

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 home since our last publication. Symphony Village welcomes—

Chuck & Cindy Bogner
118 Opera Court

Welcome Evening for New Residents



All new residents are invited to a “Welcome Evening” on Wednesday, May 27 at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse Grand Concert Room. This is an informal get-together to meet other new neighbors, have dessert, and learn more about your new community. Please sign up in the Binder in the Clubhouse or call Carol Hodges at 410-758-0591 so we can plan appropriately. If you have been previously invited and were not able to come, please feel free to attend. Again, just call Carol or sign up.

PUBLICATION AND COMMUNICATION UPDATE

Symphony Village Resident Directories



A Few Words about Phone Numbers and the Symphony Village Resident Directories--

A recent news article stated that one in five households have abandoned landline phones in favor of cell phones. Even folks with landlines seem to have one or more cell phones. We are now accommodating two phone numbers for residents where applicable. For lack of imagination by the Webmaster, these are now labeled as “Phone 1” and “Phone 2.”

No attempt will be made to otherwise distinguish between the phone numbers with letters such as “(H)”, “(W)”, “(C)”, since these can confuse (His, Hers, Home, Work, Wifey, Hubby, Cellmate?).

Please note that the HTML directory, which is the first one listed on the Directories page of our website, is the easiest to update. Corrections are made shortly after I receive them, and may occur one or more times a week. Check the top of the page for the date of the last update.

The PDF directories are intended for folks who like to print out hard copies. The addition of two phone numbers would require using legal sized (8.5x14) paper or using a smaller font. Most folks find the legal paper distasteful (lawyers, what have you wrought?), and consequently you will find that the PDF directories now use a smaller font in order to accommodate the two phone numbers. The PDF directories are updated every month or two.

If you would like to change the way your phone number(s) appear in the directories, please e-mail your changes to webmaster@villagehoa.org, and clearly indicate which are “Phone 1” and “Phone 2.”

Pet Photo Gallery



The Publication and Communications Committee has instituted a pet photo gallery. We would like residents to submit their pet photos for the gallery. Please send to John Schultz at schultz@schultz.org. This will be very useful if your pet gets lost. If residents find a pet, they can check the gallery and attempt to identify the owner. You can check the pet gallery at the Symphony Village website—villagehoa.org under Activities and Groups. The cutie here is Gil and Irene Hoffman’s Buster.

Emailing photos

Many people now use digital cameras for photography – and take lots of pictures. Also, we like to show them to other people using our computer and email, but often we put a burden on the receiver of our prize pictures because of the size of the file that we send them.

Software for resizing and “adjusting” your photographs on your computer are usually included with your camera. Also, your computer may have programs already loaded to adjust the size of the captured photo to make it more manageable for use in email. If you do not like the software or do not have this software installed on your computer, there are several free programs available. One that John Schultz recommends is Picasso. Below is a website that will help you resize photos.

[Easily Re-Size Photos in Windows Vista or XP](#)

There are several people within the community that are proficient at resizing photos and willing to help if needed. If you need this help, contact the Communications and Publications Committee through Carol Hodges and she can refer you to an able body.

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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 July 24, and October 23. The SV Homeowners Association Annual Meeting is scheduled for December 2.



Redecorating? Need an interior designer. [See the ads.](#)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LIFESTYLE UPDATE

Calendar of Events

- **Friday, May 15 – Movie Night** – 7 p.m. *The Secret Life of Bees*
- **Saturday, May 16 – Happy Hour** – 6 p.m.
- **Friday, May 22 – Game Night** – 7 p.m. Bring your favorite game.
- **Monday, May 25 – Memorial Day Picnic** --12 – 4 p.m. Cost \$7 adult, \$3 children, three and under free.
- **Thursday, May 28 – Lunch Bunch** – 11:45 a.m. at *Brio* in Parole.
- **Thursday, May 28 – Ladies Night** – 5:30 p.m.
- **Saturday, May 30 – Dining Inn**
- **Tuesday, June 2 – Lifestyle Meeting** – 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.
- **Friday, June 5 – Happy Hour** – 6 p.m.
- **Friday, June 12 – Game Night** – 7 p.m. Bring your favorite game.

