



# THE HERITAGE

## Tower Progress

After nearly 13 years of planning, pricing and revisions, the Elevator/Stair/Toilet Rooms Tower Project is finally becoming a reality. The Tower was originally included in the building permit for the 2005 Courtyard Enclosure project, with a smaller footprint for the 2nd and 3rd floors; but, funding fell short for the Tower. Since then three attempts were made to jump start the Tower, but each time the estimated costs exceeded the available funding.

After the last attempt in November of 2016, Bruce Votta, a trustee of the GJMEF suggested allowing the low bidder, Kimball Construction Co. to Value Engineer the project to within the available funds. With a major change of the structural system from concrete-block walls and steel joist/concrete slab floors to light gage steel framing and cement board subflooring, along with many other smaller cost saving changes, a contract was signed with a construction cost just under the available funding.

Construction started the first of June, with a target completion date of February 15, in time for having the new handicap accessible toilet rooms available for the February 24 Fire Ball.

To paraphrase from Robert Burns' "To a Mouse", "The best laid plans of mice and men often go awry...", so has our Tower project gone awry. The first step of the construction was to relocate existing underground sanitary



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and electric lines from beneath the Tower footprint and connect them, along with a new storm water line to existing mains in the Peabody Alley. Unknown existing utilities in the alley and not finding the storm drain shown on the City drawings got the project started off three and a half weeks behind schedule.

## With Superb Gratitude... Two Grant Awards: BGE & CFG Bank

The GJMEF received two grants. The first one was from **BGE** from its 200th Anniversary Community Grants. The **\$30,000** grant was awarded in three \$10,000 installments in 2016, 2017, and 2018. The second installment arrived in December. Relevant to the Mansion, BGE invests in organizations that support arts and culture, organizations with a proven track record in addressing community needs. BGE believes "it's important to support arts and cultural organizations integral to the health and vitality of the communities we serve." Local music, concerts, lectures, opera in the Mansion are enjoyed throughout each year. In BGE's words, "The arts bring us together."



The second grant from **CFG Bank** is **\$25,000**. Capital Funding Group and its family of companies honor the historic Garrett-Jacobs Mansion. The Garrett-Jacobs Mansion, in historic Mount Vernon, provides a great example of the Gilded Age and allows visitors to tour the house of a successful Maryland industrialist.



With the added funds to make the Mansion ADA compliant, CFG is hoping by its contribution to allow more people, who may need enhanced access, to visit and enjoy one of Maryland's treasures. ■



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The mission of the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion Endowment Fund is to preserve and restore the Mansion as a National Historic Landmark and to share the history, architectural and civic legacy of the Mansion for the benefit and education of the public.

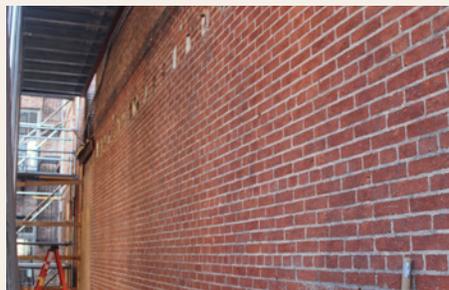
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The next step was the demolition of the 1915 two-story storage pantries addition that housed one half of the toilet room facilities for the Mansion. During the demolition, asbestos floor tile was encountered on the lower level. This tile was not discovered during the survey of the addition for hazardous materials. The tile had years ago been covered over with a layer of concrete, probably to contain the asbestos rather than bear the cost of its removal. Another week and a half delay.

Several other unforeseen issues along with a tight site added to the delays leading to where it stands today.

At this writing, the light gage framing has been topped out and the roofing should be in place by January 15. The exterior sheathing and air barrier will be in place by the end of January, providing a weather tight enclosure of the building. Once temporary heat is provided, the various trades can go to work unhindered by weather, unknowns and the spirits that live within the Mansion. Kimball is projecting substantial occupancy by the end of April. ■

*A Special Thank-you to Richard Magnani who wrote this detailed article and J Bitner who furnished the photographs.*



