

SOTTERLEY TIMES

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Sotterley Joins Museums Across the Nation as They *Lift Every Voice*

Every September, Sotterley participates in *Museum Day Live!* sponsored by the Smithsonian. This year on September 24th, Museum Day will take on an additional meaning as it will also be the day of the Grand Opening of the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C. To commemorate this event, across the nation *Lift Every Voice* will take the opportunity to showcase and honor the work of all institutions and individuals preserving, honoring, and sharing the many stories of African American and African Diaspora people and their contributions to the American story.

On Saturday, September 24th Sotterley will help to celebrate the Grand Opening of the NMAAHC by offering FREE ADMISSION to all guests. Guided tours that day will have a special additional focus on Sotterley's African American stories. Tours will take place at the regularly scheduled times; 10:30, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00, and 3:00. Guests can also take advantage of the audio grounds tours, natural trails, beautiful Colonial Revival gardens, plus enjoy the last day for this season's Sotterley Farmer's Market running from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm. Please check in at the Visitor Center upon arrival. Remember - tour size is limited.

HOMESCHOOL DAY AT SOTTERLEY!

With specialized classes, nature trails and tons to learn, Sotterley offers the perfect spot to bring your homeschool group! Join us on September 14th for "Living on the Patuxent", for Trans-Atlantic Trade, James Bowles' Estate and more. Visit 4 stations throughout the day and learn about the lives of children on a Tidewater plantation. With all this fun, admission is only \$5 a person. Kiddos under 5 are free and one adult per family is free. Make a day of it: pack a picnic lunch, hike our nature trails, fly a kite, and enjoy! No reservations necessary for this rain or shine event!

SOTTERLEY FARMER'S MARKET THROUGH THE END OF SEPTEMBER!

Every Saturday morning since late May, the Sotterley Farmer's Market - a *producer only* farmer's market - has been going strong! As the end of the growing season approaches, we welcome you to shop for locally homegrown and hand-crafted items between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. every Saturday through September 24, 2016.

Did you know?

- 70% of all the produce for sale at the market is grown at Sotterley!
- All of the produce from Sotterley is grown using organic methods.
- Sotterley will have donated over 16,000 pounds of produce to local homeless shelters and non-profits in our southern Maryland community!

The market might end at 1 pm, but our site's beauty, nature trails and history are open until 4 pm on Saturdays. Guests need only to check in at the Visitor Center to hike and tour the site. As always, Sotterley members get in free and leashed pets are always welcome!

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A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT



This year marks the 20th Anniversary of Sotterley's recognition as one of the 11 most endangered historic sites in America by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Why would we choose to acknowledge such a dubious honor? Because it reminds us of how far we have come. And because it also serves as motivation. Never again do we intend to be so recognized. Many dedicated, hard-working people have contributed to our success, and it is in honor of their efforts that we commit to work together for a better future.

Speaking of dedicated people, this newsletter also includes our third annual list of "Sotterley Sustainers": people who have consistently supported Sotterley for at least ten years. These are special friends of Sotterley who deserve special recognition. You have our heartfelt thanks.

We have some new teammates on board! Joining Director Jane Bachman in Development is longtime volunteer Eve Love, now our Grants Manager, and Laura Berryman, our new Stewardship Manager. Maryann Granata is our new Education Assistant and Valarie Grimm is our Facility Maintenance Manager. Welcome aboard to all.

Our Fall programs will start soon and are going to be fantastic! Two of our biggest fundraisers are just around the corner:

- WineFest will be October 1st and 2nd and promises to be our best one yet! We will have many wonderful local wineries, so come out, socialize, and enjoy our fall weather.
- Ghosts of Sotterley has been cast and rehearsals are about to begin. "Ghosts" will be held the last two weekends of October. This will be the last chance to see an event produced by Dawna and Ming Diaz who have led this event for over 15 years!

Our Speaker Series continues to impress! We have had wonderful speakers who have been both informative and entertaining. September 21st Christy Coleman talks about "Love, Sex and Consequences" of the Civil War; October 5th Steven Reiss provides a presentation on Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope Leighey House; and on November 2nd George McDaniel gives us his insight into Historic Sites and Communities Today. We thank the Boeing Company for once more underwriting this great Series.

