***A Major Home Décor Marketplace Coming to Poolesville***

By Rande Davis

Karen Wilson and Sandra Spiro recently purchased the Dr. Thomas Poole House at the corner of Fisher Avenue and West Willard Road and will be opening The Blue Hearth, a multi-vendor facility that will feature a wide variety of revitalized furnishings, monthly home décor clinics, painting parties, makeover clinics, and special event planning for birthdays, anniversaries, and other celebrations.

The name for the establishment comes from seven blue-themed fireplace hearths in the historic 1830 six-thousand-square-foot Federal-style home. The marketing model for the business is similar to successful enterprises in Frederick County such as Chartreuse and Co. in Buckeystown. “We think Montgomery County should have its own upscale vintage market location, and we find Poolesville to be the perfect location.” While the other locations open on the third weekend of the month, Karen tells us that “we do not want to conflict with any of our friends’ market days, so we will follow a monthly model, but we will be open the first weekend of the month instead.”

They hope that people will put their themed events on their calendar every month, as a place where families can come and spend a few hours, catch up with friends, and buy a few treasures. They plan to use every inch of space including the large foyer, second floor bathroom, even making sure the walls throughout the home also are used properly by artists, many of whom they hope will be locals.

The establishment will have its very own Tea Garden patio, where customers can sit, rest, and snack on some refreshments provided by the Blue Hearth or commercial caterers.

The Blue Hearth will have an open house on July 27 for prospective vendors to familiarize them with Poolesville and allow them to make their space selection. They promote that they plan to partner with their vendor/sponsors in making the establishment a destination to showcase their wares and to be a part of making the community special. On the weekend of September 6, 7, and 8, they will have their grand opening. They will also open occasionally for other special weekends such as Poolesville Day.