



# **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**

#### **LIFESTYLE UPDATE**

- Friday, January 21, **Movie Night**, 7 p.m., Watch *Karate Kid* in Grand Ball Room.
- Saturday, January 22, **Happy Hour**, 6 p.m.
- Thursday, January 27, **Ladies' Happy Hour** at 5:30 p.m. Bring \$5, which provides you with dinner and a beverage. Take down Clubhouse Christmas decorations during happy hour.
- Wednesday, February 2, **Lifestyle Committee Meeting**, 7:15 p.m. Everyone is welcome. **(Note new night.)**
- Friday, February 4, **Happy Hour**, 6 p.m.
- Sunday, February 6, **Super Bowl Party**, 5 p.m. with kick off at 6 p.m. Cost is \$10 for subs, wings, chips and more.
- Sunday, February 13, **Singles' Potluck Lunch**, 1 p.m. Sign up in the Activities Book.

#### **OUTREACH UPDATE**

##### **Second Annual Card & Game Party**

By the time you read this article the Second Annual Card and Game Party will have taken place. It is shaping up to be a big success and there will be a report next month in the *Libretto*.

##### **Rebuilding Together Queen Anne's County**



Are you good with a hammer, saw, or paint brush? Or know how to hold a hammer, saw, or paint brush? Do you like to work in your yard? Rebuilding Together Queen Anne's County (formerly known as *Christmas in April*) is looking for help in rehabilitating about 8 houses in Queen Anne's County on **April 30**. Outreach would like to put together a team to help with this worthwhile endeavor.....and we need **YOU** to make it happen! We welcome all skill levels! Please call Carlene Cooke at 443-262-8146, or [carlene.cooke@gmail.com](mailto:carlene.cooke@gmail.com) if you are interested in being a part of this team!

### April Adult Day Care Service Project

Thank you to those who contributed Christmas decorations for this project. Watch for more details as it gets closer to April.

### Neighbor to Neighbor

I hope it's not too late to make a few New Year's predictions. First of all, I predict that there will be a lot of happiness and joy in Symphony Village. I hope each of us receives an overly abundant share.

My second prediction is that there will be trials and sadness in Symphony Village, as well. Troubles and sorrows will come. My hope is that they will be few and of little consequence.

Fortunately, we Villagers have an ever present support group whether we're experiencing happiness or troubles...Neighbor to Neighbor. The Street Captains (and all the folks who volunteer to help them) will be ready to offer congratulations in happy times and to give help and support when problems arise. All you need to do is call your Captain. Share life's little (and big!) joys; we always like to hear good news. If you or a neighbor needs a hand, don't hesitate to ask for assistance; we really do want to help.

The names of the current Street Captains are posted on the SV Website; go to the "Neighbor to Neighbor" listing under "Activities/Groups."

On behalf of all the members of Neighbor to Neighbor, I wish you and yours a very Happy (if slightly belated!) New Year.

Eleanor Strietman  
Chair, Neighbor to Neighbor

### What's Your Favorite Recipe(s)?



Plans are underway for *Volume 2 of The Village Cookbook*, to be launched in time for the Second Annual Artisan's Fair later this year and/or the 2011 Holiday season. Pick up recipe collection sheets in the Craft Room and use them along with additional pages as needed to contribute a recipe. For the security and propriety of your recipe(s), place your recipe(s) in a sealed envelope marked "SVOPI RECIPE" and drop it at the front desk in the Clubhouse where Nancie

Cameron will pick them up every couple of days. Recipe categories are: **Appetizers, Beverages, Brunch, Bread and Rolls, Soups and Salads, Vegetables, and Side Dishes, Vegetarian Entrees, Main Dishes** (non-seafood), **Seafood**, and **Desserts** including **Cookies, Bars, and Candy**. Be sure to indicate the category on the collection sheet. The deadline for recipe collection is April 30. That date may seem a long way off, but please don't procrastinate, "git 'er done now!"

Anyone willing to enter the recipes on-line in the Morris Cookbook program please call Nancie Cameron, 410-758-3948. An instructional meeting will be held in early February.

## **PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE**

### **Advertisers**

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

Also, if you have good service from someone, encourage the company to advertise. You can print the ad rates from the website or pick up a rate list at the Clubhouse.

**Supporting our advertisers helps keep our HOA dues from increasing.**

### **Calendar**

The weekly calendar is available at the SV Website:

[http://www.calendar.yahoo.com/svbcc\\_calendar](http://www.calendar.yahoo.com/svbcc_calendar). You might wish to make this your home page. When you have the page open, click on TOOLS, OPTIONS. Under home page, click on USE CURRENT PAGE(S). After that, whenever you open your browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, etc.), that page will come up.

