

SOTTERLEY TIMES

The mission of Historic Sotterley, Inc. is to preserve, research, and interpret Sotterley Plantation's diverse cultures and environments, and to serve the world as an educational, cultural, and community resource.

NEWSLETTER OF HISTORIC SOTTERLEY, INC.

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WINEFEST, P. 3

Farmers Market is now in Full Bloom! Join the Community Every Saturday from 8 am – 1 pm!



Delicious organic veggies, grow-at-home herb plants, fresh-cut flowers, outdoor furnishings, birdhouses, floral hanging baskets, and so much more! Sotterley's Farmers Market is officially open for the 2016 season! In case you haven't heard, Harry's locally-acclaimed eggs are back! We're convinced that his free-range chickens lay "the best eggs you've ever had!"

If you haven't yet, come by to meet all of our local producers for Farmer's Market! Now in its third year, our Farmers Market is still bringing in the "regulars" as well as first-timers. This year, we are proud to announce that we are expanding our certified organic produce offerings, and our open hours.

This summer, the Farmers Market runs from 8 am until 1 pm, rain or shine. With almost 100 beautiful acres, we are extending our Wagon Tours to include more of Sotterley's picturesque scenery. Stay tuned to Sotterley's social media for updates on future local bluegrass musicians visiting the Market, cooking demos, and when Pick Your Own Sunflower days will begin! In addition to what we grow here at Sotterley, we also feature the best homegrown and handcrafted items from our Southern Maryland community.



After you shop at the market, spend the rest of your Saturday with us. Check in at the Visitor's Center to tour the Plantation House, hike our trails, and stroll through the gardens. Don't forget - our wonderful members get in free! Leashed dogs are welcome on our nature trails.

Sotterley Gives Back!

Last season, Sotterley donated over 6,000 pounds of organic produce to local homeless shelters and non-profits who serve those in need in Southern Maryland.

We are continuing the tradition this season, and we are proud to be a part of a community that is invested in putting food in the hands of people that need it most.



Dollar Discount Bags

Thanks to Tractor Supply for Sponsoring our Dollar Discount Bags! Receive your free, reusable, sustainable produce bag from our Farmer's Market and enjoy a dollar discount every Saturday throughout the season when you bring the bag back to the Market!

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A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Summer is here at Sotterley and the garden and grounds are beautiful! Come enjoy a morning walk on one of our trails - it is a great time of the year to enjoy the site.

We have a new Director of Development on board, Ms. Jane Bachman! Jane is a seasoned professional and brings a diverse wealth of experience in fund-raising, events and business development. We look forward to great things from Jane.

We are starting our third season of our Sotterley Farmer's Market which has been welcomed by the community. Not only do local vendors sell their produce and wares, but Sotterley grows and sells our own organic produce. The produce that is not sold is given to community organizations helping to feed those in need. This market has been so successful that Joe is exploring new ways to expand the market and its offerings, so stay tuned!

The Slave Cabin exhibit is opening this summer. It will be dedicated to the memory of our Trustee Emeritus, Agnes Kane Callum, (the direct descendent of slaves who lived and worked at Sotterley) and who has forever shaped how we interpret this site. We are already planning a new exhibit focused on Sotterley's connection to the river and its economy. It will be called *Transportation and Trade on the Tidewater*. More to come on this one, so keep your ears open!

Last month we held our annual Gala, "Sail Away on the S.S. Sotterley," and it was an outstanding success! The food was wonderful, the attendees were festive, and the auction items were spectacular! I don't think we've ever had a better Gala. We owe the entire Gala committee, headed by our Trustee Emeritus, Ellen Zahniser, a huge "THANK YOU!!" Speaking of events, before we know it, fall will be here and it will be time for our annual WineFest! This event is one of the favorite community events at Sotterley and promises to be a big hit again this year. WineFest is currently planned for October 1st and 2nd.

Finally we want to thank our County Commissioners for again supporting Sotterley's education and tourism efforts through their granting process. We are so pleased that our county recognizes the benefits that Sotterley brings to the citizens of our county and the Southern Maryland region. And to all of our friends, thank you for your generosity and support of this fantastic Tidewater Plantation.

