

# LIBRETTO

Symphony Village's Newsletter

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*MISSION STATEMENT: To enhance the quality of life and promote a harmonious community through the timely publication of accurate information about residents, events, and activities in and around Symphony Village.*

## **New Homeowners**

The following residents have settled and/or moved into their new homes since our last publication. Symphony Village welcomes—

Kevin & Gerri Caico

639 Harmony Way

Doug & Ella Hamilton

115 Concerto Ave.

Richard & Ethel Kirchner

607 Harmony Way

## FROM DENNIS' DESK



As your new grounds maintenance contractor, we would like to take the opportunity to introduce your community to our company. We have been a locally owned full service professional landscape contractor since 1980, serving both Virginia and the Baltimore/Washington metropolitan areas, along with Maryland's eastern shore region.

As a full service landscape contractor, we not only maintain existing landscapes, we also have a design/build division which can design and install all aspects of a landscape project whether it is commercial or residential.

### **Specialized Equipment:**

Fleet of sixty trucks

Complete line of landscape and maintenance production equipment valued at over two million dollars to serve our clients' needs

Recycling equipment that recycles 90% of our by-products

**Custom Growing Facilities:**

29,000 sq. ft. of covered greenhouse space used to produce seasonal color and perishable crops for our clients  
State-of-the-art thirty-eight acre corporate facility

**Communication with our Clients and our Staff**

We can be reached by local telephone exchange from any of our clients' locations. Owners, office staff and managers are equipped with cell phones and e-mail addresses and supply clients with their contact information for convenience. Production Personnel are in two-way radio contact with our office at all times.

**Our Knowledge, Education, and Company Experience**

The company has successfully completed its 28th year in business with employee's having a combined effort of 145 years working together to make Lasting Impressions a true leader in the local landscape maintenance industry. Our management and production staff has combined on-the-job landscape work experience of over 250 years and a formal educational background with an emphasis on the landscape industry of over thirty-two years.

We look forward to serving you and your community and to establishing a long-term relationship for years to come!

**PUBLICATION AND COMMUNICATION UPDATE**

**Wanted:** Does any Villager have and use InDesign software? The Publications Committee is looking for a backup person who has this software. Please contact Carol Hodges (410-758-0591) or George Drake (410-758-8266). Thank you.

**Picture Directory:** If you need to have a picture taken, come to the St. Patrick's Happy Hour Friday at 6 p.m. or Monday at 7 p.m.

**Advertisers:** Please support our advertisers.

**SCHEDULED BOARD OF DIRECTORS and HOA MEETINGS**

All Symphony Village homeowners are invited to attend the quarterly Board of Directors meetings. The meetings are at 10 a.m. in the Grand Concert Hall at the Clubhouse on April 24, July 24, and October 23. The SV Homeowners Association Annual Meeting is scheduled for December 2.



Check out what is coming up at River Plantation. **See the ads.**

## COMMITTEE REPORTS



### LIFESTYLE UPDATE

#### Calendar of Events

- Friday, March 13, is our pre **St. Patrick's Day Happy Hour**, 6 p.m. Bring your favorite appetizer and celebrate the "wearing of the green."
- **Movie Night**, Friday, March 20, 7 p.m. is our post **St. Patrick's Day** celebration with *The Quiet Man* starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara.
- **Hunters Oak** is hosting the **Lunch Bunch** on Tuesday, March 24, 12 p.m. Menu choices are posted on the sign up sheet in the Activities Book.
- Thursday, March 26, is **Ladies' Happy Hour**, at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy Italian fare and the special drink of the night.
- **Game Night** is Friday, March 27, 7 p.m. Play 2500 with the singles or bring your game of choice. Snacks welcome.
- **Dining Inn** is Saturday, March 28, 6 p.m. hosted by the Camerons and Sprays. You will enjoy delicious food and special dining companions. Bon Appetit!
- Saturday, March 28, 6 p.m. is a **Happy Hour**. Bring an appetizer, relax, and enjoy your friends at the Clubhouse.

#### Upcoming Events

April	3	Happy Hour	6 p.m.
	7	Lifestyle Meeting	7 p.m.
	11	<b>Easter Egg Hunt</b> for Grandchildren \$3 per child plus \$2 for picture (optional) Sign up in the Activities Book	1 p.m.
	17	Game Night	7 p.m.
	18	Happy Hour	6 p.m.
	24	Movie Night <i>The Secret Life of Bees</i>	7 p.m.
	30	Ladies' Happy Hour	5:30 p.m.