If you need to add or change an event on the calendar, please let Kristie or Linda Blume know.

### **All Are Welcome**

Everyone is welcome to attend the P & C meeting on **Monday, February 7, at 3 p.m.**

## **SNEAKERS UPDATE**

### **Sneakers Auction**

Thanks, again, to everyone who joined us for our 2010 Silent Auction and Wine and Cheese party. As for the final results, we raised \$8,629.76 for the charity's programs. We want to thank everyone who participated in the bidding and the raffles, as well as those dedicated volunteers who put in countless hours before and during the event to make it a success. Remember, we are a 501(c)3 charitable organization, and your contributions help the students and their families in the Centreville area.

### **Book Giveaways**

The next book giveaways at Kennard Elementary School will be: Pastries for Parents—Thursday and Friday mornings, February 10 and 11, and the all-school Dr. Seuss giveaway scheduled for Thursday, March 3. Please sign up in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse if you are able to help.

## **CLUBS AND CLASSES**

### **SYMPHONY VILLAGE BIRD CLUB**



The Bird Club will journey to Pickering Creek Audubon Center on **January 23**, 1-3 p.m., to hear the presentation “Owls” as part of the Bird Walk n’ Talk series. If you would like to attend, please sign up in the Activities Book and meet in the Clubhouse parking lot at 12:15 p.m. to carpool.

The Great Backyard Bird Count will take place **February 18-21** this year. For all the details, go to [www.birdsource.org/gbbc](http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc). – *Linda Blume*

## BIKE CLUB

by Brenda Stoltz

### Fourth ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S DAY BIKE RIDE

Who were those folks “racing” through the neighborhood on their bikes so early Saturday morning (well, early if you went to bed after midnight like most of us)? They were just some of your neighbors wanting to have bragging rights to say, “We have ridden our bikes every day this year.” Twenty-one hardy souls pumped up their bike tires, donned their helmets, and headed for the Clubhouse to begin the annual “Tour de Symphony Village.” The distances biked ranged from 5 blocks to 10 miles. The hot chocolate and delicious goodies provided by Nancie Cameron and Willie DiLaura made some bikers more eager to return to the Clubhouse than rack up mileage. (As we devoured the trays of sweets, I wondered how many New Year’s resolutions were being broken.) We even stuck a candle in



Cyclists in A,B,C order: Dot Abbott, Tom Baker, Kathy & Jon Briggs, Don Cameron, Andy Cowley, Willie & John DiLaura, Mary & George Drake, Doug Hamilton, Amy & Royce Holm, Bev & Bob Linkins, Lloyd McAtee, Steve Quigley, Bill Rowley, Pat Scheirer, Brenda Stoltz, and Jim Wingrove.

one of the cupcakes and sang *Happy Birthday* to Royce Holm. Royce, however, wasn't telling what birthday he was celebrating. It was a fun morning and a great way to start off the New Year. We hope to see YOU next year.

## READING FOR FUN BOOK CLUB

The book club decided to not have a meeting in December, due to the busy holiday schedules of its members. The book originally scheduled for December, *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout, has been postponed until January. A list of the eleven books we read in 2010 has been posted on the bulletin board, along with their ratings. The top two books were *Sarah's Key* (8.6) and *The Help* (8.55). The list of future Book Club selections will not be published because this creates a demand for those books, and they become unavailable for Book Club members in time for the



monthly meetings. Incidentally, a separate section has been set up in the library for past selections of the library club. These books are identified by a label on the flyleaf of these books.

In order to make room for later books, about thirty books with publication dates before 1990 have been culled from the bookcase and replaced with more recent books. The same system of culling will be applied to paperbacks. Jack Hennessey has several boxes of donated books that will be worked into the system. The next meeting of the book club will be held in the Clubhouse on January 18.

## **THE GAZEBO GARDEN CLUB**

Good news! (I guess). Jack Hennessey has agreed to manage the Gazebo Garden for 2011. In that capacity, he will interface with the General Manager and try to recruit caretakers for each of the twenty flower beds. Jack and Joan will each be responsible for one bed. Jack will verify that previous caretakers will continue to maintain their assigned beds and recruit new caretakers for other beds. As of January 1, five new caretakers are needed. Paul Trotta has signed on. Vicki Kober and Pat Scheirer have agreed to share a bed—good idea! Find a friend and sign up as a team! Contact Jack at 410-758-4872. We will have a meeting around March 15.