Finally, on Saturday, 24 September, we are partnering with the Smithsonian's African American History Museum for their Grand Opening. Sotterley will offer specialized tours that expand our focus on our African - American stories. Our Education Director, Jeanne Pirtle, will offer her unique insights and special stories of African Americans who lived and worked at Sotterley.

Warmest Regards,
Bert Johnston
President, Board of Trustees

EDUCATION CORNER

Sotterley's Slave Cabin Exhibit will be in place later this fall with an official opening and dedication honoring the late Agnes Kane Callum in the spring of 2017. The exhibit will allow visitors to enter the slave cabin and view the space as it might have been left on a day in the 1850s while its residents were at work. Viewing from the perspective of the members of the Cane family who were enslaved at Sotterley during this period, visitors will see their ingenuity, their preservation of culture, and their resistance to their enslavement. The exhibit is made possible through a grant from the Maryland Heritage Area Authority and will add yet another layer of depth to Sotterley's interpretation of the African American experience. Jeanne Pirtle, Dennis Kund of Kund & Associates, and Joe Goldsmith contributed to the exhibit's content, development and fabrication.

A new education program geared to high school to adult is in development. Entitled *The Pursuit of Happiness*, the program will examine the founding of Maryland as a colony and how the institution of slavery helped shape its economic forces, laws, and social norms. Viewing events from multiple perspectives using primary sources largely related to Sotterley's own people and history, students will examine how the legacy of slavery still affects our community, state and nation today. Other award winning programs *Slavery to Freedom*, *To Live Enslaved*, *Tidewater Plantation Life* and *Living on the Patuxent* continue as Sotterley's historic and cultural heritage enriches our students, teachers and visitors.

Sotterley education could not continue without dedicated instructors that are on the ground to interact with students. It takes a special breed to adapt to changing circumstances, be it weather, age groups, or individual student needs. Instructors study and practice in order to make every student's experience not only educational, but productive, memorable, and fun. As Sotterley's mission of education grows, so do our needs for more dedicated education instructors. If you are interested or you know someone else that would like to join our team, call the office or e-mail Maryann at edteam@sotterley.org or Jeanne at education@sotterley.org.

CHRISTY COLEMAN

Love, Sex and Consequences: An Intimate Look at the Civil War
Wednesday, September 21 - 7:00 p.m. in the Barn



Throughout time, young couples finding love in the midst of war is often romanticized. However, the realities of separation from loved ones often proved far more problematic. Join us on September 21 to hear Christy Coleman, Co-CEO of the American Civil War Museum, explore it all - from the most heartfelt and heart-breaking stories to the more salacious and criminal accounts. Raised in Williamsburg, Virginia, Coleman received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Hampton University and began her career as a living history interpreter at Colonial Williamsburg in 1999. From there, she served as the President and CEO of the nation's largest African American museum, The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit. Today, Coleman is the first female African-American CEO of the American Civil War Museum.

STEVEN REISS

Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House
Wednesday, October 5 - 7:00 p.m. in the Barn



Steven Reiss' lifelong interest in Frank Lloyd Wright began during his early years in Chicago. He grew up a few blocks from the Robie House, built in 1908 and recognized as the greatest example of Wright's Prairie School style. During these years Reiss remembers discovering and exploring many of Wright's houses in Chicago's south side neighborhood of Hyde Park. He has presented numerous articles and presentations on Wright's philosophy regarding "living small," especially timely within today's residential design practice. His responsibilities included preservation, research, and documentation services for the 1,200 square foot house. A registered architect, Mr. Reiss is a member of the architectural advisory committee of the Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy, which provides services to owners of Frank Lloyd Wright houses.

THE 14TH ANNUAL RIVERSIDE WINEFEST AT SOTTERLEY!

October 1 & 2 ~ Beginning at Noon both days

The 14th Annual Riverside WineFest at Sotterley is coming up on Saturday and Sunday, October 1 and 2nd, celebrating the very best Maryland wineries in the breathtaking setting of this National Historic Landmark!

This year's fantastic live music line-up:

Saturday: The Muddy Crows and HydraFX!

Sunday: The John Luskey Band and Out of Order!

This year we have 25 artisans! Our handcrafting artisans are bringing artwork, jams and jellies, home-baked goods, antiques and so much more!

