



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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS and HOA MEETINGS

All Symphony Village homeowners are invited to attend the Board of Directors meetings. The next scheduled meeting for 2010 is **October 22 at 10 a.m. in the Clubhouse Concert Hall.**

The SV Homeowners Association annual meeting is **December 1 at 6 p.m.**

LIFESTYLE UPDATE

Upcoming Events



- October 16 Community Garage Sale
- 16 Happy Hour - 6 p.m. (Bring an appetizer to share.)
- 20 Lunch Bunch
- 28 Ladies Happy Hour - 5:30 p.m. (Bring \$5, which provides you with dinner and a beverage.)
- 29 **Halloween Party** - 6 p.m. Sign up in the Activities Book—\$7 per person.
Country Western Theme—costumes optional

- November 2 Lifestyle Committee Meeting - 7:15 p.m.
- 5 Happy Hour - 6 p.m. (Bring an appetizer to share.)
- 18 Ladies Happy Hour - 5:30 p.m. (Bring \$5, which provides you with dinner and a beverage.)
- 20 Happy Hour - 6 p.m. (Bring an appetizer to share.)
- 28 **Holiday Decorating** of the Clubhouse
- 29 Outdoor **Holiday Decorating**



Colonial Williamsburg Trip for the Grand Illumination



December 5 thru 8. The Patrick Henry Inn is offering a great discount package with a minimum block of 10 rooms. Relax and enjoy Williamsburg's finest holiday food and festivities for just \$169 per person (\$189 includes a day pass to Colonial Williamsburg). More details are in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse. **Please let us know ASAP if you are interested, so we can get this special package.** Contact Jack Dedrick: 410-758-1252 or 301-602-5364 or jackd@atlanticbb.net .

Crab Feast at The Jetty and Dock Bar

Over 60 hungry Villagers and friends ventured out into the cool, misty weather to The Jetty to eat hot, steamed crabs before the summer could be considered officially over. Fortunately, thanks to Carol Powell's great organization, The Jetty was prepared to move us inside instead of to the outside tent. Inside, near the bar, folks moved around visiting and drinking while we waited for the "main attraction"—the crabs. And we weren't disappointed. There was plenty of tasty fried chicken and coleslaw; and the hot, steaming crabs kept coming until the last Villagers left. I do, however, have one question for the guest who left with a pile of claws and promised to make crab soup—**Where's the soup?**



(Pictured on left side: Carol Walsh, Carol Powell, Sue Peterson Joyce Ryan, Judy Scully)
(Pictured on right side: Dave Peterson, Rich Ryan, Jack Scully) – By Brenda Stoltz

OUTREACH UPDATE

Artisan Extravaganza

The Outreach Committee is very excited about the upcoming Artisan's Extravaganza on **Saturday, October 23 at the Clubhouse, 8:30 till Noon.** We have many artisans signed up to display their wares, including jewelry, watercolors, oils, woodworking, watches, decorative stationary, photography, children's items, painted scarves, and knitted pieces. There will also be baked goods and refreshments, so mark your calendars and bring your friends and families. The public is welcome. 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. Come join us on October 23, and see the talent we have here in SV. Any questions? Call Linda Gardner, 410-758-0646, lrgdsg@yahoo.com.

Outreach Launching 2nd Annual Food Drive



SV Outreach will sponsor its second annual food drive the weekend of November 6 and 7 in partnership with Social Services in Centreville. Please join your neighbors as we try to reach a **goal of 2000 items.** Last year we collected 1482 items, the largest single donation ever received in Centreville. Foods needed include canned soups, vegetables, fruits, peanut butter, jelly, tuna fish, pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, coffee, tea, tea and lemonade mixes, pancake and muffin mixes, and other staples of the pantry. Watch for sales in your favorite food store and the **case sale at Friels** (Cannery) slated for October 13, 14, 15, 16...a good way to get a good price on your choices!

Please no outdated items from your pantry!

Drop off houses are: Hennessey (Jack and Joan) 146 Sonata Way
Blume (Linda) 224 Orchestra Place
Cooke (Carlene and Jim) 225 Opera Court
Nudo (Teri and Jerry) 106 Harmony Way
Peterson (Dave and Sue) 635 Harmony Way
McClaeb (BJ) 819 Harmony Way
Hodges (Carol and Larry) 141 Encore Court
Offerman (Niki and Bob) 203 Orchestra Place

Hamm (Jim and Dorothy) 231 Concerto

Any questions, please contact Loretta Quigley at 410-758-6775 or lorettaquigley@yahoo.com.