A trip to **Hillwood Museum and Gardens** in Washington, DC, will be held on Wednesday, May 13. The cost is \$33 for admission and lunch (including gratuity) plus cost for the bus (approximately \$16). The bus should leave Symphony Village at 8 a.m. Sign up in the Activities Book and pay Laura.

## **OUTREACH UPDATE**

### **SV Outreach House Tour Coming Soon**

By now all homeowners should have their invitations to the upcoming April 25 House Tour. If you need additional invitations or information please do not hesitate to call Linda Blume at 410-758-3194 or Loretta Quigley at 410-758-6775. Our primary recipient of monies raised from this event will be Chesterwye Center located in Grasonville. Their work with developmentally disabled adults is exemplary. We will be attempting to raise a significant amount of money for the purchase of a Heuer lift to facilitate the transfer of patients as needed. We welcome any and all participation and help, so if you want to add an additional donation to your ticket purchase or if you know of a person or group who would be interested in helping with this endeavor, it would be greatly appreciated. Checks can be dropped off in the Outreach basket at the Clubhouse. You can call Beth Dewhirst for additional information about Chesterwye, at 410-758-0944.



### **Houses on 2009 SV House Tour**

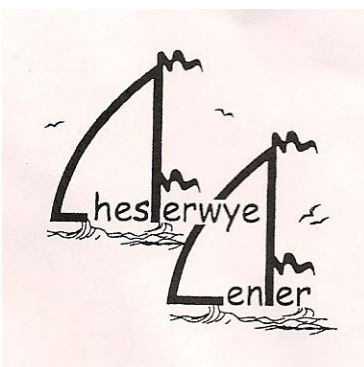
The House Tour Committee is proud to announce the following homes will be on our April 25th tour:

Diane Briggs  
Liz deGuzman  
Ed & Nancy Frey  
Jack & Robin Laird  
B. J. McClueb  
Tom & Mary Ann Kisker

Skip & Maryanne Kornmeyer  
Mary Smith  
Jack & Pat Tominovich  
Vinny & Mary Jo Volpicelli  
Ed & Marilyn Williams

It's not too late to volunteer to show your home. If you are interested in further information, give Beth Dewhirst a call: 410-758-0944. Remember to RSVP to your house tour invitation by April 18. It promises to be a great tour and luncheon.

### **SV Outreach News and Notes**



Symphony Village Outreach Program, Inc. is pleased to announce that **Chesterwye Center** will be the major beneficiary of our 2009 House Tour. Chesterwye Center, a non-profit organization located in Grasonville, provides vocational and residential services to adults with developmental disabilities. As their director, Dan Bungori stated, "We enhance the lives of adults with developmental disabilities toward personal independence and choice." The program offers a wide range of services that assist individuals to develop their abilities, support their life choices, and become a valued member of their community.

Located within Chesterwye Center is a vocational training center where clients are

trained to go out into the community and secure meaningful employment. Some clients work in restaurants and others perform cleaning services, car washes, and moving and storage work. Other clients remain on site and are able to do tasks such as sorting, collating, and mailer assistance. There are 70 individuals who attend Chesterwye with a staff of 90. A building program has just been completed, doubling the size of the facility and providing among other things a commercial kitchen where training is done for restaurant work. Buses provide transportation for those who attend on a daily basis and live at home.

For those who have no one to care for them, there are seven homes where clients live. Professionals who enable the individuals to live in a family atmosphere staff these homes. The center is busy day and evening with many social activities. This is truly a valuable facility in our community and the Outreach Committee is happy to support them through profits made by the House Tour.

### **Outreach Report**

The Symphony Village Outreach Program had a very busy 2008. Fundraising for Hospice of Queen Anne's County successfully continued, and the Committee was also able to support some "old friends" including Centreville Police Fair, Adult Day Care, Caring and Sharing of QAC, QAC Council for Youth and Children, and the Food Pantry. The First Annual Alzheimer's Walk held in October was fun as well as successful. Also, Neighbor to Neighbor and Caregivers activities in our own community are going strong.

Entering 2009, the Committee is hard at work organizing our biggest fundraiser, the Symphony Village House Tour planned for April 25. Everyone will enjoy a fun day complete with house tour, lunch, raffle, and plant sale. The invitations have been mailed, and Outreach is proud to announce that a primary recipient of the fundraising will be Chesterwye Center. Their mission is to enhance the lives of adults with developmental disabilities and assist those individuals to develop their abilities, support their life choices, and become a valued member of their community.

