

Tales from the Tavern

For Friends of the King and Queen Courthouse Tavern Museum and Members of the
King and Queen County Historical Society
Fall 2012

11th Annual Report for Year 2011

This Newsletter is being dedicated to the 11th Annual Report

10th Anniversary Celebrated in 2011

The Museum was first opened in May 2001 and the 10th Anniversary was indeed a celebration! Under the leadership of Ellen White and her committee of Beth Hayes, Sally Walker, Betty Gwathmey and Roberta Jones there was a grand celebration on Saturday, May 14, 2011. The Southland Band performed on the front porch while horse and buggy rides took place in the background. There were craft demonstrations and sales, an art display and sales with antiques' appraisals. A bake sale was provided by the Farm Bureau Women along with hot dogs, soft drinks and even an ice cream truck! The museum was off to another fantastic start in it's 11th year and the momentum kept going with new exhibits, an Open House, new technologies, two suppers, a book signing, new store items and gifts to the library.

2011 St. Stephens Parish Sundial

The Museum concluded its agreement with Immanuel Church at King and Queen Court House for the loan of the 1715 Sundial originally given to the Upper Church of St. Stephens Parish by James Taylor. The loan is for a ten year period. The Museum raised funds for the restoration of the Sundial and the design and construction of the exhibit. With just one letter to members of the Historical Society, sufficient funds were raised. Contributions were received from seven states and

Australia. Steven Taylor, a descendant of James Taylor, original donor of the Sundial in 1715, was a special benefactor of the project. Alexander Baxter, noted metals restorer of Richmond, VA, completed the repairs and restoration of the Sundial. The exhibit was designed by Terry Ammons of Studio Ammons of Petersburg and built by GROPEN, museum fabricators of Charlottesville. The exhibit also includes the base of the baptismal font that was already in the Museum's collection. The Museum prepared a history of St. Stephens Parish for the exhibit that has been published in the Bulletin.

2011 Ladies Clothes Exhibit Ended, Hume Bottle Exhibit Began

The Ladies Clothes Exhibit in the Changing Exhibit Area, which was widely acclaimed, came to an end in early December. Frank Hurst of Newington Plantation in King and Queen County worked diligently in December to install the new Changing Exhibit, the Ivor Noel Hume Bottle Collection. Ivor Noel Hume, noted archaeologist from Williamsburg, has collected the bottles over his lifetime. The collection has been purchased by Frank Hurst and is on loan to the Museum for two years. The bottles in the collection date back to 1650. Because the shape of the bottles have changed over time, they help date artifacts that *(continued Page 2)*



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Throw (48" x 68") with pictures of Early King and Queen Schools
Available from Historical Society. Schools in black and white or green and white. \$25, plus postage of \$7, and sales tax of \$1.25 if mailed to VA. Send check to King and Queen Historical Society, P. O. Box 129, King and Queen C. H., VA 23085

***(Ladies Clothes Exhibit Ended,
Hume Bottle Exhibit Began
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are found in archaeological digs. The exhibit also includes (1) Noel Hume's own written comments on the significance of each bottle and (2) a video presentation Noel Hume specially filmed at the museum for this exhibit. Artifacts from the Newington Plantation archaeological dig are also part of the exhibit.

2011 Book Signing Program

Thomas Cluverius, a native of King and Queen County, who was convicted of murdering his cousin and lover, Lillian Madison, in Richmond in 1885, returned to King and Queen County and the Museum in the form of a talk and book signing by John Thornton on October 9th. Mr. Thornton talked about his new book, **The Reservoir**, a fictionalized account of the events, to a standing room only crowd, some of whom had connections to Culverius or Ms. Madison. Mr. Thornton was introduced by Belle Boggs, formerly of Walkerton, and the prize winning author of her book, **Mattaponi Queen**, a fictional account based on people in King and Queen and the Mattaponi area. Later in the week, Ms. Boggs was awarded the top prize for the year in fiction at the Library of Virginia.

2011 Schools

The new Fall teachers in King and Queen County were guests of honor for a special meeting and tour at the Museum in August.

2011 Suppers

The Museum hosted the School Board of King and Queen County for supper on October 19th and the Board of Supervisors on November 15th. Sally Walker organized and coordinated the preparation of the home-made meals prepared by members.

2011 Christmas Open House

The fifth Christmas Open House was held on a beautiful December 4th for the community. The Museum was decorated inside and out by the docents for the Christmas Holiday. Guests inside and out enjoyed refreshments, including home-made donuts and caramel popcorn made in an open kettle over an open fire outside prepared by Nancy Herman-Thompson. Students from Aylett Country Day School sang carols on the front steps. Brownie Bevan provided a small pony and cart for rides. Wallace Mahanes was the Santa Claus elf for all the young ones, holding court in an old sleigh (the reindeer were off in a pasture).

2011 Computers, Archives, Books, Internet Site

Fine tuning and access improvements continued from the new computer system to the records in the archives, the catalogue of library books and from the office to the internet. A number of requests came in for materials and visits to the Museum from people who have located material of interest to them on the Museum website which is www.kingandqueenmuseum.com or www.kingqueenhistsoc.com. Sue Walter continued to maintain the website.

2011 Museum Store

The Museum Store began selling hand-blown and crafted glassware pieces from Jamestown in conjunction with the opening of the Ivor Noel Hume exhibit. In addition, items continued to be offered from the store via the website. The new Index to Bulletins 51-100 and King and Queen School Coverlets are now offered on the website. Sales began for the DVD copies of the 54 video interviews that were made of senior citizens in King and Queen County on their experiences in the county.