OPERATIONS UPDATE

Tips for Putting Your Garden to Bed

1. Get the weeds out. Weeding now will limit your work next spring. Residents with rain gardens should remove the white-flowered plant, Boneset, roots and all, now, before it drops its seeds.
2. Cut back and remove dead plant material. This includes annuals and perennials, not shrubs or trees. You can leave some plants for winter interest or for wildlife. Rake up leaves. Yard debris is collected curbside every Monday by the Town of Centreville.
3. Mulch. Apply new mulch, if necessary, or rake existing mulch lightly, if it is compacted. This also exposes hibernating pests to the elements and predators. Mulching will also limit weed seed development in the spring.
4. Plan for next year. The library has three wonderful gardening magazines available and don't forget the Internet. Addresses with "ext" indicate state extension services, which have great horticultural information. All are free!!

The Street Trees say "Thanks, Neighbors!"

The new street trees on Harmony, Symphony, and Encore wish to express their sincere gratitude to residents for providing water during the hottest summer ever. All have survived and look forward to providing many years of enjoyment for the community.

PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

All Are Welcome

Everyone is welcome to attend the P & C meeting on **Monday, November 1, at 3 p.m.** (Note the permanent change of day and time of the regular monthly meetings.)

Advertisers

Please support our advertisers. At the end of the newsletter you will find their ads.

SNEAKERS UPDATE

Sneakers Auction



Remember to save the date for the Sneakers Auction, Saturday, November 13, from 6 – 9 p.m.

We continue to plan for our Annual Wine and Cheese and Silent Auction to be held Saturday, November 13. We are still accepting 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. You will be receiving your invitation in the mail. Please sign up to attend in the Activities Book in the Clubhouse so we can have a reasonable count for the refreshments. Our sponsors (Caruso Homes, Queenstown Bank of Maryland, and Draper Brothers Liquors) have once again agreed to provide assistance.

Book Giveaways



The first book giveaway, “Pastries for Parents,” at Kennard Elementary School is scheduled for November 4 and 5. We can always use help with “Pastries for Parents,” as well as the all-school giveaways later during the school year. Please sign up in the Activities Book in the Clubhouse if you are able to help.

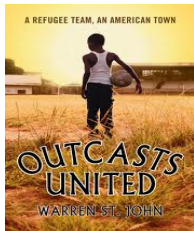
Next Meeting

All Symphony Village residents are invited to our next meeting, which will be Wednesday afternoon, October 27, at 3 p.m. in the Clubhouse. – *Linda Farrar*

CLUBS AND CLASSES

THE READING FOR FUN BOOK CLUB

At our September 21 meeting of the Reading for Fun Book Club, we reviewed *Prayers for Sale* by Sandra Dallas. Sandra Allegra, who provided a delicious pound cake and ice tea for dessert, recommended this book. The story tells of an unlikely friendship between an 85-year-old mountain woman and a 17-year-old newlywed, who responded to the sign “Prayers for Sale.” The plot is patched around the Tenmile Quilting Club, which should prove interesting to the Symphony Village Quilters. This book received a rating of 8.2 on a scale of 1 to 10. This is the second highest rating that one of our selections has received!



The book for our October 19 meeting is *Outcasts United* by Warren St. John, recommended by St. John Hennessey. This book is the annual selection of the One Maryland-One Book Group, which advocates that all Marylanders read this book during 2010. Meetings are scheduled at libraries all over Maryland to discuss this book. The Centreville Library can tell you where and when these discussions will be held. Our Library has 16 copies of *Outcasts United*, so there should be no problem obtaining a copy of this book to read. Once more, all residents are invited to attend our Book Club meetings, to participate in the discussions, and to enjoy the dessert that Jack is required to provide. – *Jack Hennessey*

The JOY OF MUSIC



Music does, indeed, bring joy into all our lives! The “Joy of Music” classes will resume on November 5 and will continue on the first Friday of every month through May. SV residents will once again have a wonderful opportunity to explore every aspect of music – from composers and different styles of music to the various instruments that make music possible. The “Joy of Music” classes are held in the Clubhouse at 11 a.m. and taught by Mr. Bob Huntington, the Artistic Director of the Queen Anne’s Chorale. Possessed of a wonderful sense of humor and an encyclopedic knowledge of music, Bob makes each class a different delight! Bob talks (a little), we listen (to him and then to music), we laugh, and we learn! Each session costs only \$5.00 per person and usually lasts about an hour. So... come to the Clubhouse on Friday, November 5. The topic will be “**The Plot Thickens.**”

Mark your calendar now! – *Eleanor Strietman*

THE GAZEBO GARDEN CLUB



Fall is in the air, and all of our flowers are in full seed production. We will not dead-head them, so that the birds will have something to eat during the winter. The hummingbirds have left for warmer climes. The last of them were seen at our feeders on September 24. The daffodil bulbs we ordered will be delivered in October and planted before any frost sets in. Several of our flower bed tenders have resigned for various reasons. Bob Linkins had volunteered to help remove the cattail plants that have appeared in the garden. They would have taken over had they not been removed.

