We Are Going to Queen Anne’s County This Year!

The 19th Annual Meeting is to be held on Saturday, April 17, 2010, at the Kent Manor Inn on Kent Island in Queen Anne’s County http://www.kentmanor.com/. Registration and refreshments of pastries and morning drinks will begin at 8:30 a.m. as well as gift shop sales and commencement of our second annual silent auction. At 9 a.m. the Officers and Committee Chairs will present their annual reports and the election of Officers and Board members will follow. Our speakers include Timothy Greenleaf. Mr. Greenleaf is employed by National Geographic and his article “The Cutting Edge” appeared in the September/October 2003 issue of Chesapeake Life Magazine. The article discussed “The historic cemeteries of the Chesapeake not only reveal information about the death, but also about the lives of those who buried them.” Mr. Greenleaf will use the material he collected and the photographs he took for his talk. Linda Collier, a native of Queen Anne’s County will present her talk, “Sentiment and Sorrow, Mourning Practices of the Late 19th and early 20th Centuries.” [Mr. Greenleaf’s article can be found at http://www.chesapeakelifemag.com/index.php/cl/article/3218/.]
Lunch is your choice of one of the following items, prepared by Kent Manor Inn’s chef:

Eastern Shore Style Shrimp Salad Wrap, Baby Red Oak Lettuce, Pickled Bermuda Onions, and Meyer Lemon Oil, Chesapeake Remoulade.

Kent Manor Grilled Chicken Caesar Wrap, With Crisp Romaine, Shaved Parmesan, and Marinated Ripe Plum Tomatoes, Aged Balsamic and a Spinach Tortilla Wrap.

Honey Smoked Turkey and Emmentaler Swiss Panini, Applewood Bacon, Vidalia Onion Relish, and Sun Dried Cranberry Aioli, Artisan Sunflower Seed Bread.

Following lunch, the Periwinkle Award Committee will announce the recipients of the awards for this year. The recipients will spend a few minutes discussing their projects with the group. At approximately 2 p.m. we will drive a short distance to Broad Creek Cemetery and then to Stevensville Cemetery.

The Kent Manor Inn is just off Route 50 over the Bay Bridge, an easy drive from all points in Maryland. The Inn was built in 1820 with additions in 1860. The meeting will be held in the Thompson Room named for the people who at one time owned the home. Thompson’s Creek on Kent Island is also named for the previous owners. An historic adventure awaits you for this day. Knowledge and the history of Queen Anne’s County and its cemeteries will be the order of the day. Register as soon as possible since space is limited. If you have not received your registration form in the mail one can be printed from our website at http://www.cpmbs.org and click on Annual Meeting.

For questions call Amanda Becker at (301) 253-2688 or e-mail her at acedgehill@hotmail.com or visit http://www.cpmbs.org and click on Annual Meeting. The cost is $45* per person and includes morning refreshments, a delicious lunch, and all programs. To register, complete the registration form that includes your choice for lunch, and mail it with your checks payable to CPMBS and mail to Gerhardt Kraske, Treasurer, 9425 Dartmouth Road, Columbia, MD 21045.

Please note that space is limited so register early.

Also note that we will absolutely not be able to accept any registrations after April 2, 2010, due to our contract with Kent Manor Inn.

* If you are not a member of the Coalition your registration fee is $60. To avoid the additional cost you can join the Coalition by adding the appropriate amount of dues to the member registration fee. Dues are $5 for students; $10 for individuals; and $15 for households. A membership application can be found at http://www.cpmbs.org and clicking on Membership.

Editors’ Corner

In the Winter issue of the Courier we reported that F. Scott Fitzgerald was buried in Rockville Cemetery. Eileen McGuckian was quick to point out that he was removed from Rockville Cemetery. How could we have made such a mistake? We “googled” again and read that he was moved to the family plot at St. Mary's Cemetery in Rockville in 1975. When we originally prepared the article we read as far as the information about the original burial but didn't finish reading the article. It was the second time today that haste makes waste caught up with us. Thanks to Eileen for showing us the error in our research. We hope no one went to look for his grave in the wrong cemetery.

