

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—

William and Eileen Rowley	138 Opera Court
John and Andrea Parham	381 Overture Way
Bunk & Chick Athey	205 Opera Court

Welcome Evening for New Residents



All new residents are invited to a “Welcome Evening” on Wednesday, June 24, at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse Grand Concert Room. This meeting was originally scheduled for May. Welcome Evening 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

Senior Moments

At the risk of adding way too many more pages to the *Libretto*, our staff thought it would be fun to share some real life senior moments here in Symphony Village. Please feel free to submit yours for future publications.



As the story goes, one of our neighbors was talking on the phone with her daughter. She continued to chat while walking out to the car and driving away. Suddenly no reception! Whoops, I guess that was her cordless phone, not her cell. Or how about our neighbor returning from a walk, still plugged into an I-pod and looking up to find she had turned into the wrong house. Or have you heard the one about the gentleman finishing his exercise at the fitness center, picking up the keys, and going to the car only to find neither the clicker nor the key would work. So he walked home, but, you guessed it—the door key didn't work either. Walking back to the Clubhouse he discovered two other sets of Toyota keys. Luckily, the set of

keys hadn't been missed. And then there is the post office story. One of our neighbors picked up a stack of mail on the floor on her way out to mail a letter. She thought her husband wanted it mailed. Alas, he had just brought in that mail and she mailed it again. A testament to our post office—the mail was back in their box the next day.

Symphony Village Communication Guidelines

Several methods of communicating information within Symphony Village are currently being used. Primarily, they are (1) Email messages, (2) the *Libretto*, (3) the SV Website, and (4) the Weekly Calendar. Because information going out to our residents has been steadily increasing, we have set up some guidelines for choosing which method should be used.

Email:

- Must have a sense of urgency;
- Must be important to all residents;
- Must have a sense of timeliness; and/or,
- Must be a notice of imminent danger to the community.
- Examples of appropriate **“Blast Emails”**:
 - ✓ Death of a resident,
 - ✓ Lost or found pets,
 - ✓ Bear roaming the neighborhood, and
 - ✓ Last minute changes for meetings or community programs.

All other notices should go either in the *Libretto*, on the **SV Weekly Calendar**, or on the **SV Web Site “Bulletin Board.”**

Examples of appropriate **Web Site “Bulletin Board”** notices:

- Lost or found items (not pets),
- Advertising shows which feature *SV* residents or soliciting participants, and
- Items that normally would go in *Libretto* but cannot wait for the next publication date.

New Web Page

Since there are many requests for things to be made available to everyone, a page has been added to the Symphony Village website. The new page is titled Bulletin Board (www.villagehoa.org/hoa/bullboard). Here you will find information about employment opportunities and volunteer opportunities as they become available. You will also see the extra Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training photos. Be sure to check this page frequently. Also, click on the refresh button so that you get the latest version of the web page. This will decrease the number of “blast” emails. If you need to add any “bulletins,” please contact John Schultz. John prefers PDF files.



Sylvester Needs You

Please check out the part-time job opportunity with Comfort Seekers. Also, notice the volunteer opportunities such as dog walking, cat socialization, and office work at the **Animal Services Shelter** on Route 301. There is also an opportunity to help animals in need by donating to **Adopt-A-Pet, Inc.**, the shelter's all-volunteer nonprofit organization. To do this, register your MVP Food Lion card in the Food Lion Shop & Share program. Again, go to the SV website Bulletin Board at www.villagehoa.org/hoa/bullboard/.

Photo Gallery

Please continue sending in pictures for the Picture Directory on the website. Carol Hodges will have the camera at the picnic on July 4 to take your picture. Also, please send John Schultz trip pictures, candid of SV events, pet pictures, and fish pictures to be included on the website.

Advertisers:

Thank you for patronizing our advertisers and for recommending that service people advertise with us. Please continue to do so.

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 Symphony Village Homeowners Association Annual Meeting is scheduled for December 2.



