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# Pieces of History: EC 250 Mosaic



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When I learned that Ellicott City was celebrating its 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, I knew I wanted to join in the celebration by giving others the means to tell their Ellicott City story. History is more than dates and facts; it is about lives lived. Through hearing memories and reading stories of those who have a connection to the town, we can feel how special Ellicott City is.

The community was invited to share stuff and stories with me to incorporate into a work of art that would commemorate the character of our town and its people. More than 80 people and businesses contributed trinkets and a wide range of materials that varied in size, composition, color and meaning. Some have actual historic value and others represent an Ellicott City experience. The variety of contributions represents the rich, diverse, and generous nature of our community. I am honored that so many entrusted me with their precious mementos and stories.

The images I chose to portray represent a sampling of the iconic images of Historic Ellicott City. In addition to incorporating the donated objects, I used many different materials to depict the colorful and eclectic mix of styles seen in the Main Street area. Pieces of mirror are used throughout the work in all 6 parts to unify the project and to reflect the response of the viewer.

My hope is that this project will find a permanent, public home in Ellicott City or Howard County. The Pieces of History shared should be accessible to all in the future. Ellicott City has been my home for 22 years, but my family has roots here that span many more decades, and I am proud to be a part of this welcoming and resilient community.

I hope that you enjoy the work and have fun finding the Pieces of History contributed and “hidden” within the mosaic. Please take time to enjoy the personal stories shared by those who contributed.

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1) This piece was bought at an Ellicott City Midnight Madness event (probably in the 1980s)

I collect reindeer in memory of my grandfather whose name was Rudolph. This was one of the oldest pieces in my collection and one of many others that were purchased at a Midnight Madness evening.



2) Nancy L. M. (grandmother) and Kara Ann C. (granddaughter) participated in the rock stacking event on July 8, 2017 in the Patapsco River, old Ellicott City. We stacked rocks in memory of a family member, Megan Vogt, who passed away. The items we are donating for the EC [project] were found in the river on that adventure



3) When I think of downtown Ellicott City my first thought is “Hell House.” St. Mary’s College was originally set up as a Roman Catholic seminary but after it closed a century later, numerous frightening legends and rumors surrounded the property, which is how it got its nickname. In my college days I would visit with friends just to view the creepy, abandoned building that sat atop Granite cliff overlooking Patapsco River. And now that the building has been demolished, I like to hike the property and explore its remaining rubble. It’s also special to us because the closing of St. Mary’s spun off into what is now our church today, our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church on Ilchester Road.



4) As an artist in the area, I've painted in Ellicott City for many years. I mostly used watercolor and painted directly on site. I've given a brush to Lisa that she can use in her [project].



5) My story is that my friend and I loved going to Ellicott City one to two times a month. We enjoyed going to the stores and the antique shops. We also had lunch. It was always a nice place to visit and we enjoyed going together for the day. The people were always so nice to speak to. We always had a nice time. That's my story.



6) I was wearing this lip gloss when it happened. It was February 8, 2009. I was 17. He was 19 and home from UMD for the weekend. We met at 10pm in Lot A and walked hand-in-hand to the top of Main Street where he gave me my first kiss on the corner in front of the Ellicott City sign. We strolled down the hill in blissful silence and he stopped me on the bridge above the half-frozen Patapsco to ask if I'd be his girlfriend. He is my husband now and we have 3 beautiful children who walk Main Street with us each weekend.



7) I'm sending to your care a memento very important to me. It's a rock, picked up as a child during our travels as a military family many years ago. I colored it with a red crayon, and over the years, have held it thoughtfully, eventually rubbing most of the color off. It is a perfect shape for rubbing with your thumb.

I've carried this rock with me my whole life. It's a memento of past journeys, but it also helps me focus on the present. I'm retired now as is my husband and we were struggling with where to live in our retirement. We recently decided (this week!) that everywhere else we considered pales in comparison. We love it here in Ellicott City. We love living amid the trees, the streams, the Patapsco, the parks, and also close to Main Street and the people that we've come to know there. My rock and I are home. I would be most grateful if it's given a permanent resting place in your mosaic.



8) #1 Mah-jongg  
flower tile

This was an extra tile included in a vintage set I bought at an antique shop on Main Street in 2015. The shop was a victim of the 2016 flood I was heartbroken to think of all that was lost for the shopkeepers in the community at large. I often think of all the wonderful purchases I acquired from the many shops there

#2 Antique glass  
marble

This marble is one of the dozens that I purchased at an antique shop in the small Railroad town of Clifton Virginia where we lived prior to moving to Ellicott City. The marbles were strewn along the tracks when a railroad car derailed. The small-town feel of Clifton helped prompt our move to the railroad town of Ellicott City, and the history of both towns was very appealing to us

#3 Broken candle stand

This was an ordinary candle stand that was broken in a move from one home EC to another in August 2020