Jack Hennessey has given notice that he will not be able to manage the overall gazebo garden next year. Jack and Joan will each tend one of the 20 beds in the garden, but we will need eight volunteers to help with the other eight beds. (Teams of two or more can be formed to tend a bed.) Jack will continue to maintain the pavilion flower bed. Our October 16 meeting was moved from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to accommodate participants in the community yard sale. Results of this meeting will be published in our November *Libretto*. Discussions will be held with Caruso management to see what alternate arrangements can be worked out to care for the gazebo garden in 2011. Several options are being considered. An application has been submitted for approval to install another purple martin house in the community.

The veggie garden was a huge success. All of the plants have been uprooted and will be mulched to promote good soil for next year. We are awaiting word from our farmer benefactor on the use of the garden plot in 2011.

SYMPHONY VILLAGE BIRD CLUB



A few intrepid Bird Club members walked the “trail” at the end of Taylor Mill Road on September 29. The bird life was not abundant, but other wildlife appeared and disappeared as we walked along.

Crickets serenaded us along the walk with frogs joining the cacophony now and then. LBBs (little brown birds) fluttered in and around the hedges and brush, too quick to be identified, seeming to tease us. We did see a flicker in flight—a cardinal and a small yellow and black bird that wasn’t an American Goldfinch and that might have been a warbler. Just as the sun broke through the clouds, a blue jay began calling across Pond #3. We also heard crows calling in the distance and many unidentifiable bird calls in the woods.



We were looking at the natural pond for any sign of birds when ripples caught our attention. Upon closer observation, it was a beaver swimming on the water surface. He/she treated us to three loud “tail slaps” then swam some more, finally disappearing into, probably, the lodge. The beaver has taken down several tall trees, evidenced by pointed tree stumps appearing above the water surface. What a treat to see a beaver!

We also saw fresh deer tracks in the damp sand and a second kind of mammal tracks that we couldn’t identify (but not matching beaver tracks that I looked up after the walk).

A praying mantis hung motionless upside down from a white blooming wildflower. Several kinds of butterflies flew by us. “Something” leaped out of Pond #3 causing ripples to spread across the entire surface – what could it have been? Hmmm.

Although we saw few birds, and identified even fewer, it was a great outing. Watch for upcoming outings this fall. – *Linda Blume*

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

ATTENTION RESIDENTS: On November 6 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) will be received at the Midshore Landfill in Talbot County. Contact Talbot County Public Works with any questions (410-770-8170). More details can be found on the Bulletin Board of our SV Website www.villagehoa.com.

Beth joins me in saying a great big “Thank You!”



Recently I received positive reinforcement to what I already knew. **Symphony Village** is a wonderful, caring community. Following my heart attack and subsequent surgery, I have been overwhelmed with prayers, cards, phone calls, and other forms of “get well.” It worked! While still attending rehab, I am back to working and doing my normal activities. – *Doug Dewhirst*

THANK YOU! It’s hard to believe that it’s been almost one year since our son Joe was diagnosed with Stage 4 Peritoneal Carcinomatosis, a rare form of appendix cancer. He has come through a 16 ½-hour operation, followed by heated chemotherapy and many months of chemo treatment. **Joe could not have come this far without the support and prayers of so many people. We want to thank all of you in Symphony Village who have been praying for Joe over the last eleven months and have given Norm and me support when we needed it most.** Joe will continue to be monitored with pet scans and other tests in the coming months, and we will keep you updated. We thank you all for your support and ask that you continue to pray for Joe’s complete recovery. – *Norm and Jan DiCarlantonio*



SV CERT and QAC EMERGENCY SERVICES’ MOCK DRILL



The purpose of the SV CERT is to provide first response to victims of a major catastrophe until the QAC Emergency Services can respond. If you missed the action Sunday morning, Ascentra challenged the QAC Emergency Services, including the SV CERT, and assessed our capabilities so that deficiencies and vulnerabilities were identified and remedied prior to a real incident. Ascentra set up a scenario outside the Clubhouse entrance

to the Card Room, and in the Arts and Crafts Room. Ten volunteer victims (from outside of SV) were moulaged with mock injuries that included cut heads and arms, a broken leg, unconsciousness, etc., from collapsed ceilings in the Card Room and entrance doorway (that was blocked by a “500 pound mass.”) The SV CERT received a “911” call at 8:25 a.m., stating that there was a disaster in the Clubhouse with hurt and trapped victims and that the local emergency personnel were on other calls and could not respond. They counted on us to respond.

