

2023 Annual Report
Friends of Chapman State Park

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Reconciled Bank Balance 2023

Submitted by Treasurer, Linda Dyson

SOURCE AND USE OF FUNDS FY 2023	
Income	
Donations	\$5,509
Membership Dues (received in 2023)	485
Grants Received	3,750
Total Income	\$9,744
Expenses	
Grant Expense/required match	\$3,577
Misc. Open House	77
Maintenance	445
Administrative (furniture move, USPS)	1,300
Total Expenditures	\$5,399
Beginning cash balance 1/1/23	\$11,969
Ending cash balance 12/31/23	\$16,314
NET INCREASE IN CASH ASSETS	\$4,345

**Friends of Chapman State Park
2023 Activities, Programs & Projects**

Mount Aventine 2023

32 Sunday Open Houses

April-October

Committee Chair: John Anderson

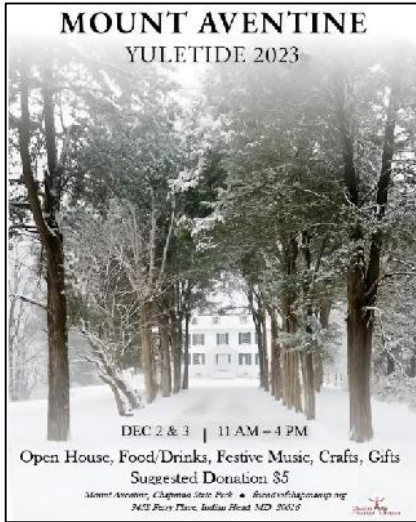
Volunteer Docents: John Anderson, Linda Dyson, Margit Besseney Williams, Richard Cook, Jennifer Bryant, Carole Schnitzler, and Sheryl Elliott. Coordinating this effort is board member, John Anderson.



Yuletide Event

Committee Chair: Bob Lukinic

Docents: Mike Callahan, David Chapman, John Anderson, & Margit Bessenyei Williams



Carolers at Yuletide Event



*Holiday décor coordinated by Linda Dyson
Assisted by John Anderson*



*Tree ornaments created by Carrie Staple & craft
event attendees*



Foyer Décor created by volunteer, Dottie Lukinic

2023 Yuletide Event Activities

- Open House & Holiday Décor
- F & B Refreshments
- Craft & Gift Items
- Musical Entertainment
- Creative Crafts with Carrie Staple



F & B coordinated by Carole Schnitzler, Bob Lukinic, David Chapman, & Sheryl Elliott



Musical Entertainment provided by John O'Loughlin & Rosewood Recorder Duo



Gift Shop & Crafts coordinated by Bob Lukinic & Sheryl Elliott



Friends of Chapman State Park coffee mugs were one of the gift items available for purchase

Southern Maryland National Heritage Area Celebration Event Piscataway Park, Accokeek, MD May 21, 2023

Coordinated by John Anderson



2023

Plein Air Painting At Mount Aventine

Rain date: **Saturday, May 6th**

10 am - 12pm

Please join us for plein air painting at
Mount Aventine
with the amazing artists of
Mattawoman Creek Art Center!



Paint the picturesque scenes at Mount Aventine with several other artists and capture the beauty of Southern Maryland at its finest!!!

This event begins with a meet & greet at the historic front steps. Local artist and instructor, Vicki L. Marckel, will provide everyone with tour of the grounds and map with some of her favorite scenes to paint. After a quick demo, enjoy painting the morning away!

Everyone is invited to share their artwork with the group at noon on the back porch while enjoying sweet tea and treats!

