



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 Homeowner

Symphony Village welcomes David Mitchell – 146 Encore Court.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LIFESTYLE UPDATE

Lifestyle Upcoming Events

- Saturday, September 18, **Happy Hour**, 6 p.m. Bring your favorite appetizer or dessert.
 - Thursday, September 23, **Ladies' Happy Hour** at 5:30 p.m. Bring \$5, which provides you with dinner and a beverage.
 - Wednesday, September 29, **Crab Feast** at 5:30 p.m. The crab feast at the Jetty Restaurant & Dock Bar is back by popular demand. The cost of \$25 covers the crabs, fried chicken, garden salad, sodas, tax, and gratuity. Please sign up in the Activities Book by September 25.
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- Friday, October 1, **Happy Hour**, 6 p.m. Bring your favorite appetizer or dessert.
 - Saturday, October 2, **Atlantic City Day Trip**.
 - Tuesday, October 5, **Lifestyle Committee Meeting**, 7:15 p.m.
 - Saturday, October 16, **Happy Hour**, 6 p.m. Bring your favorite appetizer or dessert
 - Saturday, October 16, **Garage Sale**, details to follow.
 - Thursday, October 28, **Ladies' Happy Hour** at 5:30 p.m. Bring \$5, which provides you with dinner and a beverage.
 - Saturday, October 30, **Halloween Party** (adult party), 6 p.m.




Labor Day Picnic



The beautiful weather made for an enjoyable Labor Day picnic, although the swimmers might have wished for a warmer day. The sloppy Joes, bratwurst, and accompanying trimmings were delicious. Much thanks goes to Jack Dedrick and his committee for a great event. As usual, there was a full contingent and stiff competition for the bocce tournament. Congratulations go to Paul Blair and Heather Baugh (Peggy Anderson's daughter) for pulling out the victory. Dave Peterson and Chris Dell (Jim and Anita Dell's grandson) came in second.

MEET THE LIFESTYLE COMMITTEE

By Karin Larsen



The Lifestyle Committee is another vibrant group that piqued my curiosity since living in Symphony Village. Who makes up this group and what is their mission? Jack Dedrick, who was elected Chairman for 2010, did not cower throughout my relentless questioning. Beginning with a question about the mission, Jack stated that the early mission statement of the group was to plan activities at reasonable prices where residents can get together and have fun. Can you imagine what energy and enthusiasm it took for all of the people who have worked together in this committee to create such an active and fun community? We know it takes a heck of a lot of planning and hard work from so many people that will not fit in a "chunked down" article.

I had to ask Jack if he had a favorite method of being a chairperson. Jack first mentioned that the strength of the committee is based on the strength of all of the committee members and emphasized six golden rules. They are: to run your meeting as others (group decision making) would like to have it run, be prepared, stick to the schedule, encourage all to participate, don't hold unnecessary meetings, and wrap up the meeting with clear statements. His leadership style is delegating and not micro-managing.

Lifestyle went into effect between 2004 and 2005. There were dynamic chairpersons such as Linda Farrar who chaired for the first two years, 2004 and 2005. Then Marlene Tennier and Nancy Cotter co-chaired for two years, 2006 and 2007. Next was Doris Pullman who chaired in 2008. Jack was vice-chair with Doris in 2009 and became chairperson in 2010. Jack was also the Lifestyle liaison for the Board of Directors in 2008. Kevin Sullivan helped the group mesh with the Caruso side of SV. 2010 is another dynamic year with so many people involved. We have Jack as the chairperson and Lee Ettman as the vice-chairperson. Carol Walsh was the secretary, and now Teri Nudo and Linda Gardner have filled in to operate in the secretary position. Throughout the interview with Jack, many people were mentioned. These dedicated folks are Allen Beck, Nancie Cameron, Lee Ettman, Linda Gardner, Teri Nudo, Mary Jo Keefe, and Vinny Volpicelli. There are so many people to mention that have planned and implemented so many wonderful events from happy hours for holidays and events,

fabulous picnics for holidays, concerts, bus trips, and crab feasts to name some categories of Lifestyle events. What makes this committee work is their dedication to SV and the neighborhood men and women who enjoy socializing and living in harmony and fun with one another.

What is next for the Lifestyle Committee? Some long-term goals are to increase participation, continue to advertise, and attract residents to attend functions. Some short-term goals are to attract more singles to events and to get more involvement in the committee. Yes, most of us can agree that the Lifestyle Committee really honors its mission statement to plan activities at reasonable prices where residents can get together and have fun! “What are you waiting for, SVers?” LIFESTYLE NEEDS YOU!