All the good works mentioned in this article are possible due to the generosity of our residents and the support of our fundraisers. Our neighbors who give of their time to volunteer are essential to the success of all Outreach activities. However, our work is just beginning. In these economic times, the Outreach Program needs your continued support as requests for our help increase.

Please spread the word about the House Tour and buy your tickets early. Your support enables Outreach to be a community partner that can make a difference.



Interested in reflexology? [See the ads.](#)

## **Neighbor to Neighbor**

As luck would have it, both Street Captains for “old” Harmony were out of town the evening we had our February meeting. Fortunately for Symphony Village, a neighbor, Barb Smith, had agreed to attend the meeting for them. Early in the meeting, Barb told us that she’d very much like to help Neighbor to Neighbor any way that she could. That put us in the enviable position of being a volunteer group with an “extra” volunteer. What to do??? The solution was quickly decided upon--we designated a new position and asked Barb to fill it.



The new position is officially called “Street Captain At Large.” We agreed that as the “SCAL,” Barb would fill in for Street Captains who are out-of-town or otherwise temporarily unable to cover their responsibilities. In addition, she will be available to provide additional help to all the other Street Captains. Over time, the position will evolve to encompass other responsibilities, as well.

Please join with us in welcoming Barb to Neighbor to Neighbor. Please feel free to contact her if you need assistance and are not able to reach either of your Street Captains. Her phone number is 410-758-4577, and her email address is [jimbarbsmith@aol.com](mailto:jimbarbsmith@aol.com).

## **SYMPHONY SNEAKERS UPDATE**



Sneakers has been busy with activities at the Kennard Elementary School. In February, we did two days of Donuts for Dads, which brought out lots of dads and their children for the book give-away. In March, we had an all-morning Dr. Seuss book give-away, in which each student who came got a free book. The students had to read a page from their selections to an adult before they could take the book. They were wonderful readers, and both the students and the adults enjoyed the experience. The last book give-away will be June 10 and once again we have an all-morning book give-away. I am sure we will be listening to the children read again. Come join us, it is a lot of fun.

## **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

### **Landscape Sub-Committee For Common Areas Formed**

A Landscape Committee has been established under the direction of the Operations Committee to develop cost effective ideas for maintaining and improving the common areas of Symphony Village. The Committee will investigate, identify, and prioritize areas of concern and will research solutions for corrective action. These recommendations will be reported to the Operations Committee for review. Residents who have concerns about a common area issue may submit a Common Areas Investigation Form, which can be downloaded at the SV website and turned in at the Clubhouse office.



The focus this month is evaluation of levels of erosion, especially on hills and slopes. We hope to identify causes and propose sustainable solutions. Other topics soon to be researched will be the health of our trees and the water volume and velocity in the swales (the drainage channels).

Informational and educational forums on subjects relating to landscape, horticulture and environmental topics are being planned along with a volunteer planting day with residents to beautify and improve specific common area sites. Your comments and participation are encouraged. Current members of the committee are:

Cass Smith, Chairperson  
Santee Love  
Betty McAtee  
Ellen Norman  
Maggie Crosswhite  
Eleanor Strietman

John DiLaura  
Jack Tominovich  
Linda Gardner  
Dorothy Hamm  
Dave Hoffman



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### ***“How Does Your Garden Grow?”*** **Integrated Pest Management**

The warmer days of spring are rapidly approaching, and many SV’ers will be spending more time outdoors in their gardens in the months to come. That usually means dealing with a variety of plant pest/disease issues.

Integrated Pest Management was introduced in the late 1960s. It is a common sense approach to dealing with pests and diseases in the garden, and is recommended by the University of Maryland, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the US Department of Agriculture. It was developed as an approach to alleviating problems caused by chemical pesticides (such as accumulation in the food chain, pest resistance, losses in pollinator populations, and pollution, to name a few).

#### Prevention

**Healthy** plants usually have fewer pest problems. It is important to select plants adapted to the planting location, and to purchase varieties that are resistant to disease and insect infestation. Take time to improve the soil with organic matter and fertilize only if needed. Too much fertilizer can encourage “succulent” growth, which attracts sucking insects. Keep the soil evenly moist and avoid watering after dark to discourage fungal growth (soil pathogens). Provide proper pruning to create good air circulation on the interior and exterior of the plant. Finally, take the time to routinely monitor your garden in order to provide proactive pest control.

