

# Crisfield & Smith Island Cultural Alliance, Inc.

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Dear Mr. & Mrs. Evans:

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Thank you so much for renewing your membership in the Alliance. The support and encouragement of our members (now about 200 all across the country) is really important to us and helps us continue our efforts related to researching, preserving and exhibiting the history and cultural life of this region.

We had another busy summer in 1999 with over 3,200 visitors. The first step in gaining accreditation with the American Museum Association was undertaken with Dr. **Ralph Eshelman** as our surveyor. After reading background materials we provided to him, visiting our center/museum and meeting with our Board of Directors, Dr. Eshelman has provided a comprehensive report with many cogent recommendations for our future development.


**Janet Evans Tyler** has recently joined our staff and is welcoming visitors on Wednesdays and Saturdays during the off-season months (November thru March). Recent additions to our growing gift shop inventory include new caps copied from those worn by the fabled SI baseball teams and the new edition of **Mrs. Kitching's** ever-popular Cookbook.

The genealogy data base installed by **Gail Walczyk** is available to visitors at the Center or you may request information from it if you like - please be sure to include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request.

Some of our members have given Alliance Memberships to family or friends as holiday gifts - a good idea for any occasion. And, please remember that we are happy to receive and acknowledge gifts given in memory/honor of loved ones -- for further information, please write to us or call **John Somers** (410)651-2742 or **Midge Patterson** (410)651-2292.

Thank you again for supporting the Alliance.

Sincerely,

  
Phillip L. Gerald  
President

