

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.

SCHEDULED BOARD OF DIRECTORS and HOA MEETINGS

All Symphony Village homeowners are invited to attend the quarterly Board of Directors meetings. The last meeting this year will be at 10 a.m. in the Grand Concert Hall at the Clubhouse on October 23. SV Homeowners' Association Annual Meeting is scheduled for December 2.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LIFESTYLE UPDATE

Upcoming Events

- **Friday, September 18 – Game Night** – 7 p.m.
- **Saturday, September 19 – Dining Inn** – 6 p.m.
- **Wednesday, September 23 – Lunch Bunch** - 12:30 p.m. at “*Brix*” in Chestertown. Meet in parking lot at noon.
- **Thursday, September 24 – Ladies Night** – 5:30 p.m.
- **Friday, September 25 – Movie Night** – “*My Favorite Year*” – 7 p.m.
- **Saturday, September 26 – “School Days” Happy Hour** 6 p.m. Bring a school picture and see if we can guess who?
- **Thursday, October 1 – Crab Feast at the Jetty** – 4-8 p.m.
- **Tuesday, October 6 – Lifestyle Meeting** – 7 p.m.
- **Friday, October 9 – Happy Hour** – 6 p.m.
- **Saturday, October 17 – Garage Sale** – 8 a.m. – noon. Advertising cost \$5. Sign up in the Activity Binder and make check payable to **SV @ Centreville HOA**.

Mark your calendar

- **Saturday, October 24 – Halloween Party for Grandchildren**
- **Friday, October 30 – Halloween Happy Hour**—6 p.m. Please wear a costume and get in the judging.
- **Saturday, December 19 – Holiday Party Happy Hour**

Residents: The Symphony Village Clubhouse is used as an extension of your home. Please leave it clean for others.

OUTREACH UPDATE

Neighbor to Neighbor

Do you have ICE on your cell phone? No, I'm not asking if you keep your phone in the freezer, I'm asking if you've stored the names and phone numbers of folks you'd like to have contacted **In Case of Emergency (ICE).**

These days emergency personnel are trained to check cell phones for ICE numbers when people can't provide that information for themselves. It only takes a few minutes to enter this information into your phone. You can even program multiple contact numbers; simply identify them as ICE 1, ICE 2, etc. Do it today. Thanks!

PUBLICATION AND COMMUNICATION UPDATE

Symphony Village Communication Guidelines

Check the Website Bulletin Board regularly for pertinent bulletins that the committee feels would be beneficial, i.e. volunteer opportunities.

Photo Gallery

Please check out the fantastic **Picture Directory** changes made by Charlene at our website villagehoa.org. Now you can also click on a picture and a name will appear. Continue sending in your pictures to Charlene Smallwood Brown (gsmallw594@aol.com). Also, please send John Schultz (schultz@schultz.org) trip pictures, candid shots of SV events, pet pictures, and fish pictures to be included on the Website as well.

Advertisers



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SYMPHONY SNEAKERS UPDATE

Sneakers Auction – 2009

Come one – come all to the 5th Annual Symphony Sneakers Silent Auction – Saturday, November 7, from 6-9 p.m. It's that time of year again and Sneakers is starting to get ready for its annual silent auction. Invitations will be in the mail by the last week in



September. Please remember to RSVP. We continue to seek donations of items to be included in the auction. If you have something, such as a product, a service, or an item that could be of use (a condo at the beach, a ticket to a sporting event, etc.), please consider a donation for the auction. Call Helena Joy (410-758-6532) or Linda Farrar (410-758-8744) with items for donation. We will need a great deal of help, so please volunteer, as well. Sign-up sheets are in the Activities Binder.

We have determined some of our raffle items. Are you ready for this?--

a ruby and diamond cocktail ring, donated by the Quigleys; **a hand carved duck** donated by our own master craftsman Nick Barbalace; **a beautiful quilt** created and donated by the quilting group (see picture next month); and a **50-50 raffle**.



Fire in Queen Anne County

This month we were able to help a Kennard Elementary School family that lost their home to a fire the week before the start of school.

Clickers

We will be supplying Kennard Elementary School with a new innovative tool for instruction and positive reinforcement of academics. A set of “clickers” that interact with a laptop computer will be provided. This allows students to be evaluated and gives teachers the opportunity to reinforce instructional material immediately. This is especially beneficial for learners who may need additional help. We will provide a set of “clickers” for an entire class that can be shared among multiple teachers.

