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We walk in the Footsteps of Generations Past

Women's History Month

March is women's history month, and it's a time to reflect on the contributions of women to our society. In Aberdeen, one woman who has had a profound impact on the City's history is Charlotte Cronin, the founder of the Aberdeen Historical Museum.



Charlotte Cronin has always been a passionate advocate for preserving the history of Aberdeen and sharing it with future generations. She dedicated a significant portion of her life to creating and continuing the Aberdeen Historical Museum, playing a pivotal role in promoting the City's rich heritage.

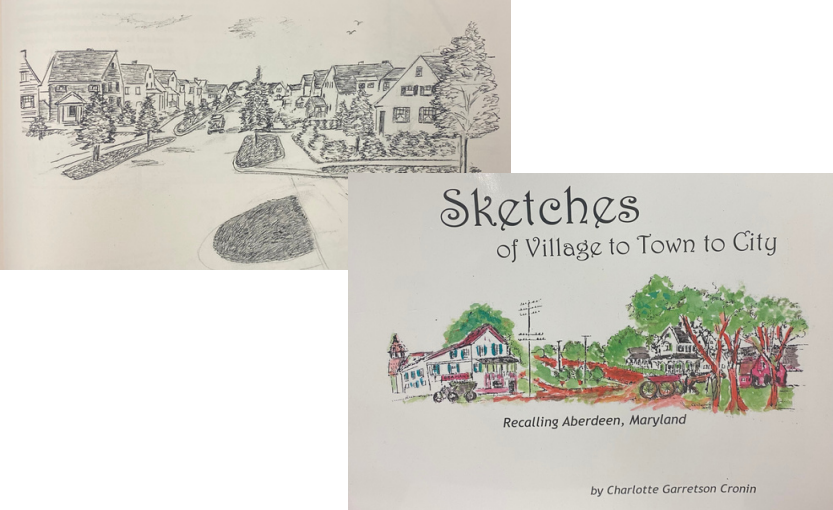
Raised in Aberdeen, Charlotte Cronin has deep roots in the community. Her father and grandfather worked for the local railroad, and her ancestry can be traced back to Rutten Garrett, who landed in Baltimore in 1661 from Holland, Netherlands. After graduating from Aberdeen High School with honors, Cronin attended the University of Pennsylvania, where she was a member of the first class of women to attend the prestigious, all-male Wharton School of Finance.

After graduation, Cronin worked a variety of jobs, including one at the Aberdeen Proving Ground's Ballistic Research Lab, and as an advertising salesperson and columnist for the Harford Democrat. Her efforts in promoting Aberdeen and its heritage helped Aberdeen win the All-American City award in 1997.

Cronin was the founder of the Aberdeen Historical Museum in 1987 under the name, "Aberdeen Room Archives and Museum, Inc." One of her museum activities was to open the museum doors to various schools, sharing the history of Aberdeen with the next generation.

Cronin also hosted a visit of the Museum to the Lord and Lady Provost of Aberdeen's mother city, Aberdeen, Scotland.

Cronin's contributions to the City of Aberdeen extend beyond her roles as former Museum Curator and President. One of her projects was to produce over 350 drawings of various homes, businesses, municipal buildings, churches, and schools in Aberdeen and APG, and along with historical notes of each, published them in a book entitled "Sketches of Village to Town to City."



Note: This book is presently available through the Aberdeen Historical Museum for \$20. For information on how you may obtain a copy, email info@aberdeennmuseum.org.

Cronin's legacy lives on through the Aberdeen Historical Museum, which remains a vital part of the community. Her dedication to preserving the history of the greater Aberdeen area has left a lasting impact on the City, its people, and the surrounding communities.



APPLESAUCE CAKE

Each year, one of the Museum's volunteer would bake this cake for Charlotte Cronin for her birthday, as it was her favorite. However, it was made for her with two alterations per Ms. Cronin's request: "No nuts; no raisins".

Ingredients:

- 2½ cups sifted all-purpose flour
- 1½ teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- ¼ teaspoon allspice
- ½ cup butter
- 1½ to 1¾ cups sugar (depending on how sweet you like it)
- 2 eggs
- 1½ cups applesauce
- ½ cup raisins
- ½ cup chopped pecans



Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease and lightly-flour a 13x9x2-inch pan.
2. Toast pecans. (*To toast: Spread pecans evenly in a single layer on a rimmed cookie sheet. Bake in a preheated 350 degree oven until they begin to brown and become aromatic, about 7 – 10 minutes, tossing half-way through. Watch closely that they do not burn. Remove from the oven and let cool.*)
3. Sift together dry ingredients; set aside.
4. In mixer, cream butter until fluffy. Gradually add sugar, creaming until light.
5. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each one.
6. With mixer still running, alternately add small amounts of sifted dry ingredients and applesauce.
7. Turn off mixer. Stir in raisins and nuts by hand, being careful not to over stir.
8. Turn batter into prepared pan. Bake at 350 degrees about 45 minutes or till cake tester comes out clean. Cool in pan.



IT'S A PARTY!
AND YOU ARE INVITED!

The Aberdeen Historical Museum is hosting a booth at Harford Community College's APGFCU Area on:
Friday, March 31, 6 pm – 9 pm
Saturday, April 1, 10 am – 4 pm



Our theme will be
“History of APG — Harford County’s Biggest Employer”

For more information, click [here](#)

Stop by and see us!

SUPPORT US!

Do you want to be in on what happens behind the scenes at the Museum? Come join us as a volunteer! Click [here](#) to learn more.



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Saturday, 11 AM - 2 PM

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