### Biological Control

Many creatures in the garden (insects, spiders, microorganisms) are beneficial and belong to its unique ecosystem. Predatory and parasitic insects consume pests or use them as food for offspring. Some predatory “bugs” are ladybird beetles (ladybugs), lacewings, flower flies, praying mantis, ground beetles, assassin bugs, dragonflies, wolf spiders, and lightning bugs.



### Physical Control

Any damaged plant part should be removed. Other physical control measures include creating physical barriers such as floating crop covers and collars (for cut worms), dusting with bread flour, tilling in early spring and late fall, and hose water spraying to dislodge mites or aphids. Many times pests can be hand picked and squashed, or dropped into soapy water.

### Cultural Control

The following actions will discourage pest or diseases in your garden:

- Space plants properly for good air circulation.
- Raised beds will promote strong root growth, especially when the soil drains poorly.
- A diversity of herbs, annuals, and perennials in the garden will attract a variety of “beneficials” and stabilize the entire landscape.
- It is important to clean up garden debris in the fall and dispose of diseased/infested plant parts.

### Chemical Controls

The utilization of chemical pesticides should be considered a last resort. Most importantly, **broad-spectrum** insecticides/herbicides should not be the main management tools. Nor should pesticides be used on a scheduled basis or for preventive purposes. “Bio-rational” chemicals such as copper and sulfur (for disease control) and insecticide soaps, horticultural oils, and plant insecticides such as “neem” are recommended. However, these chemicals should be used only if:

- A serious pest/disease can be identified.
- Beneficials are not evident.
- The problem is repetitive/constant despite preventative action.
- The plant is of “specimen” status.

*A variety of helpful information relevant to gardening issues can be found at the U of MD Cooperative Extension Office in Centreville, 505 Railroad Avenue, Suite 4 (410-758-0166). A helpful website from U of MD Home and Garden Information Center is [www.hgic.umd.edu](http://www.hgic.umd.edu) or it can be reached by phone 1-800-342-2507.*

Submitted by Betty McAtee, Landscaping Subcommittee/Operations Committee



Need new eyeglasses? **See the ads at the end.**



## CLUBS AND CLASSES

### The “Gazebo Gang” Symphony Village Garden Club



Spring is just around the corner! Hooray! By the time you read this, the purple martin houses will be open for business. We have three now, but other residents have requested that we install ones in their areas. The material cost is about \$200 per unit. The garden club will supply the labor. As soon as we get the money, we will request permission to erect the houses. (Checks should be made payable to Jack Hennessey). Crocuses and daffodils are blooming. The 100 new tulips we planted are above ground. We have 20 beds in the gazebo garden. We would like to have one or two volunteers for each bed. No experience necessary. We have several experts in our club who are willing to share their expertise. It is a good way to meet some new neighbors. The garden club will meet March 22 at 10 a.m. at the gazebo. Y'all come. Call Jack or Joan for information at 410-758-4872.

### The Reading For Fun Book Club



The Book Club met on February 17 to discuss *The Other Boleyn Girl* by Philippa Gregory, recommended by June Silverman. The story centered on Mary Boleyn, sister of Anne Boleyn (who was beheaded by Henry VIII). If you enjoy historical novels, try this one. It is long, but very interesting. In fact, it received a rating of 4.47 on a scale of 1 to 5.

Our next meeting will be held on March 17 in the Clubhouse. The book recommended by Jack Hennessey is *The Night Blooming Cereus*, by local resident Hal Wilson. Hal will be at our meeting to discuss his book, and to answer any questions. (Incidentally, Hal and Jack are members of the Eastern Shore Writers Association). If you would like to attend the March meeting and meet the author, please contact Jack Hennessey on 410-758-4872. We will request a bigger room to accommodate the expected crowd. Dessert and coffee will be served. The book recommended for April is *In The Country of Men*, by Hisham Natar.

### SV Tennis

Springtime is near. Please join the other SV tennis players Monday, March 16, at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse to discuss tennis activities for 2009. One of the topics for discussion will be options for organizing a beginners' group. Bring a new player with you.

