



Thank You for a Successful 2010!

2010 was a year of comebacks and renewal for the Historic Elk Landing Foundation. After a two year hiatus, the foundation renewed its First Saturday of the Month House and Grounds tours in May. Each open house featured tours of the Hollingsworth House and the newly renovated Stone House with guides, some in 18th and 19th century costumes, and three special programs.



The June open house included an archeology program for both kids and adults as the children sifted through sand for “artifacts” and adults heard about, saw, and held real artifacts taken from the grounds by our professional archeologists over the years. Some of those artifacts were hundreds, if not thousands of years old! Thanks to Christy Gill, archeology leader, for giving of her time to lead this interesting weekend.

By August the summer heat and humidity returned and so was our “old” friend, Wade Whitlock of the *Steppingstone Museum* who presented his interactive wood working program for young and old alike. We appreciate Wade’s participation on a hot Saturday at The Landing.

In October we held our annual Ghost Hunt with the help of the Cecil and Beyond Paranormal (C&BP) organization. This evening of non-stop tours of both our old houses was jammed packed with paranormal search equipment, explanations, and more than one sighting of possible poltergeists. Our thanks to C&BP for their work on this special event.



We wrapped up the year with another Elk Landing tradition, our annual Holiday Celebration the first weekend in December. Board members Carol Watts, Linda Parrish, John Carpenter, and a large cadre of volunteers put in countless hours decorating the Hollingsworth house as it might have looked for an early 19th century Christmas celebration. Thanks to everyone who made this celebration possible.



Now that 2010 is past, what will we do for an encore? How will 2011 be bigger and better than ever? For starters, another group of volunteers is working on a research project leading to making a huge cache of Hollingsworth papers available to everyone on line. This effort will cast a spotlight on local industry, living conditions, and people through documents dating back over 2 centuries. Also in the works is a British auto show, additional house and grounds tours, and much more. We will, of course, have both our October Ghost Hunt and December Holiday events too. Follow Historic Elk Landing on Facebook, Twitter, and our web site for the very latest.



Remember, the Hollingsworth House and grounds are available for special private events throughout the year; be they a business meeting, wedding, birthday, or other type of party/activity. Just contact the Historic Elk Landing Foundation at 410-620-6400 and leave a message on our voice mail. We will return your call shortly.

In the meantime, *thank you* for your support in 2010.