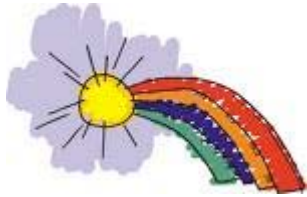
Trip to Hillwood

On May 13 twenty-eight villagers traveled to Hillwood Estate, Museum and Gardens. This is the home of Marjorie Merriweather Post and is now a museum. We arrived by bus at 10 a.m. and were greeted and given information on the estate. The plan was for each of us to tour on our own, come together for lunch, and then continue to tour. There was much to see. The mansion with its beautiful rooms contains Mrs. Post's collection of decorative fine arts of eighteenth-century France and Imperial Russia. Surrounding the mansion are many well cared for garden's including a Rose Garden, a putting green, and a Japanese Garden. A special exhibit of clothes and costumes worn by Mrs. Post in the 1920s for parties and balls was on display in the Dacha building. These showed why it was called the roaring twenties. We left on the bus commenting on the beautiful day and all that was seen. It was a lovely trip.



OUTREACH UPDATE

Outreach House Tour and Luncheon Huge Success



On April 25 over 200 people attended the House Tour and Luncheon sponsored by SV Outreach. The parade of houses took place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Host residents included: Jack and Robin Laird, Ed and Nancy Frey, Mary Smith, Vinny and MaryJo Volpicelli, Diane Briggs, Ed and Marilyn Williams, B.J. McClueb, Skip and Maryanne Kornmeyer, Tom and Mary Ann Kisker, Elizabeth DeGuzman, and Pat and Jack Tominovich.

Many helpers in a variety of committees helped to make the day a flawless and happy event. A few individuals need special mention! Dorothy Hamm, ably assisted in creating the brochure by Marilyn Williams, headed publications. Monies and ticket sales fell to Linda Blume, with assistance on Saturday by Roberta Ahmed. Nancie Cameron and Allen Beck superbly chaired food service with baking by Linda Gardner.

Beth Dewhirst and Ellen Norman chaired houses. Ellen also created the lovely centerpiece linens. Hostesses reported to Lauren Rose and Betty Hernan. Our plant aficionado and theme designer was Cass Smith who, with her committee, handpicked our beautiful plants and flowers at Mrs. Nash's Farm in Stevensville. Dennis, Laura and Norman all helped with the transformation of the Clubhouse and providing information and order to the many weeks of ticket sales.

Prizes were awarded after the second luncheon seating to the following:

Door prizes:

Good Guys Gift Card: Joe Brown

Walgreen's Gift Card: Lois Sparks

Baskets of Cheer: Joyce Biddle, Mary Jo Perticone and Audrey Donnelly

Raffles were won by:

50/50: Anita Dell

Shrubs from Bridgetown Nurseries: Roberta Ahmed

Tree from Bridgetown Nurseries: Muriel Abbott

Before expenses over \$11,000 was raised enabling us to help the community groups with which we partner. Chesterwye Foundation will be a primary recipient of this year's funding.

A heartfelt thank you from all of the Outreach membership to all of our friends and neighbors who enthusiastically supported this wonderful event.

Loretta Quigley, President

Foodlink Transportation Needed

Foodlink is an organization that arranges for the transportation of surplus (not out-dated) food from the supermarkets to soup kitchens and food pantries. Nearly four years ago, shortly after the Outreach Program was started, we were asked to help. There is a need to transport food from the Food Lion and Acme Stores in Kent Island to a church in Church Hill. This church serves lunch to the needy in the area. This transfer is made once a week on Monday. Doug Dewhirst was the first to make the deliveries, followed by Pat Tominovich and Chris Collins. Carl Collins has been making the deliveries for the past couple of years and is ready to retire. We are very grateful to all of them for the time and effort it has taken over the years to complete this important task. We are hoping that someone would be willing to continue the deliveries for this very worthy cause. If you have any questions, please call Carl or Chris Collins for further information. (410-758-2058)



Neighbor to Neighbor



Symphony Village continues to grow and so does “Neighbor to Neighbor!” At our last meeting, we welcomed another volunteer street captain, Christa Fookes. Christa and her husband live on Harmony Way, the longest street in our community. The addition of Christa gave us enough street captains for Harmony Way so that we were able to divide the street into sections. So if you live on Harmony Way, please note the street captain(s) responsible for your specific block.

