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Community Newsletter

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President's Letter

Dear Glyndon Neighbors and Friends:

Happy Fall! This year has seen a number of wonderful HGI events and projects. In May a record turnout enjoyed a fun and educational May Preservation Program on all things floral. In July and September, HGI held two porch readings, continuing a long-standing Glyndon tradition. And on October 15, HGI's biennial "Celebrate Glyndon" event featured a gallery of "then and now" photos of Glyndon displayed outside the old train station (post office).

The "Celebrate Glyndon" event officially launched the new, expanded edition of our history book,

Glyndon: The Continuing Story of a Victorian Village. The book includes more information, recently discovered archival images, and photos from Glyndon's 150th celebration, held in September 2021.

And the year isn't over yet...HGI's annual Holiday Open House will be held on December 11. Glyndon residents will receive a hand-delivered invitation with the location and other details about this festive event. We hope to see you there for fellowship with neighbors, refreshments, and the opportunity to admire a beautiful old Glyndon Victorian home!

Cheers and best wishes!

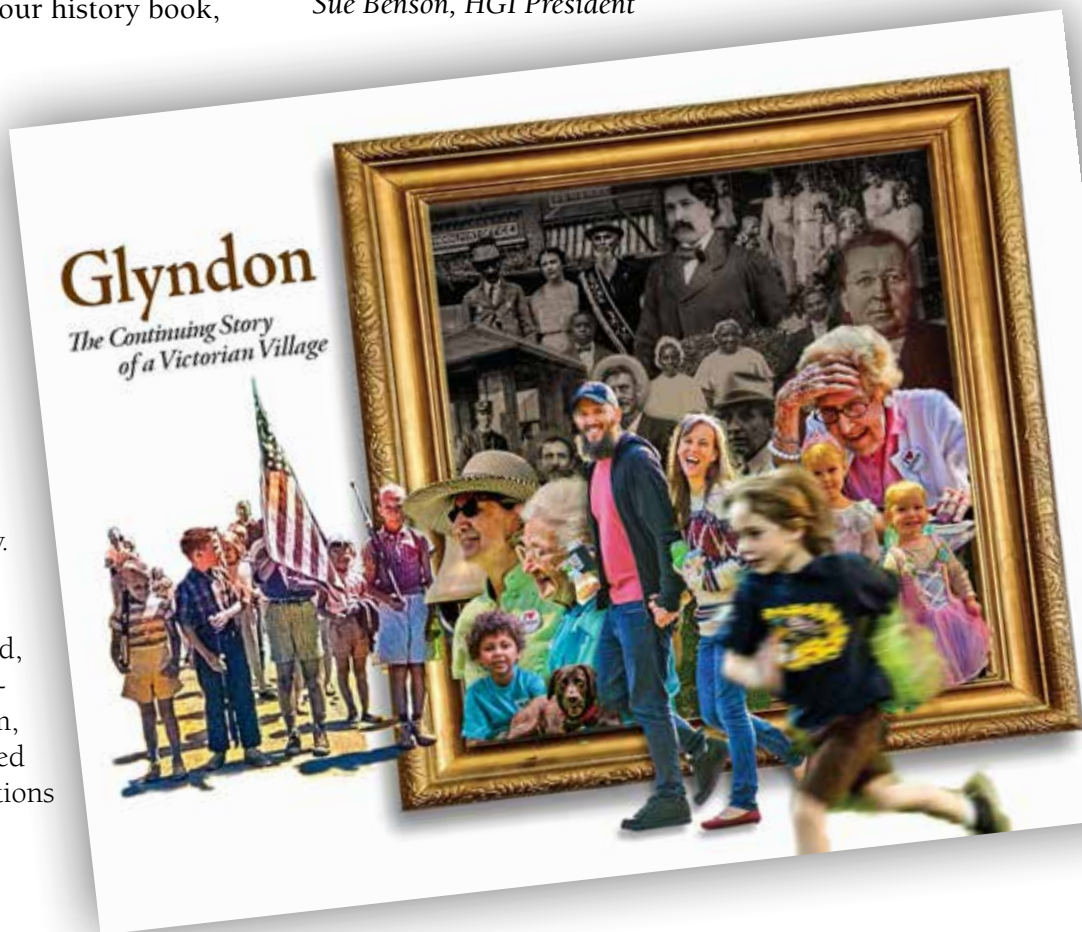
Sue Benson, HGI President

Glyndon: The Continuing Story of a Victorian Village

**72-page New Edition Has
16 Additional Pages of
Information and Photos**

The 2022 edition of *Glyndon: The Continuing Story of a Victorian Village* is available for sale now. This new, full-color edition of the Glyndon history book was researched, expanded, designed, and proofread by Glyndon volunteers. Our thanks go to them, as well as those who contributed generously by sharing recollections and loaning photographs.

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HGI originally published *Glyndon: The Story of a Victorian Village* in 1990. The committee members used as a foundation Myrtle Eckhardt's 1971 booklet, *The Story of Glyndon*, which commemorated the town's centennial. Over the years, as more research was done about the town's history, and archival photos surfaced, the book was revised and expanded, in 2010 and now again in 2022. For this edition, we've added 16 pages of information and photos.