### SV Cycling



The Cycling Group of SV is open to ALL RESIDENTS, friends, and local cyclists interested in cycling for exercise, comradeship, and learning to cycle safely in a group. This year we will plan to cycle on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday of each week starting at 10 a.m. Our first ride is planned for Thursday, April 2. Rides beginning in SV will start from the Clubhouse, and

will include two parts: The first part of each ride will include all bikers, during which we will go 5 miles or less and stay under 10 mph. This portion of the ride will stay within the SV area and/or up to the shopping center/hospice. For the more experienced riders, we will continue riding on the back roads for an additional 10 or more miles.

In addition to the rides in SV and the surrounding Centreville area, there will also be opportunities to ride on bike trails at places such as Kent Island, Blackwater Wildlife Refuge, Matapeake State Park on Kent Island, and Tuckahoe State Park. We will plan some local brunch/lunch rides into Centreville and possibly Queenstown.

For additional rides, you are encouraged to ride with The Cycling Seniors. Beginning this spring they will be sponsoring ten rides on the Maryland Eastern shore. This group always rides on Fridays beginning at 10 a.m. For more information and the coming cycling schedule for The Cycling Seniors, check the following web page: <http://www.baltobikeclub.org/uploads/images/jByERVCFwgII-XcoCitBTw/CyclingSrs2009RideSchedule.pdf> or call George Drake.

For another bike riding opportunity, join the Chesapeake Challenge 2009 in Chestertown on June 13-14. By participating in this ride, you will join many other participants in helping raise money for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. For more information check the MS website: [www.bikemdm.nationalmssociety.org](http://www.bikemdm.nationalmssociety.org).

SAFETY for yourself and your fellow riders is the main consideration when riding with others. Always take it easy and ride safely. There may be times when you will want to cross a road by walking. Do It!

**FOR YOUR OWN PROTECTION ALWAYS WEAR A HELMET!!!**

For more information or to join our email list, please contact Lloyd McAtee at either 410-758-2443 or [ltmbjm@verizon.net](mailto:ltmbjm@verizon.net). Mark your calendars for April 2.

### **Exploring Maryland Heritage**

We're planning a field trip in April. Watch Laura's Weekly Update for details.



### **FROM CHINA TO SYMPHONY VILLAGE**

### **Mah Jongg Lessons Beginning in April**

This ancient and sometimes rowdy Chinese game is back in vogue and not just with older women. Young men and women are playing the game in large numbers as a way to release the tensions of life and as a networking strategy.

An instructor at Delaware College calls Mah Jongg yoga for the brain. She says that, "it will challenge your gray cells and help you keep mentally young." Named for a Chinese word that means "sparrow,"

Mah Jongg is a game of luck and skill played with engraved tiles of various suits, such as dragons and winds. Competitors try to assemble a winning hand by collecting tiles to form certain patterns. In terms of complexity, Mah Jongg is somewhere between rummy and bridge.

Sign up in the Clubhouse for the class and by the end of the session you will know the basics of the game, learn winning strategies, and have a lot of fun.

**SIGN UP SOON** because Mah Jongg cards must be ordered ASAP. If you have any questions, contact Mary Drake at 410-758-8266 or [maryjdrake@yahoo.com](mailto:maryjdrake@yahoo.com).

### **Symphony Ssingles**

On Thursday, February 26, the Ssingles were given a very special lunch at Hunter's Oak. We ate lunch in their clubhouse. The meal started with a tasty cream of crab soup. The entrees were crab, steak, and chicken - all delicious - and we finished with a brownie sundae. After lunch, we enjoyed a tour of the buildings and the activities at Hunter Oak. It was a beautiful day, a lovely place, and all had a wonderful time. Our next activity will be Sunday Brunch on March 29 at 1 p.m. Our last brunch was a lot of fun. We hope all singles will join us at the Clubhouse for good food and good friendship.



### **Cert Teams**

#### **LAST CALL – DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TRAINING**

#### **CERTIFICATIONS IN FIRST AID, CPR, and AED!**

Join other SV Neighbors who have signed up for Free Family and Neighbor Disaster Preparedness Training. The Maryland Emergency Management Agency will present training for CERT – Community Emergency Response Teams – practical information about how you can prepare for any disaster. Subjects include: creating emergency supply kits, fire safety, disaster preparedness, light search and rescue, first aid, use of the AED (automated external defibrillator), disaster psychology, CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation), and other emergency preparedness subjects.

The object of this training for SV residents is to be able to take care of ourselves and our own residents in catastrophic accidents/conditions before emergency responders arrive.

