



Summer 2018

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New Event: Meet at the Museum!

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The Museum is adding a new program to our Labor Day weekend schedule this year. The event, Meet at the Museum, will take place Saturday, September 1 from 12pm-4pm on the grounds of the Museum house. Just as the name suggests, the event is designed to allow Greenbelters, old and new, a place to meet up, relax, reconnect, and reminisce.

The Labor Day Festival is like a homecoming for so many. We hear often of friends and family traveling back to Greenbelt for the

Early Greenbelters relaxing on the grass. Marion Post Wolcott, September 1938, Library of Congress.

holiday. But with the sometimes hectic pace of the weekend, it can be hard to find a quiet place to meet, talk, and catch up. We thought the shady grounds of the Museum house at 10A and 10B Crescent would be the ideal place for folks to take a break from the festivities, sit down, sip a cool drink, and share memories, photos, and news. We'll have chairs set up outside, lemonade on

hand, and a selection of yearbooks available for everyone to look through. We'll also be offering quick tours of the historic house and the gift shop will be open, as well. The event will take place rain or shine. Questions? Call 301-507-6582 or send an email to director@greenbeltmuseum.org. We hope you'll make plans soon to meet up at the Museum!



These are a few of the yearbooks that will be on display at our Labor Day Weekend—Meet at the Museum event planned for Saturday, September 1, 12-4pm at 10A & 10B Crescent. These yearbooks were generously donated by Greenbelt pioneer Marshall Gerstel.

Standing Room Only for Route 1 Talk

It was standing room only at the Museum's July lecture. Aaron Marcavitch, author, head of our local heritage area, and Greenbelt resident, discussed his new book, *US Route 1: Baltimore to DC*. The book explores three centuries of transportation, communication, and community development along the stretch of road connecting DC and Baltimore. Following the talk, Marcavitch took questions from the large audience, many of which focused on long-gone

landmarks such as diners, five & dime stores, movie theaters, drive-ins, and roadside structures such as the One-Spot Flea Killer building and neon sign (see image to the right, a detail of a postcard advertising the product.) The book, published by Arcadia and part of the Images of America Series, retails for \$20 and will be for sale in the Museum gift shop.



The former One Spot Flea Killer building and sign along Route 1 was one of many landmarks discussed at the talk.

Docents Celebrated at Event



Mayor Emmet Jordan joined docents, FOGM Board members, and guests to dine al fresco on the grounds of the Museum house at the docent dinner.

The FOGM Board and Museum staff honored and thanked our dedicated volunteers at the annual docent dinner held June 9. Colorful lanterns were hung, delicious food was served, and most importantly the docents were thanked for giving their time, energy, and knowledge. We have said it before, and we'll say it again: we could not do what we do without our volunteers!

Who's Visiting?

Below are some of the groups who have taken walking tours with us recently.

- Eleanor Roosevelt Papers at GWU
- National Trust attorneys
- Members of the Lushine family
- Goucher Cultural Sustainability class
- Creative Kids Camp & Kindercamp kids
- Old Line State Summit attendees
- Atlas Obscura

August Screening of *The City* & Walking Tour

Sunday, August 5, the Museum partnered with the Old Greenbelt Theatre for a special screening of the 1939 documentary, *The City*. Following the film, many attendees went on a walking tour to visit sites where some of the scenes were filmed. The special event was one of many anniversary events celebrating Greenbelt's 80th year. Many thanks to Caitlin McGrath, Director of the Friends of the Old Greenbelt Theatre, and Chris Cherry of the Greenbelt Recreation Department for their help in putting the event together and promoting it. About 125 people attended and it may be an event that we offer on a regular basis, particularly to walking tour groups if there is interest.

Walking tour participants visited sites where scenes from *The City* were filmed. Thanks to Board member, Stephen Oetken, and Education & Volunteer Coordinator, Sheila Maffay-Tuthill for leading the tours.



New Category Added to Retro Town Fair

The Retro Town Fair is the Museum's version of the earliest fairs that Greenbelters enjoyed beginning in 1939. Much like at a county fair, ribbons will be awarded for the best entries in a number of categories: flowers, vegetables, baked goods, canned goods and needlework/sewing. We are excited to announce a new category for the fair this year called the Legacy Handcraft Exhibition. Entries are heirloom handcrafts made by an entrant, or by a family member, more than 10 years ago. We'll have an area inside 10A Crescent where these special items will be displayed. Entries to this one-day exhibition won't be judged, but we wanted a way to incorporate and honor the handcrafts of previous generations. See you there!