Pricing:

\$15 for Sotterley Members at the Gate

\$25 General Admission at the Gate

\$20 Advanced Discounted tickets online through Sept. 25th

\$5 for children ages 6-20 & Under 6 Free

\$20 for Designated Drivers

\$2 Parking Fee

Rain or shine event - no refunds. No pets or coolers, but you are welcome to bring chairs and blankets. \$2 Parking Fee.

For more information, visit www.sotterley.org or call 301-373-2280!

See you at WineFest!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR RIVERSIDE WINEFEST AT SOTTERLEY

OCTOBER 1 & 2, 2016 - This year's WineFest will be held on October 1 & 2, 2016, at Sotterley Plantation, and we are seeking volunteers for this fun event! If you are able to volunteer, please respond by email and let us know which day and shift you would like to work. All volunteers will be sent their shift information, parking pass, and event details the week of WineFest.

The shifts are approximately as follows: (Please note that these times will vary depending on assignment!)

Saturday, October 1st

10:30 - 2:30 2:30 - 6:00

Sunday, October 2nd

10:30 - 2:30 2:30 - 5:00

Any individual who works a complete shift will be given a free admission ticket along with a Sotterley tasting glass for unlimited tasting. The ticket may be used any time on either day, but NOT during or immediately prior to their shift. (Must be 21 or older with a valid ID). Please help us by spreading the word to your family, friends and co-workers who would also enjoy volunteering at this event!

Please contact Ashley Morgan at coordinator@sotterley.org to sign up today!

WHAT'S NEW AT SOTTERLEY'S MUSEUM SHOP

As summer wanes we say, "So long," to our College Intern, Alex Gadd. Alex has been a valued member of the Museum Shop Staff for several years. We wish him great success in Law School and look forward to his return next summer. However, as we say goodbye to Alex, we welcome our High School Intern, Michaela Guy. Michaela is a senior at Ryken High School. Upon graduation she plans to continue her education, also pursuing a degree in law. We are very pleased and honored that she has chosen Historic Sotterley as one of her volunteer activities and look forward to working with her.

The Museum Shop Volunteers play a key role in ensuring an enjoyable experience for our guests. They work diligently to keep the shop organized and to maintain a welcoming presence our visitors appreciate. We are always looking for volunteers who enjoy meeting and interacting with people from around the world. So, if you or someone you know are looking for a rewarding volunteering opportunity, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Ashley Morgan, at 301-373-2280.



In the Spotlight!

Spotlight on Chris McNelis, Broker Owner of The McNelis Group and A Sotterley Champion, since 2008