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COMMITTEE REPORTS

LIFESTYLE UPDATE

Upcoming Events

- **Friday, June 19 – Movie Night** – 7 p.m. *My Big Fat Greek Wedding.*
- **Saturday, June 20 – Happy Hour** – 6 p.m. Bring your favorite appetizer.
- **Tuesday, June 23 – Lunch Bunch** – Dine at **Brooks Tavern** in Chestertown. Sign up in the Activity Binder.
- **Thursday, June 25 – Ladies Night** – 5:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, July 2 – Men’s Happy Hour** – 5:30 p.m.
- **Saturday, July 4th Picnic** – 3 to 6 p.m. Sonata Way, 100 - 200 Harmony Way, 100 - 300 Symphony Way and Concerto Ave. will host the event. Adults--\$9, Children under 10--\$3. Sign up in the Activity Binder and put your check in the box.
- **Tuesday, July 7 – Lifestyle Meeting** – 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
- **Friday, July 10 – Happy Hour** – 6 p.m.
- **Friday, July 17 – Game Night** – 7 p.m.
- **Saturday, July 18 – Jimmy Buffett Happy Hour** – 6 p.m.

- **Saturday, July 25 – Dining Inn.**
- **Sunday, July 26 – Ice Cream Party – 3 p.m.**



OUTREACH UPDATE

Outreach on Summer Hiatus

SV Outreach Inc. will be on summer hiatus until September. We will have our next meeting after Labor Day. There will be one executive session in August to deal with budget and finance requests. If anyone needs any information or help, please contact Loretta Quigley, President, at 410-758-6775 or lorettaquigley@yahoo.com. Enjoy a restful and invigorating summer!

Neighbor to Neighbor

If you think about it, much of the good work that Neighbor to Neighbor does is actually in reaction to bad news. We hear about a neighbor who is sick or who has lost a loved one, and we respond. We try to help folks over the rough spots that come to all of us.

At a recent meeting, someone remarked that it would be nice to “be there” for people in good times as well as in times of need. We talked a bit about all the wonderful things, big and small, that happen to SVers regularly --a new grandchild is born, a new pet is adopted, someone retires, a milestone birthday or anniversary is celebrated, a medal is won, (yes, Anita Dell won a medal this past winter...downhill skiing!!), etc. - and we decided that it would be nice if Neighbor to Neighbor could respond to these situations as well. To that end, we designed new congratulatory cards and had them printed. The Street Captains have the cards on hand; all we need now is to hear about occasions or situations that should be celebrated. Please help us by calling your Street Captain to pass on good news!!! Thanks.



A Note Of Appreciation From Kay Blair

I know this may seem a little late, but I wanted to let my friends and neighbors in SV know just how special they are. As most of you know, I had very extensive back surgery two months ago. The response from this community has been absolutely amazing. It was unbelievable how many cards, gifts, and visits from busy people I received. A great big huge thanks to all of you. I especially want to recognize the wonderful working of the Neighbor to Neighbor Committee. Our street Captain, Pat Porter, and Co-Captain, Gretchen Storer, had everything worked out to a T. Another jumbo thanks to all of our neighbors both on our street and elsewhere who fixed all of those delicious meals, that included everything from salads to desserts. It is just wonderful knowing that so many people care and really pitch in when there is a need. This has to be the best community in God's world. I also want to mention my live-in caregiver Paul who has just been wonderful throughout this entire time. Another thanks also to all the people who sent him food and had him for dinner while I was in rehab. I am a very fortunate lady. With love to all of my friends. One quote I like is "Good friends are like stars ... you don't always see them, but you know they are always there." Love, Kay



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SYMPHONY SNEAKERS UPDATE

Scholarships

On May 19, Loretta Quigley and Sue Peterson presented \$500 scholarships to four graduating seniors at Queen Anne's High School. Three of the students will be attending Chesapeake College and the fourth will be attending the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

Chess Club



On June 3 the Kennard Chess Club met in the Clubhouse for their Annual Chess Night. Symphony Village residents and the Chess Master played against the students and some of their parents. It was fascinating to watch the Chess Master circle through the group of students as he played (successfully) against each participant.

Book Giveaway

On June 10 volunteers attended Kennard Elementary School's end-of-year book giveaway. Each student selected a book and read the first page or back cover to ensure they had selected an appropriate book

Sneaker's Auction

Please remember to put Saturday, November 7, on your calendar for the fifth annual Sneakers Silent Auction.

Next Meeting

All Symphony Village residents are invited to our next meeting on July 30, at 6:30 p.m. in the Clubhouse.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Report from the Landscape Sub-Committee

Rain Garden News



Rain garden installations have begun! Denis Radford and his crew will be in the community working on the first eight gardens. Consultations with residents and completion of an additional ten gardens are planned over the next three weeks with more to follow during the summer. Most rain gardens will be installed in order of application date. Exceptions may be made if 3 or 4 planned gardens are adjacent to one another to expedite the work. The grant process took longer than expected. Thanks for your continued patience as the work is completed.