The CERT “call-down” list was activated to our team who quickly got their CERT gear together and arrived at the Clubhouse “staging” area at the three flagpoles. The CERT Incident Commander assigned the 12 responders to teams of three: a medical person, medical assistant, and a scribe/runner. Donning helmets, rubber gloves covered with work gloves, breathing masks, and goggles, the teams responded to the incident within the guidelines of the CERT program.

Later, the scene changed to a hazmat incident upon which the CERT had to retreat from the building. As the QAC Emergency Services and the Goodwill (Centreville) and Queenstown Fire Departments and EMTs arrived, they were briefed on the incident and they took over the rescue of victims not already brought out by CERT.

Of the 30 trained SV CERT persons, 12 responded to the disaster. Our major lesson was that we need to learn more and to drill often to hone our skills. Thank you to those in the photo – George Drake, Bob and Lauren Rose, Royce and Amy Holm, Ira Ehrenfeld, and Marjorie Pierce. Absent from the photo – Mary Drake, Steve Quigley, Sonny Sollars, Carol Powell, and Ron Dillon.

Thank you to the residents of SV and to the Board of Directors for permitting the use of the Clubhouse for this Drill so that not only SV CERT but also QAC are better prepared to respond to emergency situations. – *George Drake*

VOLUNTEER IN ACTION



“**Community Blood Drive Coordinator of the Year**” is the award recently given to our own Jack Hennessy by the American Red Cross of Queen Anne’s County. Jack has been Chairman of this Program for the past 16 years.

During the past six years, Jack says many SV residents have assisted him during the Red Cross Blood Drives. He is also proud to say that six SV residents are regular donors, and he would like to encourage others to donate as well. Since 1948, Jack himself has donated over **30 gallons of his very own blood**. Congratulations, Jack! Thank you for the wonderful work you do.

RESTAURANT REVIEW



VERNA’S BREAKFAST at the Rams Head Shore House

By Karin Larsen

Verna’s is back! What does that mean for SV folks? If you are a breakfast lover like me, it means breakfasting on delicious eggs, meats and sweets-- just fifteen minutes away at Verna’s Breakfast at the Rams Head Shore House. For those of you who remember the delicious breakfasts at the same location when it

was called Verna's Island Inn at 800 Main Street, Rt. 18, Stevensville, MD, many diners missed her well prepared breakfasts when the doors opened for the Rams Head Shore House and closed on Verna's. Entering the Rams Head you may be thinking, help, it's a pub, where's the breakfast? But give it a chance and focus on the colorful displayed artwork, and food preparation which will win you over.

Some favorites to try are Verna's three styles of Eggs Benedict, offering the Traditional (with Canadian bacon), the Thomas (with fresh tomatoes and bacon), and the Montoya (with prime rib); all with her famous hollandaise sauce. Also, try her Old World Seafood Omelet with three eggs mixed with fresh crab, diced sea scallops, and tasty shrimp in her own special sauce. Another suggestion is not to miss her Belgium Waffles! Imagine eating her waffles just fresh off the iron, topped with whipped cream, and your choice of blueberry, strawberry, or apple topping. Another choice to love is Verna's Blintzes, sweet and delicate, and every bit as tasty and light as blintzes eaten in New York City when visiting relatives. How can you pass up fluffy blintzes composed of two crepes, filled with a special and delicate cottage cheese and your choice once again of apple, blueberry, or strawberry filling?

If you dine there, try the pancakes, savory cream chipped beef, and corned beef hash. Verna's hash dish gives you generous and nicely seasoned portions of corned beef, topped with perfectly poached eggs and lots of toast choices. Just wait until you try the yummy home fries. I dare you to come and try out Verna's between 6 and 11 a.m. Monday through Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. to noon. Come to Verna's, get spoiled, and be glad she's back!

AREA RESTAURANT OPTIONS

Have you ever wondered what your restaurant options are near-by? Check out these websites:

Queen Anne's County: www.discoverqueenannes.com and click on "Dining" then "Full Service Dining (fine)," "Full Service Dining (casual)," "Caterers," "Bakeries," or "Local/Community Dinners"

Kent Island: www.kentisland.cc/kirestaurants.htm;

Kent County: www.kentcounty.com/dining/dining_county.php and click on "Chestertown," "Galena," "Millington," "Rock Hall," or "Around the County"

Chestertown: www.chestertown.com and click on "Restaurants"

Rock Hall: www.rockhallmd.com/restaurants.php and click on "Restaurants," "Carry Out," or "Culinary Delights"

Talbot County: www.tourtalbot.org/restaurants.asp

Easton: www.eastonmd.org and click on "Dining"

Easton: www.eastonmainstreet.com and click on "Where to Eat"

St. Michaels: www.stmichaelsmd.org and click on "Restaurants, Markets, & Nightlife"

Tilghman Island: www.tilghmanisland.com and click on "Restaurants"

Caroline County: <http://www.marylandvisitorsnetwork.com/users/maryland-cgi/page3.cgi?category=rest&what=eat&dir=caroline>.

