



### Mission Statement

The Worcester County Historical Society is a 501-C3 non-profit organization dedicated to discovering, preserving and disseminating the rich natural and cultural history of Worcester County and the State of Maryland.

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Spring 2023

## Worcester County Historical Society

Spring General Meeting  
 Pocomoke City Fire House  
 Friday May 5, 2023  
 5PM Social/ 6PM Dinner

Chicken 'n Dumplings  
 And all the trimmings

Speaker Joe Moore

**"The bad old days when illegal gambling was alive and well in Worcester County!"**

Joseph Moore was born in Berlin, MD (long ago) and has lived in the area his entire life except when he was in college. He was admitted to the Maryland Bar in 1969 and has served the area ever since in various positions. State's Attorney for Worcester County from 1979 until 1983, Attorney for the Board of Zoning Appeals, the Attorney for the Town of Berlin and currently Attorney for the Ocean Pines Association.

Joe enjoys history and research. In the past, he presented a program for WCHS on "The Civil War in Worcester County." He has written a book "Murder on Maryland's Eastern Shore" Race, Politics and the Case of Orphan Jones.

Plan to come to the next WCHS General meeting! All are welcome! Bring a friend! You won't be disappointed.

All profits are used for museum grants



## Museums of Worcester County

- Calvin B. Taylor House Museum
- Costen House Museum
- Delmarva Discovery Center
- Furnace Town Historic Site
- Girdletree Barnes Bank
- Julia A. Purnell Museum
- Ocean City Lifesaving Station Museum
- Queponco Railway Station
- Rackliffe House
- St. Martin's Church Museum
- Sturgis One Room Schoolhouse/Heritage House

Other Historic Sites in  
Worcester County**Germantown School Community Heritage Center**

10223 Trappe Rd  
PO Box 24  
Berlin, MD 21811  
410-641-0638

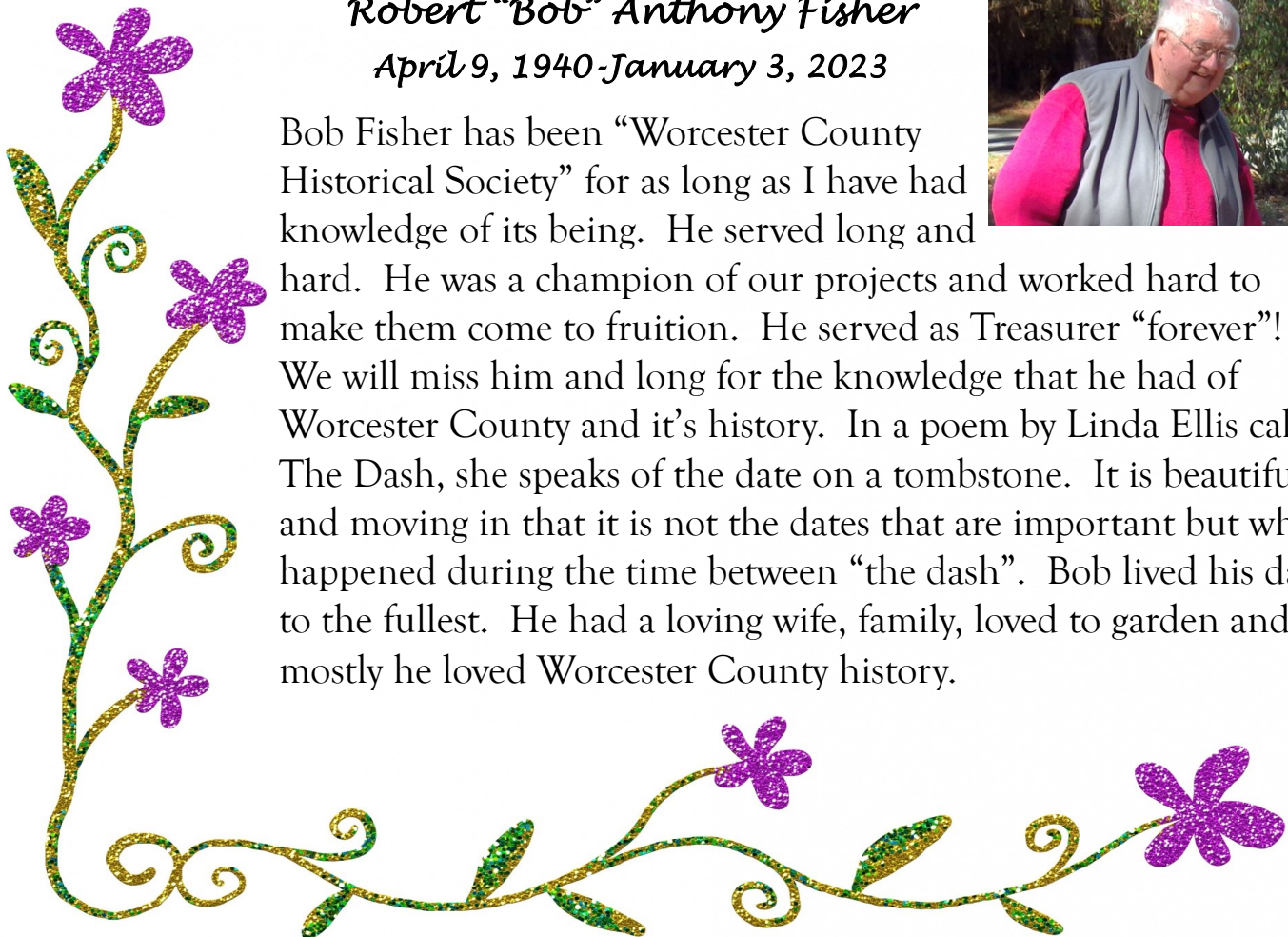
**Marva Theatre Performing Arts Center**

103 Market St.  
Pocomoke City, MD 21851  
410-957-4230

Please visit the museums and historic sites in our county.