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| 100’s block - | Helena Joy | 410-758-6532 |
| | Harriett Goodmuth | 410-758-6596 |
| 200’s/300’s blocks - | Christa Fookes | 443-262-8242 |
| 600’s/700’s blocks - | Dottie Dillon | 443-262-8362 |
| 800’s block - | Nancie Cameron | 410-758-3948 |
| | Linda Gardner | 410-758-0646 |

Regardless of where you live, please don’t hesitate to call your street captain if you (or your neighbors) need assistance. We really do care and want to help. Don’t forget that you may also call our Street Captain-at-Large, Barb Smith (410-758-4577) if you are unable to reach the captain responsible for your block/street. Can’t remember the name of your captain? Check the website at villagehoa.org or call Eleanor Strietman (443-262-8162) and she’ll be happy to give you that information. Thanks.



Worried about your water quality? [See the ads.](#)

Volunteers In Action – “Habitat for Humanity”

by Dave Hoffmann



Two Symphony Village neighbors volunteer our time one day a week to Habitat for Humanity. I work every Thursday with Habitat for Humanity of Talbot County and John DiLaura works every Tuesday at Sandtown Habitat for Humanity in West Baltimore. We find the work very educational and rewarding.

There are jobs in construction, contracts, personnel, finance, real estate, purchasing, and every other aspect of the home construction and renovation business. A volunteer's commitment is not binding and can be scheduled to fit one's availability. I am currently involved in the construction of five duplex homes in Easton on Clay Street and John is involved in the renovation of turn-of-the-century row houses in West Baltimore. We both enjoy the friendship and camaraderie of working with a group of people in the construction and renovation end of Habitat. In our endeavors, we get to know all aspects of the building industry. This includes, but is not limited to, pouring concrete, framing, ensuring structural integrity, roofing, siding, wiring, plumbing, insulating, dry walling, and painting.

If you want further information, please call me at 410-758-3577 or John at 443-262-8062 (Tuesday thru Friday). The Habitat for Humanity Talbot County number is 410-826-6186 (Tuesday thru Saturday) and the Sandtown Habitat for Humanity number is 410-669-3309 (Tuesday thru Saturday).

SYMPHONY SNEAKERS UPDATE



Sneakers has several active months ahead.

Volunteer Breakfast--On May 19, Kennard Elementary has a volunteer breakfast for those who have helped with the book giveaways and food and gift distributions

Scholarships--We are awarding \$2,000 in scholarships to Queen Anne's High School seniors on May 19 at their awards night. As the school counselor said, the need for scholarships is greater this year since awards from previous donors have been reduced or cancelled. The Sneakers scholarships will be put to good use. As you know, through your generosity we were able to quadruple our contribution this year.

Chess Club --On June 3 Sneakers will be supporting the Kennard Chess Club for their Annual



Chess Night from 6-9 p.m. If you would like to watch and/or play against the students, please feel free to come to the Clubhouse. It is fascinating to watch the Chess Master circle through the group of students as he plays (usually successfully) against each participant.

Book Giveaway--On June 10 volunteers will be needed for Kennard Elementary School's end-of-year book giveaway. We help set-up the book tables and then work with the students to ensure they select an appropriate book that they are able to read. Please sign-up in the Activities Binder in the Clubhouse if you are able to help. We need help in shifts from 8:30 a.m. until approximately 12:30 p.m.



Next Meeting--All Symphony Village residents are invited to our next meeting on June 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the Clubhouse.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Report from the Landscape Sub-Committee



It is truly more than just common courtesy. There have been numerous complaints in the community about some dog walkers who fail to pick up after their pets. This problem is far more serious than a social faux pas. ***It becomes a health and an environmental issue, not to mention a violation of a city ordinance and a fine of \$1000.*** All this waste will eventually get washed into the storm water ponds or the surrounding streams. It is one of the components responsible for the algae bloom, which just occurred in pond 2. Your actions affect all your neighbors.