OUTREACH UPDATE

Artisan Extravaganza

Please join the many talented artisans at Symphony Village for a dazzling display of their work at the Artisan Extravaganza on **Saturday, October 23, from 8:30 a.m. until noon** at the Clubhouse. A wonderful assortment of jewelry, watercolors, oils, woodworking, watches, decorative stationary, photography, children’s items, painted scarves, and knitted pieces will tempt the most discriminating shopper. All of your holiday gift items plus baked goods and refreshments can be found in a one-stop shopping spree. The public is welcome.

SV residents please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend. In addition, we could use some help in distributing posters to your preferred vendors to help generate a good turnout. Please contact Diane Briggs at dbriggs2017@yahoo.com if you can help.

If you haven’t signed up yet to showcase your craft, it isn’t too late! Small table space (card table size) is \$10, and large table space (5-6 feet) is \$20. Table space proceeds as well as proceeds from the bake sale and coffee bar go to SV Outreach to fund their many community outreach programs. If you want to sign up or have questions, please contact Linda Gardner, 410-758-0646, lrgdsg@yahoo.com. Come out on October 23 and see how much talent we have here in SV!

Name Tag Distribution

If you haven’t picked up your name tag yet, please see Laura Wright at the Clubhouse. Thank you.

2nd Annual Food Drive

Outreach’s Food Drive will take place this year on **November 6-7**. Last year we collected 1,482 items, and this year our goal is 2,000. All items will go to the local food pantry run by QAC Social Services. Last year’s donation was the single largest donation that they had ever received – let’s do even better this year! If you’d like to be a “collection location,” please contact Loretta Quigley, 410-758-6775, lorettaquigley@yahoo.com.

Next Meeting

The next Outreach meeting is on **September 22**, 7:15 p.m., at the Clubhouse. Everyone in SV is invited to attend.

Neighbor to Neighbor



Recently when I told a new acquaintance that we live in Symphony Village, she replied, “Oh, I hear you folks really know how to take care of each other.” How nice for us to be known as a caring, supportive community! I may be ever so slightly prejudiced, but I believe that our good reputation is, to a large degree, because of the efforts of Neighbor to Neighbor.

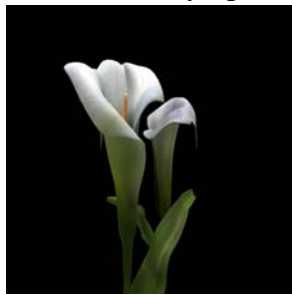
When someone in Symphony Village is “down” (sick, injured, grieving, etc.), short-term assistance is often arranged by Neighbor to Neighbor. By providing meals, pet care, transportation, etc., for a week or two, we provide a cushion of time for our neighbors in need to arrange for longer-term care, if necessary. Happily, this is often not necessary; most folks get along just fine after a week or two of assistance. Even in cases where assistance is needed for a longer period of time, Neighbor to Neighbor is still available to provide help in emergency situations; e.g., the ailing neighbor unexpectedly needs a ride to the doctor or needs someone to walk “Poochie” one evening.

Our Street Captains are ready to help. It’s nice to know that folks outside of the Village know that, too. **Eleanor Strietman, Chair**

Explore solar energy. See ads for [Green Energy Design and Advanced Solar Technologies](#).

Symphony Village Memorial Book

In 2006, the Symphony Village Outreach Committee decided to begin a Memorial Book to honor and remember our SV friends and neighbors who had died. This book includes a picture along with a brief article and is kept in the “Wall Street Room”—the room across from the business office. (*Look for a large book with black, leather binding and gold lettering.*) Helen Schultz was responsible for organizing this project, and she has done a wonderful job making the book entries. Recently, this honor has been turned over to Brenda Stoltz and Ellen Miller. If you have any questions,



please call Brenda at 410-758-1505.

*Who can do my landscaping?
See [Solidago Landscapes](#) and [MVP Irrigation ads](#).*

PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Publication and Communication Committee Members

Do you know the members of your P&C Committee? Here they are--

Carol Hodges (Chairman)	Mary Drake (Welcome Night)
George Drake (Vice-Chairman)	Kathy Gauthier (Editor)
Pat Scheirer (<i>Libretto</i> Editor)	Gil Hoffman (Editor)
Brenda Stoltz (<i>Libretto</i> Editor)	Linda Blume (Local Events)
Bob Rose (<i>Libretto</i> Editor)	Karin Larsen (Restaurant Reviews)
John Schultz (Webmaster)	Charlene Smallwood Brown (Picture Directories)
Dorthea Turek (Secretary)	

Internet or Website Help

If you would like to have help with your email, accessing the website, downloading photos, etc., Bob Rose (443-262-8238) has offered to help.