Warmest Regards,
Bert Johnston
President, Board of Trustees

Hails and Farewells for the Board of Trustees

We say farewell to two trustees who will be stepping down from the Historic Sotterley Board. Dave Brown has been on the Board since 2006, and has served on the Education, Interpretation, Finance, Development, Landscape and Buildings Committees. He also has served as one of our Interpreters for years before he began his tenure on the board, and continues to serve in this capacity today. Dave has pledged to continue serving on numerous committees in the years ahead, and his devotion and commitment to Sotterley is both inspirational and unwavering.

Steve Proctor will also be leaving the board after serving on it for six years. While serving on the Development Committee his expertise on key advancement and advocacy issues paired with his leadership during times when critical support was needed was an inspiration. Steve has also pledged to continue supporting Sotterley in the years ahead, and his generosity of spirit and keen intellect will continue to be a huge asset to our organization.



The G. S. Proctor & Associates legacy on our board will continue, however, as Gregory S. Proctor III (or Trey as he is better known) was elected onto the Board at the June meeting. Trey is as passionate as his father about preserving our irreplaceable history and about connecting Sotterley's visitors to the stories and experiences that our shared past represents. In Trey's own words: "As we make awe-inspiring progress in technological advances and converse more poignantly about future conditions of our country and the world, it has never been more important to protect and even consult our collective history in the formulation of our roadmap forward."

Gala in the Garden

A fantastic evening filled with friends and fun!

Thanks to all of our wonderful sponsors and supporters, Gala in the Garden was a smashing success! Over 220 guests enjoyed incredible catering by Ken's Creative Kitchen, featuring Mediterranean Cuisine, such as Spanakopita with Fresh Spinach and Feta Cheese in Phyllo Pastry, Lamb Kibbi Stuffed with Pine Nuts, Greek Tzatziki and so much more!

Guests enjoyed perusing a wide range of fabulous auction items throughout the evening, from John Cook's Hand-carved Egret to St. Mary's First Legally Produced Rum since Prohibition to an amazing NASCAR Extravaganza package. Congratulations to all of our winners!

As always, all of the proceeds from Gala help to support the wide range of educational and cultural programming offered to our community and region. Thank you to all of our attendees, sponsors and supporters for helping to not only make this year's Gala a success, but for helping to make all we do possible!



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 1st and 2nd, 2016! This year's WineFest will prove to be the best one yet! We expect record attendance on the field this year as we integrate old traditions and new artisans! As always, wine will flow freely, demonstrators will display their skills, live music will fill the field, and our locally-based artisans will sell their unique wares!

This year, our Live Music will include:

Saturday

Muddy Crows ~ Noon - 2:45pm

Hydra FX ~ 3pm - 6pm

Sunday

John Luskey Band ~ Noon - 2pm

Out of Order ~ 2:15pm - 5pm

Sponsorship has its benefits! Event sponsors receive complementary tickets, event signage and discounts on our full-color program!

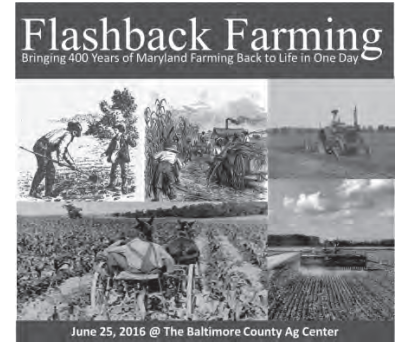
To become a WineFest Sponsor, please contact Jane Bachman, Director of Development at development@sotterley.org. And don't forget ~ WineFest Sponsors receive a discount on advertising! To advertise in the WineFest program, please contact Marketing Manager Anna Harrison at marketing@sotterley.org.

For more information, we welcome your phone call at 301-373-2280.

EDUCATION CORNER

Sotterley goes on the Road!