Mount Aventine
Friends of Chapman State Park
3452 Ferry Place
Indian Head, MD 20640
www.friendsofchapmansp.org



Coordinated by Linda Dyson & Vicki Marckel Fields





Holiday crafts

with

CARRIE STAPLES

*Make ornaments for Mount Aventine's tree & yours,
holiday cards, etc.*

Sunday November 12, 1 pm-3pm

Mount Aventine in Chapman State Park

Materials provided

*All ages, skill levels
+refreshments, music*

*3452 Ferry Place, Indian Head MD
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Coordinated by Linda Dyson

**CHRISTMAS IN
AUGUST**

Holiday crafts with
CARRIE STAPLES

Saturday August 26, 10 am to 1 pm

Mount Aventine in Chapman State Park

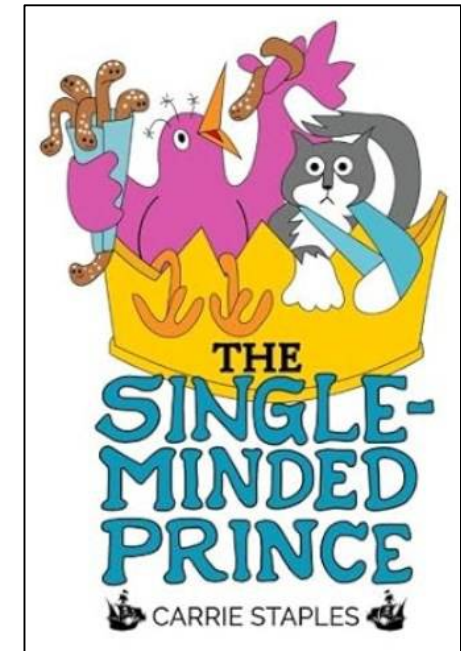
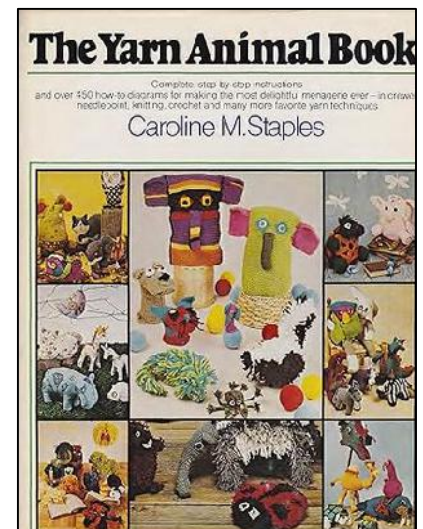
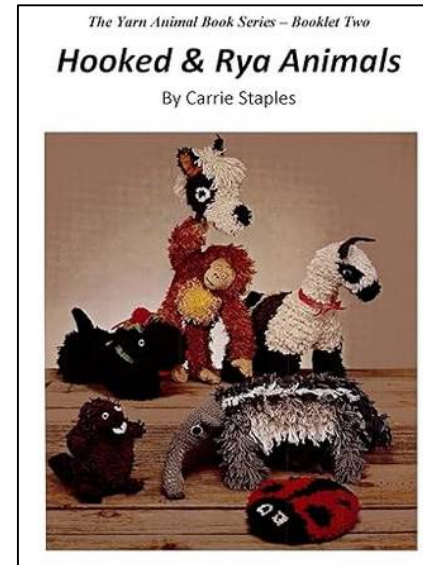
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Coordinated by Linda Dyson



Carrie Staples, author of several craft books.