A Bit of History



Did you move in after 2006 or did you miss the second issue of the *Libretto*—February 2006, Vol. 1, No. 2? If so you might enjoy reading a reprint of a delightful history of SV called "From Farm to Village." Go to the SV website and click on *Libretto Archive* under News and Events or click on <http://villagehoa.org/hoa/documents/walsh.html>.

Pet Directory



We'd like to urge all pet owners to please send in those adorable pictures of your pet to John Schultz so that he can include them in our Pet Directory.

All Are Welcome

Everyone is welcome to attend our next Publications and Communications meeting on Wednesday, October 6, at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse Conference Room.

Advertisers

Please support our advertisers. At the end of the newsletter you will find their ads. Supporting our advertisers helps keep our HOA dues from increasing.

SNEAKERS UPDATE

Save the Date for the Sneakers Auction—Saturday, November 13



We are working toward our Annual Silent Auction, to be held Saturday November 13. This will enable us to continue to give back to our neighborhood schools. Please consider donating items for the auction, such as tickets for events, vacation properties, items for gala baskets, one of a kind art items, handmade crafts, and/or services such as baking items (dessert a month, etc.). We also need empty baskets that can be filled. Please contact Helena Joy or Linda Farrar

with ideas, suggestions, questions, or to volunteer to help with the auction. At our next meeting we will be signing up for specific jobs for the auction. Look for your Auction invitation in the mail the beginning of October.

Book Giveaways

We are waiting for Kennard Elementary to determine the dates for the 2010-2011 school yearbook distributions. We will post the schedule in the Activities Book when the dates have been finalized. We can always use help for the all-school giveaways and the “Pastries for Parents.”

Next Meeting

All Symphony Village residents are invited to our next meeting, which will be Wednesday afternoon, September 15, at 3 p.m. in the Clubhouse.

Need financial advice? See ad for Cvach Financial Services.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Backpacks for Kids

Have you ever heard of the expression “food insecure?” I hadn’t either, but I recently learned that this refers to approximately 20,000 children in Maryland who don’t have ready access all the time to enough nutritious food to stay healthy. These are kids whose families rely on the Free/Reduced Meal Program to provide breakfast and lunch for their children during the school year. These same kids, however, often lack adequate nutritious food to eat on weekends. “Backpacks for Kids” attempts to fill that gap.



In Centreville, the Centreville United Methodist Church (CUMC) sponsors “Backpacks for Kids”. Beginning in September, volunteers will meet weekly to assemble bags of food for 25 of the neediest children at both Centreville and Kennard Elementary Schools. The packed bags will then be delivered to the schools each Friday in time for the guidance counselors to place them in backpacks for the children to take home for the weekend. Each backpack will contain two breakfast items, two lunches, two fruits, two snacks, and two 100% juice boxes. Sometimes little extras (toothbrushes, toothpaste, Chapstick, a school supply, a small candy, etc.) will also be placed in the bags. The cost will be approximately \$4 per week per child – a very small amount for such a huge difference in the life of a child.

If you would like to contribute to this program, you may do so by sending a check to Centreville United Methodist Church, 608 Church Hill Road, Centreville, Maryland 21617. Be sure to write “Backpacks” on the memo line. The church also accepts donations of food items. (Please remember to provide enough of each item for 50 backpacks.) If you wish to contribute in this way, you may drop your items at our house, 235 Opera Court, and I’ll be happy to take them to the church for you. Please choose items from the list below.

Juice boxes (100% juice)

Granola bars

Cereal bars; small boxes of cereal

Individual bags of pretzels

Small boxes of raisins or Craisins

Fruit cups (mixed, mandarin oranges, etc.)

Cans of ravioli or spaghetti with meat

Individual portions of microwave popcorn

Oatmeal

Applesauce cups

Cans of soup

Cans of tuna

Pudding cups

Easy-Mac packets

Cans of beans/franks

Hot chocolate packs

If you have any questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to call me. Thank you very much. Eleanor Strietman, 443-262-8162

How Does Your Garden Grow?



Master Gardeners

Join your fellow gardeners on Tuesday, October 12, at 3 p.m. for a program and discussion, as we get ready to wrap up the fall gardening season. The event will include tips on the care and maintenance of perennial and rain gardens. Our featured speaker will be Margaret Carter, a Master Gardener for 12 years, who will present a slide show on the necessary elements for making our gardens welcoming to birds, bees, butterflies, and other pollinators.

We would like to make sure that your gardening questions and topics are addressed. Please submit questions and ideas to: Cass Smith, casssmith@aol.com; Betty McAtee, ltbjm@yahoo.com; or drop off at the Clubhouse. All are welcome--green thumb optional. Refreshments will be served. See you there!