Members of Sotterley's farm team, led by Joe Goldsmith, participated in a Flashback Farming event organized by the Maryland Agricultural Resource Council at the Baltimore County Agricultural Center in Cockeysville, Maryland. Sotterley was well represented with antique tools and tractors, as well as an education booth that centered on Sotterley's African-American farm and family experience from 1699-1960. The event featured hay rides, farm animals, and demonstrations on historical farming machines and methods. Sotterley used a mid 20th century tractor to demonstrate plowing methods from the time period, and visitors watching the demo learned that similar antique tractors are still used at Sotterley today to cultivate the land because they are compatible with our organic farming practices. Sotterley truly links farming from the past to the present.



Sotterley's Junior Docent program is back, and we kicked off the second year on June 20 & 21st. Youth ranging from ages 8 to 18 participate in the Junior Docent program every year. This talented group of young people learn about Sotterley and its history in order to interact with our visitors. They truly enhance their experiences as well as their understanding of our shared past.

Special thanks are extended to the Sotterley spring education directors for their enthusiastic support and guidance. Thanks to Mary Sothoron, Karol Wolgemuth, Mary Ann Stamm, Leslie Burgess, and Katherine Humphries.



Benjamin Moore and Maryland Historical Trust Help Restore Gatehouses Exteriors!

Restoration: It takes a village, and some paint!

Restoration projects are high priority at Sotterley and as you walk through our buildings and grounds, you will see projects in progress, as well as those in need. Your support, through unrestricted annual gifts, goes a long way to ensuring our future. One such project, the North and South Gatehouses, recently received new roofs stained in our signature "Sotterley Red." A grant from the Maryland Historic Trust and a gift from Benjamin Moore made this project possible. The story of restoring (and maintaining) a 300 year old property is messy, and one that requires skilled craftsmen, committed staff members and you! Here's an example of the detailed work that this project involves:

The Problems:

- The restrooms (dating from the 1970's) have been removed from both Gatehouses, but the rear exterior walls still sport the old restroom doors. The doors are unsightly and are starting to rot.

The Fixes:

- The rotting doors will be removed and new siding placed on each exterior wall

- Both buildings will be painted (generously donated by Benjamin Moore)
- Rotting shutters must be restored or replaced
- Rotting window frames must be restored
- A window replicated the one originally on the South Gatehouse must be installed
- All interior surfaces in both Gatehouses need restoration efforts



WELCOME ABOARD!

Welcome, Jane Bachman, Director of Development!

Historic Sotterley is proud to welcome another employee on board! As the office gears up for WineFest, we are grateful to have Jane Bachman handling sponsorships, donations and more! As a native Marylander (originally from Montgomery County and a University of Maryland graduate), Jane has been an involved member of the St. Mary's community since 1990. Jane served as the Director of Development at St. Mary's College of Maryland. She also served on the exploratory committee to expand the College's River Concert Series and on Health Share of St. Mary's as a Board member and chair of the Holiday Home Tour. Many will know her most recently as Manager and Director of Business Development at another beloved, local institution: Traditions of Loveville. Her development and events experience also includes work with the Folger Shakespeare Library, the University of Maryland's Center for Renaissance and Baroque Studies, as well as Queens College in New York. She hopes to use her past experiences to help preserve and sustain this National Historic Landmark. In her own words, she says:



"Whatever we had missed, we possessed together the precious, the incommunicable past."

- Willa Cather, *My Antonia*

Sotterley has long held a special place for me. Indeed, it brings to mind my favorite novel quoted above. My Antonia, explores (with a most poetic voice), the relationship between humans and the place we inhabit. And, although it's often difficult to separate the myth and legend of the place from the reality of what happened "here," it is worth the journey and effort to the truth.

I look forward to the challenges of raising dollars, awareness, and friends for Historic Sotterley Plantation. I want to share my passion for history and interiors and memory and place. I want to hear your story. I look forward to meeting you in the next few months. And don't be surprised when I meet you with the question: "Why Sotterley?" Why visit. Why join. Why give. Why Sotterley matters. Because in the journey we discover what happened "here" and why it matters to "us."

Welcome, Eve Love, Grants Manager!