*Brick wall from 1880's addition to remain exposed.*



*Lower-Level Floor, slab at right has just been poured.*



*Installation of first-floor light-gauge steel framing*



*Photo taken December 20th, 2017*

## The Mansion is the Place to be... Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 11  
Time: 3:30 p.m.

### Concert Artists of Baltimore Presents

*Afternoon Tea  
with the  
Cueto-Roldán Duo*  
José Cueto, Violinist and  
Nancy Roldán, pianist



- Corelli, arr. Kreisler: Sonata in D minor "La Folia"
- Grieg: Sonata No. 3 in C minor, Op. 45
- William Grant Still: Suite for violin and piano
- Dvořák, arr. Kreisler: Songs My Mother Taught Me, Op. 55, No. 4
- Piazzolla: Milonga sin palabras and Ellegro Tangabile

Tickets: \$30 per adult for the Concert, \$10 per student. Tea event tickets are \$25 per person. No student rate.

**NEW!** Come for chamber music and an **afternoon High Tea** with assorted open and closed savory tea sandwiches, a variety of scrumptious mini pastries, tea, coffee, sherry, and brandy for only \$25. Cash Bar available. *Must purchase concert ticket to attend the Tea.* To purchase tickets call 410-625-3525 or online as follows: Visit [cabmusic.org/tickets](http://cabmusic.org/tickets). Click on the "Buy Tickets" at the event. Enter the number of concert tickets and click "Okay." If you do not wish to buy tea tickets, enter your name and payment information and click "Continue" to complete your purchase. If you do wish to buy tea tickets, click the "Keep Shopping" button at the bottom of the page. Then chose "Pre-Concert Tea." Enter your order for tea tickets. Click "Okay" and continue as in Step 2.

Jo Anne Sabas, the Editor invites all suggestions, comments, and opinions.

She can be contacted by letter through the address on this newsletter, by e-mail at [sabas@outdrs.net](mailto:sabas@outdrs.net), or telephone 540-885-0201.



Courtyard for CAB performances

Friday, February 23  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, February 25  
Time: 3:00 p.m.



### Baltimore Concert Opera Presents *Sweeney Todd* by Stephen Sondheim

The opera goes Grand Guignol in Sondheim's horror story of a barber with a mysterious past and the best meat pies in London. This gripping piece of theatre is a stunning musical work that is not to be missed. Come for a **pre-performance lecture** 30 minutes before each performance.

Tickets range from \$27.50 to \$71.50 Complete your BCO experience with a delicious dinner or Sunday brunch buffet before the Opera. The full buffet including tax and gratuity is \$42.

For performance and dining reservations, visit [baltimoreconcertopera.com](http://baltimoreconcertopera.com) then go to Sweeney Todd then to Buy Tickets and Dinner Reservations tabs or call 443-455-0226. ■

### SAVE THE DATE

Friday, May 18th  
*Heritage Dinner*

Tickets: \$120 per person inclusive  
Free Valet Parking  
Furnishing the new Vertical Addition is the intended use for the raised funds.

## 2018 Sunday Lecture & Docent Tour Series

Times: 1:00 – Docent Tours  
2:00 - Lectures  
Tickets: \$15.00  
(inclusive per Lecture/Tour)  
Free Valet Parking

**February 18**  
*The Archaeology of  
Everyone Who's Anyone*

**March 4**  
*The Dispersal & Discovery  
of Lost Treasures*

**March 18**  
*Six Degrees of  
Laurence Hall Fowler*



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or [ESB.org](http://ESB.org) for more information.  
To register call  
Patti @ 410-539-6914.

## Another Fundraising Success... The Crush "U.S. Wines Rated 90 Points or Better"

This past Crush on Friday, November 18th netted approximately \$35,000 with 250+ attendees. This great fundraiser keeps the Mansion, a historic building alive and vibrant. ■





**The Fire Ball at the Mansion  
Saturday, February 24, 2018  
Cost: \$195.00 per ticket**



This year's Fire Ball is sure to be a great party. Our annual Fire Ball, which benefits the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion Endowment Fund, is a black-tie event as well as a great fundraiser to keep this Baltimore historic building alive and vibrant. This year's theme is "MARYLAND" featuring crab, Old Bay seasoning, Berger cookies, Fisher's popcorn, and anything red/black/yellow, the State of Maryland flag colors.

**Contact Kelly Daughtry at 410-579-8100 or e-mail  
kdaughtry@leachwallace.com for sponsorship and ticket information.**



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