Book Giveaway

Our first book giveaway will be October 29 and 30. Sign-up sheets to help will be placed in the Activities Binder at the Clubhouse. We need lots of help for these giveaways.

Next Meeting

All Symphony Village residents are invited to our next meeting on Thursday, September 24, at 6:30 p.m. in the Clubhouse.

CLUBS AND CLASSES

The “Gazebo Gang” Symphony Village Garden Club

The Gazebo Garden Club met on August 14 in, of all places, the Gazebo! Unfortunately, several members were at the beach, but we still had a good turnout. There are 20 beds in the garden, and with the addition of Barb and Jim Smith and Lillian Sheehan we now have 20 gardeners. That's one gardener per bed! However, we welcome other residents to join us. It never hurts to have more than one person per bed. Certainly, two in a bed is more fun! Enough digression! Lillian and her amazing aerator tool made short work of the weeds in her bed.



Charles and Maria Scheck donated funds to pay for the beautiful chrisanthemums which were strategically placed around the gazebo in time for the Labor Day picnic. Many residents have commented on the beautiful flowers in the garden. Several gardeners have, at their own expense, added beautiful flowers to their beds. While we do not accept flower donations, we will accept a few shekels to support the garden program.

On August 30, our wonderful purple martins left us for South America. We have enjoyed them, and look forward to their return next spring, along with our nesting kildeer! During September, we will be cleaning out the martin houses and closing them up until next spring. Jack will be looking for volunteers to help with this project.

We had a major water pipe break at the gazebo, which has now been fixed. Our thanks to Helena and Robert Joy, who allowed us to use their water while the pipes were broken. All residents are invited to use the gazebo for meetings, or to just enjoy the nice view and the breezes, which are always there.

Complementing the gazebo garden, we have had a successful vegetable garden in the cornfield behind the Caruso construction office. Four residents have harvested many tomatoes, squash, peppers, cucumbers and even pumpkins this season. Tim Bishop, the farmer who leases the field, has graciously allowed us to use the edge of his cornfield. Several other residents have expressed an interest in becoming "Veggie Vassals" for next year. We will have to talk to Mr. Bishop about the possibility of expanding the garden. Any resident wishing to participate in the veggie garden in 2010 should send an e-mail to Jack Hennessey. We will have an organizational meeting sometime before March 30.

The Reading For Fun Book Club

The Book Club met at the Clubhouse on August 18 to discuss *Receive Me Falling*, by Erika Robuck. This turned out to be one of our best meetings, due to the fact that Erika, the author, attended the meeting. Erika gave an excellent presentation on the site, the time, and her approach to writing this, her first novel. She plans to write a sequel to this

book after she finishes her second novel concerning Ernest Hemmingway, which is in process. This book was selected by Jack Hennessey, and received a rating of 8.35, on a scale of 1 to 10.



The book for our September 15 meeting is *The Magnificent Ambersons*, recommended by Pat Loiacono, who will be providing a delicious treat for all attendees. Dorthea Turek has recommended *The Guernsey Literary and Potatoes Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer for the November 17 meeting. Now that the weather is turning cooler, we expect more residents to attend book club meetings. All residents are invited.

Symphony Village Bird Club Trip

On September 19 the Bird Club will meet in the Clubhouse parking lot at 7.30. We are going to Terrapin Park to birdwatch with Marion Argentino. This is a good location on the Chesapeake Bay, near the Bay Bridge. We will look for migrating and resident songbirds, waterfowl, shorebirds and raptors. This is a perfect place to spend a morning. Join us by signing up in the Activities Binder and meeting us in the parking lot.

Quilt Display

The quilt class is exhibiting their beautiful quilts and other quilting projects in the Clubhouse, where they will remain until September 28. Stop by the craft room before September 28 to see this wonderful display of our neighborhood talent.

Beginner's Quilt Class



The first class meeting will be held Tuesday, October 6, from 1-3 p.m. in the craft room. This class will be an overview of what we intend to do and supplies needed. If you are interested, sign up in the Activities Binder at the front desk at the Clubhouse. For more information, contact Jeanne Novack at 410-758-2842.

