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EVERGREEN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION STATUS UPDATE

The Program. The Evergreen Environmental Education (EEE) Program, provided in partnership with Frostburg State University (FSU) and Allegany College of Maryland (ACM), offers participating children and youth **hands-on environmental education** aligned with the Maryland school curriculum. The Program’s interactive activities make learning (and science) exciting and teach children how to sustain themselves and the environment. This win-win program also provides education and forest technology majors from FSU and ACM, who are mentored by their professors and the Evergreen Heritage Center’s environmental education specialist, with teaching experience and a highly marketable science credential. To date, Program attendees include **Allegany County Public Schools** students and children/youth served by outreach organizations such as the **YMCA, Human Resources Development Commission (HRDC) Head Start, the Salvation Army, and the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services.**

Success to Date. The EEE fall 2010 session provided learning opportunities for **178** children, 34 FSU student teachers, and six ACM forest technology majors. The EEE spring 2011 session is planned to include **285 to 310** public school students and children and youth from HRDC Head Start and Juvenile Services; the EEE fall 2011 session will serve over **500** participants. By 2014, the Program plans to provide **over 1500** environmental education experiences annually. The Program is provided at no cost to the participants and is funded by grants and donations.

For more information, please call us on 301-687-0664 or email us at foundation@evergreenheritagecenter.org.



7th Graders Analyzing Soil Samples



YMCA Children Collecting and Identifying Leaves

QUARTERLY UPDATE:

- *The EHC Foundation provided learning opportunities for **178 children** this fall (see this page)*
- ***Angela Hedderick** paints a rendering of the original Grime’s house (see page 2)*
- *The Foundation hosts a **murder mystery** (see page 3).*
- ***Elaine Raesly** joins the Foundation to supervise and coordinate its environmental education program (see page 3).*

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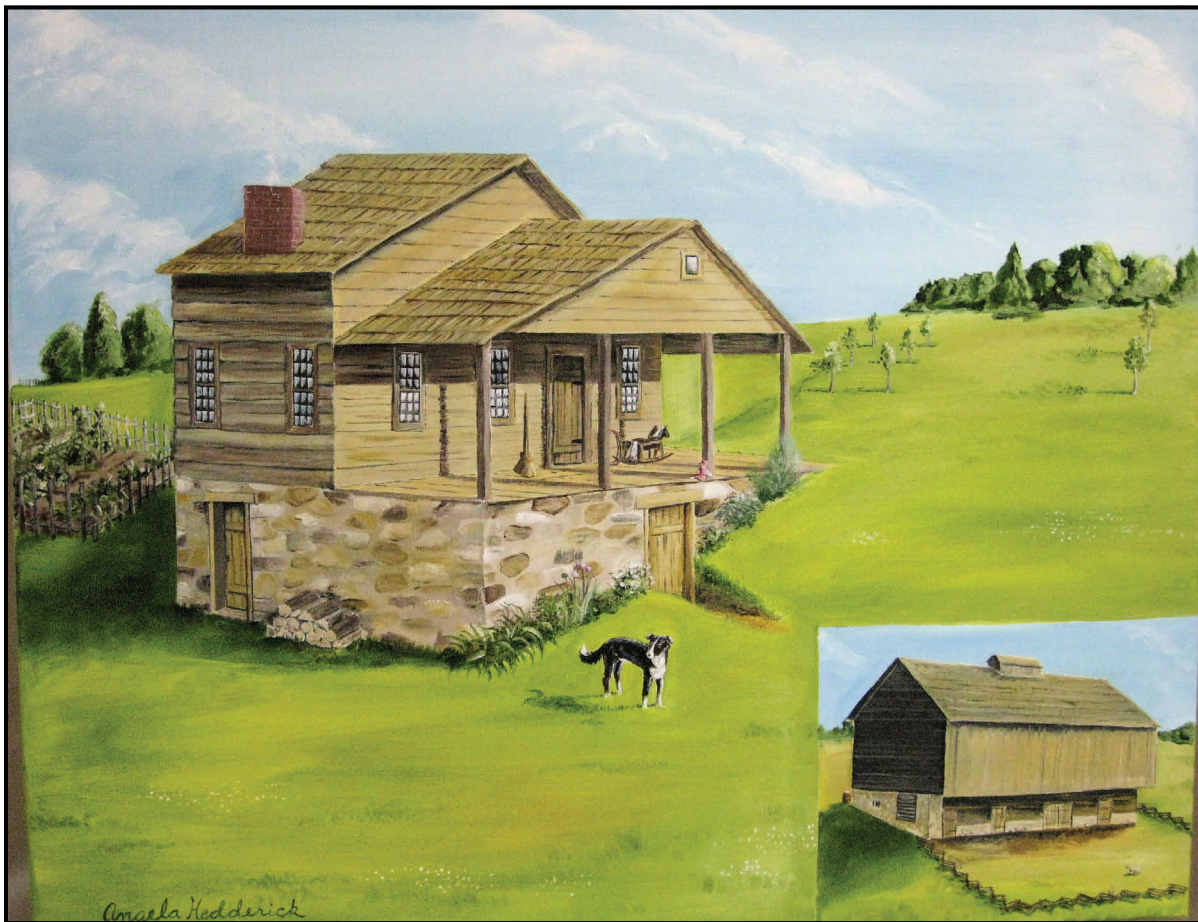
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THE ORIGINAL GRIMES HOUSE

In the late 1700s, one of Allegany County's early settlers, Edward Grimes, built the original "Evergreen" house and barn when he first settled on the property. Mr. Grimes is officially listed as a resident of the area (known then as **Wills Town**) in the **1783 Maryland Tax Assessment** and is listed as the original owner on the property's 1787 "**military lot**" **deeds**, received by early settlers or veterans of the Revolutionary War.