Our Veggie Gardeners (VGs) have had an early meeting to discuss layout of the veggie garden. With our recent limitations, we will have 10 plots of approximately 50 linear feet. If our current 10 VGs do not need 50 feet, we may be able to accommodate more residents. Submit an email to Jack if you are interested. ([jhennessey@atlanticbb.net](mailto:jhennessey@atlanticbb.net)) or give me a call at (410-758-4872).

We hope that you have enjoyed the Christmas decorations in the gazebo. Thanks to Paul Trotta and to Duke and Shirley Clark for their help in handling and storing the decorations.

## **INFORMAL GARDEN CLUB**

Brian Kurtz of Solidago Landscapes will be a guest speaker at the second meeting of the Informal Garden Club on Wednesday, January 19, at 10 a.m. This is a new club for residents who take pleasure in growing and maintaining their gardens, flowers, and lawns. Come together for ideas, suggestions, and solutions. Please sign up in Activities Book at the Clubhouse if you would like to attend. **10 person minimum required.**

## **COMPUTER CLASS**

### **Class on Computer Maintenance and Repair**

Juana Ridgway will be offering a class on Tuesday, January 25, at 10 a.m. It will meet every Tuesday for 4 weeks. This is a "Windows Operating Systems" class only. The following will be covered:

Computer hardware and replacement of parts (desktops only)

Operating systems (installation and upgrading)

Microsoft updates

Anti-virus and spyware software

Application installation

User profiles

System restores  
Event Viewer  
Disk defragmentation software  
System and application troubleshooting  
Saving data to external devices  
3rd party tools for recovering data

Please sign up in the Activities Book. There will be no charge. Any questions call Juana at 443-262-8217.



### **WHAT IS CERT?**

The mission of the Symphony Village Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is two-fold: (1) to prepare, protect, and assist our families, friends, and neighbors within Symphony Village as first responders in the event of a minor or major disaster before official emergency personnel can arrive, and (2) to assist the Queen Anne's County Emergency Management organization, as required, within Queen Anne's County in the event of a major disaster. To become a member, a person needs to complete a certification course in CERT including CERT procedures, first aid, CPR, and use of an AED (defibrillator). Anyone is welcome to join CERT; we especially need persons with medical, fire, current CPR/AED/First Aid Certifications, or similar backgrounds and training. We have meetings about every 6 weeks and often have local speakers. We periodically have refresher training and drills. Contact George Drake for more information and to join a class starting in February.

Next CERT meeting is Tuesday, January 25 at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse.

### **TRIVIA QUESTIONS**

**In 1966, Mitch Ryder sang about a woman in what color dress?**

**What screen character is the world's fastest ice sculptor and topiary artist?**

**What infomercial diet guru penned the monster bestseller "*Never Say Diet*"?**

## **NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**

### **REMEMBRANCE TEA FOR MURIEL**

There will be a Remembrance Tea for Muriel Darby Abbott, born April 20, 1910, and passed away November 30, 2010. The tea will be held at the Clubhouse on Sunday, January 30, from 3 to 5 p.m. The dress is casual. There will be light fare, punch, and a champagne toast. Please join Pete and Dot in remembering Muriel and all the good times she shared with all the Villagers over the last 5 years. Sign up by January 25 at the Clubhouse in the Activities Book if you plan to attend.

## THANK YOU!



I want to thank the Village for the outpouring of sympathy through the cards, special notes, gifts, and food I received. It is heartwarming to know we live in a community that supports one another in time of need. **Thank you.**  
Linda Gardner

## COMPUTER TIP OF THE MONTH

Have you ever installed a new program or new software and your computer went haywire? If you have Windows XP, this tip will help you. A restore point should be created before installing it. In fact, a restore point should be created periodically. “A restore point is a representation of a stored state of your computer's system files at a specific time. Restore points are a component of the Windows [System Restore](#) utility. By creating a restore point, you can save the state of the operating system and your own data so that if future changes cause a problem, you can restore the system to the way it was before the changes were made.”

To create one on XP click on **START, ALL PROGRAMS, ACCESSORIES, SYSTEM TOOLS, SYSTEM RESTORE.** Choose “Create a restore point” and then click **NEXT.** Choose a name for this restore point such as “Before camera installation” or “January 2011.” Click on **CREATE** and you are finished.

Should you have a problem later with your computer after installing something new, repeat the procedures, except choose “Restore my computer to an earlier time.” Follow the instructions from there. All documents, pictures, etc. that have been created will not be lost. (Written under the direction of Juana Ridgway.)