GREENBELT RETRO TOWN FAIR

Sunday, Sept. 2, 2018, 1-4pm
Museum House, 10B Crescent

Categories: Flowers, Vegetables, Baked Goods, Canned Goods, Needlework, Crafts, & Legacy



Retro Town Fair Registration Form

Please check off category(ies) you are entering—only one entry per person per category, please.

Flower and Vegetable Contest:

Cut flower: Floral arrangement
Root Crop Fruit Leafy Green

Baked Goods Contest:

Please include an index card with ingredients with item
Cake Pie Cookies

Canned Goods Contest:

Preserves/Jams Vegetables Pickles

Needlework Contest:

Crochet Knitting Embroidery Sewing

Crafts, Open Category:

(examples: jewelry, woodworking, dollmaking)

NEW! Legacy Handcraft Exhibition

Entries are heirloom handcrafts made by an entrant, or by a family member, more than 10 years ago. We'll have an area inside 10A Crescent where they will be displayed.

Schedule

PLEASE NOTE LOCATION AT MUSEUM HOUSE

Please drop off ALL entries between 10am-11:30am at 10B Crescent, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Open to public for viewing from 1pm-4pm

Please plan to pick up ALL items by 5pm

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Questions? Contact Sheila Maffay-Tuthill, 240-542-2064 or education@greenbeltmuseum.org. For more information visit the Museum's website, greenbeltmuseum.org.

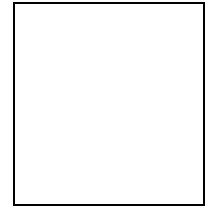
Thank you for participating!

GREENBELT MUSEUM

Museum To Be Featured in Upcoming Podcast

Award-winning podcaster, Hannah Hethmon visited Greenbelt on July 9. She recorded an interview with director, Megan Searing Young, took a tour of the house, and a walking tour of the community. The first season of her podcast, Museums in Strange Places, covered museums in Iceland where she lived for nine months. Her time there was made possible by Fullbright Fellowship. Season Two of her podcast will feature a selection of Maryland's many museums, as Maryland is her home state. Stay tuned for details on the podcast availability.





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Greenbelt Museum Calendar of Events

September

- 1 9am Walking Tour, leaves from 10B Crescent. Free!
12pm-4pm Meet at the Museum! 10A & 10B Crescent. Free!
- 2 1-4pm Retro Town Fair winners on display. Free!
1-5pm Museum House open for tours. Free!
- 3 11am-2pm Museum House open for tours following Labor Day Parade. Free!

October

- 18 Lecture, TBA, Greenbelt Community Center. 7:30pm. Stay tuned for details.

Ongoing Exhibition: *The Knowing Hands That Carve This Stone: The New Deal Art of Lenore Thomas Straus*, on view at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, open daily

Group or Walking Tours: Book a tour! Tours are \$10/person for groups of 4 or more & we kindly request that you book in advance. To schedule a tour call 240-542-2064 or email to education@greenbeltmuseum.com. Thanks!

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Membership Benefits: unlimited admission to the Museum's historic house, 10% discount in our gift shop, mailed newsletter *The Utopian*, invitations to lectures and events, members-only programs, and the knowledge that you are helping to preserve Greenbelt's history.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Yes, I'd like to make a gift in addition to my membership \$_____

Please make check payable to Friends of the Greenbelt Museum, mail to PO Box 1025, Greenbelt MD 20768 or **join securely on-line at GreenbeltMuseum.org**. FOGM is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Thank you!

Standard Membership

- \$25.00** Student/Senior, all benefits above
- \$35.00** Adult, all benefits above
- \$75.00** Family, all benefits above

Supporting Membership

- Resettler \$250.00** All standard membership benefits plus recognition on an annual donor roster, print of WPA
- Cooperator \$500.00** All standard membership benefits plus private walking tour for 5
- Tugwell \$1000.00** All standard membership benefits plus behind the scenes tour or curator case opportunity
- Roosevelt \$5000.00** All standard membership benefits plus dinner for two in the historic house