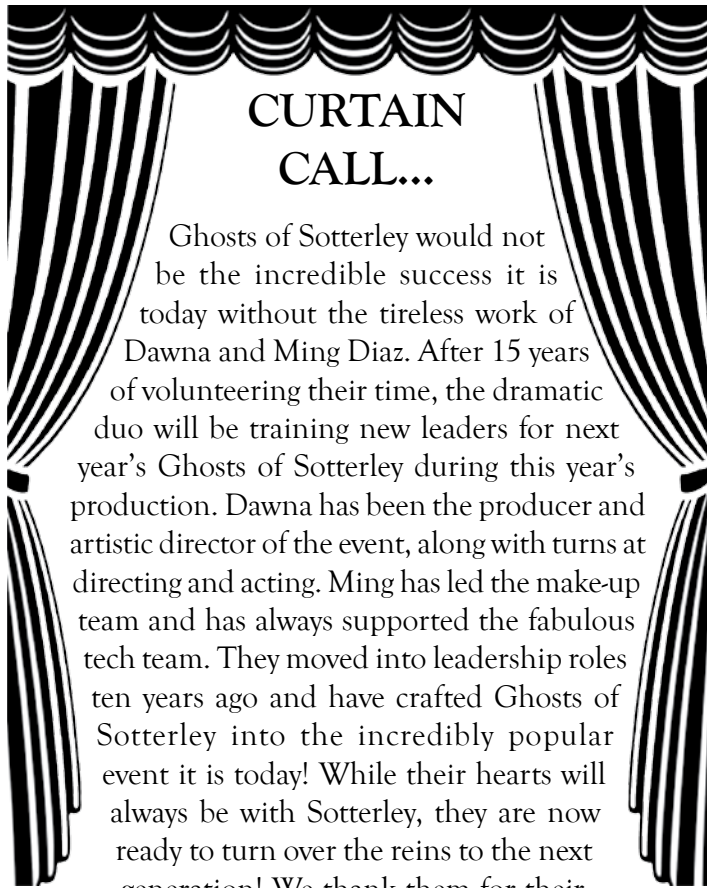


“My magnetic compass points me to historic sites.” So it’s no surprise that Chris McNelis, owner of The McNelis Group real estate service on Solomons Island, maneuvered the tree-lined drive to Sotterley with a desire to discover the land, the river, the 1703 plantation house, and the people who lived and toiled here. “All ready to tell a story . . . if one would just listen.”

Chris came to Southern Maryland in 1992 from Annapolis and Washington, DC, to work at a local real estate firm with her sister, Judy Szyborski. She brought with her a love of the water and a great respect for historical homes. Out of college, she worked on Capitol Hill for a local design firm specializing in historic preservation. With a carpenter’s tool belt as an accessory, she spent many hours re-creating, cleaning, and restoring the details of historic houses for multiple patrons.

When she opened her own real estate business in Solomons in 2006, Chris knew that a successful business had a responsibility to support its community. Her father, James McNelis, had instilled in her the culture of giving back. She remembers his words: “in times of need the organization benefits from the gift, but it’s the giver who’s truly enriched.”

It was her friend, local business woman, and then Board of Trustees President, Ellen Zahniser, who brought the needs of Sotterley to her attention. “When Ellen’s involved in something, you know it’s important. And you know you need to pay attention. That’s it!” Chris sought out Sotterley in 2008 and has supported WineFest and other special events ever since. Chris championed Sotterley in its time of great upheaval (Hello, Hurricane Irene), with a passionate, unsolicited letter to the editor. She is a true friend. We are grateful and truly proud to have her as a member of the Sotterley family.



CURTAIN CALL...

Ghosts of Sotterley would not be the incredible success it is today without the tireless work of Dawna and Ming Diaz. After 15 years of volunteering their time, the dramatic duo will be training new leaders for next year’s Ghosts of Sotterley during this year’s production. Dawna has been the producer and artistic director of the event, along with turns at directing and acting. Ming has led the make-up team and has always supported the fabulous tech team. They moved into leadership roles ten years ago and have crafted Ghosts of Sotterley into the incredibly popular event it is today! While their hearts will always be with Sotterley, they are now ready to turn over the reins to the next generation! We thank them for their tireless dedication all these years and know that this year with them will be the best to date!

Witches in the Woods: Will You Make it Out Alive?

October 21, 22, 27, 28, 29

Experiences begin at 7:00 p.m.
and run every 10 minutes

Advance Reservations Required - No Walk-ins

There are witches in the woods. Can you spot them? Not everyone who you encounter is whom they seem. Join us for a thrilling adventure that will keep you guessing until the very last scene! Prepare to encounter both the earthly inhabitants and those not of this earth on this spooky outdoor walking tour production!

Advance reservations are required.

Tickets are \$15 per person and may be purchased online: www.sotterley.org.

NEW! Exclusively for Sotterley Members! Pay only \$10 per person for performances on Thursday, October 23rd! Advance reservations required - call 301-373-2280!

Group rates are available by calling our office 301-373-2280. May not be suitable for young children. Dress appropriately for this spooky outdoor walking tour / production. NO refunds - held rain or shine.

2016 SOTTERLEY SUSTAINERS RECOGNIZED

We are proud to recognize our most important members of the Sotterley family: “The Sotterley Sustainers.” The heartbeat of our organization, those listed below have supported Historic Sotterley every year for the past 10 (or more) years through annual gifts and membership renewals. We are honored and humbled by their dedicated support. Their love of Sotterley is an inspiration to us all, and their exceptional level of steadfast support is the foundation upon which Sotterley continues to build. – Keep the Love Coming!

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Volunteers Needed!

With so much activity on Sotterley's grounds, we are in need of more volunteers! Your invaluable support keeps this wonderful National Historic Landmark open to the public and enables us to remain an important part of our Southern Maryland landscape and history.