The above websites are not all-inclusive, but they will get you started on your dining adventures in the Four-County Area.

– Linda Blume



LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

Rx ROUND UP



The QAC Sheriff's Office, Maryland State Police (Centreville Barracks), and the Drug-Free Queen Anne's Coalition are partnering to collect unused and/or expired prescription and over-the-counter medications. Save the environment and protect our children by disposing of unused and/or expired medications properly. The collection schedule is as follows:

Saturday, **November 13**: Sudlersville Fire Department, 3 – 5 p.m.

Tuesday, **November 16**: Centreville Goodwill Fire Department: noon – 2 p.m.

Thursday, **November 18**: Kent Island Fire Department: 4 – 7 p.m.



2010 - 2011 CONCERT SCHEDULE



(There are currently about 15 SV residents singing with the Queen Anne's Chorale. Can you find them?)

“HOLIDAY POPS” Concert

Sunday, **December 5**, at 4 p.m.

Todd Performing Arts Center, Chesapeake College, Wye Mills.

Weekly Monday rehearsals will begin **January 3**, from 7- 9 p.m. at the Centreville United Methodist Church.

January 3, will be an **“Open House”** for new singers. No audition is held and singers of all parts are welcome. Music will be provided. This special rehearsal will be from 6:30 - 9 p.m. and includes a short reception.

Brahms’ “REQUIEM” Concert

In collaboration with the Londontowne Symphony Orchestra

Saturday, **April 9**, at 7:30 p.m.

Todd Performing Arts Center, Chesapeake College, Wye Mills – *Kathryn Marchi*

14th ANNUAL CARD PARTY/GAME



The Queen Anne's Adult Day Care Foundation, Inc. is sponsoring the 14th annual Card Party and Game Day on Tuesday, November 9, from 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Prospect Bay Country Club. The cost is \$30 per person (in by October 20 please) which covers morning coffee and tea, lunch, cash bar, door prizes, cake bingo, and a day of card and games. There will be a 50/50 and silent auction. Arrange your table (bridge, mah jong, canasta, bunco, pinochle, etc.) and send checks (**payable: Adult Day Care Foundation**) and the names of players at your table to:

Pam Fisher, 16 Greenwood Shoals, Grasonville, MD 21638 (410-827-9259).

EVENTS IN THE AREA

Ghost Walks of Historic Chestertown



You will experience three centuries of ghost stories and history on this evening ghost walk through historic Chestertown. The walks are scheduled for **October 16** and **23**, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The fee is \$12 adult, \$5 children under 12. Reservations are recommended (call 410-778-3499). The group forms in front of the White Swan Tavern at 7 p.m. (www.kentcountyhistory.org)

Bark in the Park



Talbot Humane is holding Bark in the Park on **October 16** at Idlewild Park in Easton. It will be a fun-filled family festival with activities and entertainment for everyone. There will be a Fun Doggie Show, a K-9 demonstration, horse drawn carriage rides, and so much more! For more details, see www.firstgiving.com/talbot_humane_bark-in-the-park.

8th Annual Artoberfest



The Kent Island Federation of Arts (405 Main Street) in Stevensville presents Artoberfest on **October 16**, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. There will be artists, artisans, food, family activities, and a costume contest and parade at 3 p.m. For more information, call 410-643-7424. (www.whatsupmag.com)

17th Annual Fall into St. Michaels



The annual fall celebration will take place in St. Michaels: The Scarecrow Festival will be **October 16-17**; the Pumpkin Festival will be **October 23-24**; the Halloween Festival will be **October 30**; and the Oyster Festival will be **November 6**. All activities are in downtown St. Michaels. For more information, visit www.stmichaelsmd.org/fall_into_st_michaels.shtml.