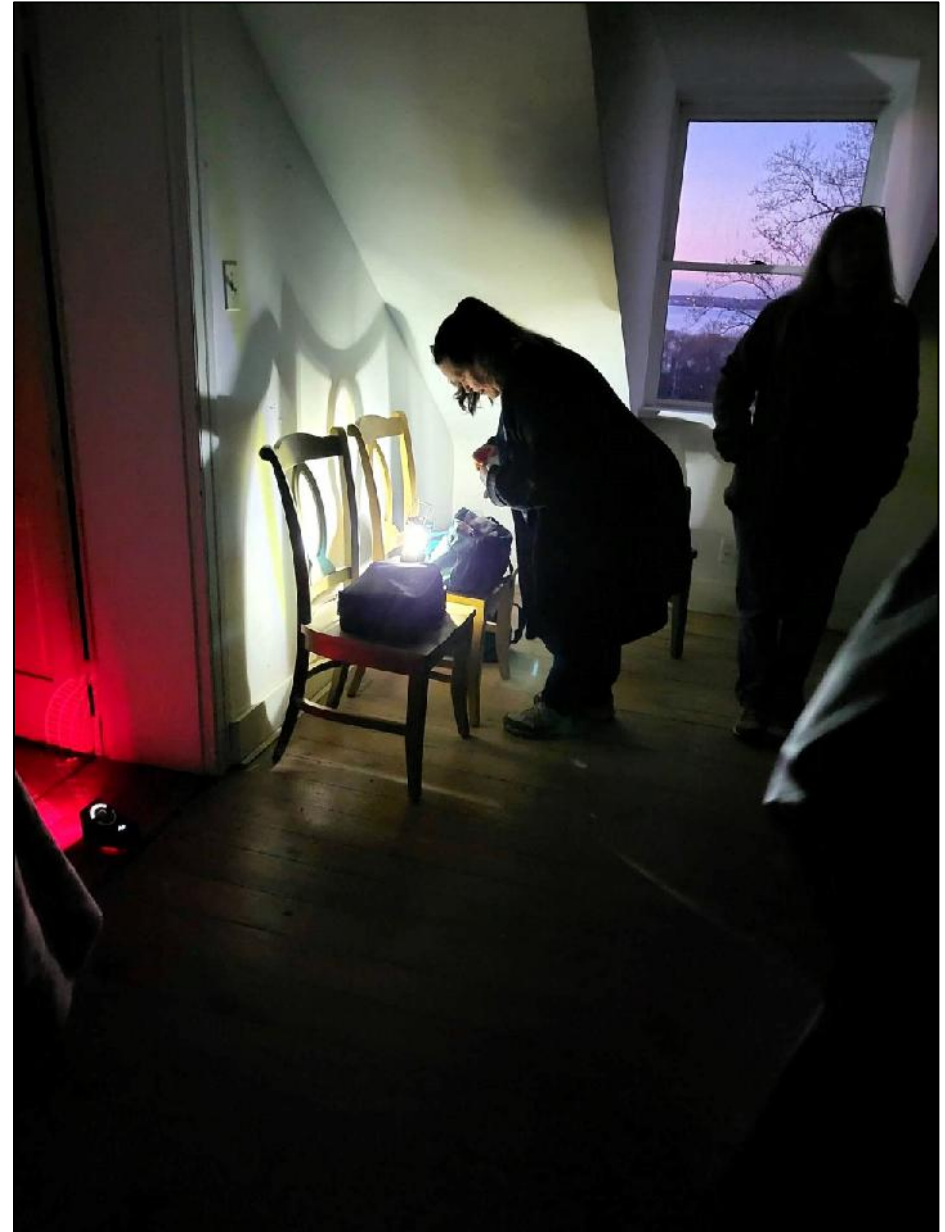
**Hosted Event:
Potomac River Keepers Cleanup
Chapman State Park
January 1, 2023**



Hosted Event: Spirit Investigation Mount Aventine March 18, 2023



Coordinated by Carole Schnitzler and Mike Callahan



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Grant Activities

2023

Total Project Costs of Grants Received \$20,690

Letter of Intent Submitted for a \$180,000 grant project

Charles County Grant FY 2023

Keys to History: Discover the Past through 19th Century Doors and Windows

Coordinated by Sheryl Elliott and John Anderson



New Viewing Platform



Paint Removed 1st and 2nd Floor 19th Century Windows



Paint Removed
1st Floor Door Transom



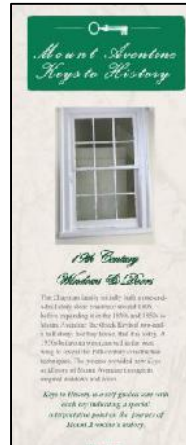
Possible original house key, found when removing paint from door transom.



