



MEET THE AUTHOR AT TWICE TOLD TALES

Ardyce Kinsley will be autographing copies of her book, *Passage to Sharps*, at Twice Told Tales in Kilmarnock during Scottish Days on October 20 between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

In *Passage to Sharps*, the men and women who settled in what would become an important steamboat stop tell the fascinating stories of their lives. Unlike the placid riverside community that is Sharps today, a colorful history waits to be

explored—of English settlers who first arrived in 1659; of their descendants, like William Peachy, who left the lasting legacy of his home, Milden Hall; of the Danish preacher from Iowa, Claus Clausen, who ‘thought outside the box’ and made plans for a ‘real town’; of New Jersey entrepreneur, DeWitt Clinton Sharp, whose name remains on the village post office; and many more.

A section is devoted to anecdotes pertaining to Sharps. Discovered in the *Northern Neck News*, and deemed too interesting to omit, the reader will enjoy often-humorous accounts of daily activities in the village. With the three plats of the village in hand, a visitor to Sharps can explore and imagine the hustle and bustle of a formerly-vibrant community which has been transformed, since the end of the steamboat era, into a quiet place to live. . . and to enjoy the best sunsets in Virginia.

Ms. Kinsley will also make available her biography of Fitzhugh Lee, *The Fitzhugh Lee Sampler*. One of Gov. Lee’s descendants, VAdm Fitzhugh Lee III, wrote of it: “I have read only Part One of the *Fitzhugh Lee Sampler* but it is enough to tell me that your biography is a treasure.”