Mosquito Control

The Asian Tiger mosquito is a medium-sized mosquito with a black body covered with white stripes and silver scales. These scales and white stripes are in sharp contrast to the dark body, which allows this mosquito to be easily identified. This mosquito has some unique habits, which makes it a very troublesome pest. First of all, it is highly adapted to living in and among human habitations. The female will only lay her eggs in artificial containers which include items such as the basins of flower pots, buckets of any size, plastic garbage can lids, plastic grocery bags, clogged gutters, rain barrels, and ornamental birdbaths. If these items contain water for more than 10 days, then it is very likely that they will be a site for mosquito production. This mosquito has a very limited flight range of approximately 100 feet, so if this mosquito is biting a homeowner then the container is close by. This mosquito can also be identified by its unique "feeding" pattern. It will bite during the day as well as at night. It tends to bite below the knees, particularly around the ankles, and is a persistent biter that often makes having two or three mosquitoes feel like there are twenty or more.



The only effective means of controlling this species of mosquito is to eliminate the water in containers. Properly discarding unwanted containers, turning the container upside-down or simply dumping/changing the water every 7-10 days (as in the case of flower pot basins, rain barrels and birdbaths) accomplishes this. If these steps are taken, then this mosquito problem can be virtually eliminated. June through September is the peak season for this species of mosquito so we like to remind people to start dumping their containers now. P.S.: All our ponds are now stocked with fish that eat mosquito larvae.



Want to find out Hunters Oaks specials? [See the ads.](#)

CLUBS AND CLASSES

The "Gazebo Gang" Symphony Village Garden Club

The tulips and daffodils have come and gone, but there are many beautiful flowers to please the viewers. The Knockout roses are at their peak, and the herbs are quickly maturing. We now have 19 gardeners for the 20 beds. Therefore, we only need one more volunteer to care for a bed. The first brood of kildeer has left the nest, and a second brood hatched this week. It is fun to watch the mama birds try to draw you away from the nest. We have four nesting pairs of

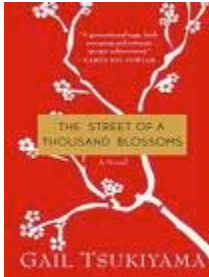


purple martins to keep the mosquitoes under control. You are invited to sit in the gazebo and watch the martins as they swoop and dive in pursuit of insects, especially at dusk. The garden club has also volunteered to plant the huge flowerpot near the pavilion. By next month, we hope to have sweet potato vines climbing all over the pot. We also planted 20 begonias in the upper bed. We hope you enjoy them. Norman has replaced two of the faucets near the pavilion, which have given us so much trouble in the past. We appreciate your help! All residents are welcome to use the Gazebo for small gatherings and to



pick herbs from the herb gardens (chives, oregano, basil, parsley, sage, rosemary, and thyme). We have added two new benches in the Gazebo, which can now seat 12 people. There is usually a nice breeze in the Gazebo at any time of the day. We'll look for you there!

The Reading For Fun Book Club



The Reading For Fun Book Club met on May 18 to discuss the book *A Good Woman*, recommended by Pat Kindle who also supplied a delicious dessert. This book was written by Danielle Steele, but was different from her usual novels. We adopted a new rating system, from 1 to 10, with 10 being tops. The rating for this book was 5.5, with ratings ranging from 2 to 8! The book for June is *The Street of a Thousand Blossoms*, by Gail Tsukiyama. The story traces the life of two orphaned Japanese brothers from before WWII, thru the war, and after the war. It makes for interesting reading, and certainly gives one a different perspective on the Japanese people. The book recommended for our July 20 meeting is *Three Cups of Tea*, written by Greg Mortensen. The story is about a young American who works to improve the lot of school children in Pakistan. The readers rating for this book is a 4-out of 5-star. All residents are invited to attend our book club meetings in the Clubhouse, to enjoy dessert, and share in enlightening discussions. Y'all come!



Want to buy local produce? [See the ads at the end.](#)

Symphony Village Bird Club



The Bird Club picnic in May was a huge success. Lots of wonderful talk about birds, lots of laughter, and lots of good picnic fare were the highlights. We talked about birds we collectively have seen in SV, flying over SV, and perching or calling in the woods and around the ponds. We were a bit surprised to come up with a list of 53 species! The picnic was such a great time that we'll have another one in the months to come. Make note of any unusual SV sightings and come to the next picnic to share.