Pick up the poop!

Lasting Impressions Landscaping is in the process of cutting down dead trees. They will be evaluated for replacement, but this can't happen until the fall. Also being evaluated are the replacement of declining street trees and reseeded of common areas. None of this work can begin until the fall timeframe. High summer temperatures and lack of rainfall hinder successful planting and reseeded.



Need to paint your shutters and doors? [See the ads.](#)

CLUBS AND CLASSES

The "Gazebo Gang" Symphony Village Garden Club

The Garden Group has been very busy this month. We hope that everyone has enjoyed the crocuses, daffodils and tulips. Dennis has advised us that we have a budget of \$700 to support the garden activities. The contract nursery has provided a load of mulch to dress the beds. Eighteen of the twenty beds have already been mulched, and the remaining two beds have been weeded and are ready for mulching. The herb gardens have been updated, and many new flowers have been planted. Pat and Ruth Murphy provided the funds for the beautiful red and yellow tulips on the inner ring of the garden. Robin and Don Downey took over bed # E-5. They also assembled the two new storage benches, and hauled about 20 loads of mulch to the garden. Winkie Wilson took over bed #S-4, one of the knockout rose beds, with guidance from Helena Joy, our rose expert. Teri and Jerry Nudo are the new sponsors of bed # N-1. For the



uninitiated, we have North, East, South and West quadrants, each having 5 beds. Many other residents are working on their selected beds.

As most of you know, the Gazebo Garden is a memorial garden. Last year, we had a nice memorial service at the garden. Unfortunately, I will be in New Orleans on Memorial Day, but hopefully there will be a service this year, including the playing of TAPS in honor of our departed neighbors and also those who have died in the service of our country. We are working hard to have the garden in first class shape by Memorial Day.

The Reading For Fun Book Club

The Reading for Fun Book Club met on April 21 to discuss the book *In the Country of Men* by Hisham Natar. June Silverman, who also provided a delicious dessert and coffee, selected this book. The theme of this book is similar to *The Kite Runner*, but is not nearly as good. The ten people who attended the meeting gave the book a rating of 2.66, on a scale of 1 to 5.

The book for May is *A Good Woman*, by Danielle Steele. This book is not the typical Danielle Steele book, and was recommended by Pat Kindle, who will, I'm sure, provide a delicious dessert after the group discussion. Jack will make the coffee. Our May meeting will be on May 19 in the Clubhouse. No firm selection was made for the month of June, but I'm sure that there will be several recommendations from which to choose. All residents are welcome to attend. Y'all come!

Symphony Village Bird Club



Four Villagers went on a boat excursion on April 23 in the Kent Narrows and vicinity. The day was blustery and quite chilly with whitecaps all around us, but the trip was a lot of fun with lunch at Fisherman's Inn afterward. We saw a lot of nesting ospreys on the cruise, many flying with dead grasses trailing behind them toward a nest-in-progress. We also saw some bald eagles, great blue herons, buffleheads, herring gulls, tree swallows, double-crested cormorants, ever-present turkey vultures, mallards, white-winged scoters, and a great black-backed gull.

The Bird Club is having a picnic! Do you enjoy watching birds in your yard and flying overhead? How many species do you think have been sighted here in SV? Come together on Wednesday, May 20, noon, at the Picnic Pavilion, and let's share. Food and beverage will be provided. Bring your binoculars and bird identification book – we'll see what we can identify during lunch. Please sign up in the Activities Binder by May 18. Also, bring ideas of where you'd like the Bird Club to visit. For information, call Linda Blume on 410-758-3194.

The hummingbirds have arrived – put your feeders out and change the nectar at least weekly. For nectar, heat one part granulated sugar with four parts water until the sugar dissolves. Cool completely before filling the feeder.

Symphony Ssingles

The Ssingles are planning to go on **Saturday, June 13**, to Church Hill Theatre to see *The Music Man* at 8 p.m. for a cost of \$16 per person. Sign up in the Activity Binder by **Monday, June 8**, and put your check in the box. Make checks payable to **Church Hill Theatre**.