Exploring Maryland Heritage



On Thursday, October 8, Exploring Maryland Heritage will be going to Mt. Harmon Plantation in Earlesville, Maryland for a tour. Located in Cecil County, the 200-acre estate is located on the north shore of the Sassafras River. Originally it was a 350-acre land grant to Godfrey Harmon by Caecilius Calvert, second Lord Baltimore, in 1651. On early maps it is known as "World's End."

The manor house has been restored to the period of 1760 --1810. It is decorated with hand painted Chinese wallpaper and antiques of the period from America, England, Ireland and Scotland.

Admission for seniors is \$8. We will be having lunch at the Granary. Meet at the Clubhouse at 8:45 a.m., leave at 9 a.m. to car pool. It will take approximately one hour to drive to Mt. Harmon. Please sign-up in the Activities Binder.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Butterflies, Butterflies, Everywhere Butterflies

While Linda Blume, SV's unofficial "Butterfly Lady," has been recuperating in Easton Hospital, a few "Assistant Butterfly Ladies" decided to take up the task of writing about their recent experiences.

Assistant 1. Not known for my cooking expertise, I wasn't sure there was any reason to grow parsley or really, any other herb. But last summer, Linda Blume's article in the



April *Libretto* informed me that with little effort, I could be raising Eastern Black Swallowtail butterflies right here on my patio. So I gave it a try. The "crop" was so successful that Linda had to adopt some of my brood. Those hungry caterpillars were eating me out of, well not house and home, but parsley, for sure. Such fun to watch--and how unusual for an avid gardener to be thrilled to see her plant being eaten

alive! This summer I decided to try it again, and for a long time nothing. Then one day shortly after I had seen a Swallowtail fluttering over my parsley, the crawling critters were back. It didn't take long before I had to put my babies up for adoption again. This time they had eaten every leaf down to the stem and were abandoning ship. Brenda Stoltz came to their rescue, and I hear the adoptees are alive and well. Next year I'm "gonna need a bigger pot." --- **Pat Scheirer**

Assistant 2. This is my second year "raising" Black Swallowtail butterflies. (Actually, they raise themselves. I just supply the parsley and watch the caterpillars pig out.) My experience this year was especially interesting because I was able to watch one of my caterpillars form the chrysalis from which the butterfly emerges. Unfortunately, a few weeks later, I slept through the "grand opening."



However, when I picked up the empty chrysalis, I noticed another chrysalis hidden inside a chair leg. It looked weathered and dark so I assumed it was an old chrysalis from last year. I took both inside and set them on a plate on my kitchen table to show my grandchildren the difference between a *new* chrysalis and an *old* one. The next morning John brings the plate into the bedroom. (See picture at left of the newly emerged, wet

butterfly trying to open its right wing.) A butterfly is jerking around on it trying to spread its wet wings, and he asked, "Is this what we're having for breakfast?" Linda, I guess I need a few more lessons on the "birthing of butterflies. I can't even tell the difference between an old and new chrysalis." --- **Brenda Stoltz**

Assistant 3. I, too, am a parsley grower and have been for years. However, I used it in cooking and not as a butterfly farm. In deference to Linda, this year I let the caterpillars decimate my parsley. It looked awful--all those denuded stems--but when I decided to tidy it up, I found a lovely chrysalis! It was like becoming a grandmother again.

Carefully, I brought it into the house and placed it in a container at eye level in my kitchen. I checked on it many, many times a day; I just couldn't wait to see my butterfly.

I was excited the morning I found the chrysalis brown and empty. I said to Jack, "Help me find the butterfly--it's hatched!" And Jack said, "Oh, I wondered why there was a butterfly in the kitchen. I trapped it in a jar, took it outside, and let it go." I've got to work on communication skills. – **Joan Hennessey**

Rain Garden Update



More Rain Gardens grants have just become available for fall installation. Please contact Cass Smith at 410-758-6965 or Betty McAtee at 410-758-2443 for applications and information. Those residents who have already applied will be first line for the grants and the installation contractor will contact them. What's happening in your rain garden this month? The yellow daisy-like flowers that are in bloom are known as swamp sunflower or helianthus. The tall purple blooming plant is the Vernonia or Ironweed. The shorter plant with purple daisies is the New England aster. If you look carefully you may see yellow and green striped caterpillars on one of your plants. Those are the Monarch butterfly caterpillars on butterfly weed or asclepias tuberosa. They devour the plant's leaves for nourishment and will soon form a chrysalis, metamorphosing into a butterfly in about two weeks. You may see an orange insect along the stems of this same plant. It is the oleander aphid. A strong spray of water from your hose can remove them. Please do not spray insecticide or soap, as you will also kill the monarch butterfly caterpillars. Continue weeding and watering your garden this month. Call if you have any rain garden questions.