Quote: "You are not a true gardener until you have killed a hundred plants." Mike McGrath, The Garden Guru, WBAL radio

Bulk Trash and Yard Waste

Bulk trash pick-up and yard waste pick-up are available through the Town of Centreville. Call Town Hall at 410-758-1180 for pick-up times. There is a \$15 fee for a sticker to be placed on Bulk trash items, which can be purchased at the Town Hall on Lawyers' Row during business hours or at True Value Hardware Store in Centreville.

Need a senior real estate specialist? See Janice Duty's ad.

Exterior Modifications and Disturbance to Irrigation by Laura Wright

When performing exterior modifications in or around the sprinkler system (such as installing pavers on the side of driveways or planting in existing gardens or establishing new gardens), it is mandatory that in addition to submitting an Application for Exterior Modification to the HOA through the Covenants Committee, that you also make an appointment with Denison to come out and move or cap affected irrigation heads. Only Denison can specifically do this work because they maintain the system and changes made by a random contractor could affect other homes adversely. You can make an appointment with Denison by calling them directly, and the homeowner bears the

expense of the work (usually minimal). The Irrigation Division Office phone number is 301-782-9044.

Humor in Symphony Village

Critter Humor



One recent morning just before leaving for an appointment, I ran Henry (a miniature dachshund) out the back door to the sidewalk for a brief “pit stop.” He did what he had to do, and I began gently tugging the harness to get him to come back into the house. But he planted his little legs and refused to budge. I tugged a little more – still nothing doing. He kept glancing down the sidewalk. I came out from behind the pine tree and saw a neighbor approaching. Henry had been watching her progress down the sidewalk and he figured she’d soon be in reach. Sure enough, Henry stood his ground and was soon getting the petting and the adoration he wanted. After a generous helping of each, Henry happily headed for the door and his promised treat. (Suzy Wishard)

BJ McClaeb – Hummingbird and Wasp Rescuer

Rescue #1 BJ recently found a hummingbird caught between the two panes of glass of her open window in the open garage. She tried moving the window sash down, but the hummingbird didn’t move. She gently nudged it onto her open hand – and it just sat there. She carried it outside and, thinking it might be hungry, carried it over to a white flower and tried to get it to eat, but it wouldn’t. Still sitting in her hand, she gently moved it onto a small branch of the nearest bush (like you would encourage a parakeet). It still didn’t fly – was a wing broken or injured? She didn’t want to leave it on the twig where a hurt wing might affect balance, so she tried to put the little bird into her open hand, but it flew down to the grass. The wing must be OK after all. She checked the spot a few minutes later and the hummingbird had gone.



Rescue #2 BJ then re-entered the garage and now found a wasp trapped in the same window. Gently “pinging” on the window screen didn’t dislodge the wasp. She wasn’t about to try the open hand approach again without gloves (it was a wasp after all) so she put on gardening gloves, gently grasped a wasp wing, put the wasp in her open gloved hand, walked outside, and the wasp flew away.



TRAVEL ARTICLE

COSTA RICA

by Brenda Stoltz

Costa Rica is fast becoming a favorite place to travel, and for good reason. It is a beautiful, lush, green, mountainous area with the Caribbean on the east and the Pacific Ocean on the west. It is also a country that is “green” beyond its forests. Costa Rica takes great pride in preserving its forests, recycling, and sharing its small piece of this earth with millions of species and different kinds of people. It also is proud of its high literacy rate. In the late 1940s, Costa Rica decided to discontinue their army so they could invest more government money in education, and this decision has paid off.

I had the opportunity to travel to Costa Rica in June with some of my children and grandchildren. We were fortunate to have Mo, a friend from Costa Rica, who



volunteered to be our guide for our ten-day vacation. Although many people in Costa Rica speak English, it's very helpful to have someone with you who is fluent in Spanish. Our friend Mo also volunteered to drive our rented van, which saved a lot of "getting lost time." Our first five days we stayed at Arenal Lodge. In addition to the helpful and friendly staff, beautiful gardens, epiphyte trees (trees found in rainforests that have hundreds of

