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Historical Society offers scrapbook program

For The Frederick News-Post

Scrapbooks have long been a part of our culture. While collecting and preserving memorabilia into albums has been around for centuries, it was the advent of paper photographs and inexpensive cameras in the late 1800s and early 1900s that caused the popularity of scrapbooking to explode. Although that popularity declined in the mid-20th century, a modern scrapbooking boom began in the late 1980s and has yet to subside.

The Historical Society of Frederick County will explore scrapbooks in American life at its ongoing Learning Lunch series from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, April 7, at the Museum of Frederick County History, 24 E. Church St. in Frederick.

“The history of scrapbooks and scrapbooking can be traced back to the 1600s with the Commonplace Book, used by Renaissance men as a memory aid and notebook,” said Brigitte Kamsler, Historical Society archivist. “Today, scrapbooks are still with us but wrought with conservation concerns. Anyone who has seen a scrapbook filled with crumbling newspaper clippings, faded photos, and yellowed, dried adhesive tape has experienced that.”

Kamsler will lead a discussion of the issues that arise from combined elements, construction and everyday wear and tear of scrapbooks. Examples from the Historical Society’s collection will be displayed and recommendations for the care of scrapbooks will be provided. “We will be offering some practical tips that will help people enjoy their scrapbooks for many years.”

The Learning Lunch programs are offered the first Thursday of each month. Upcoming topics include wedding dresses and other cherished fabrics on May 5, and a history of photography and types of early photographs on June 2. The programs are free.

For information about these programs and other upcoming events, visit www.hscinfo.org or call 301-695-1198.

Brigitte Kamsler, archivist with the Historical Society of Frederick County, will lead a workshop on the history and care of scrapbooks.
The Burke Library
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Quotes from Archival Collections:

“These are bloody times in which we live and it seems as if we can’t go on in this way much longer…”
~MRL2: Mary Lewis Shedd Papers regarding the withdrawal of Assyrian Christians from Persia, 1918

“I long to see you – to hear you and to lay my aching head on that dear shoulder which has so often pillowed it. You can’t think how I miss you…”
~MRL3: William Wilberforce Chapin Papers, 1860 – 1865
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Thank You!

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