Training is scheduled for SV'ers as follows: six consecutive Monday nights, starting March 23 from 6 until 10 p.m. (or earlier) at Chesapeake College. We will car pool, leaving from the Clubhouse east side parking lot at 5:30 p.m. To "register," please contact George Drake as soon as possible at 410-758-8266, or [georgeandmarydrake@yahoo.com](mailto:georgeandmarydrake@yahoo.com). If you have already signed up with George, please call or e-mail to confirm attendance.

You will receive a CERT certificate for the course and certification cards in CPR, First Aid, and AED training. The entire course is **FREE**. Thanks from your SV neighbors.



Need some carpentry done? [See the ads.](#)

## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

### **Congratulations!**

Caruso Homes is proud to announce that Skip and Maryanne Kornmeyer of Harmony Way are the winners of a \$100 gift certificate to Good Guy's for participating in the resident referral contest. A drawing was held to determine the winner since 5 residents each brought 1 referral.

Caruso Homes and the Symphony Village team would like to thank all who participated in our resident referral program. The resident that sends the most referrals between March 11 and April 10 will receive a \$100 gift certificate to Julia's in Centreville. If you have any questions, or need more referral cards, please stop by the Sales Center. Good Luck!

### **Symphony Village in Florida**

The snowbirds are slowly returning to Symphony Village. Traveling throughout the state of Florida the past few months, Villagers were not surprised to see many of their very own eastern shore neighbors who had escaped to warmer climes. Some travelers did get back in time to see March roar into Symphony Village leaving behind ten inches of snow. Many others reported being very glad they missed it. The snow melted quickly and the days are getting longer. Birds are singing, plants are sprouting, and mulch is underway. Welcome spring! And welcome home to all the Symphony Village snowbirds! Let's hope the adage holds and March "leaves like a lamb." Did you see the DiCarlantonios, Stephens, Blairs, Loiaconos, Ryans, Powells, Rays, Browns, Ferbers, Cooks, Marchis, Kings, Stoltzes, Farrars, Hungerford, Joys, Goodmuths, Linkens, Krafts, Gauthiers, Lairds, Beachleys, Petersons, Syferts, Taylors, Davis's, Dysons, Hodges, Drakes, or any other of your neighbors enjoying the Florida sun over the winter?



A great time was had by all at the brunch at Destinations restaurant at Pelican Preserve in Ft. Myers.

**And the Winner is...**



At the February 23, Monday night lobster bake dinner at Ram's Head Shore House, diners were invited to guess the weight of the "guest lobster." The winner would get to take the lobster home "dead or alive." At 7 lbs. 7 oz., Symphony Villager Dennis Gardner guessed correctly. Pictured are Dennis and his wife, Linda, preparing to share their feast with the photographer, Steve Quigley, and his wife, Loretta--their next-door neighbors. All had a yummy time.

**Front Door Colors\***

Many residents are finding the need to repaint their front doors. Betsy Spedden Ewing has asked us to print the names of the colors to help match the existing colors.

**Symphony Village Name**

- Navy
- Black
- Blackwatch
- Red
- Winestone
- Spanish Moss
- Grey
- Blue
- Brown
- Dark Spruce
- Green

**McCormick Paint Name**

- Navy
- Black
- Georgetown Green
- Farmhouse Red
- Winestone
- Spanish Moss
- Drum Hill Grey
- Carolina Slate
- Old Carriage Brown
- Fox Hall Green
- Forest Green

\*The color of your front door matches your shutter color. The nearest McCormick Paint store is on West Street in Annapolis.



Need some landscaping done or a patio built. [See the ads.](#)

**OF LOCAL INTEREST**



In preparation for its annual April Gala, the Queen Anne's Chorale has been rehearsing weekly for nearly two months. The concert, entitled *April Fools* will be held on Saturday, **April 25**, at The Todd Performing Arts Center at Chesapeake College in Wye Mills. The performance will begin at 7:30 p.m.

As the title implies, this concert will explore humor in music. The program has

been designed to “tickle your funny bone” and bring smiles and giggles from the audience! Be prepared to hear comic cantatas; nursery rhymes presented in the styles of Gregorian chant, Handel, Schubert, and Verdi; as well as spoofs on pieces by Haydn, Bach, and Rossini.

The Queen Anne’s Chorale currently has 67 members and its artistic director of six years is Bob Huntington. Mr. Huntington has once again designed a spring concert gala that always brings pleasure to all audiences. This year, especially, will be fun for the entire family!