*In Memory of*  
*Robert "Bob" Anthony Fisher*  
*April 9, 1940-January 3, 2023*

Bob Fisher has been "Worcester County Historical Society" for as long as I have had knowledge of its being. He served long and hard. He was a champion of our projects and worked hard to make them come to fruition. He served as Treasurer "forever"! We will miss him and long for the knowledge that he had of Worcester County and it's history. In a poem by Linda Ellis called The Dash, she speaks of the date on a tombstone. It is beautiful and moving in that it is not the dates that are important but what happened during the time between "the dash". Bob lived his dash to the fullest. He had a loving wife, family, loved to garden and mostly he loved Worcester County history.



## From our President:



We are shaking off the wintry blues and now look forward to a traditional spring event that brings some solace to our daily lives. That's right! The Worcester County History Society's annual Spring general meeting and dinner date has been set in stone. Unfortunately, we'll be missing the adhesive that helped keep the organization a going concern. For not only years, but decades Robert "Bob" Fisher held the post as Treasurer, insuring us that our bottom line never approached zero dollars and as a result we still remain in the black today. They say a person is judged by the number of people attending one's funeral. His celebration of life resulted in an over-crowded, standing room only church service. Bob Fisher was well-liked, appreciated and most of all respected in the community he called home.

We shall dearly miss his intuitive appearance in the coming special events and board meetings.

Our society needs a Secretary and a few more board members. Hopefully we'll find those volunteers soon who want to preserve, protect and celebrate our illustrious local history. I want to thank Mabel Rogers especially for putting together this newsletter and for all she has done to keep us from running off the rails.

A sincere shout-out to Judi Menavich for continuing as Secretary and taking over the Treasurer's responsibilities. Please consider serving our organization.

Hope to see everyone at our dinner in Pocomoke May 5th at 5 P.M. Meals served at 6 P.M.

*Newt Weaver* President.

Welcome  
New Board Member  
Cara Downey

Cara has recently moved to Snow Hill and is interested in the history of the area. She is employed as Assistant Curator of the Ocean City Lifesaving Station Museum. She will be a welcome addition to the board.



## Worcester County Historical Society NEEDS You!

We are still searching for person's who would want to serve on the board. Willingness to serve and attend board meetings a necessity! A love of Worcester County history a plus.



**WE WANT YOU**

*The Bob and Kathy Fisher Award*  
*In Memory of Bob Fisher*

Moving forward the Worcester County Historical Society would like to honor Bob and Kathy Fisher with “**The Bob & Kathy Fisher Award**”. This award would be given annually to a living person who has worked for the preservation of Worcester County History. To nominate a person for this award please write a short paragraph stating why you think this person should be honored and mail to: Judi Menavich 9 Drawbridge Rd. Berlin, MD 21811. Or email to: [caram.downey@gmail.com](mailto:caram.downey@gmail.com). Deadline is April 10, 2023. Award will be announced at the May 5 meeting.

**Spring General Meeting**

**Worcester County Historical Society**

To: Judi Menavich  
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 Berlin, MD 21811



Please find my check for \_\_\_\_ persons x \$25.00 per person for dinner at the Pocomoke City Firehouse spring meeting of the Worcester County Historical Society . Please make checks to Worcester County Historical Society (WCHS). **Deadline April April 28, 2023**. **PLEASE be considerate and send in your reservation early! !**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you there.

# Worcester County Historical Society

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Snow Hill, Maryland 21863

## 2023 Membership

(Dues period January 1-December 31, 2023)

Thank you for choosing to be a member of the Worcester County Historical Society.

Your membership will help support our efforts in Worcester County. You might also wish to volunteer at one of our county's 12 museums or WCHS at a time that is suitable for you.

Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

New Member \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP	ANNUAL DUES	AMOUNT ENCLOSED
<i>Individual</i>	\$10.00/year	_____
<i>Family</i>	\$15.00/year	_____
<i>Business/Patron</i>	\$25/year or \$100/5years	_____
<b>LIFETIME</b>	<b>\$150.00 (ONE TIME)</b>	_____
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Your membership is welcome, Dues period January 1 through December 31, 2023

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Feel free to include any comments or suggestions regarding the WCHS. Thank you.

## Join Worcester County Historical Society

Do you love history? Do you have friends who love history? Do you have other family members who love history? Why not invite them to attend a meeting of the Worcester County Historical Society?

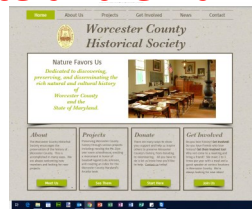
Gift membership into the organization would be a great way to introduce a family member or friend to the local history and time shared with other history buffs!

There is a membership application located elsewhere in this publication and we would love to have you **give it to a friend**. Make copies and share. Thank you for helping WCHS grow and continue to work to maintain and preserve local history.

**We need you!**

**Volunteers needed-Board members (Secretary) PLUS**

**Website and email assistance!**



**Visit our webpage!**

**[www.historicalworchester.org](http://www.historicalworchester.org)**

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