

HALE BYRNES HOUSE

WINTER 2017-2018 NEWSLETTER



[Photo by Ralph Burdick. Fox walking across White Clay Creek, behind Hale Byrnes House.]

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DSPA -Hale Byrnes Board gratefully thanks all involved in making this old house a lively and happy place where community members, kayakers, canoers, fishermen, scholars and artists enjoy both peaceful moments along the banks of the White Clay Creek, and engaging public programs spent listening, meeting and greeting each other.

We are especially grateful to State Division of Historic and Cultural Affairs staff, Tim Slavin, Lynn Riley, and their colleagues, Bill Holloway and Doug Erikson, and to Longwood Foundation and Paul's Pointing, for excellent work in ongoing drainage and restoration work. Thanks also go to our Board members and volunteers who scrubbed and painted the downstairs last spring, and have done so much to make this a lively and entertaining space. Special thanks to go to our new president, Donna Draper, who also serves as our "institutional memory," as her family ties to Hale Byrnes House go back to the days when the house was first saved. We thank Donna and Milt four decades of energy, enthusiasm and support.

Our 2017 programs included not only Saturday night talks by well-known state, local, and national historians, but also continued our experimental Sunday afternoon "This Place Matters Series" based on talks by Delaware museum and historic site staff members talking about their adventures in historic preservation. A particular smash hit in 2017 was Carlton Hall's talk on the Green Book. Thanks to Carlton, and our other speakers, we are happy to announce that we will be moving into a third year of these Sunday afternoon programs, co-sponsored by Cooch's Bridge DAR.

We send our love and sympathy to long-time member Carla Stone on the death of her husband, Jack Bassett and gratefully acknowledge a contribution received in Jack's memory.

A reminder: Hale Byrnes House is closed for the winter. We will re-open on Wednesday, April 3. Our first 2018 Saturday evening American Revolution Roundtable (ARRT-NDE) will be held April 14. Our

speaker will be Dr. M. John Barlow of Rehoboth, whose topic will be “Medecine in 18th Century America; Before & During the American Revolution. Please visit our calendar page for the complete schedule.

Remember to also check us out on Facebook:

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See you in the spring!