Relocation of Original Door



Interpretative Signage



1000 Brochures



Total Project Cost \$3,440.61

Maryland Chapter Sierra Club Grant 2023

Educational Outreach Program

Coordinated by Dr. Richard Cook



June 16, 2023

Richard Cook

richcookjrmd@msn.com

Friends of Chapman State Park

PO Box 857, Bryans Road, MD. 20616

Re: Grant Award for Educational Outreach Program

Dear Richard,

Thank you for submitting a grant request to the Sierra Club Maryland Chapter. Your application has been reviewed carefully. We enjoyed learning about your organization and the work that you do.

We are pleased to inform you that the Sierra Club Maryland Chapter has awarded a grant in the **amount of \$750** ("Total Grant"). As per the information provided by your organization, you acknowledge and agree to the following:



Charles County Arts Alliance 2023 Grant

Funded Project: Performances & Supplies for Events

Coordinated by Linda Dyson

- Supplies for Plein Air Paint-Ins
- Supplies for Craft Events
- Sunday Open House Performances
- Yuletide Event Performances
- Total Project Cost \$1000



Maryland Heritage Area Authority 2023 Grant Letter of Intent *Commemorating African American History at Mount Aventine*

Submitted by Sheryl Elliott



**FY 2024 MHAA Project
Grant Intent to Apply
Form**

**Commemorating African
American History at
Mount Aventine**

\$90,000

**Contributions-Grant-
ITA Received**

42539 11/13/2023

Project Description

Briefly describe your project, including what your end results and products will be.

The project proposes to expand the needed interpretative area of the Mount Aventine plantation and focuses on how individuals who were enslaved at the plantation lived, worked and contributed to the history and development of the property. The Friends of Chapman State Park (FCSP) proposes to build a replica of the living quarters/cabin of those who were enslaved or had tenancy at the plantation. The project will also include interpretative signage and printed collaterals. It is estimated that the replica quarters will cost around \$180,000 and the Friends of Chapman State Park have secured the \$90,000 required match for the project from the Charles County Board of Commissioners.

Benefit to Heritage Tourism

Briefly discuss how your project will benefit heritage tourism.

A much richer history awaits visitors in Southern Maryland when it includes the role that African Americans played in the southern plantation economy. This is a history that has been, for the most, a neglected part of the "story" of Mount Aventine at Chapman State Park, as well as similar plantations in southern Maryland. There are currently 28,000 visitors to Chapman State Park each year, and their park experience will be greatly enriched with the focus on African Americans and their special connection to Mount Aventine.

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Other Activities

FCSP Works with MPS on Continual Park & Trail Maintenance

Coordinating Effort: Linda Dyson, John Anderson, Bob Lukinic



Keeping Trails Walkable



Assisting in the Removal of Saplings



Alerting MPS to Downed Trail Trees & Assisting in their Removal



Alerting MPS to Issues Such as Park Fires

FCSP Continuing Maintenance Efforts at Mount Aventine in 2023



Repairing Lock on Side Entrance Door



Removing Hornet Nests



Organizing Plating Room & Other Closets



Cleaning Up the 3rd Floor & Basement



Boarding Up Broken Windows



Replacing Bulbs & Fixtures



Cleaning Bathrooms & House

FCSP Provides Park Ongoing Interpretation



The Potomac



Mount Aventine & the Civil War



Coastal Woodland Trail



Marsh Trail

FCSP Interpretative Signage

1. The Potomac
2. The Potomac River Trail
3. The Abundant Potomac—Our Nation's River
4. Mount Aventine—Trailhead
5. Coastal Woodland Trail—Trailhead
6. Marsh Trail—Trailhead
7. Chapman Family Cemetery
8. Mount Aventine's Evolving Landscape
9. Mount Aventine and the Civil War
10. Mount Aventine as a Horse Farm
11. Tobacco Barns and Auxiliary Structures
12. The first Chapmans—A Tidewater Mansion
13. Mount Aventine's Reliance on Enslaved Labor (Interior)