Betty Hernan: Gardener Extraordinaire



If you are ready for a visual feast for the eyes, take a walk down Orchestra Place to #231. You will be at the front gardens of the home of Betty Hernan where you will be treated to the most beautiful and bountiful impatiens in the neighborhood. For sure Betty has a green thumb and lots of tips on how to make your garden grow lush and beautiful.

Betty is also an avid bridge player and you can find her at several of the Clubhouse games during the week. Just recently, Betty returned from a great trip to Montana where she delighted in connecting with old friends from high school. This active caring member of Symphony Village volunteers some of her time with Outreach and is a helping neighbor and friend to those who have come to know her.

Congratulations

We are proud to announce that John & Andrea Parham are the winners of a \$100 Gift Certificate to Julia's 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 September 12 and October 13 will receive a \$100 gift certificate to Martini's. This past month we had 12 new referrals for a total of 61 referrals to date. A special thank you to the 38 residents that have referred their friends or family members to Symphony Village. If you have any questions or need more referral cards, please stop by the Sales Center. Good Luck!

Message From a Resident

While returning home this morning, I witnessed what could potentially cause a nasty accident with a pedestrian or driver. Some drivers still do not GO AROUND the roundabout at Orchestra when turning to the left but just make a quick turn. If someone had been walking across the street or children on their bikes, someone could have been seriously hurt. I see this time and time again. Several times I have seen a black car with a male driver.

Senior Moment

A resident reported that she recently joined Facebook and is slowly learning her way around. She had asked her sister, Kim, to "be my friend" which she agreed to. She was enjoying the messages from Kim Graham. She checked out Kim's info and realized that her birthday was different from her sister's birthday. So she sent an apology to Kim Graham saying that she must have added her as a friend in error as she realized that Kim wasn't her sister. Kim replied back, "No, I am not your sister. I am your sister-in-law!!!" (She had forgotten that my brother's wife's name was Kim).

Another resident reported asked her husband to please bring the Jell-O salad to the picnic as she didn't have time to go home to get it. At the picnic she opened the cooler to find this small container on top of the ice. She opened the container to find last night's leftovers—no 9 x 13 pan of beautiful Jell-O salad.

Travel

By Kathryn Marchi

Alaskan Cruise

"Alaska is not a foreign country!" That became our mantra as Dennis and I packed for our two-week Land/Cruise to Alaska on August 26. From friends' recommendations, we chose Princess Cruise Line and booked the land portion first and then the cruise. Here I am telling you of the cruise.

The Island Princess: Our stateroom was amidships on level 8 and we merely stepped out our doorway to a very large open area where activities could be viewed from all floors. For the next two days we would be on a scenic cruise along the Gulf of Alaska and into the inner passageway to **College Fjord and Glacier Bay** for a glimpse of some of the rare tidewater glaciers. The ship came so close that we felt we could reach out and touch some of them. We were surprised that they contained so much debris from their journey down the mountains and that the ice reflected differing shades of blue. We heard

the crack and boom as huge chunks of ice broke and fell into the water. This is known as “calving.” In Glacier Bay, next to Margerie Glacier, the ship actually turned around at the end of the channel like the expression, turning on a dime! During that part of the cruise, we spotted whales alongside the ship.

Skagway: This town is perhaps the most authentic gold rush boom town and the buildings of today are built to represent that fact. At one time it was considered lawless by the Mounties! One interesting building had a storefront made entirely from driftwood and another was supported by colorful totem poles. Other storefronts represented the saloons and dance halls but most of them now contain jewelry stores!!

Skagway was known as the “gateway to the gold fields” of Klondike. It provided access to the White Pass which was supposedly the shortest, albeit, very difficult, route for prospectors that flooded the region over one hundred years ago. We took a bus tour that drove us through the **White Pass** and into Canada to visit a suspension bridge across one of the rivers in the area. The landscape was beautiful but quite rugged and steep.