Babies of Note:

- Sandee and Tom Love became the proud “foster parents” to four bouncing baby killdeer on May 16. Within hours the babies left home with their “real” parents. Sandee and Tom reclaimed the use of their patio;
- Brenda Kelly Stoltz rescued a baby barn swallow using a flyswatter as a makeshift gurney;
- One of Joan Rafter’s beautiful rose trees hosted a family of robins. Once the babies fledged, she could again water her front garden in peace;

- House finches and song sparrows each built nests in my backyard trees. The hummingbirds had to learn to feed even when another bird was sitting on the shepherd's hook; and
- Roberta and Nazir Ahmed are overachieving by hosting three bird families (two house sparrows and one house finch). Roberta saved one baby whose egg was hatching while on the front lawn (how did it get there?). She placed the tiny egg (with just the beak showing) back in the nest on her front door wreath and the parents are now raising both chicks.

Watch the Activities Binder for the next Bird Club activity, or if you have a suggestion, call Linda Blume on 410-758-3194.



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

4 SV Cyclists Raise \$1545 for MS

You've seen them riding their bikes in the village, on the roads outside the village, in early morning or early evening as they trained to ride for the Maryland Multiple Sclerosis Fund Raiser, *Chestertown Challenge*, June 13 and 14. Joining 600 other cyclists starting from Washington College, they rode to Worton, Still Pond, Betterton Beach, Turners Creek, Kennedyville, and other Eastern Shore areas compiling a total of 240 miles.



For those of you who ride a bicycle – turn those cranks over faster, go a little further, get a little more exercise, lose a little weight – and next year you will be ready to ride for MS. For those of you who don't ride, walk for MS – there were 400 walkers this weekend too! Thank you to those SV Residents who generously donated to MS.

- Royce & Amy Holm, George & Mary Drake

Symphony Singles Trip to Bermuda

On May 24 thirty-two Villagers got a slow start on their trip to Bermuda. The bus that was to pick us up was 2 hours late. There were many anxious travelers at the Clubhouse. It finally arrived and we reached the Baltimore dock and made it on the Norwegian Majesty before it sailed. We all breathed a sigh of relief and started our trip. Once on the ship we enjoyed many activities. We sunbathed, gambled, played bingo, and took in all of the shows. There was much

food in all parts of the ship and we tasted and enjoyed it all. Many nights BJ McClieb played piano at the crossroads area of the ship. The Villagers and others on the cruise came to listen to her lovely music.

We reached Bermuda on Tuesday, May 26. Everyone set out by cab, bus, ferry, and foot to see the wonderful pastel houses with the white roofs, the gorgeous flowers, the interesting restaurants, and the stores that sold souvenirs, crafts, and perfume. There were many interesting tours available, including looking at coral in a glass bottom boat or diving to look. Many went to sun and swim on the pink sand beaches. I don't believe anyone rode scooters.

Our trip home to Baltimore was also fun as we cruised along taking part in the ship activities such as line dancing, playing cards, and the usual eating. It was a wonderful trip we experienced with friends. The bus was waiting for us at the dock and we were glad to be home.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Symphony Village Residents Become CERTS

By Roberta Ahmed



After seven weeks (28 hours) of training taught through the Chesapeake College, graduation ceremonies were held on May 11 for sixteen of our Symphony Village residents. Following a dinner at the Symphony Village Clubhouse, Certificates of Completion of the Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) were received by George and Mary Drake, Larry and Betty Gingerich, Royce and Amy Holm, Jim Kindle, Dave and Sue Peterson, Bob and Lauren Rose, Ira Ehrenfeld,

Steve Quigley, Roberta Ahmed, Roy Labs, and Rob Dillon. These residents, as well as Carol Powell, also completed additional training in First Aid, Adult and Child CPR and AED training.

CERT Training enables people to be prepared for emergencies, whether they are terroristic in nature, weather related, fire, vehicle accidents or natural disaster. George Drake was instrumental in obtaining and providing information regarding the course. He then secured a 16-person commitment for the March class. Queen Anne's County and the Department of Emergency Services provided the instructors, Ed Stoner, Steve Garvin, and Nina Totaro with training at no charge and a minimum 10-person enrollment in the class. A fall class is being planned for those interested in receiving Community Emergency Response Training, including first aid, AED, and CPR. There may also be a course only in use of the AED.