non-invasive plants growing all over them), infinity pool, hot tub, hiking trails, free horseback riding, butterfly farm, howler monkeys swinging in the trees, parrots and other colorful birds flying in and around the lodge, and other interesting wild animals traveling across the manicured lawn, we had an amazing view from our rooms and the restaurant—the Arenal Volcano. During the day it rumbled and belched smoke and ash from its crater; at night the red lava could be seen spreading slowly down the side of the crater. Costa Rica has many volcanoes, but Arenal is considered one of the most active. On one of our excursions, we toured a nearby private jungle. We climbed across swinging bridges, hiked up and down the mountain, swung on Tarzan vines, and saw more interesting animals—sloths, monkeys, green eyelash viper snakes, tarantulas, and leaf-cutter ants. *(Note for the women: The ant society is very interesting. They are industrious, focused, and all the important ants are female.)* Another day we went to Eco Thermales Hot Springs (Mother Nature's hot tub). It was beautiful. We floated from one hot mineral pool to the next—under waterfalls, the stars, and trees filled with more interesting birds and animals like the two-toed sloth. After relaxing in the hot and cool springs, we dressed and had a delicious meal on the patio. The next day, in Fortuna, we discovered the Restaurante Las Iguanas where we counted 100 iguanas *(something you only do with grandchildren)*.



The adventure continued as we traveled across Costa Rica on curvy, narrow roads for five hours until we reached the Pacific Ocean. Hotel La Mariposa in Quepos was our home for the next five days. Our excursion into Manuel Antonio National Park nearby was exciting. We discovered more monkeys and sloths and we even found a beautiful waterfall to cool off under. Throughout all of our jungle hikes, I had many helping hands pushing and pulling me up steep muddy hills, across rocky terrain, and through cold streams. I felt like "Sheena of the Jungle's Grandma." One day we played and relaxed at a lovely, isolated ocean beach in Manuel Antonio NP. We surfed, built sand castles, and raced hermit crabs. We also had a day of deep-sea fishing, visits to local markets, and an interesting experience in a reconditioned Fairchild C-123 airplane/restaurant.

All too soon it was back to the airport, and we were headed for home. However, we all agreed we would like to return one day to this beautiful, exotic country. Even the rainbow, which appeared on the morning of our departure, seemed to reflect the easy-going Costa Rican attitude of these friendly people:

"Enjoy life and don't sweat the small stuff."

CLUBS AND CLASSES

Symphony Village Bird Club

Butterflies: If you like to watch butterflies as well as birds, the spring-planted *Asgastache*, Blue Fortune (tall with a blue flower) around the Clubhouse circle are magnets for them. On recent afternoon, I spotted numerous tiger swallowtails, zebra swallowtails, silver-spotted skippers, monarchs, painted ladies (left), buckeyes, an uncommon blue and black version of the tiger swallowtail, a yellow sulfur, and lots of miscellaneous skippers as well as dozens of bumblebees feasting away.



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Cooper's Hawk: I saw the first Cooper's Hawk of the season on August 25 swooping low over my back yard looking for songbirds (he didn't see or catch any). Fall can't be far away when these hawks return for the winter season.

Outing: The Bird Club will gather at the end of Taylor Mill Road (where the bridge is out) on Wednesday, **September 29**, at 7:30 a.m. to see what birds we can see. Sign up in the Activities Book if you can join us or just "show up" that morning.

Picnic: The Bird Club will picnic on Wednesday, **October 13**, at noon, at the Picnic Pavilion, to "talk birds". A picnic lunch will be provided. Please sign up in the Activities Book by October 8 so we can plan accordingly. Point of contact for Bird Club activities is Linda Blume, 410-758-3194.

Presentation by the Chief of the QAC Emergency Medical Service



Chief Scott Haas of the QAC Emergency Medical Services (EMS) will present information on the functions of the Queen Anne's County Emergency Medical Service at the Clubhouse on **September 27**. His presentation will include the history of QAC EMS, current status/number of personnel and vehicles, statistics, funding, tie-in with the 911 call center and Emergency Operations Center (EOC), and the tie-in with the Goodwill Fire Department EMS and State Police. The presentation will be followed by a question and answer period and then the periodic CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) meeting. Don't miss this presentation. Please mark your calendars – Monday, September 27, 7 p.m. in the Grand Concert Hall.

The "Gazebo Gang" Symphony Village Garden Club



The Gazebo Garden has been relatively successful, in spite of the problem that we never seem to be able to get all of the gardeners together at one time. In fact, five of our gardeners have resigned due to back problems or other commitments. This article includes an urgent call for volunteers to each tend one of the twenty beds in the Gazebo Garden! You can volunteer individually, or team up with a friend to tend one of the beds. Please call Joan or Jack Hennessey (410-758-4872) if you are able to help. There will be a meeting on Saturday, October 16, at 11 a.m. in the Gazebo to discuss plans for next year. We will meet in the Clubhouse in case of bad weather.

We have ordered daffodil bulbs, which will be delivered in October. You will be notified of our planting schedule. We will also be winterizing the purple martin house, since the martins left for Argentina on August 17. We will track the martins' migration schedule on the computer, and re-open the house to welcome back the martins in the spring. One more group has requested that we erect a new martin house in their neighborhood for next year. The garden club will happily provide this service.