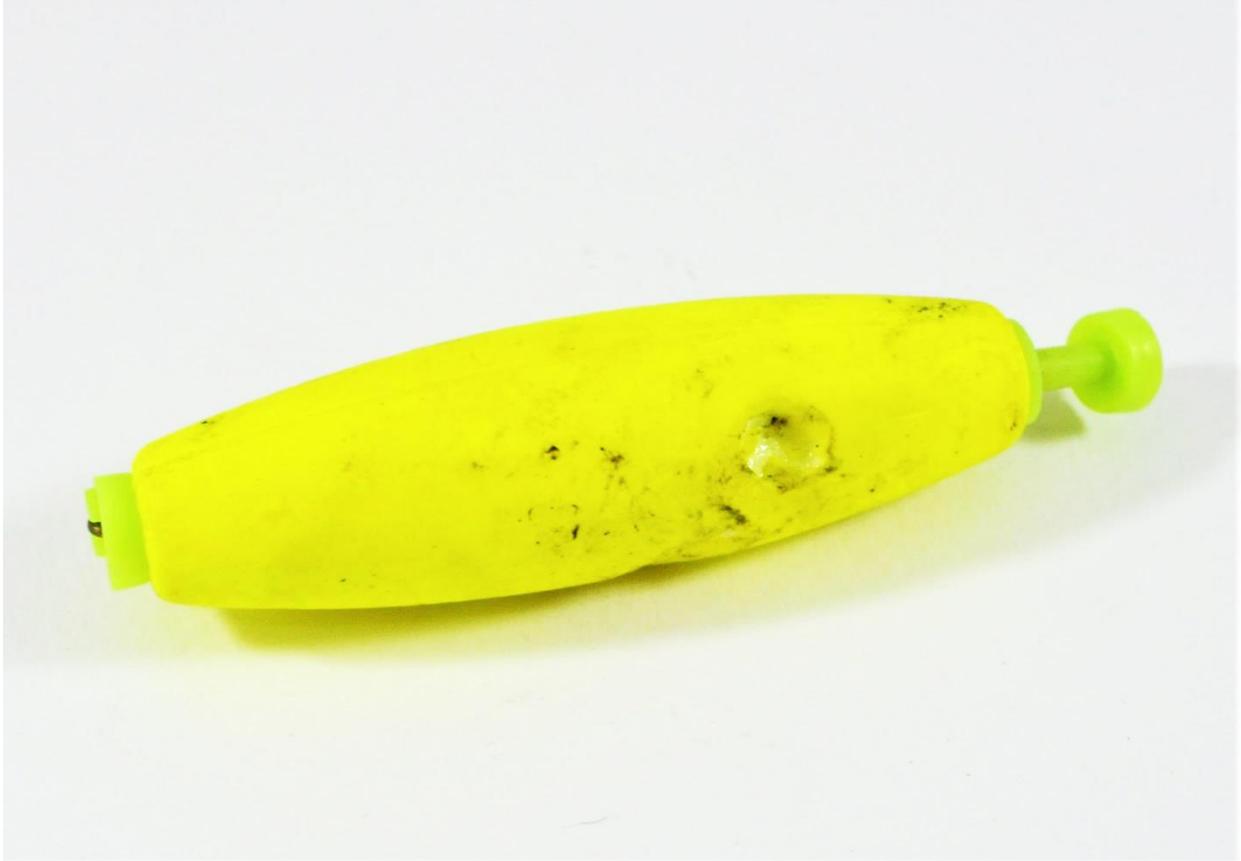
9) This granite stone from our old courthouse was recovered after the 2018 flood. The courthouse, built in 1840, was a place of justice, fairness and access for all. This stone symbolizes that foundation – the foundation of our town and the foundation of those important ideals. It reminds us that no matter what happens, we can build upon this strong foundation and build together.



10) We are submitting 3 watches to represent all of the time that we have spent with our three wonderful children in old Ellicott City! Time spent at parades, shopping, meals out, singing, exploring the museum and walking the Trolley Trail. It was all time well spent and will always be cherished!



11) My Ellicott City is in the Patapsco State Park. I spend hours and hours there, sharing it with friends, family, and neighbors. The number of trails is endless. We find sea glass along the river and smooth rocks that we paint. Hiding the painted rocks in the neighborhoods, to bring joy to others, brings joy to us.



12) We've lived in Ellicott City for 36 years and for many of those years my husband and three boys would go fishing at the Patapsco River right below Ellicott city. I've enclosed a bobber that all of them have used at one time or another over the years.



13) Railroad spike (B&O Ellicott City Station Museum; Howard County Rec and Parks site) - For 190 years, the railroad has helped bring people to Ellicott City. As the first railroad terminus in the country, the station has seen everything from horse-drawn cars to steam locomotives to diesel and electric engines used today. Here's to another 200 years of rail travel!

Glass perfume bottle (Patapsco Female Institute Historic Park; Howard County Rec and

Parks site) - In 1837, a girl's school was founded high on the hill of Ellicott Mills. 100 years later, a theater company took up residence with live-in actors during the summer season. Found somewhere on the hill of the former school site, perhaps one of the actors left this perfume bottle behind for future archaeologists to discover.

Washington Capitals hockey puck -

In 2017, he and I met an old Ellicott City (at the corner by the old Phoenix Emporium), wandered around Antique Depot, and went to Ellicott Mills Brewing Company to watch the Washington Capitals play the Columbus Blue Jackets. The Caps won, and, with a lot of hockey games throughout, a friendship-turned-relationship began. Let's go Caps!



14) When I really think about EC, so much comes to my mind and heart. To me it defines family, faith, friendships, career; Maryland my home. It will always be the home to my family since we raised our family there. Downtown Ellicott City means the world to me because it is the place where my EC community first started. EC is where I met [my “mom” friends] at Miss Kathy’s class. It made our transition from Baltimore into EC so much easier already having the start of friendships. I always equated historic EC as my “bridge” from Catonsville/Baltimore into Ellicott City. It was my transition spot to leave my neighborhood and join another neighborhood.

I chose the two objects for two reasons. The earring was made by Gina from Mt. Hebron Nursery School. I chose this piece because the nursery school was where I first became friends with most of the moms/women I am still friends with today, 20 years later. It also connected my family to the EC community. We were identified by where the children went to school. This was the launching pad for sports teams, activities, and traditions. It was the core of our family, friends, and values that shaped the boys.

The second piece was gifted to me. It is a piece of EC since the artist who created it bought the supplies “spoons” at Goodwill and created designed and sold them in Ellicott City. For me it’s something for my birthday to give back for the project. Anyway, there were 1 million ideas in my head to send you. The most important thing to me is how much EC means to me. I am excited to have a small “piece” of something in the project. EC will always and forever hold a special piece of my heart no matter how long or far I have moved or am gone from there.



15) My wife, Judy, and I bought our house on Rogers Avenue in Ellicott City in December 1990. At the time our three children were ages 5, 4 and six months. Among the documents we received from the previous owner was a copy of a deed for the property dated 1840. The original house was a one-room log cabin. Original logs can still be seen from the stairs to the basement. Our property has one outbuilding and a foundation from a former outbuilding. Over the years we have done minor excavations at these sites and have turned up numerous small and interesting bottles and glass remnants. We knew from the outside that we were moving into a house with some history. Over the years we added to that history with our family history. Our three children grew up in Ellicott City, went to school here, participated in scouting, participated in recreational sports and music activities and all graduated from Mt. Hebron High School. Our two daughters were married in Ellicott City and nearby in Baltimore.

These pieces represent the bridge between our family history in Ellicott City and the histories of the families that came before us on Rogers Avenue.



16) A long time ago purchase while antiquing on Main Street. Broken now, but like E.C. always beautiful, full of possibilities in another form.



17) This gem magnet has been hanging next to my computer for 20 years as a HoCo event planner. It's secured important notes that were the "Keys to Success," in the form of volunteers, donations, sponsors, or my to do list, and it helped to keep me organized while raising funds for worthy causes!