Need a chiropractor? [See the ads.](#)

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Covenants Committee Says “Thanks”



The Covenants Committee would like to thank Ann and Norman Willox for the wonderful landscaping of their corner lot at 853 Harmony Way. Ann and Norman were under no obligation to do anything to the huge side yard behind our neighborhood mailbox, but contracted with Brian Kurtz of Church Hill to integrate the planting with their earlier backyard landscape.

The Covenants Committee would like to take this opportunity to remind residents of two things. First, any exterior modification other than repainting an existing color, or planting low annuals in existing gardens requires approval from the Committee. Second, there are large spaces, like the Willox side yard and my “pine grove” next door that are part of deeded lots, and not “doggie parks.” We ask pet owners to be sensitive to lot boundaries when they walk their pets.

Also, we have recently received several applications that “required” immediate attention. When our community regulations were drafted, the writers anticipated the work of volunteer committee members, and allowed 30 days response time for exterior modification requests. Our committee usually responds much quicker, but please factor 30 days into your landscaping or other exterior plans. Many thanks,
John DiLaura, Chair



Need to irrigate your back yard? [See the ads at the end.](#)

GOOD NEWS For The Homeowners of Symphony Village

The State of Maryland has just approved Symphony Village for the installation of Automated External



Defibrillators (AEDs) in the Clubhouse. The devices are to be used in the event of a sudden cardiac event. It must be noted 911 must always be called first in the event of an emergency. We have two (2) devices. One device will be installed in the exercise room and the other device will be installed in the card room. The devices should be installed in the next week. The community currently has 16 people certified in the use of the device. If there are people that are certified that we don't know about, please let us know. Also, if there are people in the community who would like to be certified, let us know. We can

get you on the road to certification. As a matter of fact, the more people in the community who are certified, the better. In order to meet the state's standards for the devices it's a good idea to have 10 to 20 residents certified in the use of the device. Any questions contact Tom Weeks at 410-758-8586.



Need a fitness trainer? [See ads.](#)

Fish Stories



To substantiate the fish stories we hear from Symphony Village fishermen, please send your photos to the schultzzy@schultzzy.org. Pat Murphy and his son Joe had their first fishing day of the year on the Bay. They caught two large fish. One is 39" and the other 35". You will see the evidence proudly displayed at <http://www.villagehoa.org/hoa/groups/index.html>. If you are asked for a password and you have forgotten it, feel free to call Laura at the

Clubhouse.

May's Winners

We are proud to announce that Robert and Helena Joy are the winners of a \$100 Gift Certificate to Mason's restaurant in Easton for participating in the Symphony Village resident referral contest.

Caruso Homes and the Symphony Village team would like to thank all who participated in the resident referral program. The resident who sends the most referrals between May 11 and June 10 will receive a \$100 gift certificate to Fisherman's Inn. If you have any questions, or need more referral cards, please stop by the Sales Center.



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

OF LOCAL INTEREST

Chesapeake Bay Wine Festival to benefit Hospice of Queen Anne's



Can you think of anything more fun and enjoyable than spending a beautiful sunny day on the sandy shores of the Chesapeake Bay sipping wine? We can't either, so plan to join us at the 2nd Annual Chesapeake Bay Wine Festival, which will be held at Terrapin Nature Park, Stevensville, on May 30 and May 31. This is the weekend following Memorial Day and it should be the perfect weather for enjoying amazing wines from all over the state of Maryland. Attendees will have an opportunity to discover the flavor of more than 18 local Maryland wineries while enjoying music, food, and the beautiful meadow of Terrapin Nature Park that overlooks the Chesapeake Bay. Local food vendors will offer tasty food with a Chesapeake Bay flare and fine artists and crafters will showcase the best that the area has to offer.