Another part of this tour took us to a **salmon bake** in an out-of-the-way place called “Liarsville”. We sat outside under a shelter and ate delicious salmon and sides of potato salad, slaw, and corn bread...washed down with an Alaskan beer. Delicious and fun!

Juneau: Alaska’s capital city, Juneau, is another town founded because of the discovery of three of the largest gold mines in the world. Though they are now closed, Juneau continues to thrive as the center of government. As such, it is much understated and unpretentious in our minds... its capital building is one of three in the United States without a dome!



Again, there were many shops and most were jewelry stores! We took a tour to the famous **Mendenhall Glacier**, which seems to spill from snow capped mountains in the Juneau Ice field into a lovely river. The day was sunny and this setting was beautiful! We were told that they only have about 4 days of sunshine in Juneau.... and ours was one of them...Afterward, we visited the **Macula Salmon Hatchery**. It was explained to us that the hatchery takes roe and sperm (milt) from the female and male salmon

and fertilizes it, then places it in incubation trays that have water from the river flowing through them. In this way the young salmon (alevins) are imprinted with the “scent” of the water and, when mature enough to be released, will remember the way back to this area. We found it interesting that when the adult salmon come back to spawn, they are caught just in time and given electric shocks in order to retrieve their eggs and “milt.” The eggs are fertilized and the process starts over again. Salmon die soon after spawning so their remains provide food for dogs, bear, sea gulls, and other birds. They say that nothing is wasted.

Ketchikan: Ketchikan actually has two other names: “Salmon Capital of the World” and Alaska’s “Rain Capital” (because of its annual precipitation of around 162 inches). Today, Ketchikan has the highest concentration of Native Alaskans” in the state...the better-known tribe is the Tlingit. It was actually built on the site of a Tlingit fishing village. Now there are a gazillion shops located on that spot...most of which are...jewelry stores!



Our tour here was to a **Rain Forest**... who knew there would be rain forests in Alaska!

We donned our hiking shoes and took a very pleasant one-half mile trek into the most beautiful place. Our guide, who carried a flare and a walkie/talkie, was a very knowledgeable young girl who began by warning us about bear in the forest. To this date, we had not seen any bear at all...not even in

Denali. She told us to stay together and if we saw a bear, stand quietly and DO NOT run away! If it came closer, we were to hold up our arms, spread our coats so as to appear larger, and sing or talk. As we wandered through the damp, mossy, tree-canopied area, we approached a stream where many dead salmon were being eaten by all sorts of birds. Suddenly we saw a mother bear with two cubs as they caught fish and made their way up the incline away from us. Dennis and the guide were in front and Dennis quietly said, “There’s a bear on the trail around this corner.” Our guide pulled out her flare and quickly radioed the group behind us as we watched the bear watching us! He was quite close but he did turn slowly and go into the pond to catch a fish and then walk on upstream out of our sight. You could hear cameras clicking furiously in that quiet forest!! After we caught our breath, we then went on to an old logger’s mill and visited a native Tlingit carving a 42-foot totem. His work was displayed all over this forest entrance. The next day was spent at sea, cruising along some of the most beautiful forests and coastlines.

Vancouver, Canada: Our day of departure went smoothly and Dennis and I flew...on time...back to BWI via Chicago. Our trip to Alaska was absolutely wonderful and we would love to go back in our Motor Home and explore further. However, it’s clear to us that “you can’t get there from here”...easily, that is! The Alcan Highway, though paved for most of its 1,390 miles, still leaves much to be desired in the way of a good ingress and egress and we don’t think that will change any time soon. Even with constant upkeep, the weather causes gravel breaks and ripples in the surface, making for a rough ride at times.

Our take on Alaska is that it is “frozen in time”...pardon the pun... the only things that will change probably will be the number of hotels and tourist lodges that will be built or renovated in the coming years. Tourism is extremely important to Alaska’s economy and

the hope is that it will continue to be so. Alaskans are a hardy lot...they have to be. They are dedicated to the land and their State and are seemingly impervious to the harsh weather conditions!

The vastness and absolute beauty of Alaska may be enough for those who remain all year; they only have to wait for late May through mid September to welcome visitors and share their love for, and knowledge of, their beloved State.

Editor's Note: To read the complete travelogue of Kathryn's Alaska trip, go to villagehoa.org News and Events.

