

Summer 2017



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## Another Critical Milestone in Interpretation

Another milestone in Historic Sotterley's museum history and mission was made on Friday, April 21, 2017, when over 200 people, to include Sotterley descendants and family members of the Cane, Edwards, Barber, Briscoe (did we have Knott, Scriber descendants?) families, with community members and guests, joined together to celebrate the life and work of the late Agnes Kane Callum. This occasion marked the official opening of Sotterley's slave cabin exhibit that examines the culture, ingenuity, and resilience of Hilary and Alice Cane, the ancestors of Ms. Callum who were an enslaved couple with their children quartered in such a structure in the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century. The exhibit was dedicated to Ms. Callum's memory. The first African American to serve on Sotterley's Board of Trustees, Ms. Callum was the first catalyst nearly 40 years ago, to recognize and tell the complete and unromantized narrative of Sotterley's existence and reliance on the institution of slavery for 165 years. *Continued on page 3.*

## Science and Sotterley - A Perfect Match!

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How would you get 50 fourth graders excited about colonial America, erosion and web development all in the same Field Trip? According to Lexington Park Elementary's STEM Fourth Graders, you'd come to Sotterley! Over the past few months, we have hosted Lexington Park Elementary School's STEM Fourth graders. Tammy Belisario, one of the two teachers who joined us, said,

"Our partnership with Sotterley Plantation this year has been a wonderful interdisciplinary learning experience for our STEM fourth graders. During our field trip in October, students were able to participate in Sotterley's *Living on the Patuxent* program to learn the impact that the Triangular Trade Route had on the history of Sotterley, the importance of agriculture in the history of the Maryland colony, as well as touch real artifacts that the slaves and colonists used during colonial times. Throughout the year, students were able to make connections between what they had learned in class about the lifestyle of the early colonists and slaves of the Maryland colony to what they had seen and experienced at Sotterley. Students were so excited about what they learned that they wanted to let other children know about the exciting opportunities at Sotterley." *Continued on page 4.*



## Gala in the Garden: The Summer of Love

It's the 50th Anniversary of that fateful summer that brought us Jerry Garcia & the Grateful Dead, and Grace Slick & the Jefferson Airplane. Channel your inner hippie when you join us for an incredible evening celebrating the Summer of Love! Enjoy incredible live auction items and delicious food, all in the beautiful setting of our Colonial Revival Gardens. Don't miss it - make sure you have flowers in your hair on June 10th.

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**THE LONG VIEW**

Summer is almost here at Sotterley! Come visit and enjoy a morning walk around the gardens and along our trails – it is the best great time of the year to enjoy the beautiful grounds of Sotterley.

As you all know, our Slave Cabin exhibit was Dedicated in April to the memory of our Trustee Emeritus, Agnes Kane Callum, a direct descendent of slaves who lived and worked at Sotterley. In addition, the Board proclaimed that Agnes’ birthday, February 24th, would forever be acknowledged in her honor. She was the first African American Trustee of Historic Sotterley and worked tirelessly to share Sotterley’s story with the world. She understood our need to acknowledge our unvarnished past. We will always be indebted to her!

On May 13<sup>th</sup> we held a fundraiser, “Taste of Sotterley” sponsored by our friend, Rob Plant, and his staff at Elements. Guests walked to different stations on the site for hors d’oeuvres and to receive wine from local “celebrity” pourers.

We are starting our fourth season of our Sotterley Farmer’s Market which has been welcomed by the community. Not only do local vendors sell their produce and wares, but Sotterley grows and sells our own organic produce. The produce that is not sold is given to community organizations helping to feed those in need.

Next month on June 10<sup>th</sup> we are holding our annual Gala. This year’s theme is “Summer of Love” and it promises to be great as usual! The food will be wonderful, the atmosphere festive, and the auction items spectacular! Special thanks to the Gala Committee (led by Trustee Emeritus, Ellen Zahniser) for all their hard work to date. As I write this, some tickets are still available.

Speaking of events, before we know it, fall will be here and it will be time for our annual WineFest! This event is one of the favorite community events at Sotterley and promises to be a big hit again this year. WineFest is currently planned for October 8th and 9th. This year we are bringing WineFest up into the historic core at the top of the hill which should make it even more special.

As summer and the school break approaches, think of Sotterley for your kids. We have a Junior Docent Academy and other Kid Friendly Activities at low or no costs (such as a Star Parties and Farmer’s Market activities, Butterfly Fridays).