Funds raised by HGI's house tours were earmarked to help publish this latest edition.

To purchase your copy (or a gift for someone who loves Glyndon), use the form opposite or visit <http://historicglyndon.org> to download an order form.

Unveiling the New Edition

On Saturday, October 15, HGI held its biennial "Celebrate Glyndon" event. "Glyndon's Old Town Square: Yesterday and Today," held just outside the old train station (now the post office), invited residents and neighbors to take a gallery walk through some of the pages of the new Glyndon history book. Neighbors shared greetings and refreshments

while enjoying the gallery walk of posters displaying scenes from the old town square that once flourished along Railroad Avenue. Several took advantage of the opportunity to purchase copies of the new history book.

Profits from the sale of these books go toward supporting Historic Glyndon, Inc.

The mission of HGI is to preserve and protect Glyndon's cultural, social, economic, and architectural history, as well as to conduct educational and beautification projects which enrich Glyndon's historical heritage. ■



Glyndon History Book Order Form

Name _____

Address for delivery (must be in Glyndon/Reisterstown)

Alternatively, arrangements can be made for pick up at the Glyndon Post Office or Reisterstown Library

Email for pick-up option hglyndonmd@yahoo.com.

Phone and email address (for delivery notifications):

2022 Glyndon History Book: \$25/copy

Number of copies: at \$25/copy (taxes do not apply) = \$ _____

Total Check Amount \$ _____

Send this order form, along with your check, to

HGI
PO Box 3641
Glyndon, MD 21071-3641

Make check payable to "HGI";
note "Glyndon History Book" on check.

Historic Homes of Glyndon 4707 Butler Road



In late 1885, Dr. Charles A. Leas and his wife Lizzie sold this 3/4-acre parcel of land for \$350 to Mary M. Bishop, a widow, who likely built her new home shortly afterwards in 1886. Previously, Mrs. Bishop had been living in Baltimore City with her son Thomas' family. Evidently the family moved together because an 1887 article in the Baltimore Union (Dec. 17) mentions that her son, Thomas J. Bishop, was elected secretary of the Glyndon Lodge of the O. G. T. (Order of Good Times).

Mary died in 1891, just a few years after moving to Glyndon. In her will, she left the property to her daughter-in-law Annie and it appears that Annie and Thomas resided here until at least 1915. By the time of the 1920 Census, the couple was living in Baltimore on S. Washington Street. The house seems to have become a rental property for them until Thomas' death in 1928, after which their three adult children inherited the property:

- Thomas Johnson Bishop, Jr. (married Grace Bishop)
- Annie Hammond Bishop (married Bernard Lee Perry)
- Walter Joseph Bishop (married Emma Steil) Annie predeceased her husband in 1920.

Interestingly, the announcement of Thomas' death on February 11, 1928, appeared in various newspapers throughout the United States. At 87 years old, Thomas was the oldest telegraph operator in active service in the United States. At age 20, he started

with railroad telegraphy before moving on to the news wires for several newspapers. In 1874, he landed at *The Sun* in Baltimore and there he spent the remainder of his 67 years of service, stopping briefly in 1912 for a blink of a retirement and then stopping again just two weeks before his death.

Fondly known as "Bish," Thomas was considered among the fastest and most accurate operators in the country. For several years he worked side by side with Thomas A. Edison on the New England press wire in

New York when the inventor was but an obscure "key-tickler." Throughout his career, Thomas was in a unique position to learn the history of America and the world in a way few others have learned:

The assassination of Lincoln, Garfield and McKinley, the death of Grant; the death of Gladstone and the death of Wilson; the death of Booth and the death of Bernhardt; the rise of Mussolini and the rise of Lenin; the sinking of the Maine and the sinking of the S-4; the French surrender at Sedan and the German yielding at Versailles; the Cuban revolution and the Russian; the driving of the railroad spike that connected the Eastern and Western coasts of the North American continent by rail and the landing of the airplane that connected the American and the European shores of the Atlantic by air—in short, the disasters, the triumphs and the heart throbs of humanity through nearly three-quarters of a century, "tick-ticked" their way into "Bish's" brain. Before any one in Baltimore knew what had happened anywhere in the world, before the editor knew it, "Bish" knew it. His was a work in which all that came to his attention was fresh and hitherto unknown to those around him. (The Sun, February 11, 1928)

The property was sold in 1929 to Martin and Avarilla Smith, who, according to the 1920 Census, were already residing in the house as renters. At that time, they lived there with their three daughters, four sons, and Martin's widowed mother. Martin was a streetcar conductor on the line that ran through Glyndon. ■

Ann O'Neill

Getting to Know... The Woman's Club of Glyndon



The Woman's Club of Glyndon was organized in 1900, an outgrowth of a porch reading class formed by summer residents. The club is affiliated with the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs. The purpose is to address community needs through volunteer service and through donations in support of other 501c3 organizations.