FCSP Research and Writing Two 12 Page Interpretative Draft Booklets 2023

Researched, Written, & Edited by Sheryl Elliott, Linda Dyson, David Chapman, and Jennifer Bryant



Windows on Mount Aventine
A Prosperous Plantation and Enslaved Labor



Windows on Mount Aventine
Chapman's Point Fishery & Chapman's Landing Ferry

FCSP Facilitating the Research of St. Mary's College for Maryland State 2023 Grant: *Documenting, Interpreting, and Commemorating African American History at Mount Aventine*



St. Mary's College of Maryland
St. Mary's City, MD



Dr. Julia King, Principal Investigator
St. Mary's College



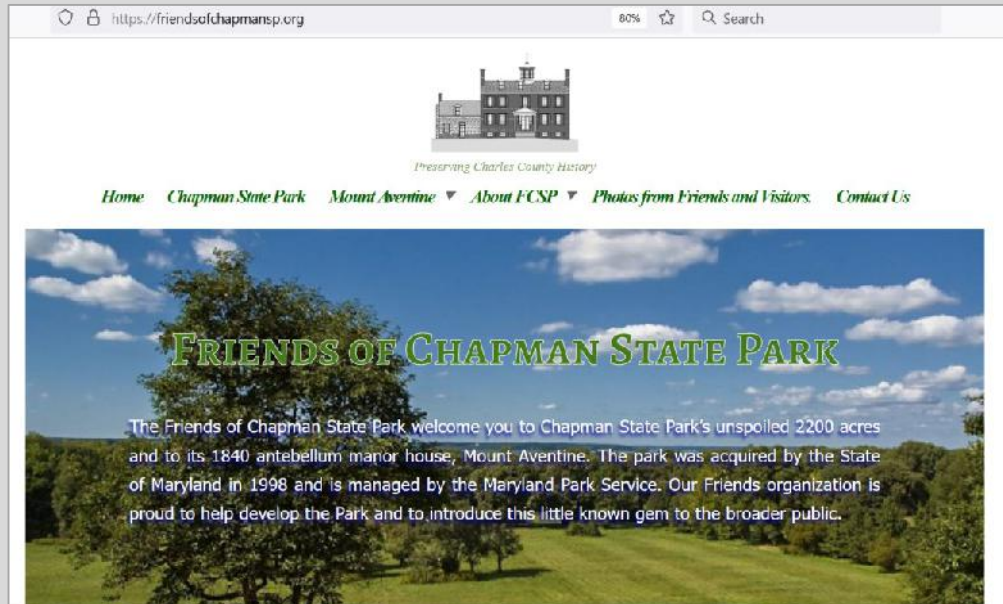
Board of Trustees Finance, Investment and Audit Committee Report Summary

..... In addition, the Legislature approved \$100K for the Mount Aventine Archeological Project. Professor Julia A. King will complete the important task of documenting, interpreting, and commemorating African American history at the Mount Aventine location in Charles County.

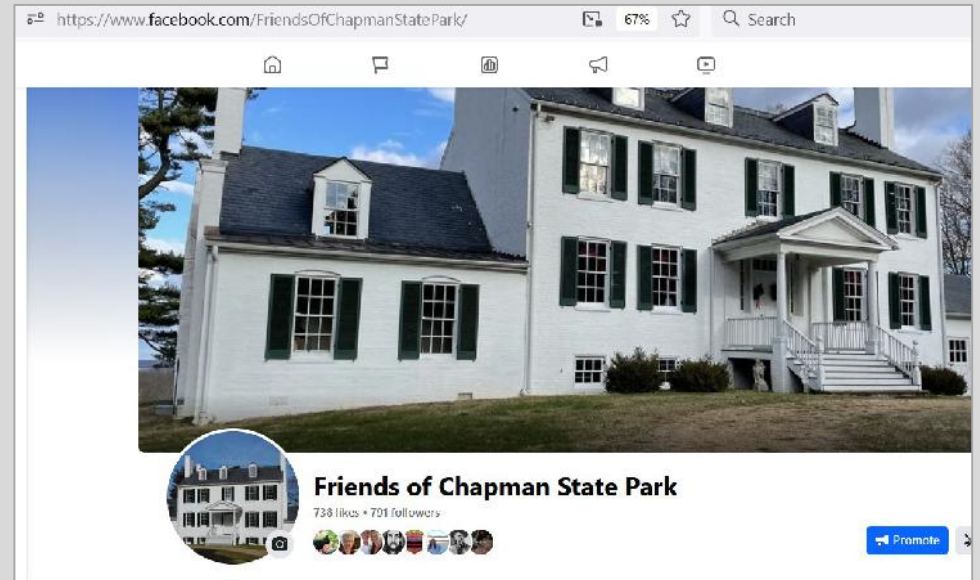
*FCSP Members meeting with the St. Mary's team, providing access to property and documents, sharing information, and surveying property:
John Anderson, Linda Dyson, Jennifer Bryant, Richard Cook, Sheryl Elliott*