The Annual Meeting is almost upon us. Beginning on page 1 you will find information about the Annual Meeting. Amanda Becker has found two very interesting speakers to talk to us about mourning practices of the late 19th and early 20th centuries and cemeteries in the Chesapeake Bay area. The Board and Annual Meeting Committee hope to see you on April 17th.

We thank Amanda Becker, Melvin Mason, Kristin Kraske, Brenda McNeal, Leonard Becraft, and Knight A. Kiplinger and Terry Grimes for providing information and articles for this issue of the Courier.

Diane and Jeff Nesmeyer

Office of Cemetery Oversight Schedule

Board/Commission will hold a meeting at 500 North Calvert Street** in the 3rd Floor Conference Room on the following dates:

January 28, 2010 10:00am – 1pm
February 25, 2010  10:00am – 1pm
March 25, 2010   10:00am – 1pm
April 22, 2010  10:00am – 1pm
May 27, 2010    10:00am – 1pm
June 24, 2010   10:00am – 1pm
July 22, 2010   10:00am – 1pm
August 26, 2010 10:00am – 1pm
September 23, 2010 10:00am – 1pm
October 28, 2010 10:00am – 1pm
November 2010  no meeting
December 2, 2010 10:00am – 1pm

Please Contact the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing at 410.230.6220 or op@dllr.state.md.us for additional information.

**Most meetings are held in Baltimore. Usually the December meeting is held in Silver Spring. Location changes should be noted on the OCO website. Please verify location close to the date.**

Brenda McNeal

**Nominating Committee Report**

The Nominating Committee consisting of Melvin Mason and Amanda Becker has prepared the following slate of nominees and the nominees have indicated their willingness to serve, if elected. The ballot will be presented for vote by the general membership at the Annual Meeting on April 17, 2010, to be held on Kent Island, MD. Nominations will be accepted from the floor prior to the vote but will be subject to the nominee accepting the nomination.

Officers: In accordance with the By Laws all four officer positions are up for election in 2010: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

President: Melvin Mason (2-year term)
Vice President: Jeff Nesmeyer (2-year term)
Treasurer: Open (1-year term)
Secretary: Open (1-year term)
Board of Directors: (new two-year term)
Candy Warden Baltimore County
James Lanier Baltimore County

Board of Directors beginning their second year and not up for re-election:
Thomas Mason Prince George’s
Paul Miller Howard
Kristin Kraske Howard
Brenda McNeal Howard County
Sandra Wright Montgomery County
Robert Mosko

**Silent Auction**

Last year the Coalition held its first ever silent auction during the Annual Meeting. For members who are still not sure what a silent auction is imagine several tables together that are filled with items that are to be auctioned off. Instead of an auctioneer seeking bids from the audience the audience is invited to write their bid on a slip of paper. The winner is the person whose bid is the highest dollar amount bid on an item at the conclusion of the auction. Payment is due at the close of the auction and the items for any bids that are unclaimed or unpaid will go to the next highest bidder. Silent auctions are a lot of fun and an easy way to raise funds. The key to the success is having a variety of items available for the auction. So, the Annual Meeting Committee is asking that you clean out your closets and consider making donations of new or gently used goods. The items can be cemetery-related or can be any usable item that someone else cannot live without.

Jeff and I are donating the Mapping and Documenting Cemeteries handbook by Pamela Goffinet.

Contact Amanda Becker at 301-253-2688 or acedgehill@hotmail.com for places to meet to pick up your items. Better yet, bring items to the meeting on April 17.

Diane Nesmeyer

**News From Our Members**

**Zion Preservation Committee**

**Update on the renovation of the Zion Church and Cemetery**

By: Terry Lynn Grimes with contributions from Knight A. Kiplinger, Co-founders and Co-chairs of the Zion Preservation Committee
**Brief Historical Background**

The Zion Episcopal Church and Cemetery originated in 1802. Roger Johnson, youngest brother of Maryland’s first Governor, Thomas Johnson, played a key role in the organization of Zion. He donated the land to build the church and provided the natural stone from his stone quarry near the base of Sugarloaf Mountain. Rev. Thomas John Claggett, Bishop of Maryland, consecrated Zion.

