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# THE LEGACY

NEWSLETTER OF THE HOWARD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Summer 2016, Volume 53, Number 3

## CONNIE WEHLAND

### A PASSIONATE ADVOCATE FOR HOWARD COUNTY HISTORY

A lifelong resident of historic Ellicott City, Mary (Connie) Constance Colbert Wehland was born May 6, 1932 in a residence at the corner of Main Street and Maryland Avenue in the heart of old town. Her family owned a number of businesses in old Ellicott City for many years. Connie was educated at St. Paul's in Ellicott City and the Institute of Notre Dame in Baltimore, Maryland. Shortly after that, her path crossed with Granville (Sonny) Warren Wehland.

Her son, Matthew Wehland recalls those early days very fondly, recounting that "My parents met in the early 1960's, appropriately at a Howard County Young Democrats meeting. My father showed interest in her and my mother being two years his senior told him, 'get away from me, kid.' My mother, as secretary of that organization, signed my father's membership card, and the rest, as they say, was history. My mother grew up just across the way, in the big yellow house on Ross Road. My parents bought a house just three houses up from my grandmother here on College

Avenue. My father said that the umbilical cord only stretched so far."

Connie was a long time board member, officer and past President of the Howard County Historical Society where she presided over meetings with one hand firmly on the gavel and the other on a copy of the Society's by-laws. She presided over the time the Society's plans to move our Archives and Library to the Miller Branch Library were in their infancy in the mid 2000s and we are grateful she was able to see the dream come to fruition in 2011. She was also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, as well as other hereditary organizations.

Connie was known as a straight shooter. You always knew where you stood with her. The priest who attended her at the hospital before her death recognized her and said, "Look out God, here she comes". Connie will be remembered fondly for her Irish spirit. She is survived by her husband, Granville Warren Wehland, her daughter, Mary Jeanne McCabe Wehland Coles



MARY (CONNIE) CONSTANCE COBERT WEHLAND, PAST PRESIDENT OF THE HOWARD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY. MAY 6, 1932 - MAY 25, 2016.

of Union Bridge, MD, her son-in-law Mr. Charles McDonald Coles, Jr., her grandchildren Virginia Elizabeth Coles, Katherine Jeanne Coles, and Charles McDonald Coles, III. She is also survived by her son, Mr. Matthew Henry Colbert Wehland of Ellicott City, MD and her son-in-law, Mr. John Joseph Lynch.

The board, officers and members of the Howard County Historical Society – as well as the citizens of Howard County – owe a great debt to her decades long dedication to protecting, preserving and sharing our county's rich heritage. †

#### HCHS MUSEUM

8328 Court Ave., Ellicott City, Maryland 21043  
(Formerly First Presbyterian Church)  
(410) 480-3250

Hours: Friday, Saturday and Sunday:  
1:00 - 5:00 P.M.

[www.hchsm.org](http://www.hchsm.org)

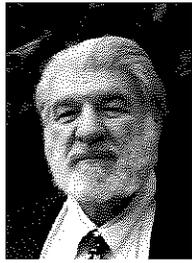
#### HCHS LIBRARY

New location: The Charles Miller Branch Library and Historical Center  
9421 Frederick Rd., Ellicott City, Maryland 21042  
(410) 480-3250 (voice)

Hours: Monday and Tuesday, 1:00-8:00 P.M.  
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 1:00- 5:00 P.M.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THEODORE MARIANI



The Great Gatsby Summer Soiree was an astounding success! Everyone enjoyed a lovely evening at Historic Oakdale with champagne, food, dancing, Black-jack, whiskey and cigars. Our members and supporters in their imaginative 1920s costumes created a magical evening to match the original Great Gatsby.

I would like to sincerely thank our Gatsby Committee - Shelley Wygant, Judy Perrine, Kimberly Eggborn, Paulette Lutz, Shawn Gladden and Tom Bower who made this event such a great achievement. Their creativity and hard work ensured the success of the Howard County Historical Society's Inaugural Summer Fund Raiser. In addition to being an artistic success the event met our

financial target and set a benchmark for future events.