18) 3723 Old Columbia Pike, pictured in the center of the 1772 to 1972 bicentennial poster is the historic Day-French-Puhl house built in 1842. This gem of a property housed Envy Salon from 1999 to 2021 and it's one of the oldest brick structures in the district and remains on the Historic Registry.



19) Enclosed are 3 pieces that I hope you can use in the EC anniversary Mosaic. My love for Main Street happened because of so many beautiful memories at Tea on the Tiber with my daughters or friends... My favorite tea room. Heartbroken that it is no more!



20) My family had the great fortune of living in Ellicott City for 10 years. It's where we raised our children. I could not have asked for a better place for my children to spend the bulk of their childhood years. The community of people we found here were amazing. It seemed everywhere we went, the families of Ellicott City all had the same sense of community and camaraderie. I bought this teapot for my daughter's first back-to-school tea party which we hosted each year during elementary school. It reminds me of that sense of community I felt in Ellicott City. The feeling that people really wanted to know each other, know the families around them and build real friendships. Although we have since moved out of state, many of those friendships have transcended the miles of distance and will be in my family's life for a lifetime.

When I think about our years in Ellicott City, one of the things that stands out most are our summers at St. John's Swim Club. We spent most of our summer days there. On any given day I could show up and find friends to sit under the big tree on the lawn with and chat, while our kids found friends of their own there to swim with, play on the playground or play games on the lawn. Evenings often consisted of grilling some dinner, playing tennis or listening to a great band on adult nights. Saturday mornings were for swim team. Countless hours spent with the families of NSJ and wonderful memories made. This is one of the ribbons earned by my son for NSJ Swim Team and represents our treasured Ellicott City summers (not pictured; not used)



21) Scouts BSA troop 615 from the Church of the Resurrection in Ellicott City is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2021



22) In the mid 2010s – before the 2016 flood - my mother became interested in finding and collecting sea glass. She discovered that similar worn glass and pottery could be found in the Patapsco River, washed there by floods over the years and tumbled smooth by the river. Collecting “sea” glass in the Patapsco was a pleasant way for Gram to spend time with her grandchildren and for cousins, aunts & uncles, and siblings to have valuable time together.



23) These pieces were all found in the Patapsco River. When we found a piece of glass or pottery, we were able to trace what they were from and how the old piece was. Remarkably many of the pieces dated back to the 1800s and early 1900s. Our whole family got into looking for the interesting pieces of glass and pottery at the river!



24) Ellicott City has been “home base” for most of my life. Though I have moved away several times, I’ve always returned and have spent more than ½ of my life living in Ellicott City. These three items represent the three parts of my life that have been so deeply tied to Ellicott City.

Watch (face) FAMILY - My late father’s hobby.

Bracelet – FRIENDS. Though it shows an important friend’s name, it represents all the friends I’ve made over the years!

Name tag - SPOUSE. I met my husband at the Ellicott City Rustler Steakhouse almost 40 years ago!

Though it has changed much since my parents moved here in 1968, EC still remains a wonderful place to nurture family and friendships!



25) From 1981 to 1991 our production company, On Stage Productions, lived in The Little Theater on the Corner. The company had three groups: Kids on Stage, Teens on Stage, and The Frustrated Actors Association (adults). We did nine shows a year, productions filled with music, vitality, and joy. For my family, and for the families and friends who took part in the journey, it was among the best parts of our lives.

Closing the doors was a sad day for all of us, but the beautiful memories we have of our time in Ellicott City will live forever.

I am enclosing two of the buttons we wore with pride.



26) This pin represents the ALPHA KAPPA SORORITY (AKA), Inc., Iota Lambda Omega (ILO), chartered in Howard County in 1972.

In the 1990s, Iota Lambda Omega began its long-running Ivy AKAdemy at the Roger Carter Neighborhood Center in Ellicott City. The Ivy AKAdemy was a comprehensive learning center for educational training and human resources for the residence of the Mount Ida community. The Ivy AKAdemy allowed for the formation of a partnership with the residents of Mount Ida, the Howard County government and the Howard County Public Schools System to offer the community programs and critical issues.

Iota Lambda Omega heard the call and responded to the needs of those affected by the 2016 Ellicott City flooding. ILO's prompt response and generous donations to the relief efforts made a major difference in the lives of a number of families. ILO also partnered with other local chapters of AKA to collect donations and manage the storage unit to stage delivery to the needy families.

Iota Lambda Omega conducted the sorority's ASCEND program at Howard High School from 2014 to 2017. ASCEND focused on Achievement, Self awareness, Communication, Engagement, Networking and Development skills for high school male and female students (grade 9-12). The program had an emphasis on academic, life, career, and character building skills. The ultimate goal was to motivate, engage and assist the students in reaching their maximum potential.

October 7, 2022 will mark Iota Lambda Omega's 50th anniversary!



27) "Stronger together"

Ellicott City embodies the true meaning of the words stronger together. In our 25 years of raising our family in Ellicott City, we have experienced the power of community and working together for the common good. Neighbors, friends, teachers, coaches, store owners and community members support one another, help out in times of need and make Ellicott City the amazing place it is to live.



28) Mt. Hebron Nursery School has been a part of the Ellicott City community for over 57 years providing over 3 generations of children and families with excellence in early childhood education. The families, students and staff that has been a part of our school halls embody the true sense of community.



29) I love Ellicott City's vibrant connection to the past and the present. It's a community filled with caring, resilient citizens. It is a wonderful home and nurturing environment to raise my kids. I am proud to call Ellicott City home



30) When I moved to Columbia, MD I immediately fell in love with old Ellicott City because it reminded me of Chagrin Falls, a beautiful quaint town near my hometown of Cleveland, Ohio. Over the years, I loved sharing old Ellicott City with friends and family when they come to visit...the unique shops, intimate restaurants and beautiful outdoor surroundings. Dinner at Cacao Lane followed by Midnight Madness shopping was one of my traditions to kick-off the holiday season. After the 2016 flood, Cacao Lane and many of my favorite shops have sadly disappeared. I will always cherish my OEC memories.



31) Most weekends, when I do a long run, I head out River Road, where I pass a bridge rail on which people have gently set shards of dishes, bottles, or decorations they find while walking running or biking. I always wonder about the stories behind the shattered remains of someone's home.



32) These vintage railroad spikes were given to me for this [project] by a citizen who came across them in Ellicott city.

The Ellicott City station of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad was built in 1830 and trains have been traveling along that track for 192 years. The railroad was key to the further evolution of Ellicott City as the location of the first cargo and passenger terminus of the B&O railroad.