To help us bridge the gap between the past, the present, and the future, please contact
Ashley Morgan, Volunteer Coordinator at
(301) 373-2280 or coordinator@sotterley.org

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CAN DO
EVERYTHING
BUT EVERYONE
CAN DO
SOMETHING
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NEW EMPLOYEES JOINING THE TEAM



Laura Berryman, Stewardship Manager – Though we're not originally from the area, St. Mary's County is where we call home! I am a proud active duty Navy spouse and mom, happily settling down after many years of comings and goings. I offer a variety of solid yet diverse professional and volunteer experience acquired during my family's many military moves, and I'm thrilled to be part of the Sotterley team! I am most looking forward to building relationships with our members, whose generous support sustains Sotterley and enables us to continue sharing the important historical and cultural stories this unique site has to offer.

Why Sotterley? For me, it starts with love of country. In order to fully understand the initial development of our beautiful United States of America, one must first consider and understand the impacts of that time – the influence of Europe (especially Great Britain), the importance of political and marriage relationships, and the economic and labor forces at work. These are stories not to be read in a history book, tested, and then promptly forgotten, but rather experienced first-hand, to enable the story to come alive and provoke thought. I am honored to now be part of that living history, and I'm excited to chat with our members to discover why Sotterley is special to them.

Maryann Granata, Education Coordinator – Sotterley education welcomes an edition to the department, our new Education Coordinator, Maryann Granata. A resident of California, Maryland, she holds a Bachelor's of Science degree from Centenary College, Hackettstown, NJ, and a Graduate Teacher Certification from William Paterson University, Wayne, NJ. Ms. Granata's work experience since 2005 includes teaching in public and private schools, program administration, and local museum education at Calvert Marine Museum and Historic Sotterley. Dr. Kim Hill, Superintendent of Charles County Public Schools said "I would highly recommend Ms. Granata...She is a hardworking, dedicated employee." Maryann will work to further expand the reach of Sotterley's important mission primarily for K-12 students and teachers. Her teaching and development skills will enhance and help grow Sotterley's educational outreach to the community. Maryann joins Jeanne Pirtle, Sotterley's Education Director.



COMING SOON!

A monthly giving program: a smarter, faster way to show your support of Historic Sotterley. Details to follow, but if you can't wait to learn how the smallest amounts make the biggest impact, call Jane or Laura to find out more - 301-373-2280!

2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Visit www.sotterley.org for more information

Backstairs/Upstairs	September 10
Homeschool Day	September 14
Speaker Series #5 <i>Speaker Christy Coleman</i>	September 21
Museum Day Live	September 24
Riverside WineFest	October 1-2
Speaker Series #6 <i>Speaker Steven Reiss</i>	October 5
Ghosts of Sotterley	October 21-22; 27-29
Speaker Series #7 <i>Speaker George McDaniel</i>	November 2
Family Plantation Christmas	December 10

Birding the Fields at Sotterley!

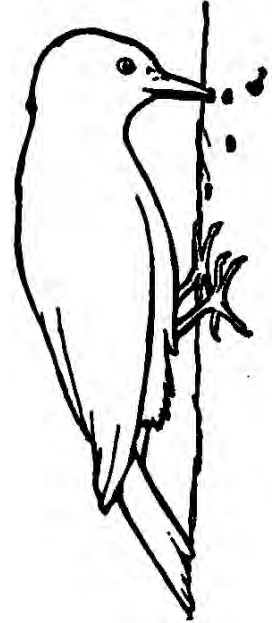
Sunday, September 18th, 2016

8 am - 11 am Field Trip


Leaders: David Moulton and Michael Patterson

Join us for a fall excursion of Sotterley's scenic and historic Patuxent River property. Bald Eagles, migrant songbirds and lingering meadowlarks and sparrows can be found on Sotterley's newly expanded trails and river views.

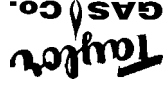
Beginners welcome! Directions: From Rt. 235, go north on Sotterley Road, turn right through gates to the Sotterley Plantation visitors' center parking lot. Please RSVP by the 17th to David at moulton.davidh@gmail.com or 240-278-4473




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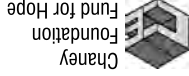
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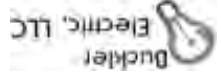
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