Original members of Zion mostly descended from America’s first colonial families and were prominent industrialists, entrepreneurs, politicians, and those who served in the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. A walk through the cemetery reflects the lives of these leading families of Urbana such as Cockey, Delaplaine, Dronenburg, Dudderar, Dutrow, Johnson, Murdoch, Simmons, Spriggs, Strube, Wooten, Worthington and more.

The natural fieldstone exterior of Zion chapel was dressed up with a coating of stucco in the mid-1850s. Another major renovation took place around 1882 to give Zion a more gothic look. The western wall was removed and the sanctuary was enlarged with a wood-frame extension. The original entrance was closed off and replaced with a window, and a bell tower with a new entryway was added a few feet away at the edge of the wall facing south.

Around 1958, the congregation decided to do away with this gothic look, remove the bell tower, and take Zion back to its simple yet elegant original 1802 design, and a committee formed to make plans for the renovation. Unfortunately, tragedy struck bringing all plans to redesign Zion to an abrupt end.

A fire destroyed Zion Church in 1961. Three walls standing and a deteriorating cemetery was all that remained of the historical parish that served its community for more than 150 years. Though the Diocese of Maryland reclaimed ownership of Zion Church and Cemetery, it remained abandoned for more than 40 years, leaving the gravestones at risk of extinction from neglect and vandalism.

In the mid 1980s, Knight Kiplinger began measures to preserve Zion on his own initiatives, stabilizing the church ruins and contracted for mowing the cemetery. He met with the Diocese of Maryland on several occasions regarding the preservation of the site but no agreement was reached.

Local resident Terry Grimes and Knight Kiplinger teamed up in 2002 to begin advocating for the preservation of Zion and by 2003, they co-founded the Zion Church Preservation Committee (ZPC). They began discussions with Zion's owner, the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland, about a new ownership arrangement that would permit the restoration of the historic church and cemetery.

In 2005, the Committee negotiated the donation of the property (more than three acres in all) by the
Diocese to Frederick County Landmarks Foundation (FCLF), whose mission is the rescue and preservation of significant historic properties in the county. ZPC independently manages the restoration on behalf of FCLF.

Work finally began in 2006 to restore Zion to its original 1802 design.

Please see the Coalition Courier Vol. 12 No.4 Winter 2004-2005 for additional history on Zion.

**Phase I – Renovation of the Exterior Structure**

Phase I, was completed in 2008. The missing west wall of the church was reconstructed using an ingenious combination of original and modern materials. There was just enough of the original stone to be placed against a new structural shell of cement block. Therefore, the new west wall, faced with the original Zion stone, exactly matches the surviving three walls. The new supporting block wall will disappear at completion of the restoration, beneath plaster on the interior and fieldstone on the exterior.

With meticulous attention to authentic detail, the committee commissioned Virginia Lime Works to match the original Zion lime mortar, in both composition and color, to re-point the surviving stone walls, and to lay the stone to reconstruct the west wall. This passion for authenticity extended to the restoration of the original Zion windows, fabrication of new windows, shutters and doors, and commissioning of hand-wrought iron hardware for windows and doors—all to the exacting specifications of our architect, James Wollon, Jr., AIA, the noted church restoration authority from Havre de Grace, Maryland.

**Phase I – Renovation of the Cemetery**

Work began last summer conducted by Robert Mosko, of Mosko Cemetery Monument Services to restore the oldest section of the cemetery. Now, more than a dozen broken, sunken, and tilting tombstones are repaired, replaced, and reset and once again stand tall with dignity and grace.

The arrival of spring will begin with additional cemetery restorations by contract. ZPC also plans to host some “Spring Cleaning” sessions in the cemetery, inviting volunteers to join us in supervised work sessions to conduct simple repairs and cleaning of gravestones.

Local boyscout troops have expressed an interest to help us with cleaning up the cemetery.