Thanks to the efforts of George Drake and our residents, we have now been able to hang our Automated External Defibrillator (AED) units in the Gym and the Card Room areas of the Symphony Village Clubhouse. Anyone interested in any of the trainings mentioned above, please contact George Drake (410-758-8266) or Dennis Marchi (410-758-3183).

Congratulations!

We are proud to announce that John and Brenda Stoltz are the winners of a \$100 Gift Certificate to Fisherman's Inn restaurant 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 June 11 and July 10 will receive a \$100 gift certificate to Doc's Riverside Grille. If you have any questions or need more referral cards, please stop by the Sales Center. Good Luck!

Exploring Maryland Heritage

The Exploring Maryland Heritage group took a walking tour of Centreville led by Woodie Woodford earlier this month. Woodie is a native of Centreville, so he knows the history of the buildings and homes in town. What a wonderful day we had with him! There were 15 residents on the tour, and afterward we enjoyed a delicious lunch at Julia's with Woodie as our guest.

The Heritage group is going to be on hiatus during July and August. Activities are being planned for next fall. In August start looking for the September activity so you can be the first to sign up!! We want to thank the community for the fabulous response you have given our group. It has been beyond our expectations. For those of you who haven't yet attended one of our events, please consider joining your neighbors next season.

Something Special for the Summer

I am offering a private tour of the Historic Sites in town for anyone who is interested. This is an opportunity for small groups that want private tours. Perhaps you have family or friends visiting and need something for them to do--this would be perfect. A maximum of ten adults is best to view the homes. Here is your chance to arrange your own time. Please call me (410-758-3047) if you'd like to arrange a tour. Ellen Norman

The Propane Heating Discussion – by Steve Quigley

The newly minted Symphony Village Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) has initiated its first project. We are charged with addressing concerns of community safety. As our first project, we began a review of potential failures in some of the propane heating systems. Discussions with United Propane of Easton have resulted in a better understanding of one potential system issue. This article describes a history of the problem, a method to tell if your home needs an update, and the next steps you can take to resolve any uncovered issues.

A History of the Issue

Since the inception of Symphony Village, the Caruso team was concerned with the aesthetics of the project. It was the desire of the design team that no regulators be visible on any building surface. As a result, the contractor, United Propane of Easton, agreed to use a twin-stage regulator at the propane tank. The heating system requires two regulated propane fuel pressures.



One regulator drops the propane tank pressure to approximately 10-psi (pounds per square inch), and a second regulator drops the 10-psi to approximately 0.5-psi required by the firebox of the heat-pump system. The twin-stage regulator puts both regulators in one case (see picture). Note that both the twin-stage and the single stage regulators appear virtually identical. During two especially cold winters, a significant number of these twin-stage regulators “froze.” This failure was

a function both of unusually cold temperatures and high fuel flow (to be expected when trying to heat with propane gas). By the summer of 2007 it became obvious that the twin-stage regulator was not up to the task, and United Propane began to replace the higher risk regulators with a pair of regulators. One regulator is mounted at the tank, and the second regulator is mounted near the stubout on the house. Discussions with United Propane indicated a desire to replace all regulators, and the work continues with a replacement completed on the day this article was developed.

Is Your Home Involved?



Simply put, if the propane entry to the house has no regulator **and** **shutoff valve** visible, there is a strong likelihood that an update is necessary. Note the two photos at left. The picture on the left needs the update, and the home on the right has been updated with a regulator and shutoff valve. The regulator update is voluntary; the shutoff valve is required.

The Next Steps

The CERT Team and United Propane have developed a process designed to assure coverage of all required replacements. If your home requires an additional regulator and/or shutoff valve, and you wish to make the change, call either Steve Quigley (1-410-758-6775) or George Drake (1-410-758-8266). A list of all respondents will be compiled and delivered to United Propane for update. Please be sure to call before June 30, 2009. Steve and George will confirm that updates are required, and forward the completed list to United Propane by July 2, 2009. If you have any questions, call George or Steve.