And finally, for those of you who responded to our Spring Appeal, thank you for your support of this amazing Tidewater Plantation.

Warmest Regards,  
Bert Johnston  
President, Board of Trustees



### Another Milestone in Critical Interpretation (cont'd)

Using her research, family oral histories and tradition that was passed down through her father and grandfather of enslaved life at Sotterley during Briscoe ownership, the lives of her great-grandparents under slavery at Sotterley becomes three dimensional, bringing these people and their stories to life.

Ms. Callum joined forces with owner descendant, Judge John Hanson Briscoe, over 20 years ago to save Sotterley from dissolution when the site was listed as one of the 11 Most Endangered

historic sites in the nation. Putting aside her personal pain and trauma that she experienced in coming to grips with Sotterley and her family's history, she formed a friendship and worked alongside Judge Briscoe for the greater good. She knew and always believed that knowing one's history was important in empowering and equipping us all for a more equitable and promising future.

Some of the most notable moments of the ceremony were speeches by Ms. Callum's surviving sister, Edna Martina Kane Aiden, and Ms. Callum's children, Agnes Callum Lightfoot, Dr. Martina P. Callum, and Martin J. Callum. A heartfelt speech by owner descendent and Sotterley Board Vice-President, Janice Briscoe, acknowledging her ancestors' roll in slavery, and a Board Proclamation making February 24 Ms. Callum's birthday, as Agnes Kane Callum Day, was not only a loving tribute but highlighted Historic Sotterley's commitment to this important mission and interpretation.

Also speaking this day was Dr. Mary N. Elliott from the National Museum of African American History and Culture and Dr. Tuajanda Jordan, President of St. Mary's College of Maryland. Community members and activists, Dr. Janice Walthour and Dr. Francine Dove Hawkins, officiated at the proceedings. After the ceremony, attendees were able to experience the Slave Cabin exhibit, pouring libation and remembering ancestors.

Historic Sotterley is beginning an official descendant registry. If you are or think you are a Sotterley descendant, black, white, enslaved or free from 1699-1960, or even share a common ancestor surname, we would love to hear from you. Visit us online at [Sotterley.org](http://Sotterley.org) or email [education@sotterley.org](mailto:education@sotterley.org) to join our descendent registry!



### JUNIOR DOCENT ACADEMY June 19 & 20, 9 am - 5:00 pm

Perfect for ages 8 –18, our Junior Docent Academy will enhance your communication skills while sharing our rich history and exquisite site with visitors. Upon successful completion, you will become Junior Docents and ambassadors of Historic Sotterley Plantation! Download the registration form online at [Sotterley.org](http://Sotterley.org).

### Butterfly Fridays!

Come & Go Family Fun Activities from 10 am - Noon.

July 7, The Great Corn Adventure: Join us at our Land, Lives and Labor exhibit near the Corn Crib to take part in the great corn adventure and to gain insight into the trades performed at Sotterley and the people who worked here.

July 14, There's a Buzz About the Farm: Meet us at the Farm for a talk with a farmer and a tour of our organic farming process. Learn how pollinators play a vital role in creating our food supply.

July 21, Pollinator Power Get ready for pollinator tag and other fun games on the lawn in front of the Plantation House.

July 28, Butterflies, Bees, and Hummingbirds, Oh My! Take a stroll thru the gardens to identify pollinators and the plants they are attracted to. Learn how to create your own butterfly garden.

August 4, Farm to Table Take a trip back in time in our historic school house. Learn the relationship of the foods we enjoy to pollinators.





# What We Do & Why We Do It

The Board of Trustees is Proud to Present:

## OUR VISION

To foster a better understanding of our world today by providing a living link to America's complex history and legacy of slavery.

## OUR MISSION

Preserve our historic structures and natural environment and use the powerful stories of our land, lives, and labor to bring American history to life while serving as a cultural resource.

