

# Brookeville Times



October: This is one of the peculiarly dangerous months to speculate in stocks. The others are July, January, September, April, November, May, March, June, December, August and February."

Mark Twain

## 2014 Commemoration

Katherine Farquhar on behalf of Commissioners and the Town

**Fellow Brookeville Residents!**  
**You and many others see this invitation every day - and it's real!**



In our very own Town, momentum is building under Sandy Heiler's creative and knowledgeable leadership to organize the huge 200th Anniversary commemoration next year of President Madison's overnight in our small town. Here, he and his party and many others fleeing DC or from Bladensburg, were hosted as they sought shelter from the British sacking of DC.

## Mark Your Calendars

### **Commissioners Meeting**

October 14 at 8 pm

### **Planning Commission**

November 5 at 7:30 pm

### **Dress for Success**

October 20 at 2:00 pm

### **James and Dolley Madison Supper**

October 27 at 5 pm

All meetings are held in the Brookeville Academy

Sandy and Duane Heiler's home is where President Madison spent that stressful night before he got word that it was safe to return to DC. The event will be the final Saturday & Sunday of August, 2014.

As you know, on October 27 this year, we hold a supper with the Madisons here in Brookeville, to raise funds for the 2014 commemoration. Top tier re-enactors from Montpelier (the Madison Homestead in Virginia) will be standing in for Dolle and James -- and will be our hosts. We'll get a real sense of what life was like in 1813-14.

This is a reminder to sign up for the exciting evening on October 27th, if you haven't been able to do so yet. This Supper with the Madisons is truly a landmark event in Brookeville's history. We are fund raising and bringing our community together nearly a year ahead of the actual 200th Anniversary of the Madison overnight!

It looks like almost everyone from the Town will be part of this lovely event. Many of our residents are buying seats or even tables. Some are

generously hosting neighbors and friends for this evening.

We will be joined by many from outside Brookeville: politicians and other public officials, history buffs, local residents, descendants of the Brookeville founders, and the archaeologists and volunteers who have been working here this summer.

Can our entire Town come out to greet the Madisons on the 27th of this month, for supper at the Inn at Brookeville Farms?

Let's see if we can do it! Once upon a time in 1814, the whole Town got involved to offer hospitality and space when so many citizens, soldiers and dignitaries sought refuge here -- so here's our generation's Wake-Up Moment!

On behalf of the Commissioners and the Town, we encourage you to join us! If you still aren't convinced check out the following:

Montgomery County Gazette article on the Supper:

<http://www.gazette.net/article/20130821/NEWS/130829974/president-and-first-lady-host-brookeville-dinner&template=gazette>

Recent interview of Sandy Heiler with Rebecca Scheir of NPR affiliate WAMU radio:

[http://wamu.org/programs/metro\\_connection/13/09/06/maryland\\_town\\_celebrates\\_its\\_15\\_hours\\_of\\_fame](http://wamu.org/programs/metro_connection/13/09/06/maryland_town_celebrates_its_15_hours_of_fame)

And... how about the Washington Post? Here's John Kelly's recent piece:

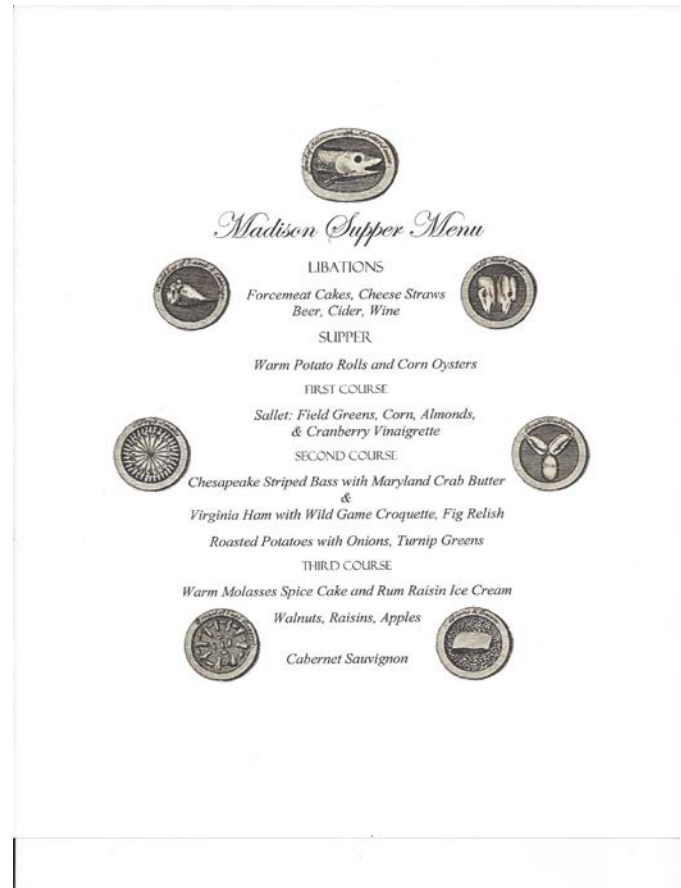
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## *Dress for Success*

At 2:00 on Sunday, October 20, at the Academy, two noted costume experts will present a talk on "What to Wear" for next summer's big Brookeville War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration (August 30-31, 2014). Whether you're thinking about sewing a costume, renting one, having one made, buying ready-made, bargain-hunting on eBay--or just plain curious--this is the way to find out what Brookeville's townspeople and the Washingtonians who poured into town in August 1814, were wearing for the occasion.