OF LOCAL INTEREST

Delmarva Chicken Festival



The Delmarva Chicken Festival comes to QAC this year on **June 19** and **20** at the 4-H Park on Route 18 in Centreville. Delmarva’s Giant Fry Pan, lots of food, musical entertainment, arts and crafts, poultry displays, and much more will be featured. Hours are 10 a.m.-10 p.m., and admission is free. For all the details, visit www.dpicken.com/

Arts Alive! Juried Arts Festival

This Festival will take place on **June 20** and **21** at Ocean City Northside Park at 127th Street on the Bay. The juried outdoor art show will feature paintings, ceramics, pottery, photography, jewelry, and much more. Hours are Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sunday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. View all the details at www.ococean.com.

Art in the Park Festival

This Festival will take place on **June 20**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at Pocket Park in the historic area of Stevensville. Artists and craftsmen from the Eastern Shore and beyond will be featured. Art to be displayed includes paintings, prints, photography, pottery, sculpture, jewelry, and much more. Admission is free. Call 410-604-1230 for additional details.

Soup ‘n Walk

Adkins Arboretum in Ridgely hosts a monthly Soup ‘n Walk event. The next presentation will take place on **June 20**, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The theme is “Find the Cool Summer Blooms” and will include a guided walk with a docent naturalist and a delicious lunch (curried summer squash soup; berry, almond, and spinach salad with cucumber ranch dressing; brown rice bread with elderberry jelly; and lemon cheesecake soufflé with blueberries and strawberries). 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.

Art of the Deals



This is a town-wide event on **June 27** (rescheduled from June 20 due to the Delmarva Chicken Festival) offering yard sales, sidewalk sales, live music, food, entertainment, and fun for all ages taking place throughout Centreville. Hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m., and there is no admission fee. For additional information, see www.arts4u.info.

Tilghman Island Summer Seafood Festival

This extravaganza of local seafood, live music, crab races, crafts, artisans, firemen’s parade, and much more will take place on **June 27** at the Tilghman Island Volunteer Fire Company and adjacent Kronsberg Park. Hours are 11 a.m.-7 p.m. For more information, see www.tilghmanmd.com.

Sense of Wonder Sunday Family Program

Adkins Arboretum in Ridgely presents a family-oriented program one Sunday a month. June’s Sense of Wonder Sunday Program will be “A Night Under the Stars” on **June 27**, beginning at 6 p.m. Spend the night at the Arboretum and participate in the Great American Campout. Sit around a campfire to roast hot dogs and marshmallows, learn about the ecology of the night, and marvel in the beauty of the night sky with a bit of stargazing. Bring your own tent and sleeping bags, a flashlight, and toiletries. Pre-registration is required. Call 410-634-2847, extension 0, to register. Fee is \$5 for members, \$7 for non-members. For more information, visit



www.adkinsarboretum.org.

Guided Canoe Trip

Join park staff for an entertaining and educational canoe trip up Tuckahoe Creek on **July 3**. The trip will depart from the Tuckahoe State Park boathouse at 6 p.m. Reservations are required (call the park office on 410-820-1668). The fee is \$6 adults and \$4 youth.

Tuckahoe Steam and Gas Show

This show will take place on **July 9-12** at the Tuckahoe Showground in Easton. Exhibits include antique steam engines, gas engines, a blacksmith, and the museum. There will be events including a horse pull and an auction. Hours are Thursday, noon-10 p.m., and Friday – Sunday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Admission is charged for those over 12.

For details, see www.tuckahoesteam.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 throughout the summer. The next open house is on **July 11**. 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.

Sixth Annual “Birdies for the Bay”

Enjoy a day of fine golfing, food, and prizes at Hunters Oak Golf Club in Queenstown on **July 13** to benefit the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center. It will be scramble format with a shotgun start at 11 a.m. Dinner and awards will be at 4 p.m. The fee is \$125 per person and space is limited. See www.bayrestoration.org for additional information.

33rd Annual J. Millard Tawes Crab and Clam Bake



This event will take place on **July 15**, 12:30-4 p.m., at the Somers Cove Marina in Crisfield. The seafood festival includes crabs, fish, clams, French fries, sweet potato fries, corn-on-the-cob, watermelon, beer, soda, and water. The all-you-can-eat price is \$40. Purchase tickets in advance from the Crisfield Chamber of Commerce, 1-800-782-3913. Visit www.crisfieldchamber.com/events.htm for all the details.