## Science and Sotterley - A Perfect Match! (cont'd from page 1)



“...They created a class website to persuade other children to come to Sotterley and participate in the *Living on the Patuxent* Program. It was great to see the children so excited to practice their writing and presentation skills through the authentic real world learning experience of creating a website. Each child was involved in the website building and directing of the presentation. After completing their presentations to the Sotterley Directors and Managers in the spring, the children were ecstatic to find out that their website would be linked to Sotterley's website. We are very fortunate and grateful for the partnership that the Sotterley Plantation and the STEM 4 and 5 teachers have created and will continue to build upon next year.” — Tammy Belisario

This interdisciplinary Field Trip is just another way that Sotterley has managed to create out-of-the-classroom learning experiences for all ages. We are excited to be a part of teaching the next generation the importance of preservation, education and conservation. Thanks to Ms. Tammy Belisario and Ms. Cindy Carpenter for working so closely with our Education Team to bring this dream alive. Ms. Carpenter said,

Through the field experience at Sotterley Plantation we were able to create a project based learning experience for students to have first hand experience extending classroom learning to real life. The abstract concepts of erosion and deposition are often difficult for elementary students to grasp. In October students were just beginning to understand the many natural and human factors impacting erosion and deposition. As their understanding has grown throughout the year, they are now able to critically evaluate the predictions and decisions they made back in October regarding documenting the land. In all my years of teaching I have not witnessed students get this excited about erosion and deposition. Perhaps the greatest benefit of all is they have become much more aware the every day impact humans have on the land and the small decisions the students themselves can make to help care for the earth. STEM 5 will continue to build on this understanding next year .— Cindy Carpenter



Next year, we hope to host both next year's 4th graders, and welcome back these students as 5th grade STEM students from Lexington Park Elementary!



It was so much fun to learn about the Triangular Trade Route and to get to stand on the historical dock where slaves would step off of the boat when they arrived at Sotterley. I learned a lot from the Living on the Patuxent Program and I liked presenting the website we made in class. I learned how to be a more descriptive writer and how to logically organize a presentation. - Mary Kate, 4th Grade

# Farmer's Market

Thanks to Boy scouts/girl  
scouts



Mellanie/Scott



## Growth—Achievable and Sustainable

Historic Sotterley has been selected to receive a 2017 Maryland Sustainable Growth Award for Preservation/Conservation. The awards celebrate significant achievement by individuals, businesses, organizations and local governments to realize the “12 Planning Visions” adopted by the Maryland General Assembly. The awards promote exemplary work that inspires collaboration, innovation, conservation, community impact and quality of life. Sotterley was recognized for its Farmer’s Market and the Sotterley farm’s use of sustainable and organic farming methods and commitment to being a good environmental steward of our air, land and water. The award presentation will take place in Annapolis in late May.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS - June - September

### TRACES OF THE TRADE

**May 24, 2017, 7:00 pm**

From 1769 to 1820, the DeWolf family trafficked human beings into the United States. In *Traces of the Trade*, Katrina Browne tells the story of her forefathers, the largest slave-trading family in U.S. history. The film follows Browne and nine fellow family members on a remarkable journey which brings them face-to-face with the history and legacy of New England's hidden enterprise. There will be time after the film to ask Browne questions.

### FARMER'S MARKET GRAND OPENING

**May 27— Nov 1, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Join us as we kick off our fourth season of Farmer's Market! Growing bigger and better every year, this year we will be open on Fridays from 4 pm to 7 pm and Saturdays from 8 am to 1 pm. We will also be enjoying a new location by moving indoors to our former maintenance building, where we will host presentations and hands-on activities for the whole family.

### GALA IN THE GARDEN

**June 10, 6:30 pm**

Tickets are on sale at [Sotterley.org](http://Sotterley.org)! Channel your inner hippie when you join us for an incredible evening celebrating the Summer of Love! Enjoy amazing live auction items and delicious food, all in the beautiful setting of our Colonial Revival Gardens. Don't miss it - make sure you have flowers in your hair.

### FATHER'S DAY

**June 18, 11:45 am - 4:00**

Enjoy half price tours for dad this Father's Day! Hike the Trails, tour the Plantation House and enjoy the views from our Colonial Revival Garden! Guided Tours begin at noon, 1 pm, 2 pm & 3 pm.

### JUNIOR DOCENT ACADEMY

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Our Junior Docent Academy will enhance your communication skills while sharing our rich history and exquisite site with visitors. Upon successful completion, you will become Junior Docents and ambassadors of Historic Sotterley Plantation!

### ALL THE PRESIDENTS' GARDENS

**June 28, 7 pm**

Starting with plant-obsessed George Washington and ending with Michelle Obama's kitchen garden, history buffs and gardeners will revel in the fascinating tidbits about Lincoln's goats, Ike's putting green, Jackie's iconic roses, and Amy Carter's tree house.