Digging seems to be a recent theme in my life: a genealogist, a gardener, and now Grants Manager for Sotterley! I am a native of Hollywood, Maryland, and have been a neighbor of Sotterley for fourteen years. I graduated from St. Mary's College of Maryland with a degree in Social Science, and then received a Master of Arts in Applied Management from University of Maryland University College. For almost 30 years, I worked for local government contractors in Project Management and Contract Administration. As a member of the St. Mary's County Historic Preservation committee, Hospice of St. Mary's Board of Directors, St. Mary's County Genealogical Society, and the St. Mary's County Historical Society, my rare spare time is spent volunteering with the Sotterley Garden Guild. I will be busy researching and submitting grant opportunities for Sotterley, particularly in the areas of Historic Preservation, Education and Agriculture.

SECURING THE FUTURE

2016 marks the 20th anniversary of Sotterley's placement on the National Trust for Historic Preservation's "11 Most Endangered Historic Places." This designation galvanized critical support for Sotterley and while we are no longer on that list, there is still much work to be done. That is why your gift to "Secure the Future" of Sotterley is so important. A planned gift (or a plan for your legacy), is one way to guarantee we never make that list again. Please contact, Jane Bachman, Director of Development, to discuss the ways your planned gift will provide the ongoing stewardship of this National Treasure.

Barn Bash

Sotterley Barn Bash!

This family-fun evening draws Country Music fans from all over Southern Maryland! The Country Memories Band, a Southern Maryland favorite for over 16 years, encourages guests to get out on the dance floor with music made famous by Merle Haggard, Hank Williams, Johnny Cash, Conway Twitty, and many more!

August 19th, 2016

5:00 p.m. gates open | 6:00 p.m. music begins

Admission: \$15.00 per person at the gate.

Food, beer, and wine for purchase.

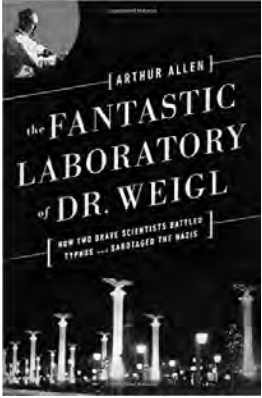
Did you know? Sotterley's very own Joe Goldsmith is one of the band members!

UPCOMING SPEAKER SERIES

Arthur Allen

The Fantastic Laboratory of Dr. Weigl: How Two Brave Scientists Battled Typhus and Sabotaged the Nazis

Wednesday, August 24 – 7:00 p.m. in the Barn



Drawing on extensive research and interviews with survivors, Arthur Allen tells the harrowing story of two brave scientists, a Christian and a Jew, who put their expertise to the best possible use, at the highest personal danger.

In the 1920s, Weigl had created the first typhus vaccine using a method as bold as it was dangerous for its use of living human subjects. The astonishing success of Weigl's techniques attracted the attention and admiration of the world, giving him cover during the Nazi's violent occupation of Lviv. His lab soon flourished as a hotbed of resistance. Weigl hired otherwise doomed mathematicians, writers, doctors, and other thinkers, protecting them from atrocity. The team engaged in a sabotage campaign by sending illegal doses of the vaccine into the Polish ghettos while shipping gallons of the weakened serum to the Wehrmacht.

Among the scientists saved by Weigl, who was a Christian, was a gifted Jewish immunologist named Ludwik Fleck. Condemned to Buchenwald and pressured to re-create the typhus vaccine under the direction of the sadistic Nazi doctor, Erwin Ding-Schuler, Fleck had to make an awful choice between his scientific ideals or the truth of his conscience. In risking his life to carry out a dramatic subterfuge to vaccinate the camp's most endangered prisoners, Fleck performed an act of great heroism.

Christy Coleman

Love, Sex and Consequences: An Intimate Look at the Civil War

Wednesday, September 21 – 7:00 p.m. in the Barn



Christy Coleman, co-CEO of the American Civil War Museum, has always had a love of history. One of her more recent projects, *Love, Sex and Consequences* has uncovered fascinating facts about love and life in the Civil War era.