As previously reported, the auxiliary veggie garden has been a huge success. Many residents have shared in our harvest during the year. Some of our veggie gardeners are planting fall crops such as spinach and lettuce. Good luck with the deer and the rabbits! We are waiting to hear from our farmer benefactor before we make plans for 2011.

We have received many favorable comments from residents and visitors regarding our flower garden. We appreciate these comments. Thanks to all of our gardeners who tuned up the flowerbeds in time for the Labor Day picnic.

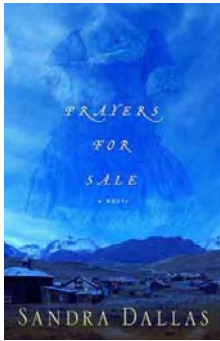


Trivia Questions—"Test for Old Kids"

01. After the Lone Ranger saved the day and rode off into the sunset, the grateful citizens would ask, "Who was that masked man?" Invariably, someone would answer, "I don't know, but he left this behind". What did he leave behind?
02. When the Beatles first came to the U.S. in early 1964, we all watched them on The _____ Show.
03. "Get your kicks, _____."
04. "The story you are about to see is true. The names have been changed _____."
05. "In the jungle, the mighty jungle, _____."
06. After the Twist, The Mashed Potato, and the Watusi, we "danced" under a stick that was lowered as low as we could go in a dance called the "_____."
07. "N_E_S_T_L_E_S", Nestle's makes the very best _____."
08. Satchmo was America's "Ambassador of Goodwill." Our parents shared this great jazz trumpet player with us. His name was _____.
09. What takes a licking and keeps on ticking? _____
10. Red Skelton's hobo character was named _____, and Red always ended his television show by saying, "Good Night, and _____."
11. Some Americans who protested the Vietnam War did so by burning their _____.
12. The cute little car with the engine in the back and the trunk in the front was called the VW. What other names did it go by? _____ & _____.
13. In 1971, singer Don MacLean sang a song about, "the day the music died." This was a tribute to _____.
14. We can remember the first satellite placed into orbit. The Russians did it. It was called _____.
15. One of the big fads of the late 50's and 60's was a large plastic ring that we twirled around our waist. It was called the _____.

Need help hanging the TV on your wall? See ad for [Chesapeake Home Theater and HiFi](#).

Reading For Fun Book Club



At our August 17 meeting of the Reading for Fun Book Club, we reviewed *The Madonnas of Leningrad* by Debra Dean. Pat Loiacono, who recommended this book, supplied a delicious pound cake and raspberry tea for dessert. The story tells how a group of Russian women worked feverishly to save the art masterpieces displayed in the Art Museum of Leningrad from possible destruction by the invading Nazi army in the early days of World War II. The book received a rating of 6.5 (on a scale of 1 to 10) by the book club. Sandra Allegra has recommended the book *Prayers for Sale* by Sandra Dallas for our September 21 meeting. The story describes the heartwarming relationship between an 85-year-old mountain woman and a young newlywed who has just moved into the mountain community. The plot revolves around the members of the Ten-mile Quilting Group, their families and friends. This book should appeal to all members of the SV Quilting Club. The Reading Club meets on the third Tuesday of every month in the Clubhouse at 7 p.m. All residents, male and female, are invited to join the club, or to just sit in on a meeting. The book for October will be announced at our September meeting.

LOCAL EVENTS

By Linda Blume

We're doing something different with Local Events this month. There are so many events happening between September 15 and October 15 that we can't include them all in the *Libretto* (to both save paper and ink and to not delete an event that you might want to attend). Included below is a sampling of Events. The entire list appears on the SV website at <http://villagehoa.org/hoa/documents/lib-docs/events-10-09-13.html>.

We will also put a hard copy of the complete list in the *Libretto* binder that is located in the Wall Street Room at the Clubhouse and in the *Libretto* binder at the front desk. Next month will be back to "business as usual" and we'll include all Local Events in the *Libretto*. Please let the *Libretto* staff know what you think of this month's manner for publishing Local Events.

A Sampling of Events:

Corsica Watershed Awareness Day



Come out and enjoy an afternoon at beautiful historic Bloomfield Farm on **September 18**, noon – 4 p.m. This free event for families includes environmental exhibits, children's crafts and activities, ecotours/hayrides, live music, food, tours of the historic farmhouse. For more information, call 410-758-0835 or go to www.corsicariverconservancy.org

Need pet care? See the ads for Dandyland Pet Care Center and Happy Tails Petsitting.