Research continues on locating Zion burial records. The existing records are either incomplete or missing altogether and many gravestones have disappeared over the years. Our goal is to locate and gather this missing data, find obituaries, and to locate misplaced or sunken gravestones. Several discoveries have been made so far, but there is still a lot of research to be done.
A local Boy Scout, Robby Friscia, will be heading-up a project at Zion to earn his Eagle Scout Award. Robby will lead a group of fellow scouts and other cemetery enthusiasts to map and record the Zion Cemetery, incorporate this information into a database, and make available to the public. He plans to begin his project in mid-spring.

ZPC was recently awarded grants from the Delaplane Foundation, the Randall Charitable Trust, and the Ausherman Family Foundation. The Ausherman Foundation also challenged us with a matching grant. Due to the generous donations of Zion supporters, we were able to match this grant at the end of February. The ZPC deeply appreciates all donors and supporters particularly in this down economy where funds are not always easy to come by.

**Past Events**

On September 19, 2009, the Pack Horse Ford Chapter West Virginia State Society National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Shepherdstown, WV, held a dedication for John Montgomery, a revolutionary war veteran buried at Zion. Montgomery’s first military service was in Maryland on the ship “Defense” under his Uncle, Captain George Cook, who was a trained British Naval Officer. Only 16 years old, John served from April to December 31, 1777. Next, he enlisted in September 1781 as a Militiaman in Captain Thomas Edwards’ Company, Colonel Joseph Lane’s Regiment. Margaret Writt, who is a descendant of John Montgomery, organized this event.

ZPC hosted a cemetery workshop on October 31, 2009 that was conducted by Robert Mosko. Robert began the workshop with a presentation after which we traveled to Zion cemetery where Robert demonstrated basic cemetery renovation techniques. The workshop was a success and we had a lot of positive feedback from those who attended.

**Future Phases of Work**

When the cemetery renovation is complete, we will move to Phase III, the interior renovation with new flooring, ceiling and plastered walls, and an elevated gallery with a staircase, and finally, Phase IV, landscaping and parking.

The restored Zion church and cemetery will be a valuable historical, cultural and educational resource for all of Frederick County, which is experiencing rapid population growth, especially around Urbana. It will reconnect longtime residents with their family roots and give newcomers a sense of the valuable heritage of their adopted community.

For more information, please contact Knight A. Kiplinger at kkiplinger@kiplinger.com or Terry Lynn Grimes at tIgrimes58@yahoo.com or call 240-405-8477.

**New Members**

Knight A. Kiplinger, Washington, D.C.
Zion Church Preservation Committee,
Frederick County
David Conway, Anne Arundel County
Robert Narine, Howard County

Welcome to our new members. We hope to see you at the Annual Meeting.
Cumberland Historic Cemetery Organization
The Cumberland Historic Cemetery Organization was founded in 1983 for the purpose of promoting true U. S. History, defending states’ rights, the sovereignty of the U. S., & Western Culture. The C.H.C.O. has erected and restored hundreds of monuments, and provided tours of historic grave-sites to the public, school groups, etc. Historic gravesites are maintained by the C.H.C.O. The C.H.C.O promotes the true values and morals of the Ten Commandments, the U.S. Constitution and the principles of our great nation’s founding fathers. The C.H.C.O. operates solely by private funding.

The C.H.C.O. is a charter member of the Coalition. A small delegation from the C.H.C.O. will be attending the annual Coalition meeting in April. They will bring news of their work in Western Maryland cemeteries. How they are promoting true U. S. history within their adopted cemeteries, etc. As part of the true U. S. history program of the C.H.C.O. the group offers historic U.S. flags for a $12.00 donation. The donations aid the C.H.C.O in cemetery restoration projects. To view the flags see the group’s website at http://www.chco-online.org to order call C.H.C.O President Ed Taylor, Jr. at 301-722-4624. Mr. Taylor will have the C.H.C.O flag collection with him at the annual Coalition meeting also for purchase.

Ed Taylor, Jr.

Upcoming Cemetery Events
Association for Gravestone Studies Conference
Each year the Association for Gravestone Studies holds their annual conference in the latter part of June. This year the conference will be held at Denison University, in Granville, Ohio. Lodging is available starting Tuesday, June 22, 2010. The check-in begins after 3 p.m. The first event is a motor coach tour on Wednesday at 8:45 a.m. The conference ends after breakfast on Sunday, June 27, 2010.