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. 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. During her time there, the museum's membership grew from 3,500 to more than 15,000. Coleman has written a number of academic pieces for historical reference, as well as historic drama for screen, theater and on-site programs. Today, Coleman is the first female African-American CEO of the American Civil War Museum.

Small Fry Fridays!

Fun learning opportunities at Historic Sotterley Plantation are coming up every Friday during summer 2016 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.!

July 8:

10 – 12 pm

Croquet & Games on the Lawn

July 15:

10 – 12 pm

Lessons in the Schoolhouse

July 22:

10 – 12 pm

Gardening, Farming & Fun

July 29:

10 – 12 pm

Work, Work, Work

August 5:

10 – 12 pm

Healing Herbs

Please check in and pay admission fees at the Visitor Center!

Rain or shine events.

Volunteer Corner

Historic Sotterley Plantation wouldn't be what it is today without our faithful volunteers. Their invaluable support keeps this wonderful National Historic Landmark open to the public and enables us to remain an important part of our Southern Maryland historic legacy.

If you have been considering ways to be of service in the community, then look no further, we need you! Our volunteer opportunities are plentiful and we welcome anyone interested in helping out! While we always need help during events, our most critical seasonal needs are:

Museum Shop and Visitor Center: As a Museum Shop and Visitor Center volunteer, yours is the first face visitors will see when they come to visit Sotterley Plantation. While making our guests feel welcome, you will also have the opportunity to sell our unique wares and tour admissions.

Docent: As a docent, you will lead guided tours from room to room in the historic Plantation House and teach the rich story of our 300+ year old history to guests.

Garden Guild: Garden Guild volunteers help maintain the magnificent Colonial Revival Garden, to the delight of visitors throughout the year and especially during our blooming months.

Special Events: Our busy Fall season is just around the corner, and our volunteers make all of our events possible! Ghosts of Sotterley, WineFest, Family Plantation Christmas and more!

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 email: coordinator@sotterley.org

Exhibits Continue Taking Shape

The Land Lives and Labor exhibit in Sotterley's Corn Crib has been open since September of 2015, but visitors coming this summer will be able to experience a new interactive map and panel located inside the exhibit. These new elements will afford visitors a clearer understanding of how Sotterley's size and scope changed over its 300 year history. This project and the restoration of our Corn Crib were made possible by a grant from the African American Heritage Preservation Program.

The Slave Cabin exhibit is still on track to be completed this summer, and once finalized, all visitors will be able to enter the structure and gain a better understanding of the experience of the enslaved living there in the 1850's. This project is made possible by the Maryland Heritage Area Authority, and the exhibit will be dedicated to the memory of Sotterley's Trustee Emeritus, Agnes Kane Callum.

Become a Ghost...

Ghosts of Sotterley
Auditions

Thursdays: August 4 & 11

6:30pm-8:30pm

Saturdays: August 6 & 13

10am-12pm



Volunteer Happy Hour

Front Porches are for Gathering with Great Friends!

At Sotterley, we can't thank our volunteers enough! To show our thanks, we hope you'll join us at our Volunteer Happy Hour on Thursday, July 14th.

Join us on the Front portico from 5:30 until 6:30 and get to know your fellow volunteers, past and present. We will provide the lemonade, tea and water, but you are also welcome to bring your own beverage and a favorite appetizer. Bring a friend and enjoy the evening!

2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Visit www.sotterley.org for more information

Saturday Farmer's Market	Through September 24
Small Fry Fridays	July 8, 15, 22, 29; Aug. 29
Ghost of Sotterley Auditions	August 4, 6, 8, & 13
Barn Bash	August 19
Speaker Series #4: Arthur Allen	August 24
Backstairs/Upstairs	September 10
Homeschool Day	September 14
Speaker Series #5: Christie Coleman	September 21
Riverside WineFest	October 1-2
Speaker Series #6: Steven Reiss	October 5
Ghosts of Sotterley	October 21-22; 27-29
Speaker Series #7: George McDaniel	November 2
Family Plantation Christmas	December 10

Birding the Fields at Sotterley!

Sunday, September 18th, 2016
8 am - 11 am

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](tel:240-278-4473)



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