2011 Construction

With part of a grant from the Jessie Ball duPont Fund to the Historical Society, additional insulation and siding were added to the kitchen area which has lessened the pipes freezing under the sink. Several new storm doors were added on the first floor.

2011 Gifts to the Library

The Museum Library was the recipient of a gift of 34 books from the library of William Boulware (1805-1870). Boulware, born at Newtown and a resident at Traveler's Rest his adult life, was a prominent lawyer and plantation owner. He served as the United States Minister to Naples 1840-1845, before Italy was united as one country. Boulware had no children, but left his library to his nephew, William Lee Broaddus. The books descended in the Broaddus family and were found in an estate sale in North Carolina.

The Library is open whenever the Museum is open.

2011 Volunteers

Since there is no paid staff, volunteers were again in 2011 the backbone of the operation. Led by Ellen White and Sally Walker, 43 volunteers kept the Museum open 16 hours on weekends. They also staffed all programs and receptions. Conservatively, in 2011 volunteers devoted over 3,230 hours to the Museum as follows: 1,265 docent hours to open the Museum on 116 days; 360 hours in meetings; 1449 hours on programs and projects; 156 hours on accounting. Page McLemore has done yeoman service in adding new accessions, keeping the computer system operational and educating others in its use. Ellen White has been instrumental in instructing new docents on an individual basis.

2011 Retirements and New Members to the Museum Council

It is with great sadness that our long-term mentor, Caroline Jones, passed away on July 27, 2011. We regret to report that Vel Gray has retired from the Museum Council, but has remained as a docent. Joining the council were Sylvia Hutt and Biddie Shelor who have already been instrumental in the work of the Museum.

2011 Accessions

In addition to the Boulware books noted elsewhere, the Museum was the fortunate recipient of the Barbara Kaplan collection of photos and notes which she prepared in connection with her book, History of King and Queen County.

2011 Hours Open

The Museum remained open during February on Fridays and Saturdays and from March until December every Friday, Saturday

and Sunday, except Easter, Mother's Day and Father's Day. The Museum closed after December 19th until the end of January 2012. Hours were 10-4 on Fridays and Saturdays and 1-5 on Sundays. The same schedule is maintained for 2012.

2011 Financing Operations

The Museum adopted an operating budget for the eighth full year and operated within it as set forth below. Although the County pays for building maintenance, power and water, it has been found that the telephone and other expenses add up. The admission charge, the \$5 portion of the Historical Society membership dues and donations from members have helped to defray those expenses.

2011 Financial Report

Operations Account: New Operating Revenue totaled \$3,804 consisting of \$193 from admissions (Historical Society members are free), \$865 from the \$5 portion of the Historical Society dues, \$1,208 from contributions either at the door or as additional gifts members paid with their dues, \$162 from interest earnings. No money was taken from the Endowment Fund which at year end totaled \$104,262 and from which the income was set up to support operations of the Museum.

Museum Store: Profit for the year totaled \$1,317.

Grants: A grant from the Jessie Ball duPont Fund through the Historical Society was received totaling \$6,448 to defray the cost of additional storm doors, the insulation repairs to the kitchen walls and exterior maintenance of the Historical Log Schoolhouse. Spent another \$292 for small

capital projects from prior grants and the capital reserve. Unspent but allocated grant funds totaled \$2,986 at year end. **Sundial Project:** As of December 31, 2011, had received \$10,695 and spent \$4,000.

Capital Reserve: Made up of unspent money from the initial capital campaign for exhibits totaled \$21,990 at year end. All pledges have been paid.

Respectfully submitted by the Museum Council,

Rev. Robert Brown, Don Chappel, Marge & Ted Clark, Abigail Collins, Beth Hayes, Susan Richardson, Betty Gwathmey, Nancy Hazzard, Nancy Herman-Thompson, Rev. Fred Holmes, Jr, Sylvia Hutt, Roberta Jones, Gwynn Litchfield, Page McLemore, Barbara Murphy, Chief Anne Richardson, Biddie Shelor, Allison Stoneham, Jack and Elaine Eades, Nannie Taylor, Anne Ryland, Ellen T. White, Linda Barnes, Mirian Minor, Sally Walker, Sue Walter, Jo Anne Wright, Chairman Jack Spain

Become a VOLUNTEER

The Museum needs Volunteers to be Docents to welcome visitors, show the Museum and explain exhibits. It's a great way to use your spare time, to meet and work with wonderful people and to expand your knowledge of the County. You will be helping to keep the Museum open to the public 3 days a week, Fri, Sat, Sun-----Pick your day each month.

Staff will train you in Museum operations. The Museum is equipped with up to-date technology.

Curious about your family history? The Library has many books on King and Queen family genealogies. Check out the gift shop for a unique gift for someone special.

If need more info on this opportunity to provide a service to your community, please call 804-785-9558 & leave a message. Any help you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

Calendar of Upcoming Events:	
Historical Society 4 th Qtr Meeting.....	10/28/12
Christmas Open House.....	12/02/12

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Welcome to the second issue of *Tales from the Tavern*, a newsletter to bring news to you as a friend of the King and Queen Courthouse Tavern Museum and the King and Queen Historical Society. This quarter is being dedicated to the “2011 Year in Review”.

Sylvia Hamilton Hutt, Editor

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NEW At the Museum:

1. Bottle Collection Exhibit
2. Sundial Exhibit

Historical Society.

Quarterly meeting, October 28, 2012, 3:00 pm, at Hotel Riverside, Walkerton, VA
Speakers: Page Owen McLemore,
Ben P. Owen, IV
Topic: “Taylor & Caldwell Inc, Vegetable Cannery 1920-1959”

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