FREE, refreshments!

## James and Dolley Madison Supper Menu



## New Logo for Brookeville

Sandy Heiler, Elizabeth Simonson and Robin Quinter collaborated to design the new logo for Brookeville shown here in the banner of the newsletter. Elizabeth Simonson is the artist and her other works include the painting for the Star Spangled Banner National Historic Trail for the National Park Service.

## Sidewalk Update

Michael Acierno

At the request of the Town SHA will be developing renderings for the town to review. These will provide a more realistic picture of what the sidewalks will look like and should be easier to interpret than the engineering drawings we saw in July. Assuming all the design, engineering, and planning goes smoothly and funding remains available construction could begin in 2015. Finally, SHA requested that we consider transfer of ownership from SHA to Brookeville for the portion of High St. that will be north of the Bypass.

### Announcements

✚ **Academy News:** We're gearing up for next summer! Over the past few months the Academy has been getting a facelift. The vinyl floors in the kitchen/restrooms and the upstairs carpet have been replaced and all of the hardwood floors have been refinished. Look for more information coming soon about a large item trash pick-up, in case there are any other home improvements going on in preparation for the upcoming 1814 Bicentennial Celebration.

✚ **FYI from Barbara Ray:** Our town is surrounded by black walnut trees that self-planted. Because they poison the soil for azaleas, rhododendrons and other ornamentals, it is worth finding them and pulling them. In my experience, the poison does not go away. I lost many ornamentals (rhodos mostly) over the course of 12 years, until I learned about the black walnut problem. In my case, the tree had been removed and I was slow to make the connection.  
Black Walnut



If you see one like this in the spring, it can reach 4 ft. by fall!

✚ **Raccoon Alert:** One of our residents sent in the following: A few weeks ago he noticed strange behavior from a raccoon in his yard. Although the animal looked normal, it was 5 PM and the raccoon was showing no signs of fear or nervousness around people. Animal control was called. The raccoon subsequently tested positive for rabies. Please be wary of any wild animals in the neighborhood, especially those showing signs of unusual behavior. Remember to keep your pets safe!

### The Weighty Bear, An Icon for Choreography

Hannah Kerr



A wise sage once said, "A good teacher is one that never stops learning."

I am currently in the MFA Dance program at George Washington University. This has been a time of opportunity, taking chances and leaping out of my comfort zone. A few resounding themes have emerged from my academic inquiries: site performance (out of the theater and off the proscenium stage), found audiences, reaching new audiences and creating accessible dance. In addition, the implementation of a universal topic, or a common subject, gave me the means to thread these themes together successfully and formulate the concentration of my studies.

With Fall 2014 marking my final semester, I have composed a thesis performance implementing the focus of my MFA work. The show is made up of several dances exploring the relationships animals had and have with mankind, as well as the influences they have had on humanity. At the suggestion of Dr. Don Moore III, friend, neighbor and Smithsonian National Zoo's Associate Director of Animal Care, I will be featuring the bear. Being located on four of the most populated continents, bears have penetrated their influences deeply in many cultures. The universality of the bear makes them a collective icon and a non-polarizing subject for both novice and experienced dance audiences. Bears have inspired dance rituals, folklore and constellations. Today the role of the bear is still relevant and significant, for example: the teddy bear, the circus, a national icon, and sport mascot. The project includes town residents: Hannah and Steff Kerr, Suzy Mirvis and Don Moore. Hope to see you there! It's free!

**The Weighty Bear, An Icon for Choreography**  
Saturday, October 5, 2013  
Smithsonian National Zoo  
American Trail, old Great Bear Exhibit  
10:00am- 3:00pm (one dance every 30 min)  
(Rain date- Sunday, October 6, 2013; 11am- 4pm)



## Gardening Tips for October

**Contributed by Suzanne Friis**

From The Garden Calendar for the Greater Washington Area Produced by Brookside Gardens



### Indoor Gardening

Christmas cactus will bloom if kept in a bright sunny room that is 50-60 degrees. If the room temperature is over 60 degrees, induce blooming by keeping the plant in complete darkness for 13 hours and a bright spot for 11 hours daily until buds form.