Queen Anne's Chorale

December Concert, "A Holiday Pops," Sunday, December 6, at 4 p.m., Todd Performing Arts Center, Chesapeake College, Wye Mills, MD. **Tickets** are \$10 and sold at the door; children through high school admitted free. For more information please call 410-827-0825 or visit qachorale.org.

Restaurant Review

By Lee Ettman

Gordon Biersch-Annapolis Towncenter

The Lunch Bunch visited this brewery/restaurant in August. It is located in the new-and-oh-so-popular (deservedly so!) area of Annapolis which is composed of both small and large well-known places which most, if not all, of us frequently visit (i.e.-Target, Bed Bath and Beyond, Whole Foods). In other words, it is the "happening"—our newest and latest shopping area. One can shop 'til they drop, and then enjoy a pleasant and satisfying meal at Gordon Biersch Restaurant.

The atmosphere is casual-with large vats from the brewery section visible as well as a large bar. The service people are extremely welcoming and accommodating. The menu is well-balanced with several choices of appetizers-salads, sandwiches, and specialties-- including something for the veggie lover as well as the meat and chicken person and last, but not least, seafood aplenty. There were a variety of beers and wines.

We were a bit taken aback by the bread, which bordered on defrosted, packaged, and very ordinary. Sometimes this can be an indication of what is to come, but this time that was not the case. Some of the choices made by our small group consisted of salmon Caesar salad (skimpy on the salmon and a bit pricey but tasty nevertheless), fish and chips (tasty and enjoyed), and mahi mahi (okay, but not the best ever tasted). Interesting and tasty salads included Gorgonzola pear salad with pecan-crusting chicken and Märzen balsamic vinaigrette dressing, and grilled chicken cashew salad, a favorite of one of the guests at our table. Our selections—some reasonably priced and others a bit steep pleased most of us. If you are in the Annapolis area, I would definitely recommend it! Enjoy and Bon Appetit.

LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

Nick Barbalace Exhibits



Nick Barbalace will be exhibiting his carvings for sale on Saturday, **October 3**, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, October 4, 11 a.m. to 4:30p.m. at the Rotary Club Artisan Festival, Queen Anne's County 4-H Park. Nick will be in the building behind the cafeteria. Admission is free. For more information see <http://www.centrevillerotary.org/Artisan.htm>.

Nick's second show is in at the Chestertown Wildlife Exhibition and Show in downtown Chestertown. There is a preview on Friday evening, **October 16**, from 5 to 7 p.m. There is a \$25 fee for food, beer and wine. Artisans are displaying their exhibits in various banks, information center, etc. on October 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at no charge. . Nick Barbalace will be located in the PNC Bank. For more information and location of the different artists see <http://www.chestertownwildlife.org/>.

Come Celebrate Corsica Watershed Awareness Day

Bloomfield Park-Centreville, MD

Route 213 between Northbrook and White Marsh Rd.

Please join your neighbors for a FREE Family Event on Saturday, **September 19**, noon-4 p.m. Learn what is going on with the river restoration and how to be a part of it. **There will be a photo exhibit of Symphony Village Rain Gardens on display.** Fun for all to include hayrides, wildlife exhibits, face painting, food, ecotours, and live music by The Chester River Runoff. The Queen Anne County Parks and Recreation Department, Corsica River Conservancy, and the Town of Centreville sponsor this event.



Queen for a Day



On Saturday, **September 26**, Harmony on the Bay Women's Barbershop Chorus will present the "Queen for a Day" Luncheon/fundraiser to be held at Christ Episcopal Church Parish located on Romancoke Road in Stevensville. Doors open at noon, so come and shop the vendor tables. Vendors include stained glass items by Anita Dell, jewelry from the Cookie Lee collection, and hand-made ladies' purses by Jackie Janowsky.

Tickets are \$20 and this includes lunch, a 50/50 raffle, door prizes, entertainment by the chorus along with quartets, and a lucky lady (when her name is drawn) who will be presented as "Queen for a Day." The winner will receive prizes from many of the local

merchants such as gift certificates, cosmetics, candleholders, one month of tanning, a fall floral arrangement, a bird feeder, an oil painting, and too many more to mention. Tickets are now on sale. For more information call Suzy at 410-758-1092 or Claudia at 410-924-0013. Tables of eight are being reserved. Do not miss out on the most fun event of the year on the Eastern Shore! Email us at harmonyonthebay@yahoo.com. A portion of the proceeds will benefit The Shore Health Regional Breast Center in Easton.