33) Silver Arrow Homemade Fudge and Candy—As old Ellicott City's original fudge shop, we are to be a part of our community since 1996

Southwest Connection- 3 generations of our family have been a part of old Ellicott City and Southwest Connection for 33 years.



#### 34) Tiger eye stone

Our son, Benjamin, was the first and only grandchild that his grandfather Joseph Williams met before he passed away in June 2002. Joe nicknamed Ben "Tiger" and would always greet him with a big "Hey Tiger" when he spent time with him as a baby. Ben has always been a lover and collector of rocks. He has quite a collection of "Tiger eye" rocks and whenever we see them we are reminded of his "Pap-Pap" and his greeting of "Hey Tiger." His Pap-Pap was so happy that we chose to live in Howard County so that we could be close by and he would have love to spend time with his "Tiger" in our backyard in Ellicott City. He is always with us in spirit.

#### Crystal prism

This crystal was a piece of our daughter Maggie's bedroom furniture when she was little. It perfectly captures her personality and essence. She is sparkly, colorful, and full of light. As a little one she adored going into the fantastical shops in OEC and watching things twirl, sparkle and shine. As a teen she now prefers shopping in OEC, with a particular affinity for the shine of the jewelry and the fun items at her favorite shop, SEJ.

#### Broken ceramic

This piece of ceramic came from a flower planter we purchased on our honeymoon in Spain in 1997. It traveled with us from Spain to our first home in Elkridge to our forever home in Ellicott City. We cherish the memories it brings of the start of our life together and look forward to the continued memories we will have in Ellicott City through the years. As our children move forward on their own in lives we don't know where their paths will take them, but we do know that Ellicott City will always be "home" in our hearts.



35) These pottery and glass shards were all found on our property (3799 old Columbia Pike) and we would love to contribute them for the OEC to 250th celebration mosaic. The original house was built in 1800, with additions in 1837 and 2000, it eventually became the Esther Rettger house, she had a shop in Tongue Row!



36) My name is Margaret and I had a gallery in EC from 1987 to 2001 called Margaret Smith Gallery. It was eclectic to say the least - I loved it. We sold original oils, watercolors, sculpture, print media, custom framing but it was when we started selling Disney animation art that

we actually started to make money.

On May 30, 1998, Jodi Benson made a special appearance at our gallery. Jodi was the voice of The Little Mermaid - a great movie and the last time Disney hand-painted a major film. Already the computer was taking over that function and part of The Little Mermaid was done that way.

This was huge for the gallery and his popularity washed over Ellicott City as well. We were able to get Jodi interviewed on WBAL that morning and she pointed her finger at the camera and said, "Visit Ellicott City." She was amazing. She signed lots of hand-painted cells and even sang for us.

I did a lot of shows at the gallery over 14 years but none were more impactful than The Little Mermaid. This glass was made to commemorate the event and was a free gift to about 50 clients I can just see the bottom blue desk in your mosaic. Whatever survives UPS and whatever inspires you. I hope to visit EC during my anniversary. I'm living in Florida but I have returned from time to time.



37) I started volunteering after the 2018 flood digging out Tea on the Tiber, Discoveries, and Park Ridge. Feeling awful as they threw broken china into the street for garbage collection, I decided to do a little fundraiser. I started making "Survivor necklaces" with the broken pottery, china, and glass. I thought I could raise a few hundred dollars for the shop owners who had just lost everything. The fundraiser took off, and I ended up raising and giving over \$24,000 to the shop owners. I made over 800 necklaces and donated 100% to the EC shop owners. Thank you for including one of the survivor necklaces. This piece is from Joan Eve Collectibles.



38) It has been fascinating for us to find household items from people who lived in the same home & gardened in the same plots that we reside in today. We love being part of the history of Old Ellicott City.



### 39) Stone with "Robbie"

Roberta "Robbie" Babbitt was a friend of mine who we all lost suddenly in 2016. I met her through Howard County Summer Theater, as she was very involved in the arts in Howard County as well as Baltimore. Her husband gave a bunch of these to those close to her as a remembrance. Also, it is tradition in Jewish culture to place a small stone like this on the foot or headstone of the deceased when visiting the grave. I miss her terribly.

### Silver Hamsa

This Hamsa (hand of God) was given to me by my Aunt Ginger, as is a symbol in many cultures and religions of good fortune, health and happiness, or warding off evil. She purchased a bunch of these in her hometown of Woodstock, NY and gives them to her friends and family, as she believes the hamsa keeps them safe and happy.



40) Pen (lead pencil actually) from my father's business.

Located at 8289 Main Street from 1969 to 1987 as the Lilley Insurance Agency, Inc. (formally operated from his home on Valley Road as James H. Lilley, General Insurance).

Our time on Main Street was amazing as we grew to know both residents and business owners. It was and remains a remarkable place with remarkable people!



41) Our daughter Kelly Scruggs spent most of her life in Ellicott City. She loved a day of shopping at some of the little shops along Main Street. She bought her first Marriott's Ridge High School homecoming dress at Discoveries. In her short 27 years, she brought music and laughter and art to those who knew and loved her, and after she passed away, she gave the gift of life to 5 people through organ donation. She is missed more than we can say.



42) A gift from a friend after the floods. Hope is the first step in starting over.



43) My son, Walter, died by suicide at the age of 27. January 2011 the Thistle Cotton Mill Dam was removed in the Patapsco River. It was my "therapy" to find treasures in the river bottom every day for months. This is just some of what I found. I have more, and many pieces of glass if you need it. I love our river!



44) PALLET KNIFE - I grew up from my middle school days through adulthood in E.C. From my childhood I have always been interested in art, always drawing and later painting. This is a very well-worn pallet knife that has been used for many years to mix my paints to work on my art. It is encrusted with many coats of paint, and many memories of trial and error in creating art.

HAIR BARRETTE - I lived in Ellicott City all through my middle and high school years, and again later in my adulthood. I have had long hair pretty much most of my life, and pulling it back with barrettes like this one. Ellicott City has always felt like HOME to me.

ST. CHRISTOPHER PIN - My wife and I lived in Ellicott City for several years, and it was place of "home" for her, as she grew up there, as well as the home of her parents. One of my favorite things to wear was baseball style hats, and on those hats, I like to put pins. I would also put pins on my gear for riding my motorcycle. One of them would be a St. Christopher metal to keep me safe while riding.

