



Annual Appeal

Like the chicken in our new Hitchens Homestead exhibit, we've got something to crow about!

In 2025, your society completed the restoration of all five original buildings on our pond-front campus and added two more outbuildings relevant to the presentation of Laurel's last in-town farm. Each building is furnished with period-appropriate accessories and artifacts donated by you, the good people of Laurel. We have also installed meaningful and engaging exhibits on an ever-widening array of topics from baskets and broilers to the Block. You have honored us and your forebearers by entrusting us with your heirlooms and treasures so that future generations can appreciate how Laurel came to be.



Paint was barely dry this past spring when we hosted 138 people from the Vernacular Architecture Forum while in Delaware for its annual meeting. This group of students, scholars, and some of America's most distinguished architectural historians came from all over the United States, plus a few from abroad. Among them were professionals from Colonial Williamsburg, Mount Vernon, and Winterthur. They were amazed at our restoration, validated our efforts, and left us with high acclaim.

Thanks to the Laurel Redevelopment Corporation safeguarding it from falling into adverse hands, we are excited to announce that we will soon become owners of Laurel's crown jewel, Rosemont, our oldest and most historic property. To celebrate this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, we're hosting a reception there from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, November 30. On display for the first time will be new period room interpretations, as well as our latest painting by acclaimed local artist Henry Progar. Please join us!

So, don't be a turkey and wobble around. Gobble up the opportunity to contribute toward making the Laurel Historical Society the best it can be. Help us continue to make you and all of Laurel proud.



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