Queen Anne's County Business Showcase



The QAC Chamber of Commerce will host a celebration of over 100 businesses in QAC on **October 21**, 3 – 7 p.m., at the Chesapeake Bay Beach Club in Stevensville. Meet local business and service providers, artists, and farmers. Call 410-643-8530 for more information. (www.qacchamber.com)

Haunted Tale Candle-Lit Walks



Get your spook on at the Haunted Tale Candle-Lit Walks through downtown Denton on **October 22, 23, 29, and 30**, departing from the Museum of Rural Life (16 North 2nd Street) at 7 p.m. Hear scary stories culled from the history of Denton, concluding with a hot beverage and sweet treat served at the Museum. Flashlights are recommended. For more information, call 410-479-655. (www.tourcaroline.com)

Centreville Alive! Fun Fest 2010



Enjoy the autumn weather and watch downtown come alive on **October 23** at Fall Fest 2010. There will be pumpkin decorating, a dog and owner costume parade, beautifully decorated shop windows, food, and more. Proceeds benefit Hospice of Queen Anne's County. For more information, call 410-758-8572.

October FunFest



This is a fun-packed community event for kids of all ages. The FunFest will be on **October 23**, 3 – 5 p.m., at Christ United Methodist Church in Chestertown. Activities include ring toss, Eat a Donut Off the String, twister, bean bag throw, ghost darts, face painting, pumpkin decoration, prizes, apple cider, cookies, popcorn, and lots of fun.

For more information, call 410-778-0911. (www.whatsupmag.com)

New York City Day Trip



QAC Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a day trip to New York City on **October 23**. Enjoy a day on your own in the Big Apple. Fee of \$65 includes round trip transportation. For more details, go to www.parksnrec.org. (Program # 903001)

Family Fun Day

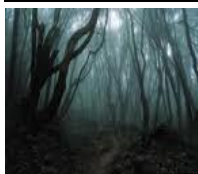
Kids, bring your parents – or vice versa! – for an afternoon of fun on Tuckahoe State Park's Challenge Course including the 40 foot rock wall, the 50 foot giant swing, and the 25 foot pamper pole and zip line on **October 23**, 2 - 6 p.m.. The fee is \$15 for adults and children 16 and older, \$10 for children under 16.



Afterward, warm up around a campfire with free s'mores and hot chocolate and then head over to the Equestrian Center for their spooky Haunted Walk. Pre-registration is required – call 410-820-1668. (www.dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/eastern/tuckahoe.asp)



The Haunted Walk



Come, if you dare, to be led into the dark and silent (except for the screams in the night) world of Tuckahoe State Park's Equestrian Center on **October 23-24**, 7 -10 p.m. both nights. The fee is \$5 per person, 4 and under free. If you don't survive, we promise we might return your money.

(www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/eastern/tuckahoe.asp)

Historic Annapolis Gingerbread House Workshops

Historic Annapolis Foundation's William Paca Society invites you to practice your gingerbread house making skills by making one of the edible creations for Halloween during one of their **October 24** workshops. The adult workshop will be noon – 2 p.m., and the workshop for children ages 6-15 will be 3 – 4:30 p.m. Both take place at the William Paca House in Annapolis. The price is \$25 non-members and \$20 members. For additional details, go to www.annapolis.org.



Creative Pumpkin Carving and Campfire



Turn your pumpkin from plain to a masterpiece in one afternoon on **October 24**, 2 – 4 p.m., at the Pickering Creek Audubon Center (Main Office) in Easton. One pumpkin will be provided for each person. Afterward, ease the chill of autumn with a seat by the campfire for some warmth and s'mores. The cost is \$10 per adult, \$5 per child. (www.pickeringcreek.org)

Kent Island Elk's 7th Annual Safety Day



The event this year will be on **October 24** at the Bay Bridge Airport, Stevensville, noon – 4:30 p.m. Admission is free and there will be door prizes every hour. Just some of the sights: military Hum-V, Black Hawk helicopter, Bomb Robot, fire trucks, ambulances, police cars, Civil Air Patrol airplane, Lionel trains, K-9 and SWAT demonstrations, and fire department competitions. For more information, go to www.terryober.weebly.com and click on "more..." then "EVENTS" or call 443-995-5367.

10th Annual Downrigging Weekend



The harbor and wharfs of Chestertown will be filled to capacity on **October 28-31** as tall ships and historic vessels from across the mid-Atlantic make their way up the Chester River to participate in the schooner *Sultana's* Downrigging Weekend. Expected ships include the *Pride of Baltimore II*, *AJ Meerwald*, clipper ship *Elf*, 1812 privateer *Lynx*, *Kalmar Nychel*, and Chesapeake Bay buyboats. For a schedule of all the events and activities, go to www.sultanaprojects.org.