SKULL PENDANT - John loved to ride his Harley Davidson motorcycle. He had decorated it with skulls, and this is a pendant he had on a necklace.

TURTLE - Marie, my Mom, lived in Ellicott City for many, many years. During that time, she liked to collect the little glass figures known as Wade figures that were free in Tetley Tea boxes. She had quite a number of them, and this little turtle is one of them. In fact, she had a printer's draw hanging on the wall to display them, putting one or more in each section of the drawer where printers used to put their letters and numbers.

BUTTON - My mom had this cute little ceramic box, and inside it is an assortment of buttons and other sewing items. Buttons used to have such a significance on apparel and were a form of art, which is why I supposed she saved this one. She kept this box on her dresser for many years when living in her home which she loved in Ellicott City.

1776-1976 QUARTER - Jake, my Step-dad, was a banker for many years, and lived with my Mom, Marie, in Ellicott City until his passing. He loved his home there. He was always looking at coins he would get in the course of making purchases. When the 1776-1976 Quarters were issued, he saved quite a number of them for all the states.





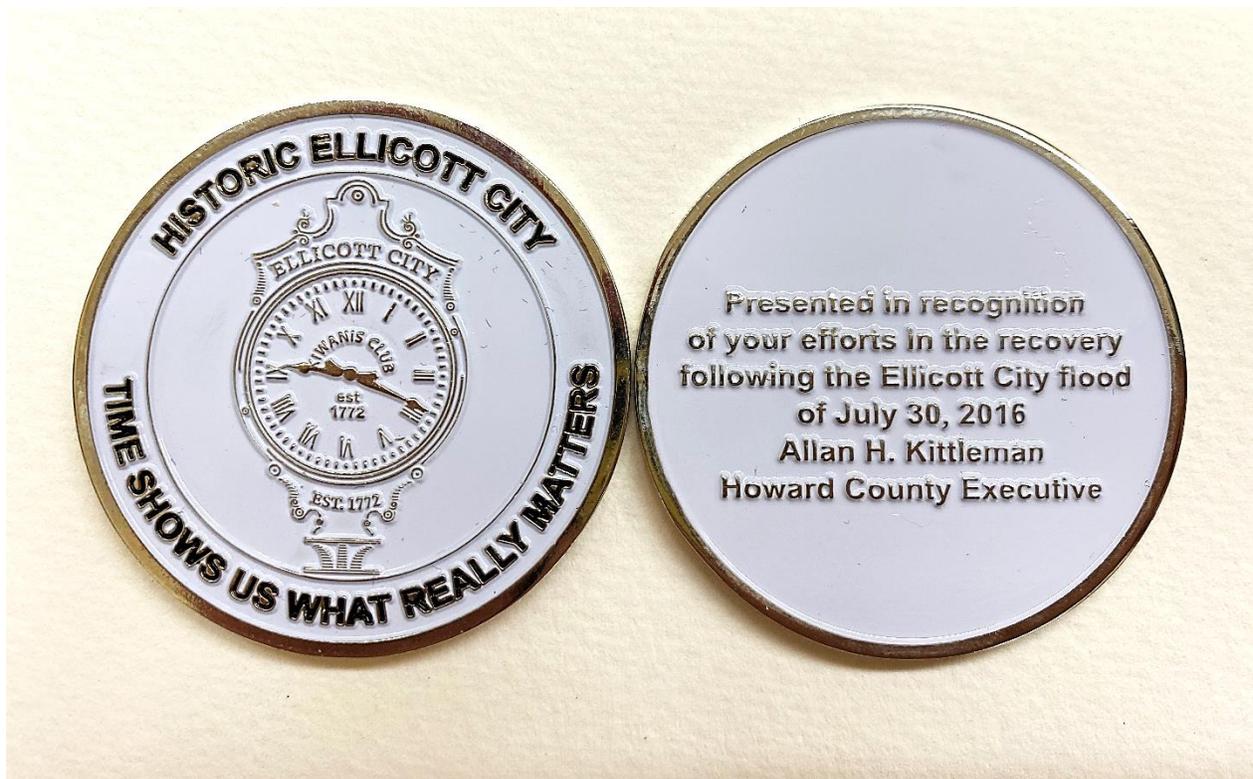
46) This is a piece of the marble counters that once graced the old EC Main Street P. O. at a time when post offices were an elegant reflection of a more genteel form of social interaction and communication than the scorch of social media we must now endure.



47) We gave you crossed keys. The symbol of St. Peter is the crossed keys and we give out those same keys at every OEC event we participate in. When not fused together (by me) the individual key is a cool bottle opener. We believe this speaks directly to St. Peter's welcome and hospitality of and to all in the Ellicott City Community.



48) As a resident of EC for over 30 years, the pandemic found me with extra time on my hands and a longing to touch people's lives in a positive way. I was furloughed from my job and my volunteer activities were canceled. I started seeing inspirational stones in my neighborhood and decided that I since they gave me joy, I would paint inspirational messages and give them to people going through tough times or just to bring sunshine into their lives during this unsettling pandemic. My inspirational students have been sent all over the US and to date, number over 600. You never know where they will turn up next.



49) I am providing two challenge coins that were presented to individuals in recognition of their bravery, courage and leadership during Ellicott City's recovery after the 2016 flood. While the coins were made after the 2016 flood, they continue to represent to me the strength shown by our community every single day as we continue to support one another. I have given you two coins so you can show both sides.



50) When I heard about the EC250 project I knew exactly what I would submit. For many years I ate delicious meal served on my grandmother's Blue Willow China. She had every piece imaginable. I grew to love it, too. Owning Attic Antiques 'N Things for 30 years in EC, I have acquired many lovely pieces. During the EC 2016 and 2018 floods I lost hundreds of pieces of shattered china from which this piece came. I thought it would be a lovely addition to our [project]



51) WATCH: After the flood I had bought a T-shirt for a fundraiser to restore the clock tower at the train station. It has a drawing of the clock with the words inside, "Time has a way of showing us what really matters." As time goes by that same feels more true and authentic to me. I had no way of knowing when I moved to Maryland in 1989

with my then boyfriend (who grew up here), all that would transpire in the coming years. Our marriage, raising our kids, building a home in Ellicott City, deepening community as our many friendships grew. Now, as empty-nesters, we value this place more than ever. Biking through Patapsco Park, romantic dinner dates in old EC, just walking Main Street or up the Trolley Trail, time together has become the most precious commodity. Some of our dear friends and family are no longer with us but our memories of time with them are our most valued possessions. So I offer up this watch for the mosaic as it symbolizes what time shows us in the moments it ticks off: what really matters.

