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The Prince George's County Historical Society has announced plans to publish a new comprehensive illustrated history of Prince George's County.

The book, to be titled *Historic Prince George's County: A Confluence of Cultures*, is being written as a collaboration of four noted historians: Donna L. Schneider, Nathania A. Branch Miles, Laurence D. Winston, Sr., and George D. Denny, Jr.

Ms. Schneider, an Upper Marlboro resident, was a co-author of *Prince George's County Maryland (2000)* and former president of the Prince George's County Historical & Cultural Trust. Ms. Branch Miles is a co-author of *Fort Washington (2006)* and *Oxon Hill (2006)* and is a lecturer for Prince George's Community College, Howard University and the University of the District of Columbia. Mr. Winston is president of the Glenarden Historical Society, a retired Prince George's County government employee and an active member of various historical and preservation organizations. Mr. Denny is a former teacher and administrator with Prince George's County Public Schools, a former mayor of Brentwood and author of two books on local historical topics.

According to John Petro, president of the Prince George's County Historical Society, the book is being produced to "offer a unique visual perspective on our county's history."

The book is a "coffee table" style book and will contain hundreds of photographs, illustrations, maps and other images, many of which have never before been in print. Numerous images will be reproduced in full color.

Historic Prince George's County will be a "landmark publication," Petro states, that will be fun to read and peruse, yet will accurately record the story of our county.

“We intend to present a fascinating narrative dealing with the intriguing and influential people and businesses that made Prince George’s County what it is today. It will also chronicle the events that have shaped the evolution of the community from her earliest native American settlers to the modern era of government, industry, education and commerce,” Petro said.

The quartet of authors is not only authoring the historic manuscript, but is also researching and selecting images to be included in the book.

A unique part of *Historic Prince George’s County* is the “Sharing The Heritage” section which will include the histories of county businesses and organizations. Participation in this section is being offered by invitation to Prince George’s County organizations and institutions which have played a role in the development and economic strength of the region.

The “Sharing The Heritage” section is separate from the main historical manuscript and is being written by Tracy Griggs president of TMG Communications of Georgetown, MD. Project Manager Lou Ann Murphy will be sharing with area business leaders the benefits of including their own business history in the book.

Historic Prince George’s County is designed as a major fund raising project for the Prince George’s County Historical Society, to provide funding for various historic preservation projects in the county.

In the production of *Historic Prince George’s County*, the Society is utilizing the services of Historical Publishing Network of San Antonio, TX as a publishing consultant.

The book, when published, will retail for \$49.95 and will be available through the Society and also at area book stores.

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