For those with Windows 7 or Vista, go to the following website and follow the directions.  
<http://www.howtogeek.com/howto/windows-vista/create-a-restore-point-for-windows-vistas-system-restore/>

## CLEANING TIP OF THE MONTH

Juana Ridgway has been researching ways to make housecleaning easier here in Symphony Village. She has discovered a way to make your shower doors sparkle again. Her black tiles in her shower stall now gleam. The magic product, found after lots of research, is Bio Clean which she found at Mitchell’s Glass located in the industrial park off of Route 8 close to the intersection of Route 18 and Route 8.



Her solution to clean windows is Hopes Perfect Glass Cleaner which she found at Lowe’s. If you have any tips, please share.

## SENIOR MOMENTS

One of our residents had her garage full of her children's belongings for several months. Finally, the possessions were reclaimed and she had an empty garage. Hurrah!! She was able at last to park her car in the garage. The next morning she went out the front door to get in her car. What! Someone has stolen my car!! Luckily, before she had dialed 911 she remembered.

## PERSONAL ADS

Do you have something to sell, a condo to rent, something you need? Email your ad to [lhodges@atlanticbb.net](mailto:lhodges@atlanticbb.net) or call Carol at 410-758-0591.

**FOR SALE**--Sofa, Chair and ottoman, "genuine Italian leather, " camel color, good condition. Must sell ASAP \$600. Pat 410-758-1907

## TRAVEL

### *City of Santa Fe, New Mexico or La Villa Real de la Santa Fe de San Francisco de Asis*

*By Karin Larsen*

Did you know that Santa Fe is the highest state capital in the United States? This capital is



located 7,199 feet above sea level straight through the center of its own Capitol building. Other high capitals in the states of Wyoming, Colorado, Nevada, Utah, and Montana, don't even come close compared to Santa Fe. Our one week stay here only gave us a hint of this beautiful city. We tried to explore the historic sites, Indian pueblos, ancient Indian ruins, old mining towns, high mountain Spanish colonial

villages, and New Mexico wineries. We didn't have time to enjoy the many outdoor activities such as skiing on Santa Fe's high mountain slopes, or biking, horseback riding, and walking the Dale Ball Trails, but did get to sample one of the many Santa Fe area casinos, owned by individual Pueblos.

Did you also know that Santa Fe is listed as the second largest art center in the United States, after New York City? This includes, \$\$\$-money spent on art. This city is widely popular as a center for the arts in part because there are the highest numbers of artists living in Santa Fe per capita. We are glad we went to the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum. She is one of Santa Fe's most well-known artists. She owned a home and lived part of her life in Santa Fe, painting the beauty she beheld living in the Southwest. There was a special exhibit showcasing her early work and actual art supplies that were never viewed when we visited. More than one thousand of her works in different media can be seen there. We also visited Canyon Road, east of the Plaza, which is where international collectors go to see and purchase more art than I have ever seen in one rather small area. Here you can experience Native American, Southwestern, and indigenous American art. The architecture is also fascinating! Such were our visits to: The New Mexico Capitol, the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi (the mother church of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Santa Fe), the Loretto Chapel and the San Miguel Mission including the Barrio De Analco Historic District-- all beautiful examples of Spanish Territorial or Pueblo style of architecture.



We loved visiting the Santa Fe Southern Railway. This railroad operates as a tourist rail experience and rides about 15 miles to the southeast. Other enjoyable visits were to the New Mexico Museum of Art which houses collections of Southwestern art, and the Institute of American Indian Arts Museum filled with Native American art infused with political commentary. We also liked the New Mexico History Museum located behind the historic Palace of the Governors, showcasing the history of New Mexico. Throughout this week, one of my favorite places was in and around historic downtown near the Plaza. This is a one-block square adjacent to the Palace of the Governors, the original seat of government since the time of Spanish colonization. There is so much more to enjoy in Santa Fe so my plan is to return someday to attend the “Indian Market” which is one of the “biggest event of the year and an annual favorite for thousands of collectors and fans.” This is supposed to be the worlds biggest and best Native American art market during the summer. This was one week of our two-week December trip to visit a family member and take advantage of a time share exchange. Stay tuned for part two detailing a trip to Phoenix in next month’s *Libretto*.



## RESTAURANT REVIEW

By  
Karin Larsen

### TWO TREE RESTAURANT



Two Tree Restaurant, located in Millington, Maryland, “population 450 and no, they didn’t omit any 0s,” is as impressive in food and service as it is in warmth and ambiance. Established in 2008, owner Dennis Hager and Chef Brian Carter combine small town originality and elegance with excellent upscale food. Carol Hodges tried this restaurant and Bruce and I got curious. So one dark evening we drove to Millington and repeatedly drove around this charming town over and over until we finally found Two Tree Restaurant. The modest outside did not prepare us for the warm and cozy, yet chic inside décor. Friendly staff greeted and seated us at a welcoming table.