EARRING: this earring belonged to my dear friend Lisa who was struck down with an aggressive brain cancer and left us too soon. The last time our little group of friends went for a ladies night out, right before she got very sick and was diagnosed, was to Johnny's on Main for dinner and drinks afterward in the bar that was upstairs at the time. The five of us mothers had raised our kids together, some still in high school. Our nights out together away from jobs and responsibilities were full of laughter and that night was no exception. For all the fun nights out with friends in EC, I offer up this remembrance of our beloved friend and fellow EC lover.

BUTTERFLY: The butterfly is a symbol of metamorphosis - of rebirth. It's to symbolize the dedication and struggle of all those who helped rebuild the EC after the floods.

CANNING JAR LID: One of the things I love most about EC is that it connects us to the past. I feel those who have gone before us as I walk the streets. I found this top of an old canning jar and it made me think of my grandmother who grew a big garden and canned vegetables for the winter months. I offer it for the mosaic to honor all the women in the past who worked hard every day to feed their families, lovingly growing food and preserving it for them. Also, to all the women of today who give so much to their families and communities and make Ellicott City a wonderful place to live.



52) This 20-year HCPSS pin represents the HCPSS employees who have contributed to the education of students over the years. From a 24 year employee and still hanging in there despite Covid. Covid will not chase us away



53) I am an environmental scientist, working as a climate policy analyst at the Maryland department of the environment (Though the words below are mine only, and do not represent MDE)

As an environmentalist, I tend to not throw things away if I think

they can be used for another purpose. Thus, I have a small pile of broken costume jewelry and such. I am so glad to finally have a place to share these items and to know they will become art!

My husband and I moved to Ellicott City in 2000. We love it here. Ellicott City has seen much tragedy. When the CSX railroad derailed and took the lives of two, while polluting the historic district and the Patapsco River with coal. Crews were working 24 hours a day to clean it all up. I went down there with a big five foot-long sub to share with those working so hard.

When the first flood hit the historic District in 2016, I was in shock. That night I actually had to drive in the country, and I encountered a flooded Route 40. The police forced us to turn around, and drive through some highwater to get to safety. It was the scariest drive I've ever had. I donated to help with the cleanup. When the second flood hit, I was again devastated and donated what I could. I want to be sure that part of the story of Ellicott City discusses the effects of climate change. These two, "100" year storms would not have happened, in part, if it weren't for the warming climate, which traps more moisture in the air and therefore dropping a lot more rain in a short period of time.

From the Washington Post: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/capitol-weather-gang/wp/2018/05/28/thesecond-1000-year-rainstorm-in-two-years-engulfed-Ellicott-City-heres-how-it-happened/>

"... climate change has probably altered the larger environment in which the small thunderstorms are in bedded. Notably, the water vapor content of the atmosphere, as a whole, has increased and scientific studies have shown a statistically meaningful uptick in the frequency of extreme rain events over the eastern United States. Statistically, over the long term, these types of extreme floods are probably becoming more common, in areas that are normally rainy as a result of global warming."



54) Commemorative button-EC225- celebrating the 225th Anniversary of the founding of Ellicott City! Cindy Hirshberg had the idea to create a garden competition in the historic district to mark the anniversary. The artwork is by Nan Keenan and features three plants native to Maryland (3 as in 3 Ellicott brothers who are credited with establishing the town). The plants are Service berry, Pepperbush and Purple Sage. Lots of time spent by many people beautifying our town with flowers in 1997



55) Post office box door from Ellicott City's Main Street post office (8267 Main St). This post office was open in 1940 and served the community until 2008.

The post office box area of the small town post office was like the water cooler in an office – an unofficial gathering place! Locals would run into their neighbors, both close by and a bit distant; they would exchange news and catch up on all that was happening. Sadly, those days are passing a small post offices, including our own, are disappearing rather quickly.



56) Ellicott City has always been a patchwork of different people, beliefs and ideas but together we become one united force. We create something strong and beautiful.

These pieces were found along the river after the flood. I hope you can create something strong, beautiful and uniquely Ellicott City.



57) My hope is that this little ceramic frog, that I have owned for over 40 years, is a reminder that we all need to preserve and celebrate not only Ellicott City's wonderful historical sites, but also its precious surrounding natural areas.



58) My fond memories of OEC begin in 1967 with my antique dealer mom buying and selling items in Ellicott City's Country Store, and they continue into my middle school years with watching futuristic movies at the Ellicott Theater on Main Street and serving as a Bicentennial Belle in 1972. More recent memories include attending Parents' and Ladies' Nights Out as well as Midnight Madness with my Madrigal son, and donating family antiques to many of the EC shops after 2016 and 2018 floods



59) The large glass bowl was a gift from Sally Tenant who owns “Discoveries,” a gift shop on Main Street. Sally’s was next to the Phoenix Restaurant and was badly damaged in the flood of 2018. This bowl survived the flood with minor scratches. I have known Sally for over 40 years and I offered her my help to rebuild and once she was back on her feet, I gave Sally some of my paintings of Ellicott City to help her bring in some additional income to help pay her expenses. Sally is now located near Umi Sushi. Her old shop is scheduled to be demolished along with all the adjacent buildings to enable the county to build a large drainage storage facility.

The bottle was found on my property when excavating for an addition to my home. As stamped on the bottle, it was made by the Gottlieb Bauernschmidt Strauss Brewing Company of Baltimore. The company was founded in 1901 and went out of business in 1919 due to prohibition in 1920. In 1934 National Bohemian Beer Company was started in the old GBS Brewery. Old Columbia Pike [was home to a] bar across the street from my house and [that] has been renovated into a home



60) We are very grateful on being part of OEC, our grand opening was on February 29, 2020. We feel the commUNITY spirit here in OEC, and we love it. Thank you for letting us be a part of the history, even though we just came here.



61) My contribution to the mosaic is a white glass liner for a “Genuine Zinc Cap for Ball Mason Jars.” These were used to can garden produce in the late 1800s and this one was found while we were moving dirt in our backyard.

My house dates back to before 1850 and the current kitchen was once the original log cabin. The three doorways leading into the kitchen are 11”, 13” and 16” wide as the logs are still inside the walls; you can still see the logs if you go down the kitchen stairs to the basement. The original house measured about 17 feet x 13 feet, and there was likely a loft above it, as the logs go up about 3 feet above the beams in the kitchen ceiling (we discovered this the first time we did a renovation on the second floor). It’s always been a source of wonder and amusement to me as we’ve learned about our house by doing work on it.

