special fund raiser will be used for restoration projects at Pemberton Hall to include the Robert Handy grave stone preservation and interior painting. Put on your walking shoes, invite friends and neighbors and join us for this exciting trip.

Important Membership Announcement !!!

Renée Fredericksen will be sending out membership due reminders soon. PLEASE include your email address as Pemberton Hall Foundation newsletters and communications will be emailed to you in the future. If you would like a hard copy, please send a stamped addressed envelope.

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