We sincerely appreciate the support of our sponsors for their generous support. Our Gala supporters covered a wide range of individuals and businesses including the following: Creig Northrop and the Northrop Team of Long & Foster Realtors, The Hoenes Foundation, Eyre Bus Service, John S. Wilson Lumber Company, Donald Reuwer, Harry H. Witzke's family Funeral Home, Costello Construction, Kingdon Gould, Maryland History Tours, LLC, Bessons Landing Foundation, Inc., Fisher, Collins, & Carter, Inc., Chanceland Farm, Daniel Medinger, Tudy Adler & the Maryland Real Estate Network, J.E. Schenk & Associates, Inc., the Rachuba Family Foundation, Joan Becker, Attorney at Law, Katherine Taylor of Taylor Legal, Shelley Wygant, John McDaniel, Still Life Fine Art Gallery, MidAtlantic Farm Credit, and Larriland Farms. ♣

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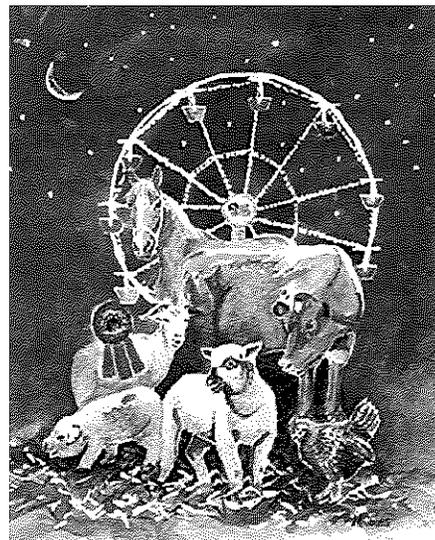
### SEND US YOUR ARTICLES

Anyone interested in contributing articles or photographs or anything of interest to the Society, please call the Library at 410-480-3250 or email Janet Kusterer at [janetkusterer@verizon.net](mailto:janetkusterer@verizon.net)

## EDITOR'S NOTE

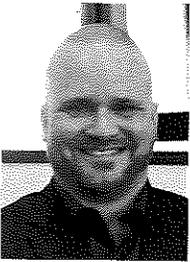
JANET KUSTERER

It's great that we are participating in the 71st Howard County Fair in August. We are making history as well as celebrating it. Like most things the Society is involved in, the Fair requires the dedication of a large group of volunteers—setting up the exhibit, manning it and removing it at the end. Thanks to all who give their time and effort to continue to put our message out to the community. You are appreciated. ♣



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

SHAWN GLADDEN



As we move into the summer, the Howard County Historical Society is turning its attention to improving the museum and continuing to provide quality

public programs for our members and the public at large. We have supplemented our museum with a new exhibit on Remington pistols by local collector Tom Gross. These items will be on exhibit at the museum through the summer and are highlighted in this month's Artifact Spotlight. In addition to this temporary exhibit, we will be upgrading our Civil War exhibit by adding additional artifacts from our collection, designing new interpretive panels and utilizing a new

case graciously donated by Hank Griffith and the National Building Museum.

Our museum team, Michael McManus, Dustin Linz and Mary Sanphilipo-Ward, are hard at work prepping artifacts and researching themes to enhance what we present to the public. We are also fortunate to have two new interns, Jonathan Gavin & Michelle Glazer, who are working on smaller exhibit on the Fires and Floods of Ellicott City and the first Jewish Settlement in Howard County. We anticipate that these exhibits will be ready by the Fall.

We are happy to announce that we received a sponsorship from Howard County Tourism for our Museum Concert Series for the rest of 2016. We have had some amazing performances so far this year and look forward to many more. This sponsorship will allow us to advertise the concert series on platforms like WTMD 89.7 which is a Towson University based radio station

that supports local music. The concert series serves two purposes for us as an organization: 1) It brings new visitors to the museum. 2) It allows us to highlight local musicians in a wonderful setting. The sponsorship from Tourism allows us to continue to provide these shows as a free benefit to HCHS members. If you haven't seen a show, come see one soon, our upcoming shows are listed in this issue.