I imagine the people who lived here long ago had a large garden and canned enough to get them through the winters. I’ve carried on this tradition of having a garden and canning the bounty from it, and I’m happy to contribute something that ties that age to ours today.



62) We bought a set of dishes at Hecht Company at the Columbia Mall back in 1980. My donation of a plate and salt container are part of that original set. The Hecht Company had replaced Hochschild Kohn in 1975, and then that space at the mall was later Macys. We have maintained a home in Ellicott City for many years, raising our 4 daughters, and kept this set all those years before giving it to one of our daughters. Ellicott City is a wonderful place to raise children, and we have enjoyed living and working here for over 40 years.



63) Thank you for making the Enchanted Forest part of your mosaic. My grandparents and parents Howard and Grace Harrison Sr., Howard and Geraldine Harrison Jr., opened the park in 1955. I think they created a lot of memories for all that came to the park



64) This is glass I collected on a walk along the Patapsco River, which flows through Ellicott City. I thought you might like to pick anything you find useful or interesting yourself. Some of the glass is likely from one of the mills that were once central to Ellicott City's economy. Ellicott City is situated in an area of great natural beauty, and this glass reminds me that we all must conserve the Patapsco River Valley.



65) I was a stay-at-home mom and my family moved to Ellicott City, Maryland in the summer of 2003. At that time, I also had a small side business painting pet portraits on river rocks. Over the years, I captured the likenesses of many of our Valley Meade neighborhood's dogs and cats, but little did I know what creatures were silently starring in the ground that would become my next subjects.

Ellicott City, Maryland is home to one of the largest breeds of 17-year cicadas in the United States. And being an older town with undisturbed soil-makes it the perfect habitat for the little creatures to spend the vast majority of their lives underground until their next grand entrance arrives, which just happened to occur in the spring after my family settled into our new home. May 2004 welcome to billions of the cicadas. They were everywhere and the sole topic of conversation for weeks. May was also the timeframe I began preparing for Holiday Mart—an annual, fall, Howard County craft show where I sold paperweight-sized versions of my dog and cat portrait rocks. The idea to paint cicada rocks that year was a no brainer. I created dozens of the painted-stone insects, and in their own commercial way, they “flew” off the shelves during the Holiday Mart weekend. The cicada rock I’m gifting you for that your mosaic is the last one that I kept for myself. He’s been hiding in the back of the cabinet for many years. Your mosaic commemorating Ellicott City’s 250th birthday is the perfect opportunity for this little one to make its own grand entrance into the world and become part of your wonderful celebration of our beloved Ellicott City



66) The ClayGround offers a place for fun and inspiration to everyone, where anyone can be an artist and everyone can be themselves. We provide a great experience for creating memories through Pottery, Glass Fusion and Mosaic classes-represented by the piece of colorful glass and our logo imprinted in a ceramic coaster.



67) Enclosed is a rock from the Patapsco River. The river will always hold a special place in my heart as it is woven into my own personal history of living in Ellicott City for 21 years. My kids grew up exploring the woods and tributaries surrounding the river. We have spent hours and hours hiking, swimming, tubing, and kayaking the river. The flooding is, of course, also part of those memories and while tragic, also brought out the strength of our community.



68) The bronze coin was given to me by a family member who found it among his mother's belongings when she passed. He does not know where or when she got it.

The 2 Miles for 2 Hearts medallion (charm) was given to me by the race committee. They had the race logo made into a necklace for me. The race, as you know, was organized in memory of Elizabeth and Rose and to raise money for the scholarships in their memories. The logo was created by my oldest son, Brendan.



69) Our donation to the mosaic includes two pieces... One of yesterday and one of tomorrow. The pink soap dish and cloth holder reflecting the retro/original color scheme and design of our home and the other depicted by the new, updated materials that we've used to make the house we bought (more than a decade ago in Ellicott City) our home of today and tomorrow. While these pieces reflect improvements we've made to our home they can also symbolize the new friendships we've made and the enduring legacy that these friendships will have on our family for years to come.



70) This pin is one of the original HCYP Raiders team pins that was traded among players at a baseball tournament in Cooperstown at age 12U.

HCYP Raiders is a non-profit baseball program, a strong fixture in Howard County, providing opportunities for players to compete at the highest levels of youth baseball. The program shows the importance of teamwork and builds strong, lasting bonds among teammates. The program builds character and teaches good sportsmanship. It teaches leadership on and off the field. Our son was fortunate enough to play for HCYP, beginning in rec and then making the Raiders travel team at age 10. His team finished by winning a National Championship, in Ohio, before going off to college. Coached by Al Miller and his son Ryan Miller and many other greats along the way, the boys build a team with lasting bonds that still carry on today. In addition to learning team skills, our family gained a second family. Our baseball family!! HCYP provided our family with good times, good friends, travel opportunities and memories to last a lifetime. For that we will feel forever blessed!!



71) Stained glass pieces from the Howard County Arts Council. These pieces were from the Benchmark mosaic sculpture in the courtyard originally created for the 25th anniversary by artist Ginger Peloquin. These are extra pieces from its remaking in 2021 by artist Susan Stockman.



72) Merriweather Post Pavilion 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary ornament

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73) pieces of ceramic found on Doughregan Manor property



74) Attending and graduating from Mt. Hebron High School in Ellicott City was a truly special experience for me. There is so much to love about those 4 years - the lifelong friendships, the amazing teachers, the school spirit and the families and community that embraced us while we were growing up and finding ourselves. As a mother of a current high school senior, I often find myself reflecting on those senior moments that I will always treasure - the spirit weeks, the homecoming games, the dances, the class trips - and, of course, the senior crab feast because we were, after all, a Maryland school! My high school experience prepared me to walk across the stage into the next chapter of life and I will always be grateful and proud to be a Mt. Hebron Viking from Ellicott City!



75) My sister worked for the Ellicott City railroad museum in the 70s. I found a souvenir she gave the family from the museum gift shop. She loved the job being an ambassador for the history of Ellicott City. Her name is Linda Spence.