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door. Children through high school are admitted free. All concert venues are handicap accessible. For more information, call 410-827-0825 or visit [www.qachorale.org](http://www.qachorale.org)

### **Home Condo and Garden Show plus Arts and Crafts Fair**

The Ocean City Convention Center will host a Home Condo and Garden Show on **March 20-22**. More than 400 exhibitors display unique products for home, condo, and garden. Hours are Friday, noon – 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.; and Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission is \$7 adults, \$6 seniors (55+), \$6 students, and free for ages 13 and under. See [www.oceanpromotions.info](http://www.oceanpromotions.info) for more information.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Wine Pairing Extravaganza**

The Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a Wine Pairing Extravaganza on **March 27**, 7-10 p.m. This event features knowledgeable wine stewards as they match exquisite vintages to the masterful cuisine samplings of accomplished regional chefs. Proceeds benefit the Capital Campaign for the new station. Admission is \$75. Visit [www.kivfd.org](http://www.kivfd.org) for details.

### **Trip to the 2009 National Cherry Blossom Festival**



Queen Anne’s County Department of Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a trip to the Cherry Blossom Festival on **March 28** (program #403007). Celebrate the beginning of spring and admire the beauty of the flowering cherry trees in our nation’s capital. Spend the day at the free Family Day events at the National Building Museum or just stroll around the city on your own. The cost of \$25 per person covers round trip transportation. For additional information and to print a program registration form, visit [www.parksnrec.org](http://www.parksnrec.org).

### **Soup ‘n Walk**



Adkins Arboretum in Ridgely hosts a monthly Soup ‘n Walk event. The next presentation will take place on **March 28**, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. The theme is “Watch for Buds and Early Spring Blooms” and will include a guided walk with a docent naturalist and a delicious lunch (chicken rice vegetable soup, cabbage and carrot slaw with nuts, whole wheat scones with berries, and pecan sweet potato pie). Pre-registration is required: call 410-634-2847, extension 0 to register. Fee is \$18 for members and \$20 for non-members. For more information, visit [www.adkinsarboretum.org](http://www.adkinsarboretum.org).

### Country Crafts Guild Spring Arts and Crafts Show

This Show will take place on **March 28**, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., at the firehouse in Rock Hall. Crafts, folk art, needlework, jewelry, decorative clothing, home furnishings, miniatures, carvings, soaps, baskets, and pottery will be featured. For information, telephone 410-778-1432. Admission is charged.

### Sense of Wonder Sunday Family Program



Adkins Arboretum in Ridgely presents a family-oriented program one Sunday a month through spring. March's Sense of Wonder Sunday Program will be "Gearing Up to Garden with Kids" on **March 29**, 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Spend an afternoon in the Arboretum's Children's *Funshine* Garden. We'll discuss gardening with children, do a little routine garden preparation, and if weather permits, we'll do some planting in the Three Sisters garden plot. Pack a lunch and dress for both indoor and outdoor activities. Pre-registration is required. Call 410-634-2847, extension 0, to register. Admission is \$5 for members, \$7 for non-members. For more info, visit [www.adkinsarboretum.org](http://www.adkinsarboretum.org).

### Guided Walks at Adkins Arboretum

Adkins Arboretum will begin their Saturday guided walks on **April 4**, 11 a.m. – noon. These walks will take place each Saturday through November 17. The April walk is "Looking for Ephemeral Wildflowers". Admission is free to members, and non-members pay the regular Adkins admission fee (\$3 adults, \$1 students (6-18), and free to children 5 and under). More details and topics for other walks can be found at [www.adkinsarboretum.org](http://www.adkinsarboretum.org).

### Eggstravaganza



Queen Anne's County Department of Parks and Recreation sponsors the Eggstravaganza for ages 1-10 on **April 10**, 10 a.m. – noon, at the Crumpton Senior Center. Enjoy face painting, crafts, entertainment, great egg hunts, and of course, the Special Guest, the Easter Bunny (program #415018). The cost is \$5 per person. For additional information and to print a program registration form, visit [www.parksnrec.org](http://www.parksnrec.org).

### Antiques Show and Sale

The Literacy League of Dorchester County will sponsor an Antiques Show and Sale on **April 10-12** at Governor's Hall at Sailwinds Park in Cambridge. See [www.tourdorchester.org](http://www.tourdorchester.org) for additional details.

