

Pemberton Hall - 1741

One of the earliest dated brick gambrel roofed houses in Maryland, Pemberton Hall was built for Col. Isaac and Ann (Dashiell) Handy and is typical of a mid-eighteenth century Eastern Shore plantation house of its class. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the house is under restoration by Pemberton Hall Foundation, Inc., a community based non-profit organization. The house is open Saturday, noon - 2 p.m., May through October, 2019 and by appointment. Closed Easter weekend. Pemberton Hall may be rented for receptions and special occasions.

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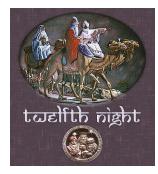
Last Fall, Pemberton Hall interpreters showcased Pemberton Hall for two bus tours, Farmer's Co-op from the Western Shore of Virginia and a Mystery Tour conducted by Chesapeake's Tours of Salisbury. These visitors are always surprised and delighted to discover our historical treasure on the Wicomico River surrounded by the trails of Pemberton Park.

On September 10, 2018, Anthony Cohen of the Menare Foundation spent a day with the Board of Directors and volunteers at Pemberton Hall conducting a historical interpretation workshop to assist our interpreters in more completely including the story of Colonial Pemberton Hall's enslaved residents. In addition to this workshop, Dr. Ray Thompson, Professor Emeritus Salisbury University, spent a day sharing his research on slavery on the Eastern Shore. His research will be on exhibit at historic Ratcliffe in Worcester County in 2019. These educational workshops are steps in the Foundation's initiative to better interpret the role of the enslaved at Pemberton Hall.



The annual Pemberton Hall Christmas wreath-making workshop held on December 8, 2018, provided 25 participants with a wealth of natural greenery used to create beautiful Christmas wreaths. It was the first time some of the participates had visited Pemberton Park so a bonus benefit of the workshop was a spontaneous tour of Pemberton Hall. The event was a successful prelude to the holidays.

Invitations were sent out in December to members, friends and local dignitaries for Pemberton Hall's celebration of Twelfth Night on January 5. Pemberton Hall recognized the donation by Nestor Bleech in honor of his parents of an 18th century Chippendale "Dashiell Family" chair that had resided at Pemberton Hall. Wassail and other refreshments were served to a large gathering. Meri and Brad Holden played period music in the background for tours of the house.



Pemberton Hall was featured in a two-page article in January's "The Best of the Eastern Shore" Metropolitan magazine.