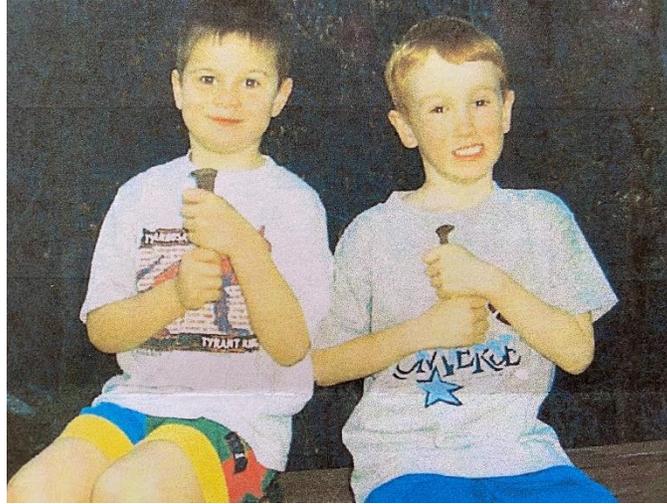
76) I moved to Maryland with my family August of 1993. After enrolling my three sons in the Howard County Public School System and before I sought employment, I decided to discover the area. Ellicott City was one of the first places I came upon. From the first moment I walked the Main Street historic district, I was enthralled with the quaint charm, and history of this beautiful town. Each and every shop and building have its own uniqueness. One of my many favorites is Forget Me Not where I purchased several little trinkets and gifts.

For a while they sold beautiful glass hearts in many colors. They would package them in these pretty blue bags which were designed with glitter and the stores logo. I wish I had saved one of them. Each time I wrote a wedding or anniversary card, I included one of the hearts. After a while they stopped selling the larger hearts. I have two of them left. I kept one and would love the other to be part of the mosaic to celebrate Ellicott City's 250th anniversary. The pretty butterfly was purchased at Forget Me Not as well.

In my retirement I have moved to Harrisonburg, VA to be close to my family. When I visit Maryland, I always make it to Ellicott City to shop and dine.



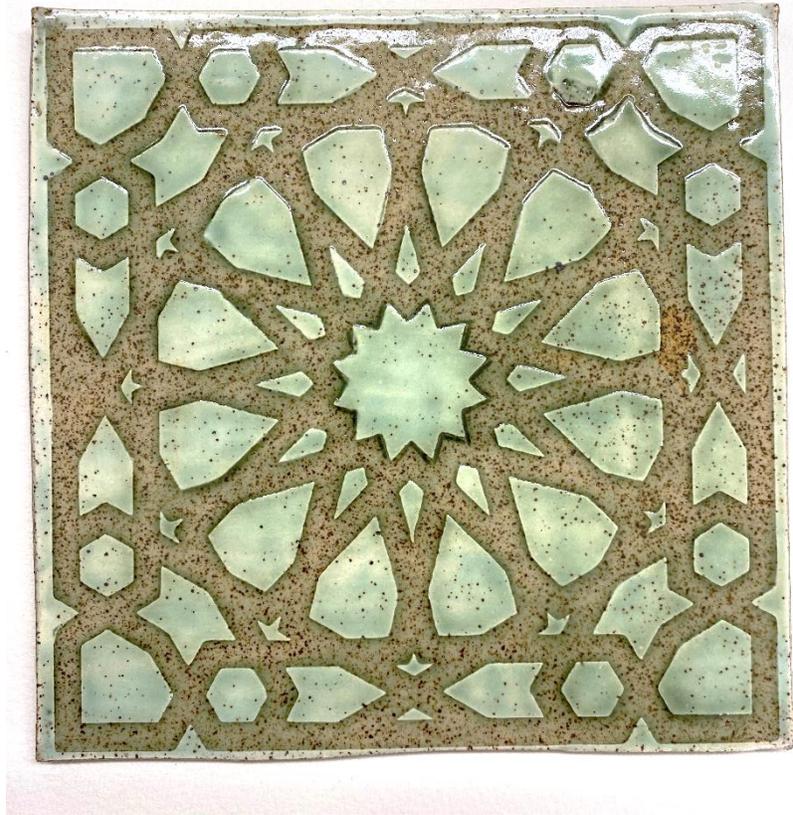
77) My great grandparents, Ella and Calvin Horney, snuck away and eloped to Ellicott City as young adults on 10/21/33. She was 16! They were married at First Presbyterian, the church on the hill behind Main Street with the visible steeple. Andrew Allen was minister at the time. My great grandfather Cal passed away shortly after retiring and I never met him, but he was a loving husband and father to four children, a wonderful artist, a barbershop quartet singer, and was always good for a laugh. He built their Pasadena home himself using the stones on its exterior. My great grandmother, Ella, was full of love and tough as nails. She was crafty and resilient, with a twinkle in her eye when she smiled. She had room in her heart for everyone and taught me unconditional love. She passed at age 95 in 2013.



78) We moved to Ellicott City in the summer of 2001, and into our final house in February 2002. Our house is on the border of Patapsco State Park, close to the Patapsco River, with lots of forest to explore. That is exactly what my son did many a day and he often would invite classmates, one of whom is Lewis. This photo of Lewis and David shows what they found on their latest hike: railroad spikes! What a perfect item to put in the [project]. Railroad spikes represent what started all of Ellicott City's growth and success! Railroad is Ellicott City. I could not find David's spike so I could not send it to you but I hope you will include railroad relics in your [project].



79) Moving to Maryland was an emotionally taxing part of my life. But Ellicott City changed that. It helped me find community as an American Muslim. It is where my home is and it is where I find peace, a sense of security, and most of all love.



80) This tile is inspired by my courtyard growing up with geometrical rosettes. The shapes sit with dignity, making a bigger design that conveys harmony and humility and tranquility. As we come to Ellicott City from diverse backgrounds, we align and stand side-by-side in society to make a bigger and beautiful picture



81) My husband and I moved to Ellicott City a little over a year ago and immediately fell in love with it. The piece that we've provided was found on the banks of the river when we were exploring one day. I don't know where or when it was last used, but I think about all of the love and pride OEC showed (during the floods)and still continues to show.



82) I have wonderful memories growing up in Ellicott City and am fortunate to have raised our kids here as well. One of my fondest memories is of growing up going and going to Forest Hill Swim and Tennis club so my frog charms represent this as the Forest Hill Frogs. While PJ Kesmodel was our swim coach (many know him as a legendary lacrosse coach but he first coached me in swimming), he led our team to build an 8-10 foot papier mache frog for a meet against our rival club Padonia.



83) These are a few of the pipes from the old organ at my family church (Emory Methodist on Church Road). My parents created the Howard County senior center in the basement there. When the organ was replaced mom got some of the pipes as “keepsakes.”



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