We have so much more that we would like to accomplish in 2016. We are continuing to raise funds to rehab the Quaker Schoolhouse next to the museum, we are continuing to work with Townsprout on the development of our iPhone app, and we are actively collecting artifacts from the county's past. We cannot meet our goals without the continued support from our members and sponsors. We cannot thank you enough for your generous and continued support of our mission and programs. ♣

# 71<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL HOWARD COUNTY FAIR



## HOWARD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOOTH SCHEDULE

### EXHIBIT

AUGUST 6TH—AUGUST 13TH, BOOTH OPEN 10:00 AM—10:00 PM

**Hometown Teams: HoCo High School Sports, 1900-2000**

### SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6TH, 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

**Book Signing: Patapsco: Life Along Maryland's Historic River Valley w/Ali Kahn**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10TH, 7:00 PM—8:30 PM

**Meet Hall of Fame Football Coach - Doug Duvall**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11TH, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Hands on History (4H Building)**

Local Howard County and Maryland Themed Gift Items for sale. Enter a drawing for a chance to win two tickets to this year's Holiday House Tour!

**Howard County Fair: August 6 - 13, 2016**

**Daily Hours: 8 AM - 11PM**

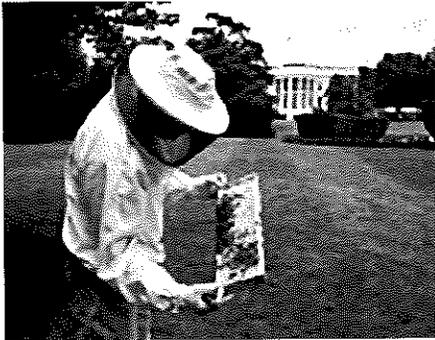
\$5 (10 years & up); \$2 (Seniors, 62 years & up); Children under 10 FREE

<http://howardcountyfair.org/>

# WHAT'S ALL THE BUZZ???

## HOWARD COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES 40 YEARS!

BY XINA KOJZAR



CHARLIE BRANDTS - HOCo BEEKEEPER AT THE WHITE HOUSE IN D.C.

The Maryland State Beekeepers Association was founded on December 4, 1908 in Baltimore, MD. Yes, Beekeepers Associations have existed almost continuously for more than 100 years! The Howard County Beekeepers Association (HCBA) was founded on April 16, 1976 in Ellicott City, Maryland and claimed to be “the most aggressive & progressive” beekeeping association in the Free State. In 1976, dues were \$5 annually (\$6 family) and included beekeepers in Howard and adjacent counties.

Before the 1980s, most beekeepers were farmers or relatives of a farmer, lived in rural areas, and kept bees with techniques passed down for generations. The Eastern Apicultural Society founded in 1955 at the University of Maryland (College Park) manages the National Master Beekeeper program with 153 members, 4 of whom are members of the HCBA.

Beekeeping is one of the oldest forms of food production, dating as far back as 3,000 BC. The history dates back to ancient Egypt when primitive beekeeping was a crude art. Hives consisted of pottery, baskets and holes in rocky cliffs. There are cave paintings of bees, hives and honey. There were boats with bee colonies on the Nile River and explorers found “good” honey in the ancient pyramids. Early on, Beekeepers knew very little about the honeybees and many times the bees were killed while trying to harvest the honey after the season was over. Early man did, however, understand the importance of honey as a food and medicine source.

According to the United States Department of Agriculture, about 163,000,000 pounds of honey are produced in the United States each year. There are currently about 1,800 beekeepers that keep 14,000 colonies scattered throughout Maryland. The

Maryland State Apiary Inspector reports that Howard County has 170 registered beekeepers and 638 colonies. Most of these Howard County beekeepers are members of the HCBA.

In 1976, John Iannuzzi served as the first president of HCBA and John Romanik served as the first vice president. The following year, John Romanik, a notable Howard County high school science teacher, served as president. They were an active group meeting six times a year with an annual summer picnic meeting at the Romanik home in Howard County.

The annual meeting always consisted of a bee smoker contest and they usually had a “bee beard” demonstration. For many years at the annual meeting, Mr. Romanik would strap a queen bee to his chin and allow the worker bees to swarm around her creating a bee beard. Any lady at the meeting was invited to kiss John with his live bee beard and, if this was accomplished, he would reward the lady with a jar of honey. John became known as the “Bee Beard King” of Maryland, having performed this feat over 100 times during his membership years with HCBA.

Their bi-monthly newsletter, “The Nectar Collector”, contained many critical bee management techniques, national and worldwide news on beekeeping, as well as association activities and recipes. Unfortunately, the age of the leaders and the arrival of mites caused the HCBA membership to dwindle and only about 20 members attended meetings in the 1980’s.

