



# The Mansion Review

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As we are coming up to the close of our second year as the *Friends of the Perry Hall Mansion* organization, we are even more determined in our efforts to raise awareness and promote the history of the Perry Hall Mansion; we do this best through our dedicated membership. If you have not yet joined or need to renew, send a membership form and dues to membership director Colleen Bowers, she promptly inputs information so you receive all the information about the happenings with the Friends of the Perry Hall Mansion.

We are very pleased to announce our new website is coming soon! Thanks to Sean Kief! – at the same address: [www.perryhallmansion.org](http://www.perryhallmansion.org) here you will find up to date information on our meetings and events, we are also including history of the mansion, property, and people (of whom we are continually learning more!), photos of the current interior state of the mansion and other tid-bits of interesting facts and information and of course check out items for sale from the Mansion Store! We are ever increasing the variety of products available for purchase; we continue to offer our Francis Guy Painting note cards, ceramic ornaments printed with mansion painting, and new for the Town Fair: brass ornaments with the current style of the Mansion depicted and Perry Hall Mansion Pairpoint suncatchers (each are individually hand pressed from molds engraved by traditional methods; from America's oldest glassworks, founded in 1837); by the holiday season we plan to include a number of children's items as well.

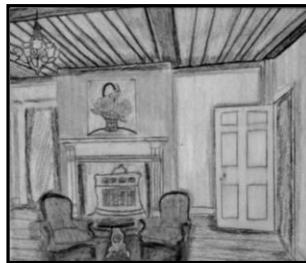
We are continually working to enhance the organization, improve membership meetings, provide more learning and involvement opportunities, and additional fundraising efforts. We will again participate in the Annual Perry Hall Halloween Parade, come in a historic costume and walk with us or watch! We have plans for a massive fundraising dinner event upcoming in the fall or winter, we hope you will join us, keep tuned for more information! As always, we thank you for your continued support, we encourage you to get involved, attend meetings, join a committee, make a donation, and look forward to the great opportunities in the upcoming year.



## PERRY HALL MANSION INTERIOR DESIGN PROJECT

As a part of a new course "Historic Ornament, Color, and textiles" in the Interior Design Department at Anne Arundel Community College, Instructor and Friends of the Perry Hall Mansion Board Member, Laura Kimball, had students use the Perry Hall Mansion as a final design project. This project required each student to create a design plan for a main floor room and a bedroom. Each designed true to the predominant American historical periods of the Mansion: Colonial, Georgian, Federal, and Victorian Periods.

The projects were presented to members of the Friends of the Perry Hall Mansion during the final exam. It was interesting and valuable to see each student's interpretation of the rooms with color and furnishings. Perhaps these student projects will influence the completed interiors of the Mansion.



## Cleaning House?

Keep the Perry Hall Mansion in mind!

- Requesting old photos (or digital copies) of the Mansion at any time period, interior or exterior.
- Requesting any information, personal or family stories, family history, anything having to do with the Mansion and it's properties and people.
- We accept donations of Antique Furniture, Fixtures, Furnishings, and Art works. (Storage is limited; each item is subject to review; once donated, the item becomes the property of the FPHM unless other arrangements are made; for inquiries contact FPHM by email or mail)

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The first phase of the interior renovation of the Mansion is well underway and will conclude the near the end of 2009. This is for the utilities and systems update, work to be done: updating electrical wiring, plumbing, and installation of a new heating, ventilation and air conditioning system. After this phase is completed plans will move forward for further renovations and updates, after which the cosmetic and decorative renovations of the interior can be completed.

## In the Community:

Ongoing community outreach and involvement promoting awareness in the effort to bridge Perry Hall's past and present.

## FPHM Donates Mansion Artwork

On behalf of the organization, Friends of the Perry Hall Mansion President, Jeff Smith, presented framed canvas prints of Francis Guy's 1803 paintings of the Mansion to both the Perry Hall Library & Perry Hall High School. The Paintings can be seen in the Periodicals Reading Room in the new library. The High School will display the Painting in their library beginning the upcoming school year.

## Girls Scouts & Perry Hall Heritage

In June, during a Girl Scout sponsored Perry Hall Heritage Day Activity, Girls from many local Girl Scout Troops took a virtual tour of the interior of the Mansion, learned about the early history of Perry Hall from costumed FPHM members as "Prudence and Harry Gough". Girls participated in colonial American activities and games, and learned what was and could have been part of the daily life of Mrs. Prudence Carman (Ridgely) Gough. As part of an interpretive writing project, girls wrote a letter as if they were Prudence writing to a friend, telling about their day and events. These letters are on display at the Perry Hall Town Fair.

Special thanks to members Ann Palrang & Tracey Flockencier for their hospitality to the FPHM with the Holiday Reception. A success for the organization and wonderful time had by all!