Estate Treasures' 20th Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon

Estate Treasures presents the 20th Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon on October 13, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cash bar is at 11 a.m. with luncheon served at 12 p.m., followed by a fashion show. Models are Estate Treasures volunteers and the fashions and accessories are for sale. The show and luncheon will be held at the American Legion Hall on Route 8 in Stevensville. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased at Estate Treasures located in the Kent Towne Market in Chester or call Estate Treasures at 410-643-7360. The proceeds of this event benefit Hospice of Queen Anne's, Inc. **Eat, Drink and be Merry!!!**

Chesapeake Film Festival

The festival is set for **September 18 to 20** in Easton. It will be centered at the Avalon Theatre, with additional screenings at the Academy Art Museum and Historical Society of Talbot County. Select Screenings are in partnership with the Maryland Film Festival.

It is the mission of the Chesapeake Film Festival to entertain, enrich, and inspire by bringing the finest in narrative, documentary, and short film to the Chesapeake Bay community. The films we intend to showcase are broadly focused to illuminate both the diversity and the universality of the human condition.

We believe films can affect positive change and through this medium individuals and communities gain a greater understanding of themselves and the world. We envision a festival that stimulates, educates, and empowers. For more information, visit the festival's Web site at www.chesapeakefilmfestival.com.

Comedienne Jennifer Friedman Benefit

Jennifer Friedman and her One Woman Show will be presented as a benefit for Crossroads Community Foundation on Saturday, **October 3**, at The Mainstay in Rock Hall, Maryland. As a local comedienne and entrepreneur, Jen has acted in community theatre on the Eastern Shore for more than 10 years. The ticket price is \$25 and all proceeds will directly benefit the clients of Crossroads Community, Inc. You may purchase tickets online at www.ccinonline.com, or from Delmarva Financial Group or White Pines Farms at the Centreville Farmer's Market on Saturdays through September.



Acting has played a significant role in Jen's life helping her to cope herself with personal struggles. When approached about showcasing her talents for the benefit, Jen did not

hesitate, responding, "I value the service that Crossroads Community brings to those families managing mental illness." I understand mental illness firsthand." Jen's personal gift of openness is gratifying to us all.

PERSONAL ADS

Do you have something to sell, a condo to rent, something you need? Email the ad of 20 words or less to lhodges@atlanticbb.net or call Carol Hodges at 410-758-0591. Commercial or real estate sales are prohibited.

Electric power wheelchair. New batteries. Excellent condition. Asking \$500 or best offer. 410-562-4519.

Moving Sale--dining room set--6 ft. table (2 removable leaves), 6 new Windsor chairs, and 5 ft. bench, \$525; kitchen set--table with leaf and 4 rolling captain chairs, almond with wood accent, \$125; two bar chairs, \$25 each; red leather antique rocker \$150; portable humidifier, \$25; refrigerator (white) \$75; daybed with trundle, \$100. Call Clyde and Peggy Hungerford at 410-758-6966 or 410-562-4519 or 301-580-8286.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Banana Nut Bread

From the Kitchen of Jan Di Carlantonio



Ingredients

¾ cup butter or margarine
1 ½ cups sugar
3 medium bananas, mashed
2 eggs, well beaten
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 cups flour, sifted

1 teaspoon baking soda
¾ teaspoon salt
½ cup buttermilk or sour milk*
¾ cup chopped walnuts or pecans

Cream butter and sugar thoroughly. Blend in bananas, eggs and vanilla. Sift flour, baking soda and salt together. Add to banana mixture, alternating with buttermilk. Mix well after each addition. Fold in nuts. Pour batter into greased and floured 9 x 5 x 3" loaf pan. Bake at 325° for 1 ¼ hours or until done.**

*NOTE: To make sour milk, fill the ½ cup with milk less than the full amount called for, and add a tablespoon or a little more of lemon or vinegar. It will thicken slightly.

** To test if banana nut bread is done, pierce in a few places with a toothpick. If it comes out clean, the bread is done.

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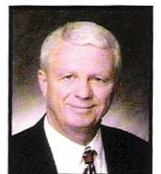
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