The HCBA became dormant for a few years in the mid-1990’s when many colonies were lost due to the invasion of bee mites. In fact, most wild colonies of honey bees in Maryland were rapidly killed off when the mites invaded. There are many issues facing our local Howard



PAUL KOJZAR AND ALICE PARKS -HCBA MEMBERS SELLING HONEY AT THE HOWARD COUNTY NATURE CONSERVANCY

County Beekeepers. Field mice, skunks, the wax moth and small hive beetles can invade and weaken or destroy a colony. Another major intruder, the Varroa mite, has caused issues since the early 1990's and continues to force the beekeepers to inspect the colony for these parasites that can bury themselves on the honeybee, transmit lethal bee viruses, and kill off a colony.

Beginning in 2006, Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) caused large inexplicable die-offs of colonies. Honeybees deserted their hives and flew away to die. It is believed the causes are a combination of viruses, bacteria, parasites, poor nutrition and pesticides. Additionally, pesticides can poison and affect honeybees during all stages of their life cycle causing them to experience problems with flying and navigation, reduced taste sensitivity, slower learning of new tasks which all impact their foraging activities.

The association was reactivated by Dr. Wayne Esaias on May 11, 1999 to educate county beekeepers with new proven management techniques to cope with mites and CCD. Members of the 4-H were added and monthly meetings were re-established and held at the Howard County Fairgrounds.

## HONEY COFFEE CAKE

(MSBA - BLUE RIBBON AWARD WINNING RECIPE)

### CAKE INGREDIENTS:

1 3/4 CUP ALL-PURPOSE FLOUR	1 TBSP MILK
2 TSP. BAKING POWDER	2 EGGS
1/2 CUP HONEY	1/2 TSP. ALMOND EXTRACT
1/2 CUP UNSALTED BUTTER (SOFT)	1/2 TSP. ORANGE EXTRACT

### TOPPING INGREDIENTS:

1/2 CUP UNSALTED BUTTER	1/2 TSP. NUTMEG
1/2 CUP CHOPPED PECANS	1/2 TSP. ORANGE EXTRACT
1/2 CUP HONEY	1/2 TBSP MILK

PREHEAT OVEN TO 350 DEGREES. GREASE 9" SQUARE PAN. IN LARGE MIXING BOWL, COMBINE ALL CAKE INGREDIENTS. BEAT AT MEDIUM SPEED, SCRAPING BOWL OFTEN UNTIL WELL MIXED (1-2 MINUTES). SPREAD INTO GREASED 9" SQUARE PAN OR TEA RING. SET ASIDE. IN HEAVY SAUCE PAN, COMBINE ALL TOPPING INGREDIENTS. COOK OVER MEDIUM HEAT, STIRRING OCCASIONALLY, UNTIL MIXTURE COMES TO A FULL BOIL. CONTINUE COOKING, STIRRING OCCASIONALLY FOR 2-3 MINUTES. POUR TOPPING EVENLY OVER THE CAKE BATTER. BAKE FOR 22-27 MINUTES UNTIL TOOTHPICK INSERTED IN CENTER COMES OUT CLEAN.

The HCBA members are a mix of men and women of all ages, including some youngsters. They are very proud of one particular member, Charlie Brandts, who maintains the beehives at the White House in Washington, D.C. Michelle Obama was instrumental in getting beehives installed and maintained and she is known to present a jar of excellent White House honey to official visitors.

The current 2016 HCBA president is Mr. Jason Ellis. The association's purpose is to promote honey beekeeping in Howard County by providing a forum in which current honey beekeepers may become more knowledgeable of best practices and the public can become more accurately informed on the benefits of honey bees. They meet monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of every month (except August and December) at 7:00pm at

the HoCo Fairgrounds and dues are \$15 annually.

HCBA offers training classes to new beekeepers and the public and publishes an informative newsletter, What's Buzzing? They also offer outreach programs (presentations to schools, 4-H Clubs, etc.) and even perform swarm removals. Visit HCBA at the Howard County Fair in August where you will find a wonderful and informative display of beeswax products, honey and comb exhibits, honey for sale and an observation hive.