FCSP Management of Social Media & Marketing Program

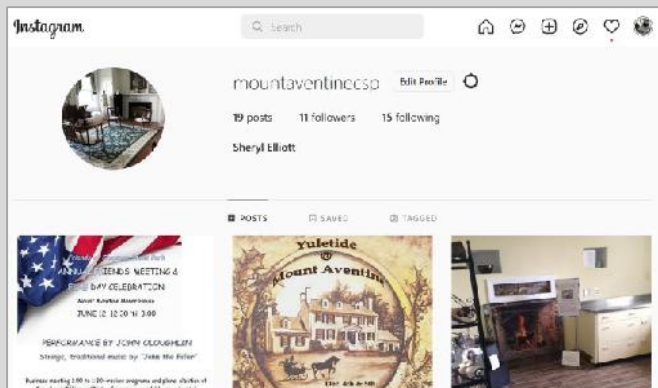
Managing & Maintaining Website



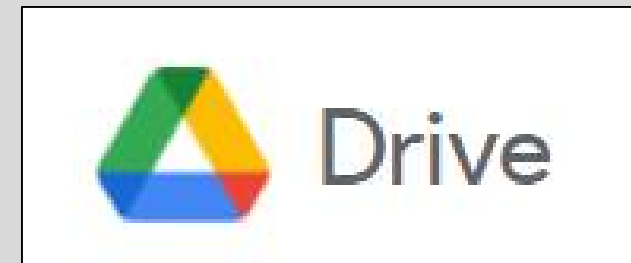
Managing & Maintaining Facebook Account



Managing & Maintaining Instagram Account



Maintaining FCSP Membership List & Managing Accession & Deaccession Program



Friends of Chapman State Park

Notable Donations

2023 Historic Photo Donation of Greg Adams (Chapman Family Member)



Greg Adams
From: gregory.adams@earthlink.net
To: Sheryl Elliott

Thu, Apr 13, 2023 at 4:54 PM

I'm glad everything arrived safely, and am thrilled that these items are now in the "collection".

I never met Cora Dorsey or Minnie Goldsborough (both daughters of Dr Nathaniel Chapman, who both grew-up at Mt Aventine), but my mom was close to them both. Chapman's Landing (as they referred to it) was a really special place for them. They knew the caretaker for the property (whose family had worked the estate for generations) who would let them know when it was vacant so they could come visit. The items I have given were theirs, and I like to think they'd be thrilled that these things found their way back home.

Thanks again for everything...if there is ever anything I can do to help the organization, let me know!



Mt. Aventine 1917, Dr. Nathaniel Chapman, son of, Dr. Nathaniel Chapman and Mary Ella Chapman, brother of Minnie and Cora Chapman Sigismunda and Pearson Chapman



Chapman Coat of Arms



*Minnie Chapman Greensborough
Daughter of Dr. Nathaniel Chapman*



*Mary Ella Chapman
Wife of Dr. Nathaniel Chapman*

2023 Private Significant Cash Donations



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*Creating a Special
Window on the Potomac*