TRAVEL ARTICLE OF THE MONTH

The Love’s Introduction to the People’s Republic of China



The summer Olympics held in Beijing 2008 exposed us to the reality that China has evolved to a society in which 2,500 year old traditions and cutting edge technologies compatibly co-exist. We were curious to see more. Our journey required 13 separate flights (*5 within China*), a comprehensive itinerary over 26 days, and interaction with local populations. Some basic information helped prepare us for this experience. Authorities differ, so we trusted National Geographic on the following references:

- China is the 3rd largest country in land size after Russia and Canada. Despite its size China has only one time zone.
- China comprises 1/4 of the world's population – 1.3 billion.
- China is made up of 22 provinces, 5 autonomous regions, 4 municipalities, and 2 special administrative regions.
- Han Chinese account for 93% of the population; officially there are 55 other distinct ethnic minorities. It is predominantly the Han who are guardians of Chinese tradition, etiquette, language, and culture.
- Tourists should avoid drinking or brushing teeth with tap water.

Four little phrases serve all travelers well. In this case, we learned to say (*often not correctly*):

- **Hello, how do you do** (ni hao)
 - **Thank you** (xie xie)
 - **No, I don't want it** (bu yao)
 - **Where is the water closet** (nan ce suo or nuce suo or ce suo zai nar)
- The words differed for male and female. Depending on the urgency, sign language worked best! Other than the western-style hotels, facilities varied: some offered both western toilets and Eastern, squat toilets behind stall doors; others shared a common washroom between separate toilet facilities. A ferryboat only offered one unisex, Eastern squat facility behind a door. Sandee once was delighted to find quite an elegant ladies room where an attendant poured warm water over her hands from a teapot, then offered a disposable hand towel!

Despite the push and shove on big city streets, the Chinese are courteous people whose sensibilities are propped up by decorum and hospitality. Of course, we attempted to “go with the flow.” However, an established habit of ours is to make lists upon returning from any trip.

Best ‘take-alongs’ (*besides spouse*): lots of toilet/tissue paper, Croc shoes, band-aids & trail bars.

Overall Favorites

Xian's 2,200-year-old Terra-Cotta Warriors (*artistic achievement/expression of imperial power*)
 Great Wall of China (*scale and its fortress-like segments mostly rebuilt for tourists!*)
 Three Gorges (*magnificent, lush green mountains & limestone ridges*)
 Li River Cruise (*scenery often seen in watercolors and scroll paintings*)
 Suzhou's Grand Canal (*begun 2,400 years ago, sadly decayed, but offers unique photo ops!*)
 Victoria Peak's view of Hong Kong harbor (*brehtaking in its expanse*)
 Hong Kong's Buddha Garden (*'tranquility base'*)

Best optional tours

Shennong Stream Excursion in small boats with oarsman
 Xian's Tang Dynasty Show
 Suzhou's Silk Factory

Best food

18 varieties of steamed dumplings
Sai Kung fresh seafood lunch

Best mode of transportation

High-speed train (125 mph) (*didn't take 'Bullet train' from Shanghai to airport –200 mph costs \$40 for 7 minutes!*)

Disappointments

- Tiananmen Square (*no real view due to heavy rain & sea of umbrellas*)
- Yangtze River Princess Jeannie cruise ship: Chinese define small as just 13,824 square inches. You do the math. The *small cabin included two beds, an end table, a closet, and a bathroom*. We immediately upgraded to a suite where the salon was more spacious than the assigned cabin!
- Shanghai to Jingzhou – a journey of approximately 5 hours (*dated, cramped tour bus and rain*)
- Shanghai's Bund 5 block long riverfront promenade (*under construction for the 2010 World Expo.*)
- Hong Kong's lack of quality shopping bargains & persistent hawkers (*make eye contact even briefly and you can't lose them!*)

Funny surprises

- locals buying fake money to burn on holidays
- liquor with snakes in the bottle (*tasted it*)
- cruise staff immediately called everyone by their first name
- locals requesting us to be in photo with them
- sharing a desk with 2 grammar school children

Summary:



You can't experience a different culture without becoming enveloped in it. More than once during the trip we said, "I can't believe I'm here in the midst of all this and those stories we've heard and read about all our lives." Being in Tiananmen Square, walking on the Great Wall, viewing the Terra Cotta Warriors, and having the chance to experience the Three Gorges Dam project and learn what it will mean to the Chinese people are memories we will treasure forever.

We invite you to take a quick tour via a 5-10 minute slide show on a Picassa photo album at www.villagehoa.org/hoa/albums/LovesChinaTrip/Site/Loves_Trip_to_China.html

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