Based on the practices of the time, Mr. Grimes' house was likely built in stages, with the family living in a log/frame house built circa 1780 until the family built an adjacent stone house approximately 10-15 years later. Funded by donations and grants provided by the Allegany Arts Council and the Council of the Alleghenies, artist Angela Hedderick has created an oil painting depicting the original log/frame house and its porch, which faced south toward the barn (also shown in the far right corner of the painting). The stone cellar of the original house remains today and serves as the foundation for a section of the current house, which is now the Evergreen Museum. In addition, the Museum contains six of the logs from the original house which were reused as floor joists as part of renovations that were made 100 years later when the house was expanded to a two story white mansion. The original barn also remains on the property.

Mrs. Hedderick has also been commissioned to paint a rendering of the site circa 1800 after the house was expanded and became part of a large plantation. Both paintings will be on display at the Evergreen Heritage Center.



Angela Hedderick's Painting of the Original Grimes House Circa 1780

THE EHC FOUNDATION'S MURDER MYSTERY

On October 22nd, 2010, the EHC Foundation hosted a Murder Mystery fundraiser entitled “**Pasta, Passion and Pistols**”, produced, directed and enacted by Frostburg State University (FSU) students and volunteers.

Throughout the evening, cast members interacted with the audience to solve the mystery of the “murder” of Pepi Roni, the owner of an upscale “Italian restaurant” that was created for the event. The cast included Donny Richardson, who also produced and directed the mystery and is majoring in mass communication and theatre at FSU; Katherine Campanile, an FSU junior majoring in mass communication; David O’Neal, an FSU senior minoring in music and theater; Micheal McAlexander, who teaches mass communication at FSU; Christa Snyder, coordinator of human services at Allegany College of Maryland; Maggie Pratt, who has a varied past in arts and art education; Daniel Cope, who has acted in 15 productions over the past five years; and Mark Baker, a Broadway veteran and Tony nominee who remodeled and runs the New Embassy Theatre in Cumberland. FSU students Micaela Maloney and Brandi Jordan helped the Foundation plan and host the event.

During the mystery, patrons sipped wine and dined on a four course Italian dinner. The well-attended event and its silent auction raised more than \$3400, which will be used as matching funds for the Foundation’s grant from the Rural Maryland Council, supporting the Foundation’s spring environmental education program.



An evening of murder and mystery—
who “killed” Pepi Roni?



The cast of “Pasta, Passion and Pistols”

SPOTLIGHT ON ELAINE RAESLY, EHC EDUCATION COORDINATOR

The Evergreen Heritage Center Foundation’s environmental education specialist, **Elaine Raesly**, supervises and coordinates the Evergreen Environmental Education (EEE) Program. Elaine has a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife from Frostburg State University (FSU), a Master of Science degree in Sustainable Development and Conservation Biology from the University of Maryland at College Park, and a Master of Arts degree in Teaching from FSU. Ms. Raesly is certified in *Project Learning Tree*, *Project WET*, and *Project WILD* curriculum, upon which the EEE Program is based. She was also previously Coordinator of Allegany County’s Outdoor School program, and served as Coordinator of the PIERS schoolyard ecology program at the Appalachian Lab of the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Studies.

In the photo to the right, Elaine is showing 7th graders how an insect has built his “home” at the Evergreen Heritage Center (EHC). Elaine not only teaches children participating in EEE activities, but also mentors FSU and Allegany College education and forest technology majors who conduct EEE activities as part of their field experience.



Elaine and Allegany County 7th graders at the EHC



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Looking for a New Venue for Your Next Meeting or Event?

Come join us at the Evergreen Heritage Center, adjacent to the Western Maryland Scenic Railway and the Great Allegheny Passage. We would be happy to host your meeting or event, and can accommodate up to 50 people. Guests may enjoy tours of the historic Evergreen Museum, barn and walking trail. Catering services are available upon request.

We're located just one mile from Mount Savage, 10 minutes from Frostburg, and 15 minutes from Cumberland.

For more information, contact Janice Keene, 301-687-0664 or janicekeene@evergreenheritagecenter.org

2011 EVERGREEN MUSEUM SCHEDULE

The Evergreen Museum will be open to the public this coming season from 1pm to 4pm on the following Sundays:

- May 15th
- June 12th
- July 17th
- August 21st
- September 18th
- October 16th

In addition, private tours are available upon request.



Inside the Evergreen Barn