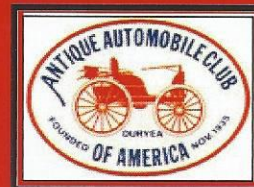


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DELIGHTFUL SPRING WEATHER IN THE COUNTRY

Two Days Of Original Art Work And Old Cars At Cromwell Valley Park

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'The Cromwell Valley Arts Festival' show has a similar feel to the Hampton Mansion show held the previous week (*see page 3 for story and page 11 for pictures*). Similar because the grounds both have a former residence that has become the focal point of the property.

Although 'Sherwood Farm' at Cromwell Valley Park is operated by Baltimore County it is not a Historic Site as is Hampton Mansion. The 'park' is known to many as 'Sherwood Farm.' It was the Sherwood family of Baltimore that built the residence in 1935 that is open for self-guided tours all the while the Arts festival is in full swing. As a matter of fact, all activity takes place in front of 'Sherwood House: vendors selling their original art, photography and crafts and live bands performing original folk music.

A tour through the residence will give one insight into what life was like for residents of this and nearby homes in the 1930s through the end of the 1990s.

The center of the 102 acre property,



Buzz Diehl made this exposure from the rear of four early arrivals at 'Cromwell Valley Arts Festival and Car Show' at Cromwell Valley Park. The event ran Saturday and Sunday May 9 and 10.

'Sherwood Farm', was purchased from the heirs of Mrs. Frances Wellington Sherwood. The gorgeous Sherwood House on this property, dating from 1935, was designed by the firm of Palmer and Lambdin. Running it as a gentleman's farm, the Sherwood family operated an apple and peach orchard, sold eggs and chickens to the public, and raised farm animals for the

family's own kitchen. The third property, Fellowship Farm, was purchased from Mr. Franklin Eck, who operated a Christmas

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tree farm. Finally, the most recent acquisition was the 50 acre Barrans' Property, a hilly parcel near Providence Road. The State of Maryland has purchased an additional 20.6 acres near Providence Road, most of which will be added to the Park by lease to the County.

While browsing through the lower level rooms of Sherwood Farm House, it doesn't take a genius to figure out how or where the term 'old money' originated. Just as Hampton Mansion, Sherwood Farm provides an idyllic setting for antique car events. Any doubts...just ask the Chesapeake Region members and others that attended the show.

Chesapeake Region members attending with their antique cars: Dan Denham, 1966 Ford Thunderbird convertible; Jim Turner, 1953 DeSoto Firedome; Jack and Elain Treadwell, 1967 Chevrolet Corvette Sting Ray; Tom, Judy and Evan Dawson, 1960 Chevrolet Bel Air sedan; Robert Meekins, 1970 Cadillac DeVille convertible; Wilmer Morrison, 1975 Chevrolet conversion van; Joanne Day, 2003 Chevrolet Corvette; Bill Wurzell, 1954 DeSoto Firedome; Buzz Diehl drove a modern vehicle.



Dozens of 'pop-up' tents as the ones above covered the entire front expanse of 'Sherwood House' along with a food vendor and a live folk band. Joanne Day managed to find an Orioles pendant she couldn't live without. The photographs, artwork and crafts appeal to many people that appreciate originality.