Many people in Howard County buy delicious local, raw honey from HCBA members to help with pollen allergies or to support a healthy life style. Support your local beekeepers, buy local honey, and help them celebrate 40 years! Visit them on the web at <http://howard-countybeekeepers.org/> ☘

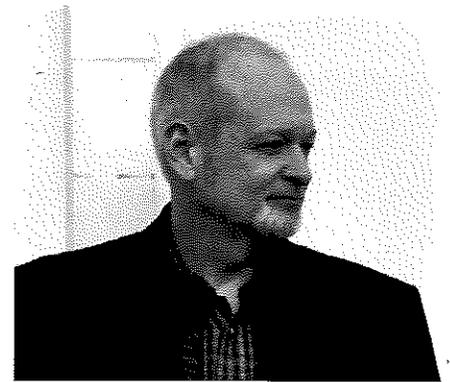
# 2016 UPCOMING EVENTS



MICHELE MCTIERNEY



DURHAM STATION BLUEGRASS BAND



DOUG ALAN WILCOX

## AUGUST

8/5, NOON

**Lunch Date w/History**

**"Historical Archaeology at Patapsco Female Institute" By Lee Preston**

8/6 - 8/13, 8AM - 11PM

**Howard County Fair**

**This year's exhibit "Hometown Teams: The History of Howard County Sports 1900-2000". Gift Shop items available and a special book signing on August 6th.**