The full conference includes accommodations, all meals, choice of workshops (and there are a number of workshops planned), participation sessions, the bus tour on Wednesday, and choice of a bus tour on Saturday.

Information about the conference is available at http://www.gravestonestudies.org/conferences.htm. According to the registration form the campus is a mere 6½ hour drive from the Baltimore Washington area.

Green Mount Cemetery Tours
May 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th, 2010
Green Mount Cemetery, Baltimore City
Greenmount Avenue and East Oliver Street
Four guided tours of Green Mount Cemetery will be held during the month of May. Tours begin at 9:30 am from the main gate located at Greenmount Avenue and East Oliver Street, and are led by Baltimore historian Wayne R. Schaumburg. Opened in 1839 as the city's first urban-rural cemetery, Green Mount is the final resting place of Johns Hopkins, Enoch Pratt, William and Henry Walters, Mary Elizabeth Garrett, Theodore McKeldin, John Wilkes Booth, Betsy Patterson, Walter Lord, and other famous Marylanders. Reservations are required. For information, call 410-256-2180 or email: wschaumburg@earthlink.net.

Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites, Inc., Minutes
Miller Library, Ellicott City, Maryland
JANUARY 24, 2010
In attendance
Officers: President Melvin Mason, Vice-President Jeff Nesmeyer, Treasurer Gary Kraske, and Secretary Amanda Becker
Board of Directors:  Kristin Kraske, James Lanier, Thomas Mason, Paul L. Miller, Candy Warden, and Sandra Wright

Members and Guest: Leonard A. Becraft, Dennis Green, Diane Nesmeyer, David G. Simpson, John Wright, and David Conway

Excused: Brenda McNeal, Lu Moorman and Robert Mosko

President Melvin Mason called the Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites quarterly meeting to order at 1:20 pm.  A quorum was present.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: There were no additions or corrections to the October 4, 2009 minutes.  President Mason called for an approval of the minutes. Director Leonard A. Becraft moved that the minutes be approved as published and Vice-President Jeff Nesmeyer seconded the motion.  The motion passed.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer Gary Kraske stated that the treasury for the Coalition had received numerous sales from the Ravens Roost Gift Shop events. A significant donation from the Miller Family Foundation has aided in the positive account balance. The income of the treasury was $1,183.07 and the expenses were $884.87 with a total estimated worth of $10,034.24.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Kristin Kraske reported that there are 77 paying members and with courtesy memberships the total is 90 members. Kristin spoke about taking a few of the non-paying members off the membership list that she has not been able to contact.

COALITION COURIER REPORT: Diane Nesmeyer stated that the deadline for the next Courier is March 15, 2010. She would like all members to watch for pertinent information for use in the Courier. Please send said articles electronically to her.

WEB PAGE REPORT: Diane Nesmeyer reported that the previous Courier and the registration page for the Annual Meeting will be posted on the Web Page. Kristin Kraske has paid the yearly Domain Direct account fee. Domain Direct has been changed to the Hover service. Kristin Kraske was not too keen on this new service and James Lanier suggested that she look into finding another service.

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT: Amanda Becker and Diane Nesmeyer shared with the group the status of the 2010 Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held on Saturday, April 17th at the Kent Manor Inn, Stevensville, Queen Anne’s County. There will be a speaker on mourning customs and attire and plans are being made for another speaker.

Jeff Nesmeyer reminded the group that there will be no board meeting at this meeting, but the election of officers and Board, Periwinkle Awards, reports of committees and any other conduct of business will be included.

Committee reports will be about four to five minutes long. Another meeting with the new officers and Board of Directors will be held a month later to get a start on the new year. All members are invited to this meeting as well as all Coalition meetings.

Sandra Wright is going to work with Amanda Becker on help with potential gifts for the speakers. Leonard Becraft has a screen that we could use for the meeting. Amanda Becker will contact Kent Manor Inn to determine the menu choices for the lunch during the annual meeting.