If you haven't done so, bring in houseplants that have summered outdoors. Inspect for insects and place plants in a bright location for the winter months. A few yellow leaves after the transition inside can be expected.



### Lawn Care

Rake fallen leaves to allow air, water and sunlight to reach the lawn. Bluegrass and fescue lawns continue to grow into November.

Chickweed and other cool-season weeds will germinate and grow in the lawn during the fall. Remove them to minimize the problem in the spring. Fertilize newly seeded lawns after the first mowing



### Vegetable and Small Fruits

Dig out beets, carrots, celeriac, kohlrabi, rutabagas, winter radishes and turnips when there is danger of severe freezing. Cut the tops ½ inch above the crown. Wash and let dry before storing.

Green tomatoes will ripen if removed from the vine and wrapped in newspaper and placed indoors.

Harvest persimmons after several light frosts.

Dig potatoes before the first heavy frost.

Harvest gourds, pumpkins and winter squashes after the vines are dead and before a heavy frost. Cut the stem 2 inches from the fruit. Pumpkins and winter squash store best at 50 degrees F. and can usually be stored in a frost-free garage or cellar.

To avoid future disease problems, do not put tomatoes, peppers, eggplants or members of the cabbage family in the compost pile. In addition, do not dig these plants back into the soil. However, other vegetables, such as corn and beans can be composted or dug back directly into the garden.

Cut asparagus stalks to 2 inches about the ground after they naturally yellow but before the red berries fall off. Mulch the bed with well-rotted manure or compost.

Protect figs by erecting a burlap enclosure and filling it with leaves.

Fall is a good time to "rough-till" a new garden area for spring planting. The frost action over winter breaks down the clay soil, improving its texture. Have the soil tested now and lime if needed.

### Herbaceous Plants

Plant crocus, grape hyacinths, and other small spring-flowering bulbs. Water well after planting.

After the first frost, dig up gladiolus bulbs. Cut the stems 2-3 inches above the corm, dry and store in dry sphagnum peat moss over winter in a frost-free place. Cut off the tops of cannas, dahlias, and caladiums after frost, leaving them in the ground several days to "mature." Then dig, dry and store in dry sphagnum peat moss and place in a frost-free area over winter.

Plant new peonies or transplant older clumps now. Note that peonies can remain in the same location for decades without needing transplanting. Cut the stems back to the ground in late October and discard (do not compost) the stems and leaves to prevent the spread of disease.

Plant lilies immediately after purchase. They require full sun and a well-drained soil. Caution: deer love them!

Plant pansies for spring bloom, covering with deer netting for protection.

Cut back perennials once they have naturally died back to the ground. Avoid cutting back green stems which leave an open wound susceptible to insects and disease.

Rake leaves from perennial beds to allow sunlight, air and water to reach the soil.



### Trees and Shrubs

Transplant deciduous trees and shrubs after the leaves fall. Stake trees for the first year after planting.

Prune diseased or dead branches from deciduous trees and shrubs before the leaves fall as this makes it easier to distinguish them from live growth.

Continue to plant needled evergreens this month. All trees and shrubs, particularly newly planted ones, should be kept well watered throughout the fall.

Evergreen azaleas drop their oldest leaves in the fall. Do not be alarmed by the yellow leaves. White pines also drop their oldest needles (those closest to the trunk). Rake these up and use as mulch. Stop deadheading roses. Prune only dead, diseased or twiggy growth. Rake fallen leaves from beneath the roses. Do not put rose leaves in the compost pile.



## Salem UMC Community Events

*Free and Open to All*

### **Pre-school Story Time** **Fourth Wednesdays at 10:00**

Community Hall  
(enter from the back)

All preschoolers and adults welcome  
join for a story, craft and snack.

Free. No pre-registration required.  
For more info contact Janet Craswell  
at 301-774-7772

or youth@salemunitedmethodist.org

Oct. 23: "It's Fall!"

Nov. 27: Thanks and Thanksgiving

No Story Time in December

Jan. 22: Stories about construction and builders

Feb., 26, Stories from Asia

March 26: Farm Friends

April 23, Easter and Spring

May 28: Summer!



### **Community Yard Sale**

Saturday, November 2

8:00 am-1:00 pm

Salem Community Hall

Donations for the sale may be dropped off  
at the Hall Friday, Nov. 1.

Sale proceeds go to support activities funded by  
the Women of Salem.



### **Bazaar and Bake Sale**

Saturday, December 7

Salem Community Hall

Bake sale, lunch, trash and treasures, crafts and  
gift baskets! More details to come.

A visit from Santa too!



Please note that the Olney Central Mom's Group meets at Salem as  
does Cub Scout Den 2 from pack 434 and the Wolf Den. Interested  
people can contact the church if they would like to reach these  
groups. Salem: 301-774-7772

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