



EASTON -- In keeping with the Historical Society of Talbot County's mission to preserve, communicate and celebrate the rich heritage of Talbot County, HSTC encourages the community to celebrate our local Heritage on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, by participating in one or more of the activities planned during the 24-hour period.

"The board is really excited about the activities planned for Heritage Day," said HSTC Board President Richard C. Tilghman, Jr. "The planning committee has worked hard to offer relevant and meaningful ways to embrace our local history, and I know the community will enjoy the events we have planned."

From 6-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, kick off Heritage Day at a free art reception in the HSTC Auditorium, at 17 S. Washington St. The image contest, sponsored by the Raleigh Hill Foundation, showcases the winners of a contest among local students to depict "Talbot County - A Special Place". Categories will include: photographs and other media (pencil, pen, oil, watercolor, etc.) The show will be judged, and cash prizes will be awarded. Contest rules are posted at [www.hstc.org](http://www.hstc.org) or [click here](#).

Saturday, Oct. 1, will begin with an exciting new event, the Traditional Crafts Fair, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event will highlight handmade arts and crafts, especially those that reflect crafts of the past. The Fair will encourage visitors and vendors to get in touch with yesteryear through traditional craftsmanship. Only handcrafted items will be offered for sale. Demonstrations of crafts will add to the ambiance of the day. The fair will feature costumed re-enactors to greet the public, including The Cecil County Heritage Troupe, who will roam the garden and present short skits from the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. Food will be available, provided by Darnell's Catering. The fair will be free to the public in the garden of the Historical Society at 25 S. Washington St. In case of rain, the event will move into the Auditorium. At press time, crafters for the show were still needed.

Registration for the 3rd Annual Clues Cruise, sponsored by Preston Automotive Group and Wet Dog Car Wash, will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the municipal parking lot between the HSTC Auditorium and Museum. This exciting event combines local history trivia, a scavenger hunt and a poker run into a single activity. Trophies will be awarded, not only to the entry with the best elapsed time and the most correct answers, but also for the best five-card poker hands. The entry fee is \$15 for HSTC members and \$25 for non-members. Entry fees will be waived for all new members who join HSTC that day.

The day will end with a unique experience. A reception from 5-8 p.m. at Wye House, the Lloyd and Tilghman family home for generations, will celebrate American and Talbot County Treasures: architecture, antiques and decorative arts. Freeman's Auctioneers & Appraisers of Philadelphia, Pa., will have representatives (some of whom are of Antiques Road Show fame) on hand to help document the tours. Tickets are \$125 per HSTC member and \$150 per nonmember.

Other sponsors of HSTC and the Heritage Day events include the Avon Decorating Center, Avon Dixon Agency and Bill & Barbara Lane, Bartlett Pear Inn, Chapel Valley Landscaping Company, Chubb Insurance, Easton's Promise Art Gallery, Robert & Amy Lewis, and an Anonymous donor.

**For more information or to volunteer for one of the activities, contact 410-822-0773 or [curator@hstc.org](mailto:curator@hstc.org)**