Current projects include a partnership with a Franklin Elementary School, an art contest for Franklin High School students, a scholarship for a Franklin High School graduating senior, and financial contributions to Mission of Mercy, Community Crisis Center, Cavanagh House,

Baltimore County Student Support, and the Glyndon and Reisterstown Volunteer Fire Companies. The club is a member of Historic Glyndon, Inc., the Reisterstown Improvement Association, and the Reisterstown-Owings Mills- Coordinating Council.

Since 1932, the club continues to meet the challenge of the preservation and conscientious stewardship of the clubhouse, an important historic building which was the Glyndon School. In addition to the club's monthly meetings, events are held throughout the year to raise funds to finance projects. Members working together for common goals results in strong bonds of friendship.

The club meets in the clubhouse at noon on the first Wednesday of the month (September-May). Many meetings include local speakers, most recently from Cavanagh House and Maryland Horse Breeders Association. ■

Lynne Maher

Keep Glyndon Beautiful Residents Gather to Beautify Common Areas in Ongoing Initiative

On Sunday, September 18th, Glyndon Community Association sponsored a community clean-up event around the bridge on Butler Road to beautify the gateway to our community. Neighbors joined together to brave the traffic on Butler Road to clean up trash and weeds along the bridge, as well as the area under the bridge and next to the post office. Our heartfelt thanks go to all who participated, with a special note of gratitude to the folks at Black Eyed Susan who brought bottles of cold water for the clean-up crew, and to Sunset Slush who provided some sweet treats at the end of the day! Be on the lookout for upcoming announcements about clean-up events along the other gateway areas into Glyndon and volunteer for our next event! ■

Michael Gedraitis



Digging up the "Dirt" on Victorian Gardens

Glyndon was in full bloom when Historic Glyndon Inc. presented Digging up the "Dirt" on Victorian Gardens, on Wednesday, May 4th, at the Woman's Club. The program featured a tutorial on the language of vintage Victorian flowers, poetry recited by costumed Glyndon youth, gardening tips from some of our very own Glyndon Gardeners, a floral craft for children, music, a rousing rendition of "Daisy, Daisy", and a ride on a bicycle built for two! After the program the standing-room only crowd was treated to desserts with a floral theme, dirt cake, and violet lemonade! It was great to be back together in person with neighbors for this informational and fun-filled event, topped off by the singing of "Oh I'm Glad I Live in Glyndon!"

Nan Kaestner

L to R: Katherine, Matthew, Scarlett, Grace, Chloe, Charlie, Nan, William



Missy Fanshaw

Historic Glyndon, Inc. 2022 Summer Porch Readings

Children's Stories
and Games

Thursday, July 14
6:00 p.m.

John and Christy Garman

It Was A Dark and
Stormy Night

Thursday, Sept. 22
7:00 p.m.

Richard Stanley

Please RSVP to
hglyndon@hglyndon.com
if you plan to attend,
and bring a reading
or poem to share.
Refreshments
provided.



Continuing a tradition that began in the late 1800s as the "Glyndon Porch Class," HGI held two summer porch readings this year. In July, "Children's Stories and Games" was held at the home of Christy and John Garman. In September, Richard Stanley hosted "It Was a Dark and Stormy Night."

Mission Statement

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HGI Board 2021

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Board Members -

Terms Ending January 2023

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It Takes a Village!

Interested in joining HGI's board or joining a committee? Email hello@historicglyndon.org or talk with a current board member. Thanks for your interest!



THE WINTER SPARKLES IN GLYNDON!

HGI Holiday Open House: Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 11 for HGI's annual Holiday Open House. Invitations with date, time, and location will be hand-delivered to Glyndon residents.

GCA Tree Lighting: New this year: The GCA Tree Lighting will be held at Glyndon Station Park (across from the post office). The Tree Lighting will immediately follow the HGI Holiday Open House on Sunday, December 11. Watch Glyndon bulletin boards for details about this festive Glyndon tradition. The pathway to walk (if you wish) from the Open House to the Tree Lighting will be lit. Refreshments will be available. We hope to see you at one or both events!

White Candle Lights Help Glyndon Glow

Glyndon is beautiful year-round, but there's something extra special about fall and winter, when houses glow with white candle lights in the windows. It's a Glyndon tradition that helps to welcome the season!



Upcoming Community Events

Glyndon Volunteer Fire Department Food Truck Night & Halloween Trunk or Treat: Tuesday, October 25, 5 – 8 p.m. at the GVFD. You can enjoy not cooking and your kids can trick or treat! Fun for all!

GCA "Spooky Halloween Fun" – Friday, October 28, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Historic Emory Grove Hotel. Spooky skit, trick or treating, light refreshments, games, and fun! Costumes encouraged!

GCA Halloween Spooktacular: Saturday, October 29, 7 – 10:30 p.m., Emory Grove Hotel. Tickets are \$30 per person *only in advance*. Venmo@GCAPAYMENTS.

HGI Annual Meeting: January, 2023 – Watch bulletin boards for the specific date, time, and location. Whether in-person or online (TBD), we hope you'll join us to elect HGI officers and board members and discuss ideas for 2023.



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through the pages
of history.

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through Glyndon:
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of a Victorian Village.*

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