



**P. O. Box 102
Laurel, DE 19956**

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November 1, 2022

Dear friends and members of the Laurel Historical Society,

Thanks to increased membership and the success of last year's largest-ever annual appeal, we're not just resting on our laurels. The Laurel Historical Society is on the move.

It's been a year of firsts:

- 1st Gala and Yuletide at Rosemont (over 350 visitors). This year's Gala is December 3rd. Tickets are now on sale.
- 1st Kendal T. Jones Lecture (and dinner)
- 1st Lecture on The Lawn
- 1st 4th of July members picnic and fireworks at The Hitchens Homestead
- 1st coordinated opening of all 6 Laurel-area museums – thanks to our partners at the Bethel Historical Society, the Old Christ Church League, and an army of dedicated volunteers
- offered A Walking Tour of Central Avenue: The Houses, The People, The Stories
- hosted a popular Bike and Brew stop/tour at Old Christ Church
- held the monthly Life in Laurel roundtable discussions at Rosemont and
- (drum roll, please) received a \$335,575 grant for restoration of The Hitchens Homestead.

We've also:

- launched three new exhibits:
 - Oddly Enough: Celebrating Laurel's Charity Lodge #27, Independent Order of Odd Fellows
 - This Certifies That
 - Signs of The Times
- conducted further research on Rosemont and the Mitchell family
- held training sessions for research center volunteers
- professionally updated and re-organized society financials
- fielded research questions from the greater community and
- published an entertaining, meaningful, and informative newsletter.

Behind the scenes, we've:

We've worked together, learned together, and had fun together. We've earned community respect and are raising the bar with an ever-widening influence around town with far-reaching impact way beyond.

You can be part of this momentum by volunteering your time, participating in our activities, or simply contributing to our cause. Your donation helps us keep the lights on, so we can continue to celebrate Laurel, its history, and its people.

Sincerely,

George R. Denney III
President

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