



If you are interested in what we do and would like to help us fulfill our mission, join us. Here are several ways you can help!

Become a Member !

Annual membership dues for Westside Historical Society are a very reasonable
\$10 for adults
\$8 for adults over 70
\$2 for students

You can mail your application to:

Membership Chairman R. Slacum

Westside Historical Society, P.O. Box 194, Mardela Springs MD 21837

Benefits of Membership . . .

- 10 issues of Heritage News newsletter annually – learn about new programs and projects, recent additions to Museum and Church collections, articles on local history and traditions, and a Just for Kids page of games, puzzles, and articles
- 5% discount on Westside Historical Society's publications and original gift items in Museum Gift Shop
- Be the first to learn about upcoming programs and activities

Be a Volunteer !

Volunteers make it possible for Westside Historical Society to offer services to the community and to our visitors.

We have no paid staff, and the work of fulfilling our mission is a big job. So you can make a difference !! If you would like to help preserve the rich heritage of this area, or if you just like meeting new people and working to make our communities better, please consider volunteering with Westside Historical Society.



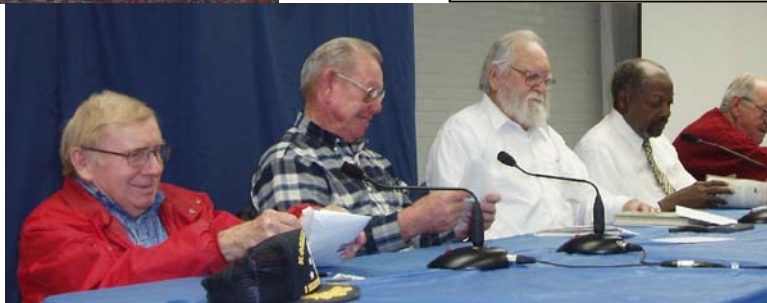
We need volunteers to . . .



- **Offer tours in Barren Creek Heritage Museum and Church –**
*get to meet new people,
learn about our local history & culture,
contribute to its preservation*

*We will train you. Hours and days are flexible.
No prior teaching or docent experience is necessary.*

- **Organize and present programs . . .**
Help prepare for public programs
Greet guests
Prepare refreshments
Write publicity



- **Help inventory, preserve and maintain collections . . .**
Learn how to accession new acquisitions
Enter accessioning data in museum computer program
Perform basic preservation care on donated items
Assist in maintaining and developing exhibits

If you like working with old objects, papers, and photos, this is the job for you! You can set your own hours! We will be happy to teach and train you if you have never done this kind of work before. It's fun!!





➤ **Work with Publicity**

- Write press releases
- Contact advertisers
- Help create promotional materials, brochures
- Assist with Newsletters
- Update our Web Page

➤ **Work in Museum Gift Shop**

- Assist customers
- Maintain inventory
- Assist in marketing



➤ **Assist in Fundraising**

- Help write grants
- Meet with donors and groups
- Keep records
- Assist with mailings and thank-you cards

Make a Donation !

Donate to our Collections

WHS always is grateful for donations of artifacts, records, documents, pictures and photos that will add to our ability to interpret our past. Some of the items we currently would like to add to our collections are:

- An old cider press, preferably not too large and with working parts
- A Sharptown Shad Barge (either a model or full size)
- High school graduation programs from all high schools in the Nanticoke Watershed part of Wicomico County
- A boy's tuxedo from a local school prom from the 1940s or '50s
- A chicken coop as was used by many families through the early 1900s
- Books or maps related to early Eastern Shore history
- Costume mannequins or sewing forms
- Military artifacts belonging to local veterans, especially World War One era
- Copies of family histories or genealogical information of Westside families

We also always are grateful for donations that enable us to offer better facilities, publications, exhibits, and services. We would be especially happy to receive:

- a TV-DVD/VHF player to use with some of our exhibits
- a small fridge to use for refreshments for programs
- Shelving for storage
- Room size electric fans and air purifiers
- A good vacuum cleaner

Donate Financially

Your donations make it possible for Westside Historical Society to continue to serve the people of the Nanticoke Watershed and the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Westside Historical Society, Inc. is registered as a 501c3 non-profit organization and is registered with the Maryland Dept. of State. Your donations are tax deductible.

What will your dollars buy? Here is what WHS might get for . . .

<p>\$20</p>	 <p>3 archival document storage boxes</p>	 <p>Archival photo storage envelopes</p>	 <p>Package of blank DVDs to record oral histories</p>
<p>\$50</p>	 <p>Postage for mailing Heritage News</p>	 <p>A large museum quality textile storage box</p>	 <p>Archival spray for preserving documents</p>
<p>\$100</p>	 <p>Printing pre-visit study guides for 50 students</p>	 <p>2 weeks lawn care for Barren Creek Springs Church</p>	 <p>Small glass exhibit case for exhibit</p>
<p>\$250</p>	 <p>new lockable storage cabinet for WHS office</p>	 <p>mannequin for vintage clothing exhibit</p>	 <p>Travel cost to bring 1 school bus of students to museum</p>
<p>\$500</p>	 <p>Help install iron fencing at Church</p>	 <p>One of three interpretive panels at Spring House</p>	 <p>Insulated window coverings in Museum</p>
<p>\$1000</p>	 <p>Build a new set of shutters to match old ones on Church</p>	 <p>Half of cost of building shelter over Mason-Dixon Stone</p>	 <p>Develop new exhibit on transportation changes in this area</p>

We hope you will consider contributing to the Westside Historical Society's Capital Campaign fund, or creating a legacy for WHS when you are making plans for your estate. Ask for more information.