Whether you are a wine novice or experienced connoisseur, you won't want to miss this event. Admission to the festival also includes a souvenir wine glass and wine samples from all of the participating wineries. Advance tickets are available online, at The Winery (116 S Piney Rd, Ste 104, Chester, Maryland) and by mailing checks to: Chesapeake Bay Wine Festival, P.O. Box 925, Stevensville, MD 21666 (checks should be made payable to Chesapeake Bay Wine Festival). Advance tickets are \$17 each for general admission and \$50 for VIP, which includes access to the VIP tent and a reception each day at 3 p.m. Admission is free for children 12 and under. Groups of 10 or more are \$15 each when purchased in advance. Tickets for designated drivers and those under 21 are also \$10. Other tickets purchased on the day of the event are \$20. Vendor and sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information about the Chesapeake Bay Wine Festival, contact Inspired Events at (410) 200-6127, or check us out on the web at www.ChesapeakeBayWineFestival.org.

Pinocchio

The classic story comes to life with exuberance of song on **May 15**, 7 p.m., at the Chesapeake College Performing Arts Center. This is an award-winning presentation that has thrilled audiences throughout the U. S. and Canada. Tickets are \$10 adults, \$8 children. The presentation is sponsored by the Theatre for Young People Family Series/Chesapeake College. For details, go to www.chesapeake.edu.

A Gardening Affair



Learn about environmentally friendly gardening and landscaping practices on **May 16**. The event will feature rain garden tours, speakers, workshops, displays, a plant clinic, a plant sale, a raffle, and activities for children. Hours are 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and it is free! Activities will take place at the Centreville Library, Wright's Chance, and Courtyard Square of Centreville. For more information, call 410-758-0166.

Kent Island Day

Kent Island Day takes place on **May 16** and commemorates the founding of Kent Island in 1631. Displays, activities, and crafts are presented which demonstrate Kent Island's heritage. Hours are 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. The event takes place in Historic Stevensville Downtown Center. For information, call 410-643-5358 or visit www.kentislandheritagesociety.org.

7th Annual Senior Summit and Picnic



The Senior Summit will take place on **May 19**, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., at the 4-H Park in Centreville. There will be information, entertainment, health screenings, demonstrations, a K9 dog show, bingo, and much more. The picnic includes a pit beef lunch with all the trimmings, ice cream, and ice tea. Picnic tickets are \$11 and may be purchased in advance at local senior centers. A limited number of tickets will also be available at the 4-H Park on the day of the event. Admission and parking are free.

15th Annual Senior Celebration

The Senior Celebration will take place on **May 21**, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., at Governor's Hall at Sailwinds Park in Cambridge. This is the Eastern Shore's largest festival for 55+ citizens. For more information, go to www.pleasantday.com.

Chestertown Tea Party Festival

The Festival takes place on **May 22-25** in Chestertown and celebrates colonial resistance to British rule. There will be re-enactments, a parade, street performances, local fare, and much more. For a complete schedule of events on each day, go to www.chestertownteaparty.org.

Guided Canoe Trip

Join park staff for an entertaining and educational canoe trip up Tuckahoe Creek on **May 24**, beginning at 6 p.m. The trip will depart from the boathouse. Reservations are required and may be requested by calling the Tuckahoe State Park office on 410-820-1668. Cost is \$6 adults and \$4 youth. For more information, go to www.dnr.state.md.us.

Wings and Wheels for Sight



This event on **May 30** features antique/classic cars and airplanes. There will be remote-controlled model aircraft and ultralight airplane demonstrations. Hours are 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Bay Bridge Airport in Stevensville. Admission is \$10 per car, and the proceeds benefit the Wilmer Eye Clinic. The Kent Island and Queenstown Lions Clubs sponsor the event.



Need a dentist. See the ads.

Soup ‘n Walk

Adkins Arboretum in Ridgely hosts a monthly Soup ‘n Walk event. The next presentation will take place on **May 30**, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. The theme is “Meet the White and Pink Flowers at Creekside” and will include a guided walk with a docent naturalist and a delicious lunch (kale, apple, and lentil soup; quinoa with cranberries, apricots, and pecans; ricotta cheese bread with cherry jam; and black forest cherry cake). 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.