2nd Annual Alpaca Festival & Farm Days



The festival and Open House will take place at Outstanding Dreams Farm (24480 Pinetown Road, Preston) on **September 18-19**. The event will feature children's activities, Alpaca products, fiber arts demonstrations, food, craft vendors, and, of course, the Alpacas! Hours are Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Sunday, 1 – 5 p.m. For more information, call 410-673-2002 or go to www.outstandingdreamsfarm.com.

Queen Anne's County Historical Society 50th Anniversary



The QAC Historical Society will have a 50th Anniversary celebration on Sunday, **September 19**, 3:30 – 6:30 p.m., at Readbourne Manor in Centreville. There will be a cocktail reception, entertainment, and a silent auction. Tickets are \$75 per person and may be obtained by calling the Historical Society Office at 410-758-3010 or by going into the office on Wednesdays between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. The office is in the rear of Tucker House. You may also email qachistorical@verizon.net to ask questions or reserve tickets.

3rd Annual Chesapeake Film Festival



The festival takes place **September 24-26** and brings the best in film from around the world to the Eastern Shore. It will feature award-winning films from festivals like Cannes, Galway, Dublin, Sundance, and the NY International Children's Film Festival. The event takes place at various locations throughout Easton, Oxford, St. Michaels, and Cambridge. Most tickets are \$10. For a full schedule and to purchase tickets, visit www.chesapeakefilmfestival.org.

National Hunting and Fishing Day



Schrader's Bridgetown Manor (16090 Oakland Road, Henderson, Caroline County) will host this family-oriented day offering fun and educational hands-on activities on **September 25**, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. This is a great way to introduce young people and newcomers to outdoor sports. Try spin casting, archery, and target shooting on the grounds with skilled instructors. Kids will enjoy the clay pigeon and archery shooting range, laser shooting program, wood duck box making, fly tying and spin casting, dog demonstrations, and more. For more information, see www.dnr.state.md.us.

Queen Anne's Emergency Center Dedication



The new Emergency Center will be dedicated on **September 30** at 9:30 a.m. The public is welcome for tours and refreshments. For more information, go to www.shorehealth.org.

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The a-Maze-ing Corn Maze



The Be a-Maze-d Fall Festival at The River Plantation in Queenstown runs **October 1 – October 30**. It will provide old-fashioned fun for every member of the family. Maze games, petting zoo, pumpkin patch, putting green as well as exciting weekend specials will be like no other experience! For a complete daily schedule (Monday – Thursday is by appointment only) and a listing of all the special weekend events, go to www.theriverplantation.com. The cost is \$5 per person, ages 5 and older.

OAC Historic Sites Open House



The last open house of the season will take place on **October 2**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., at Wright’s Chance and Tucker House in Centreville. Admission is free. For more information, go to www.historicqac.org.

Artisan Festival



Craftsmen and artists will be showing their talents and wares on **October 2-3** by exhibit and by working demonstrations. Bring your children to the Kids Corner and have their faces painted, find the needle in the haystack, and decorate a pumpkin. The event takes place at the 4H Park in Centreville. For more information, call 410-758-4349.

(www.discoverqueenannes.com)

5th Annual Taste of Kent Narrows

The event will take place on **October 9**, noon – 5 p.m. (food until 4 p.m.), at the Chesapeake Exploration Center in Chester. There will be food, a beer garden, wine tasting, children’s activities, demonstrations, and more. Tickets are \$25 per person in advance and \$30 at the door. Children under 12 are admitted free with a paying adult. For all the details, go to www.TasteofKentNarrows.org.



2nd Annual “A Quilt Affaire”

At this event on **October 16**, 19th and 20th century quilts will be on display at historic Wright’s Chance and Tucker House in Centreville, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. There will also be quilting demonstrations. Admission is \$10 per person. Light refreshments will be served.



Reminder: Go to <http://villagehoa.org/hoa/documents/lib-docs/events-10-09-13.html> to see all 44 Events, 6 Continuing Events, and 17 Events Outside the Four Counties.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

brique by Karin Larsen



What fun to go to lunch with my neighbor Donna DiToto to try out Centreville's new *brique* restaurant in the location previously occupied by Julia's. The setting, quaint and historic, overlooks one of the oldest still in use courthouses in this country. The room was inviting and as we entered we could see that the much-changed interior was neutral colored and had a clean, crisp feel. The hardwood floors and comfy large eggshell colored chairs give the restaurant a very warm merge of 1700s architecture mixed with a contemporary styled minimalist

interior feel.