Jeff Nesmeyer encouraged anyone interested in working on the 2011 Annual Meeting to get in contact with any of the officers.

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIP REPORT: Amanda Becker reported on two potential Periwinkle Award winners. Diane Nesmeyer added another potential nominee. The Periwinkle Committee now has Melvin Mason, Gary Kraske, Amanda Becker, Thomas Mason, Robert Mosko and Diane Nesmeyer. Emails will be exchanged between the group. A guideline and registration form for next year’s Periwinkle Awards will be formed.

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE: Melvin Mason reported that no meetings have occurred as of late, but he will republish the by-laws for the Annual Meeting.

EVENTS/FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: Amanda Becker stated that the Coalition needs more members to help with setting up and manning the Coalition Booth at various events. She is look-
ing into events for the Coalition to attend to promote the Coalition and sell items from the Ravens Roost.

An email for the holidays was sent out to all members and friends with items from the Ravens Roost Gift Shop.

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE: No report.

MEMBERSHIP: Diane Nesmeyer asked Kristin Kraske what the Coalition sends new members when they join, i.e., by-laws, welcome letter, Courier, membership cards, etc. Director Kraske stated that she sends out the Courier if there are any left. Jeff Nesmeyer suggested that we send out a membership list to the new members so they can get in touch with other members in their areas. Diane Nesmeyer is going to send Kristin Kraske a welcome letter that she has used for another group. A new membership packet will be created.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: This is a vacant position. Melvin Mason is going to work on this.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE: The Outreach Committee has met every month for a year. Diane Nesmeyer shared the table of contents of the handbook. Candy Warden will be reading it to find fluidity of the chapters. Kristin Kraske offered to proofread it as well as Gary Kraske and Barbara Kraske.

This handbook will be on the web page. A hard copy will be available as well as hard copies at events the Coalition attends.

As the meetings have been held at the Wheaton Masonic Lodge Jeff Nesmeyer made a motion to donate $100.00 to the Lodge for use of space. Gary Kraske seconded this and the motion passed.

CPMBS BROCHURE: Needs to be updated. Need a committee and or chairperson.

OLD BUSINESS:
Brenda McNeal attended the Office of Cemetery Oversight’s meeting and the summary has been printed in the Courier.

Hands on History Day will be on August 11, 2010. Volunteers to man the Coalition’s booth are needed. Gary Kraske, Kristin Kraske and Amanda Becker are scheduled to help out.

Diane Nesmeyer will forward an e-mail received from Taxpayer Services Division, Department of Assessments and Taxation, State of Maryland regarding reinstatement of our corporate status to Treasury Kraske.

Paul Miller inquired if the 990 form qualifies as a non-profit. The Treasurer will find a lawyer for these matters.

The Treasurer will reimburse Brenda McNeal for mileage to Office of Cemetery Oversight Meetings.

Terry Grimes of Zion Preservation Committee sent an e-mail regarding access to a cemetery in Frederick County. She is concerned that a family member will be denied access. The Coalition will ask Leonard Becraft to contact her as he has had the same issues which were resolved.

Janey Wheat Andrews has said there is an Anne Arundel cemetery where they are building houses. It may be gone already. Larry Tom of the Planning and Zoning forwarded her letter to us. Was someone going to respond to this?

George Hinnatt wrote to the Coalition to tell of a cemetery in disrepair and hazardous. Melvin and Tom Mason visited the site in Prince George’s County and stated that the cemetery is well kept, but the perimeter has been grown over. Possible to keep out the potential people that would harm said cemetery. Melvin Mason will draft a letter to Mr. Hinnatt.

NEW BUSINESS:
The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting on April 17th.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Tom Mason and seconded by Kristin Kraske; the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Becker
Secretary

News From the Counties
Calvert County
Fraudulent Former Cemetery Owner Who Reportedly Died “Miraculously” Found Alive
thebaynet.com for Calvert County
18 February 2010

Larry Deffenbaugh, the former owner of Southern Memorial Gardens in Dunkirk, MD, was found alive and arrested in Baytown, Texas. Deffenbaugh was convicted of theft involving the cemetery he used to own, Southern Maryland Memorial Gardens. There were 551 victims who paid Deffenbaugh for cemetery services and Deffenbaugh used the money for personal use. Deffenbaugh received a 15-year suspended sentence and 5 years probation for the theft.

