

Richardson Maritime Museum Honors Founders

The Richardson Maritime Museum held a Founders' Day reception at the Museum on June 2, honoring the original founders of the organization. Most of the individuals who began the Museum in 1992 attended the event, as did representatives of some of the founding contributors.

The reception was held in conjunction with a Dorchester Chamber of Commerce After Hours get together and was sponsored in part by Powell Realtors. The event allowed members of the community an opportunity to thank the founders of the Museum for creating the organization dedicated to Capt. James B. Richardson and the boatbuilding heritage of Dorchester County and Maryland's Eastern Shore.

During a special presentation, the founders each received a hand-crafted caulking mallet with an engraved plate recognizing their contribution to the organization's beginning. The mallets were created by Boatworks volunteer Ray Henderson and were decorative versions of those used for centuries by boatbuilders for caulking the seams of wooden boats.

County Councilman Tom Flowers, Museum Chairman Victor MacSorley and President Frank Newton all thanked the founders for their early efforts and their contribution to the community. Chamber of Commerce Executive Director and Richardson Board Member John Nussear also welcomed Chamber members and encouraged support for the Museum and its ongoing efforts.

Those efforts feature the future development of an expanded Boatworks facility and Richardson Maritime Heritage Center on the Museum's Cambridge Creek property on Maryland Avenue. Current activity at that location already includes restoration of traditional Chesapeake Bay vessels and educational boatbuilding programs for children.

For more information, to volunteer or to make a contribution, call the Richardson Maritime Museum at 410-221-1871, or visit its website, www.richardsonmuseum.org.

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Many of the original founders of the Richardson Maritime Museum were on hand for a Founders' Day reception in their honor, including (seated, left to right) Clarence Booze, Jim Brighton, Bonnie Shertenlieb, Betty and John White, Bud Hankins, Melvin Hickman, representing American Legion Post 91, and Russell Baker, representing the Nathan Foundation. Standing, center, are Richardson Chairman of the Board Victor MacSorley, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director and Richardson Board Member John Nussear, and Museum President Frank Newton.



Russell Baker, right, accepted a commemorative caulking mallet on behalf of the Nathan Foundation, as one of the Museum's founding contributors, from Museum Administrator Cyndy Carrington Miller and President Frank Newton.