Pumpkin Walk



The Pumpkin Walk will be held on **October 29**, 4 – 6 p.m., at the Hammond Harwood House in Annapolis. Children will enjoy old-fashioned festivities like apple bobbing, face painting, story telling, and a musically accompanied costume parade. The price is \$6 for ages 1 – 99. (www.hammondharwoodhouse.org)

Photographing the Fall Landscape



A very special presentation "Photographing the Fall Landscape" will take place on **October 30**, 8 a.m. – noon, at Adkins Arboretum. The student will learn and apply landscape techniques for creating striking images while learning composition and photo enhancement. Pre-registration is required, and the cost is \$40 for members, \$50 for non-members. More workshop details are on the website. Register by calling 410-634-2847, ext. 0, or go to www.adkinsarboretum.org.

Halloween Happenings



This event on **October 30** is a double-header. At 10 a.m., young children (encouraged to be in costume) gather in Thompson Park in Easton for games, entertainment, and prizes for costumes. They then parade around the block as Trick- or-Treaters. This event is free. In the early evening, Thompson Park is used as the start of a "Magical Hayride." Entertainment is provided in the Park for those waiting for their turn to ride. For more information, go to www.eastonmainstreet.com.

Howl-O-Ween Barkin' Bash



Dress up with your dog and enter the costume contests on **October 30**, 11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., at Quiet Waters Park in Annapolis. There will also be games, demonstrations, contests, and raffles. For more information, go to www.friendsofquietwaterspark.org and click on “Dog Activities.”

Trunk or Treat



Teens and adults are encouraged to decorate their vehicles and hand out candy or other goodies from the back of their cars or trucks at a tailgate party on **October 30**, 6 – 8 p.m., at the HAPS Building Parking Lot (403 W. 7th Street) in Denton. Those wishing to bring a car or truck are encouraged to register ahead of time and must provide goodies to distribute. Register vehicles by calling 410-479-8120. The event is free. For more information, go to www.carolinerecreation.org.

11th Annual Artworks Studio Tour



This year's Tour will take place on **October 30-31** and **November 6-7**, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Visit more than 30 studios and homes in Chestertown, Kent County, and Queen Anne's County. The tour is free. For all the details, visit www.artworkschestertown.org.

Farm Dinners on the Shore



The final dinner in this series of dinners featuring products and produce of the Eastern Shore takes place **November 5-6** at Cassinelli Winery and Vineyards, off Route 213 north of Centreville. November 5 will be a Mezza and Wine Tasting, 5 – 6 p.m., \$45 per person; and November 6 will be Dinner at the Winery, beginning at 6 p.m., \$100 per person. Reservations are required and will be accepted until October 29. For all the delicious details, go to www.farmdinnerontheshore.com.

Oysterfest



The Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels will hold Oysterfest on **November 6**, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. There will be live music, skipjack and buyboat rides (at additional cost), oyster tonging and oyster cooking demonstrations, and a lot more. The cost is \$15 for non-members; free to CBMM members. (www.cbmm.org)

Annapolis Food and Wine Fest



The event on **November 6** in downtown Annapolis at City Dock combines the cuisine of Annapolis' best restaurants with award-winning wines. Hours are 2 – 6 p.m. and tickets are \$35 per person. For a complete listing of all the activities and more information, go to www.annapolisfoodandwinefestival.com.

Kent Island American Legion Craft Show



The Ladies Auxiliary will host a Craft Show on **November 6-7** at American Legion Post #278 in Stevensville. Proceeds from table rentals will go to Veteran's groups and the Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence as well as local food banks. Call 410-643-9746 or visit <http://kialpost278.homestead.com/The-Legion-Auxillary.html> for more information.

40th Annual Waterfowl Festival



The Festival will be held on **November 12-14** at venues throughout Easton. Features include world-class wildlife paintings, sculpture, carvings, photos, collectible decoys, and many more activities and demonstrations. For all the details and to purchase tickets, go to www.waterfowlfestival.org.

Annual Goose Bumps Jump



This year the Jump will be held on **November 13**, beginning at noon. Take a gander to the “wild” side and “jump” into the Chesapeake Bay at Betterton Beach to support services for adults with developmental disabilities. The cost is \$25 (minimum) to jump. A pig roast is \$15 for non-jumpers. For more information, call 410-778-7303 or go to www.kentcenter.org, scroll to the right side of the web page, and look at the registration form for more information.

Sunday Bird Walk n’ Talk Series



The new Bird Walk n’ Talk series at Pickering Creek Audubon Center in Easton introduces birders of all ages to the birds found along the Delmarva Peninsula. The dates are **November 14, December 12, January 23, February 6, and March 13**. The November talk will be on “Feeder Birds”, 2 – 4 p.m. The “talk” will be an explanation of the habitat, identification, and calls of the different bird groups. Then, adults and children split up for specialized hikes. The cost is \$10 per adult, \$5 per child. For more information, go to www.pickeringcreek.org.