8/13, 11AM - 1:30PM

**Historic Ellicott City Walking Tour**

8/13, 7PM - 9PM

**Museum Concert Series:**

**"I'm the Man"**

80s Tribute Band

8/20, 1PM - 4PM

**Howard County Genealogical Society Help Desk**

8/27, 11AM - 1:30PM

**Historic Ellicott City Walking Tour**

8/27, 7PM - 9PM

**Museum Concert Series:**

**Michele McTierney**

Pop & Rock

## SEPTEMBER

9/2, NOON

**Lunch Date w/History**

**"Benjamin Banneker"**

**By Gwen Marabel**

9/10, 11AM - 1:30PM

**Historic Ellicott City Walking Tour**

9/10, 7PM - 9PM

**Museum Concert Series:**

**"Durham Station Bluegrass Band"**

Bluegrass

9/17, 1PM - 4PM

**Howard County Genealogical Society Help Desk**

9/24, 11AM - 1:30PM

**Historic Ellicott City Walking Tour**

9/24, 7PM - 9PM

**Museum Concert Series:**

**Two For the Show**

Showtunes, Duet

## OCTOBER

10/7, NOON

**Lunch Date w/History**

**"Patapsco Heritage Greenway"**

**By Mary Catherine Cochran**

10/8, 11AM - 1:30PM

**Historic Ellicott City Walking Tour**

10/8, 7PM - 9PM

**Museum Concert Series:**

**"Doug Alan Wilcox"**

Blues & Acoustic Soul

10/15, 1PM - 4PM

**Howard County Genealogical Society Help Desk**

10/22, 11AM - 1:30PM

**Historic Ellicott City Walking Tour**

10/22, 7PM - 9PM

**Museum Concert Series:**

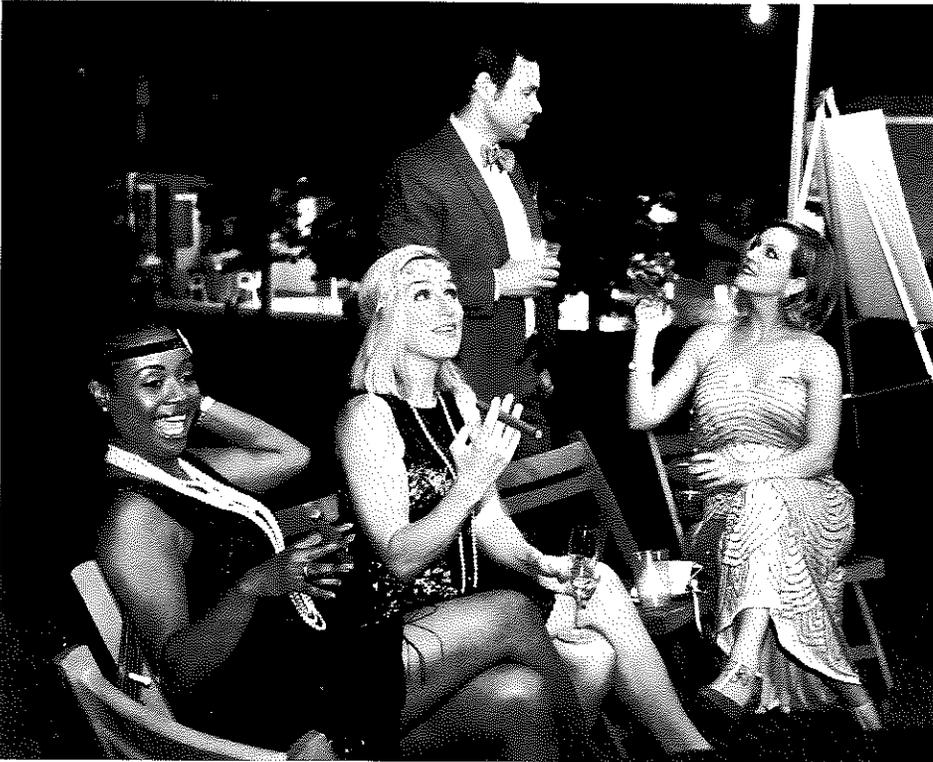
**Historically Inappropriate Comedy**

Comedy, Adults only

Call 410-480-3250 for more info or visit [www.hchsm.org/events](http://www.hchsm.org/events). All Concerts and Lunch Dates w/History will take place at the Museum of Howard County History (8328 Court Avenue Historic Ellicott City)

The Genealogical Help Desk will be held at the Miller Branch Library Historical Center (9421 Frederick Road Ellicott City)

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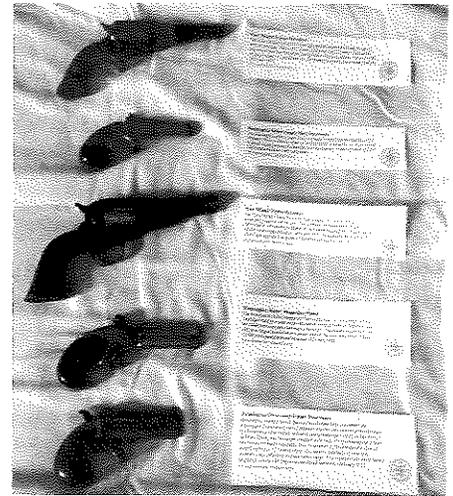
## THE GREAT GATSBY SUMMER SOIREE

BY SHAWN GLADDEN

Putting together Galas for Non-Profits is a tough job. There are a lot of detailed planning and financial nuances that must be attended to, months before the event occurs. Despite all of your planning and preparations, nothing ever goes off without a hitch. Well I can say that for the first time in my career, we defied that logic! The Great Gatsby Summer Soiree was a fantastic success, both as a fundraiser for the organization and as a party for our members, friends, colleagues, sponsors, and political dignitaries.

There is something quite satisfying in hearing positive reviews about your event weeks after it occurred. From the photo booths by Phil Stackhouse and Chris Blackert, to the food provided by Peter Halstad Caterers, to the Cigar tent provided by Davidus Cigars, to the Blackjack tables, to the live music by the Columbia Jazz band, and of course the Whiskey tasting by Whiskey America. We did our best to recreate the decadence of a 1920's style mansion party.

You can't have a party without people and we were able to entertain 260 guests that evening, many of whom were attending their first Historical Society event. The planning committee, led by board members Judy Perrine, Shelley Wygant and Kimberly Eggborn and new volunteer Tom Bowers, did an outstanding job of putting this gala together. Of course we cannot thank enough our Board President and his wife, Mr. Theodore and Veronica Mariani who opened their lovely home, Oakdale, to us for the event. Our plans are to have this event annually so make sure to look for your invite in the mail next May and join us again for this swell time! ♣



### MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT

## REMINGTON GUN EXHIBIT

For the remainder of the summer, the Museum of Howard County History has an exciting new exhibit containing several dozen Remington handguns from the nineteenth century. Tom Glazer, a gun collector, was generous enough to allow us to display his collection in our museum.

The Remington Gun Company formed in 1816, and all of the guns that we have on display from Mr. Glazer's collection were manufactured between the 1830s and the 1880s. Remington is the oldest company in America that still manufactures the same products that it did when it originally started.

Make sure you stop by the Museum of Howard County History so that you can see this wonderful collection while it is still here! Be sure to ask our wonderful museum staff for a tour while you are there! ♣

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