### Easter Arts and Crafts Fair/Kid's Fair

The Ocean City Convention Center will host an Easter Arts and Crafts Fair with Kid's Fair on **April 10-12**. In addition to a large arts and crafts show, there will be children's activities, Easter egg hunts, and more. Hours are Friday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; and Sunday 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$4 adults, \$3 seniors (60+), \$3 students (4-19), and free for ages 3 and under. See [www.oceanpromotions.info](http://www.oceanpromotions.info) for more information.



### Annual Easter Egg Hunt

An Easter Egg Hunt will take place at 1 p.m. on **April 11** at the Cherry Lane Picnic Area at Tuckahoe State Park for children under the age of 10. Over 4,000 eggs are hidden including special prize eggs. See [www.dnr.state.md.us](http://www.dnr.state.md.us) for more information.

### **Are We All Going to Vote this Coming Election?**

Many kudos go out to those Symphony Village residents who attended the Special Town meeting concerning the sale and development of the "Selby" property. We were a majority of the attendees.



The Planning Commission, Town Council members, and the developers made a note of this. Town Council meets the first and third Thursdays of the month, in the meeting room at the Fire Department. Plenty of parking is available in the rear. Try to attend a meeting.

The Town Council consists of three members--a President, Vice-President, and the newly elected Council member. The term of office is for three years, moving forward each year, the third year as President and the end of term. The incumbent is then eligible to seek re-election and the process is repeated.

As of this writing there are two candidates seeking the office of the Council member--Mary Roby, the incumbent, and Tim McCluskey, business owner and Planning Commission member. Both candidates are circulating through the village knocking on doors. Please be courteous and listen. Let's make our voices heard. Mark your calendars--**APRIL 6.** – Ed Novack

### **Relay for Life – Symphony Village Team – June 13 - 14**

Relay for Life is a fun-filled event designed to celebrate cancer survivorship and raise money for research and programs of your American Cancer Society. This is a team relay walk around a track in honor of those who battle cancer 24-hours a day. Interested? Want to join our team? More Info? Please call George Drake at 410-758-8266 or e-mail [georgeandmarydrake@atlanticbb.net](mailto:georgeandmarydrake@atlanticbb.net)

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### **SPECIAL REMINDERS**

- Clubhouse Phone Number (Laura and Dennis)—410-758-8500
- Dennis Sesplankis' email—[dsesplankis@legumnorman.com](mailto:dsesplankis@legumnorman.com)
- Laura Wright's email—[symphonyclub@verizon.net](mailto:symphonyclub@verizon.net)
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## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Old World Raspberry Bars



From the kitchen of Dorthea Turek

#### Crumb Mixture

2 ¼ cups flour

1-cup sugar

1-cup chopped pecans

1-cup butter, softened

1 egg

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1 jar (10 ounce) raspberry preserves

Heat oven to 350 degrees. For crumb mixture, in large bowl combine all crumb ingredients. Beat at low speed, scraping bowl often, until mixture is crumbly, 2-3 min. Reserve 1½ cups of the crumb mixture. Press remaining crumb mixture on bottom of Greased 8-inch pan. Spread preserves to within ½ inch of edges. Crumble 1½ cup Reserved crumb mixture over top. Bake for 42 to 59 minutes, or until lightly browned. Cool completely. Cut into bars. Makes 24 bars.

Note: I recommend Smucker's preserves. When I used another jam, they got a little wet.



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**Sunday, April 12**  
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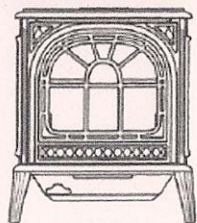


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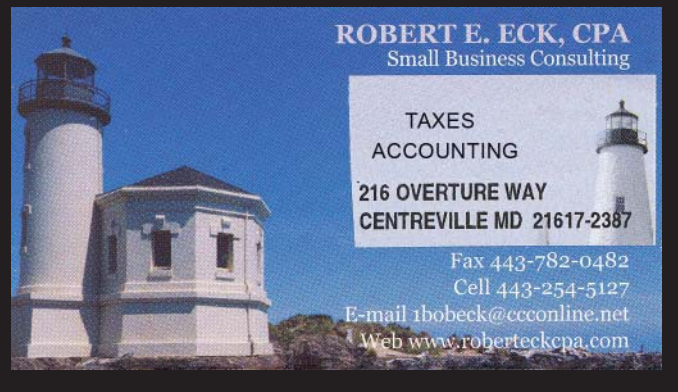
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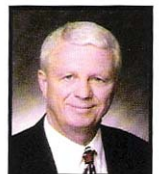
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