CONTINUING EVENTS

Creepy Crawlers I and II: for children ages 1-5; **monthly:** www.bayrestoration.org

Guided Nature Walks: Saturdays: www.adkinsarboretum.org

Guided Nature Walk: October 23: www.fws.gov/blackwater

Guided Bird Walks: October 31 & November 13: www.fws.gov/blackwater

Museum of Eastern Shore Life: first Saturday of the month; 1 – 4 p.m.: <http://museumeslife.org/>

34th Annual Maryland Renaissance Festival: weekends through October 24: www.rennfest.com

Soup ‘n Walk: October 16: www.adkinsarboretum.org.

EVENTS OUTSIDE THE FOUR-COUNTY AREA



Autumn Wine Festival: October 16-17, Salisbury: www.autumnwinefestival.org



Healing of All Nations Fall Festival and Pow Wow: October 16-17, Marion Station (Somerset County): www.indianwatertrails.com

Ocean City Restaurant Week: October 17-24, Ocean City: www.oceancityrestaurantweek.com



5th Annual Schooner Rendezvous: October 22-24, Cambridge:
www.cambridgeschoonerrendezvous.com

24th Annual Quota International Christmas Craft Fair: October 30-31, Salisbury:
www.wicomociviccenter.org



11th Annual Festival of Wreaths: November 11 – December 2, Cambridge: www.visitmaryland.org



3rd Annual Affordable Holiday Art and Accessories: November 13 – December 24,
 Cambridge: www.visitmaryland.org

– Linda Blume

RECIPE

Baked Apple French Toast

I discovered this recipe at the Channel Road Inn while vacationing in Santa Monica, California.—Brenda Stoltz

Serves 6

- 8 eggs
- 3 cups milk
- 3 tablespoons vanilla
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 3-4 large apples (Any fruit can be substituted.)
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ½ cup butter
- ¼ cup water
- 6 – 12 slices of bread (French or sourdough)



1. Melt butter and mix in brown sugar and water (or use maple syrup).
2. Pour into greased 13” x 9” dish.
3. Slice apples (skin on) and layer over syrup mixture.
4. Slice bread in halves and layer over apples to cover whole dish
5. Beat together eggs, milk, and vanilla. Pour over bread making sure each piece is wet.
6. Sprinkle with cinnamon.

Bake at 350 degrees for 40-50 minutes or until golden brown and fluffy.

Note: Can be made the night before and baked in the morning.

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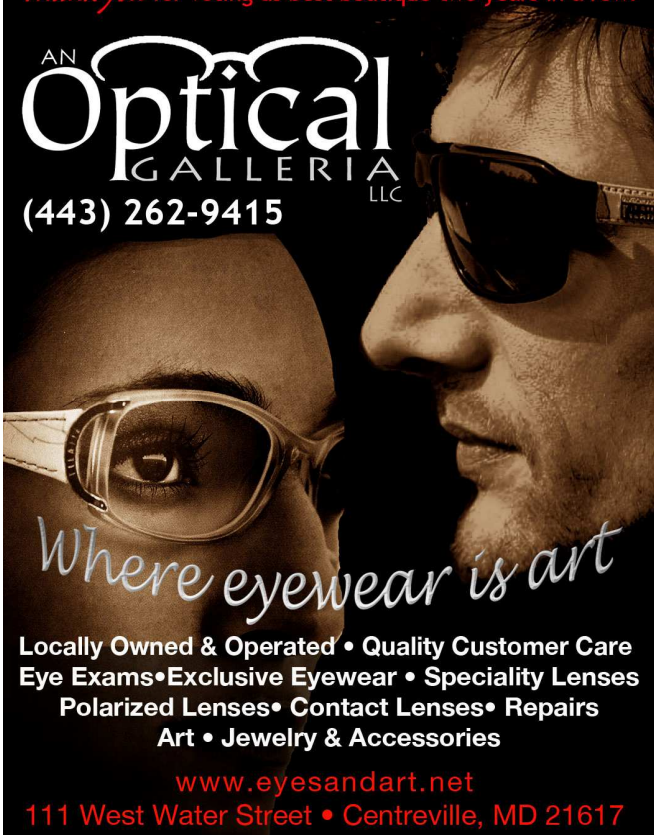
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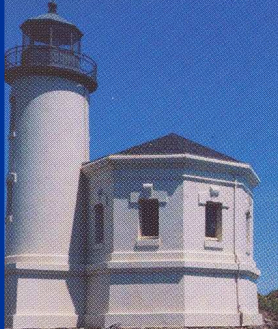
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