Our lunch included an order of seared shrimp with avocado mousse, tomato coulis for me and a hearty and delicious soup du jour, tomato bisque for Donna. All the dishes we shared were flavorful and aromatic. My "Stout Braised Short Ribs" were delicious and served with mashed potatoes and carrots. The Wedge salad was nicely prepared with iceberg lettuce, crisp bacon, vine ripened tomato, and blue cheese vinaigrette. We also ordered the chef's signature salad, the *brique* Caesar Salad, which included Boston bib lettuce, homemade dressing, Parmesan cheese, and white anchovies. Golden puffed cheese rinds provided a crunchy texture and good flavor, instead of the usual croutons.

We were both thinking that this chef is good! We found out that the menu will "evolve every four to six weeks to ensure all ingredients used are at their seasonal peak, while providing ideal flavor components for each dish," according to Chef William Dolan. Dolan has quite a biography you can read on-line. His credentials include executive chef positions throughout the Mid-Atlantic and Caribbean. He attended the French Culinary Institute in New York City. He will be "emphasizing classic French cooking techniques to create an ever-evolving menu of New American cuisine." His signature dishes include Seared Diver Scallops, and also Pork Rilette Lemans, which he learned from celebrity chef Jacques Pepin.

Was a Fourth of July opening of *brique* restaurant in historic Centreville really a trumpet call for all of us to check out partners Tommy Inzer and Bill Fairbank's "vision of developing a culinary brand with unparalleled taste, design, service and appeal"? The answer must be yes!

The owners and the chef have a passion to "create and deliver superior culinary experiences." Says Executive Chef Dolan, "My food is all about the flavor... I eat with my stomach, not my eyes." We had fun coming to this fresh, creative restaurant and recommend that others indulge also!

RECIPE

Apple Almond Tart (From the kitchen of Bob Rose)



Tart Pastry

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 ½ sticks unsalted butter, very cold and cut into ¼ inch cubes
¼ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon sugar
1/3 cup cold water

Pulse the first four ingredients in a food processor until you have pea sized pieces of butter. With the machine running add the cold water and process until the dough comes together. Place on floured board and roll out into a circle from center to edges until large enough to fit into a 9” tart pan. Fold into quarters and place into a 9” tart pan with removable bottom. Unfold pastry and ease into pan, gently pressing against bottom and sides with fingertips. Trim pastry flush with the rim of pan by rolling over rim with rolling pin. Press top ¼ inch of pastry lightly with thumb around inside of pan to form a slight lip, fluting with your fingers if desired. Refrigerate while making almond filling.

Almond Filling

¾ cup almonds, whole
½ cup sugar
1 egg
1 tablespoon melted unsalted butter

Grind the almonds in a food processor to a powder. Then process in the sugar, egg, and melted butter. Spread over the top of the dough. Refrigerate.

Pre-heat oven to 400 degrees.

Apples

4 to 5 Granny Smith or Golden Delicious apples, peeled and cored
3 tablespoons sugar
2 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into small pieces

Cut peeled and cored apples in half, along the core and slice about ¼ inch thick. Arrange the slices, overlapping, in a circle around the circumference of the tart, on top of the almond paste. Arrange other smaller slices decoratively in the center of the tart. Sprinkle

with the sugar and dot the top with the butter pieces. Bake in pre-heated 400-degree oven for 1-¼ hours or until the apples are tender and the pastry has browned. Cool to room temperature.

Apricot Glaze

6 tablespoons apricot jam
2 tablespoons sugar
¼ cup water
1 tablespoon Kirsch, or cherry flavored brandy

Combine the jam, sugar, and water in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil, and then simmer slowly for 5 minutes. Place a piece of plastic wrap directly on the surface of the mixture to prevent a skin from forming. When cool, stir in the Kirsch or cherry brandy. Bring the glaze to a barely lukewarm temperature and brush the top of the tart with it.

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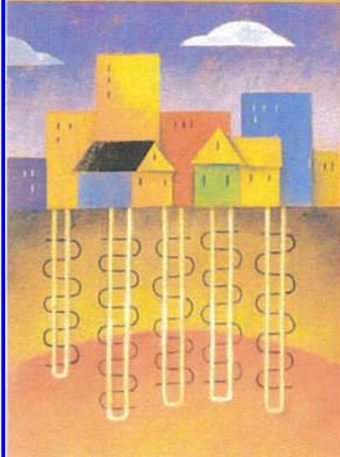
1. The Lone Ranger left behind a silver bullet. 2. The Ed Sullivan Show. 3. On Route 66. 4. To protect the innocent. 5. The lion sleeps tonight. 6. The limbo. 7. Chocolate. 8. Louis Armstrong. 9. The Timex watch. 10. Freddy, The Freeloader, and "Good night, and May God bless." 11. Draft cards (bras were also burned.) 12. Beetle or Bug 13. Buddy Holly 14. Sputnik 15. Hula-hoop

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