Sense of Wonder Sunday Family Program

Adkins Arboretum in Ridgely presents a family-oriented program one Sunday a month. May’s Sense of Wonder Sunday Program will be “Wetlands are Wonderlands” on **May 31**, 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. After the spring thaw, the Arboretum’s wetlands will be crawling with critters. Participants will use nets and field microscopes to investigate what is stirring in the water, and they will explore why wetlands are so important. 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 information, visit www.adkinsarboretum.org.



Historic Sites Open House

Historic Sites throughout Queen Anne’s County open their doors, allowing visitors to step back in time one Saturday a month through the summer. The next open house is on **June 6**. Call or stop by the visitor’s center for a free copy of the Heritage Explorer’s Guide Map. See www.historicqac.org for more information.

11th Annual Wade-In Festival

Enjoy a day of family fun while learning about the wildlife and water quality of the Chesapeake Bay. The Festival takes place on **June 6**, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., at the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center in Grasonville. Admission is free. For details, go to www.bayrestoration.org.

Seventh Annual Youth Fishing Derby

This Fishing Derby for children 15 and under will take place on **June 6**, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., at the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge in Cambridge. There will be prizes for fish caught as well as frog races. See www.fws.gov/blackwater for more information.

Bay Music Festival



The Bay Music Festival takes place on **June 13**, 3 p.m. – 11 p.m., at the 4-H Park on Route 18 in Centreville. This is a family-friendly day of incredible music by Regions Best Blues, Bluegrass Classic

Rock, and Honky Tonk. Admission is \$16 in advance, \$20 at the gate, under 12 free. For more information, visit www.baymusicfestival.com.

Youth Fishing Day

Queen Anne's County Department of Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a Youth Fishing Day on **June 6** (program #401001), 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., at the Terrapin Nature Park Pond in Stevensville. Children fish all morning to compete for biggest fish, smallest fish, and most fish in their age category (5 years and under, 6-10 years, and 11-16 years). Cost is \$7. For additional information, visit www.parksnrec.org.

Concert By The Bay



The Matapeake Clubhouse and beach in Stevensville re-opened in late April. Concert By The Bay will take place at Matapeake on **June 6**, 5 – 8 p.m. The XPD's Band and Show is known for their versatility in music ranging from blues, jazz, pop, rock, and R&B. Come and enjoy an evening of fun and relaxation by the Bay. Food is included. Bring your own lawn chairs and/or beach blanket. Tickets are \$20 per person. To order tickets, call QAC Parks and Recreation on 410-758-0835, extension 2525. More information will be found at www.parksnrec.org/matapeake-beach-a-clubhouse.com.

Ocean City Air Show

The Air Show will be on the beach at 16th Street on **June 12-14**, noon – 3 p.m. Watch a spectacular variety of aerial acrobats perform over the beach including stunt planes, jets, and skywriters. For details, visit www.ococean.com.

Cycling to Find a Cure for MS – Sat./Sun. June 13, 14

Four cyclists from Symphony Village will take on the MS Chesapeake Challenge of **cycling 62.5 miles** on Saturday, June 13, and another **30 miles** on Sunday, June 14, to raise funds to **find a cure for MS** and to help those afflicted with this disease. **Please consider sponsoring us** as we ride for the cure. Checks can be made out to National MS Society and given to George and Mary Drake (410-758-8266) or Royce and Amy Holm (443-262-8059). We thank you!



Where can I get ice cream for 15% off? See the ads.

TRAVEL ARTICLE OF THE MONTH

Exploring Maryland Heritage

By Eleanor Strietman

Eleven Symphony Villagers recently enjoyed a walking tour of Stevensville and, as a result, have a better understanding of our Maryland heritage. A costumed Nancy Cook led the tour. Always entertaining and very informative, Nancy has spoken at Symphony Village several times and is

the past president of The Kent Island Heritage Society, Inc. She is currently Coordinator of the Queen Anne's County Historic Sites Consortium.

We met Nancy at the salmon-pink (yes, restoration showed that that is the original color) Christ Church. The church was built in 1880 in the Queen Anne style of church architecture and features unusual lancet chimneys. It was the home of the oldest continuous Episcopal congregation in the United States; the parish dates to 1631. As we sat on the original pews, Nancy presented an overview of Kent Island history, the third oldest settlement in the country after Jamestown and Plymouth.