On May 10, 2009, he supposedly fell overboard into the Chesapeake Bay near Virginia Beach. The disappearance happened two days before he was to appear in Calvert County on a probation violation hearing. He was facing a possibility of 15 years in prison. The authorities never believed that he drowned.

America’s Most Wanted rebroadcasted a lookout for Deffenbaugh that paid off. The show aired on Saturday, February 13, 2010, and on February 16th the Maryland State Police and members of the Calvert Investigative Team were notified by the U.S. Marshal’s Service that Deffenbaugh had been arrested.

Summarized by Diane Nesmeyer

Frederick County News

This e-mail was forwarded to us from Leonard Be craft. The original e-mail was received by his cousin who forwarded it on to Leonard.

“It was good of you to volunteer to help in figuring out our Birdland dilemma. If we can solve the mystery of this structure, we might be able to devote more surrounding ground to the sanctuary science.

I went to the area today and took several pictures. You will see Paul Miller, our grounds manager, in the photos to give the structure perspective. It looks to be about 15 ft. tall not counting the broken weather vane atop the peak. It is made of masonry/stone, to be determined. There is no plaque or dedication of any kind. Its origins are unknown, and we are still researching it. All in all, it is quite elaborate, as these architectures and artifacts go. I couldn't get to the back side for photos because of the thicket, which is very thorny and woody. Several fast-growing Trees of Heaven surround the pillar.

Restoration will include removing poison ivy roots from the structure, repairing the ledges and reattaching the broken end of the weather vane, if we can find the arm in the dirt below. Plus general cleanup and possibly some stone repair are needed, from what I can see.

Paul is going to clear the brush surrounding it, as you can see it is in a relatively unexplored dump area of the cemetery. I'm sure you can see why it is not inhabited, and apparently has not been for some time. We have plans to clear this area in the spring.

Look at the photos and tell me what you think. You can come up any time. I think we could get some rain later in the week, which would make close-up inspection kind of wet and muddy.

If there is any other information you need, please let me know, and thanks again for any help.

William Miller, 301-663-8567
http://clusteredspirescemetery.org/default.aspx
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The President, Board of Directors, and the Courier editors encourage all members to submit articles to the Courier. They further invite members to write to the Courier with questions or comments about any topic that pertains to burial sites. The topics can include preservation, protection, restoration and maintenance, historical and cultural significance, and documentation. They are also looking for questions or comments you may have about the Coalition. The questions, answers, and comments will be printed in future editions of the Courier. This is an opportunity for you to learn more about your Coalition and to have questions answered that you may have regarding burial sites.

All articles, questions, items of interest may be sent directly to the Coalition at the address listed above or e-mailed to the editors at their address listed below.

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Coalition’s Objectives
The Coalition, through its members in each county, hope to reach out to all areas of the state to:
Facilitate the exchange of information among individuals and organizations concerned about the protection of Maryland burial sites.
Increase public awareness of the historic and cultural significance of burial sites and the serious threats to them.
Draft and gain passage of new laws to more effectively deal with criminal acts against burial sites and to establish effective and uniform procedures for the protection and preservation of burial sites regardless of their age, cultural affiliation or condition.
Organize support for stronger laws in Maryland to protect burial sites--Native American burials as well as traditional cemeteries.
Raise funds for statewide public education programs, focused on burial site protection, and to provide information and guidance to any government agency, group, organization or individual interested in preserving human burial sites.

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Summer June 15, 2009
Fall September 15, 2009
Winter December 15, 2009

Board Meetings
Board meetings are held quarterly and scheduled by the President. Meetings are first posted on the Coalition’s Web Site and announced in the issue of the Courier published just prior to the meeting.
The Annual Meeting is held during the board meeting in April of each year. Election of new officers and Board members takes place as well as presentation of the annual reports, adoption of the budget for the coming year, and presentation of the Periwinkle Awards.

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