### BUTTERFLY FRIDAYS

**July 7, 14, 21, 28 & August 4, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

Enjoy kid-friendly fun on the farm. For the first time ever, we will be holding programs in our newly developed butterfly garden. Bring your small fry to enjoy fun activities that are geared towards smaller hands. All Butterfly Friday activities are included with regular site admission!

### VOLUNTEER HAPPY HOURS

**July 13 & September 14, 5:30 - 6:30 pm**

At Sotterley, we can't thank our volunteers enough! To show our thanks, we hope you'll enjoy gathering on our Front Portico to get to know your fellow volunteers, past and present! We will provide the lemonade, tea and water, but you are welcome to bring your own beverage and a favorite appetizer! Bring a friend and enjoy the evening! RSVPs are not required, but are appreciated! Please email Ashley Morgan at [coordinator@sotterley.org](mailto:coordinator@sotterley.org) to let us know you're coming!

### STAR PARTIES

**July 29, August 12, 9 pm**

★ Thanks to our friends at the Southern Maryland Astronomical Society, we are proud to host two brand new events! Enjoy a sky full of stars on grounds full of history. Free and open to the public! Grab your picnic blanket, bug spray, your telescope (if you have one) and join us for two different star-gazing evenings on our grounds!

### BARN BASH

**August 18, 5:30 pm**

"The Country Memories Band" will be at Sotterley with the goal of delighting you and yours with traditional country favorites and golden oldies ... and getting you all out on the dance floor! This Southern Maryland band has earned a strong following over the past 16 years; once you hear them, you will become part of the following.

### BACKSTAIRS/UPSTAIRS

**September 9**

Guests will be allowed to enter rooms not seen on a regular tour and view our notable collections not normally shown to the public! Tours begin promptly at 11am and 1pm! Reserve your spot today!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS - September - October

### HOMESCHOOL DAY

September 13

Visit 4 stations throughout the day and learn about life at Sotterley during the 1700s. Appropriate for younger students in Grades 2-6, explore the lives of children on a Plantation using hands-on activities that illustrate work, interactive games, education, behavior, and food using the backdrop of Sotterley Plantation's outbuildings and gardens. Students compare the lives of these children to their own experiences while learning about the importance of pollinators. Students complete a craft to take home.

### 15TH ANNUAL RIVERSIDE WINEFEST

October 7&8, 12 pm - 5p m

That's right, this is our 15th year of hosting WineFest on our grounds! This year we are moving up to our Historic core and employing a new layout! By incorporating more of our ground's history into this important fundraiser, we are hoping to raise more awareness of Sotterley's mission. The venue might change, but festival goers will enjoy just as much wine, music and artisans and previous years! More details coming soon! See you in October!

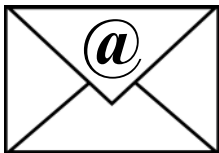


## What a Wonderful Weekend!

Thanks to everyone who joined us at Taste of Sotterley! The event wouldn't have been possible without Elements Eatery & Mixology, Kevin's Corner Café, Sunshine's Catering, Zahniser's Dry Dock, Bear Creek Barbeque, Blue Wind Gourmet, Heritage Chocolates and you, our supporters. We look forward to hosting the event again in 2018!

## BUILDING BRIDGES, DEVELOPING RELATIONSHIPS

Yes, you can support Historic Sotterley and be environmentally friendly and sustain this treasure for generations to come . . . How?



### Update your email address

Save paper. Save a stamp. Share or update your email address. Want to keep in touch with Sotterley news through email?



### Give Monthly

No added paperwork or renewal notices to deal with. You choose the amount of your gift. Want to know how small amounts can make a big impact?



### Tell your boss you want to support History

Did you know that many companies offer a Matching Gift Program for their employees?



### Leave a Legacy

Historic Sotterley needs your support now and in the future. Talk to your family. Want to ensure Sotterley endures and inspires for generations?

### Want to reach almost 5,000 Southern Marylanders in one weekend?

Consider sponsor or advertising this year's 15th Annual WineFest! This year, we invite you to partner with us in making this community event better than ever! To become a WineFest Sponsor, please contact Jane Bachman. To advertise in our full-color program please contact Anna Harrison.

### We'd Love to Chat!

Call 301.373.2280 Or Email:

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Anna at [marketing@sotterley.org](mailto:marketing@sotterley.org)

# A NOTE FROM NANCY

Cheers!



Nancy Easterling

Channel Your Inner Hippie at  
**Gala in the Garden**  
June 10, 2017

Tickets on sale at [Sotterley.org](http://Sotterley.org)



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