The next stop on our tour was the Cray House that dates from around 1809. The one and a half story house was built in an unusual post and plank construction method in two stages. The second, southerly section was added around 1842. As we toured the furnished house, Nancy told us of the home's history and explained what daily life had been like for its early residents.



In a field behind the Cray House is the restored Stevensville Train Station Depot. In 1897 the Queen Anne's Railroad linking Queenstown and Lewes, Delaware was completed. By 1902, the Queenstown terminus had been moved to Love Point. The restored Stevensville station was the first stop out of Love Point. The railroad provided accessibility to new markets for the plentiful seafood and produce of the Eastern Shore. The railroad was eventually purchased by the Pennsylvania R.R. and continued operation between Kent Island and Denton until the Bay Bridge opened in 1952. The station fell into disrepair until it was "rediscovered" and donated to the Kent Island Heritage Society, moved to its present location, and lovingly restored to its 1902 appearance. A docent explained the importance of the railroad to the Shore and told us about the various items on display in the station.

Our next stop was the "Stevensville Saving Bank of Queen Anne's County" building constructed around 1903-07. A docent told us that the bank corporation was formed by local businessmen and opened for business in 1909 and in 1912 changed its name to "The Stevensville Bank of Maryland." The classically styled building features a pressed tin ceiling and houses intact furnishings and the original vault. Interestingly, however, it was built with no running water or bathroom facilities. When the bank closed the office in 1960, it had the "distinction" of being the last bank in Maryland with outdoor toilets.



Our last stop was the tiny old Stevensville Post Office. A docent gave each of us an envelope cancelled with an authentic Stevensville postmark dating to the early 1900's. She showed us sorting boxes, old postal route maps, and the postal counter and explained how postal service operated on Kent Island in the early 20th century. Mail simply addressed to "(Name), Kent Island" reached the proper recipient routinely. Life was much simpler then.

After our tour, we crossed the street and enjoyed lunch, good conversation, and each other's company at the Rustico restaurant. The Exploring Maryland Heritage Committee is planning several more outings before we take a break for the summer.

Centreville Courthouse Exploring Maryland Heritage has planned a walking tour of Centreville for Wednesday, June 3 at 10 a.m. Woody Woodward will be our tour leader. We will meet in the parking lot at 9:30 to carpool. This tour will be limited to 20 people. We are sorry to have to limit it, but it will be too difficult to hear the narration if we have a larger group. After the tour we plan to have lunch at Julia's. Please sign up in the Activities Binder in the Clubhouse and indicate at that time whether you will be having lunch with us.



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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Sopapilla Cheesecake

From the Kitchen of...

Irene Ferber made this for Cinque de Mayo happy hour.

Everyone raved about the recipe and Irene found it at allrecipes.com.



Ingredients

- 2 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 teaspoon Mexican vanilla extract
- 2 (8 ounce) cans refrigerated crescent rolls
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup butter, room temperature
- 1/4 cup honey

Directions

1. Preheat an oven to 350 degrees F. Prepare a 9x13 inch baking dish with cooking spray.
2. Beat the cream cheese with 1 cup of sugar and the vanilla extract in a bowl until smooth.
3. Unroll the cans of crescent roll dough, and use a rolling pin to shape each piece into 9x13 inch rectangles. Press one piece into the bottom of a 9x13 inch-baking dish. Evenly spread the cream cheese mixture into the baking dish, and then cover with the remaining piece of crescent dough. Stir together 3/4 cup of sugar, cinnamon, and butter. Dot the mixture over the top of the cheesecake.
4. Bake in the preheated oven until the crescent dough has puffed and turned golden brown, about 30 minutes. Remove from the oven and drizzle with honey. Cool completely in the pan before cutting into 12 squares.

Note: Irene used 3 pkg. of cream cheese and 1-½ cups of white sugar.



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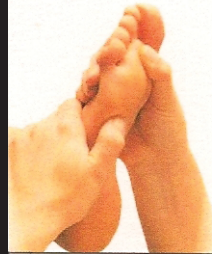
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