We started with the “*Grilled Duck Sausage*.” This was served with a delicious mix of aged Welsh cheddar, sweet onion relish, and fresh berries. Delicious and different comes to mind. Talk about different, the waitress recommended Chef Brian’s featured appetizer, *Frog Legs*. Wow, this will be a first! Delicate and flavorful, the tender legs were delicious. Next up, the “*Lump Crab Bisque*” was thickly filled with jumbo lumps of crab with a sweet sherry flavor. If that wasn’t enough, we tried Chef Brian’s featured “*Lamb Osso Bucco*” and shared the “*Beef Short Ribs*”. The beef short ribs were braised boneless in veal demi-glace and served with wild mushroom garlic mashed potatoes and vegetable of the day. Other dishes that looked luscious enough to ask about were the *Pork Tenderloin*, *Chicken Napoleon*, *Rockfish*, and *Roasted Duck*. Chef Brian sears the “*Pork Tenderloin*” with Two Tree’s own mild jerk rub which is served with + fresh mango salsa and Caribbean rice and peas. The “*Chicken Napoleon*” consists of chicken

breast medallions “sautéed and layered with baby spinach, fire roasted peppers and melted fresh mozzarella.” This dish is finished with white wine butter sauce and served with fingerling potatoes. The “*Rockfish*” is pan-seared and “topped with grilled tomatoes and jumbo lump crab butter served over rice pilaf” and the slow-roasted duck with Grand Marnier-dried sherry glaze is served with “savory long grain-wild rice and roasted cauliflower”.

We recommend this “casual, elegant and family friendly” restaurant to our SV neighbors. “What’s Up” magazine said the “food and service is outstanding.” “Great crab cakes too,” they said. We can’t wait to go back and try Two Tree’s breads and pies, baked fresh on the premises. *Go give the Tree, a try!*

The address is 401 Cypress Street, Millington, MD. 21651. 410-928-5887. Daily menu features local products. Seating is from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. daily; to 9:30 p.m. Friday & Saturday. Reservation encouraged. The restaurant is located at the corner of Cypress and Sassafras (MD 291 and MD 313) in the heart of downtown Millington.

## RECIPE

### MUSHROOMS AND SOUR CREAM CASSEROLE

From the Kitchen of Joan Hennessey



6 T. butter or margarine	2 tsp. prepared mustard
3 T. flour	½ tsp. lemon juice
1 (16-oz.) ctn. sour cream	¼ tsp. ground nutmeg
¼ c. onion, minced	¼ tsp. pepper
¼ c. parsley, minced	2 lbs. fresh mushrooms, sliced
2 tsp. salt	

Melt butter in saucepan over low heat; blend in flour. Cook 1 to 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Stir in sour cream and add remaining ingredients except mushrooms. Cook until heated through. Remove from heat. Combine sauce and mushrooms. Pour into greased 2 ½ quart casserole. Bake at 350° for 1 hour, stirring occasionally. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

## LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

By *Linda Blume*

### EVENTS IN THE AREA

#### Turkey Shoot



The Kent Island Elks Lodge #2576 in Stevensville will hold Turkey Shoots on **January 15, 23, 30, and February 6**. Sign-up is at noon, and the shoot begins at 1 p.m. and lasts until 5 p.m. For more information, call 410-643-2221. ([www.shoreupdate.com](http://www.shoreupdate.com))

#### Church Music Through the Ages



The Maryland State Boys Choir will perform on **January 16** at Old Wye Church in Wye Mills. One of the premier choirs will present an evening of inspiring sacred music. For more information, call 410-758-3071.

([www.discoverqueenannes.com](http://www.discoverqueenannes.com))

### **Bow and Basket Floral Arrangements**



Learn the basic techniques of using baskets and creating fabulous bows for all types of floral arrangements on **January 20**, 6 – 8 p.m. at Chesapeake College. Each student will create an arrangement using fresh flowers to take home. Previous floral arranging experience is recommended but not required. The course fee is \$29 and the materials fee is \$25. For more information or to register, contact Marci Leach at 410-827-5833 or [mleach@chesapeake.edu](mailto:mleach@chesapeake.edu). ([www.shoreupdate.com](http://www.shoreupdate.com))

### **Saturdays Are For Kids**

The Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels presents Saturdays Are For Kids on **January 22** and **29** and on **February 5, 12, 19, and 26**. The program is for children ages four to nine: the four to six-year-old program runs 10 a.m. - noon, and the seven to nine-year-old program runs from 1 – 3 p.m. There will be fun-filled and creative hands-on games, arts and crafts, and storytelling. The cost is \$15 per class or 6 session \$80 pass for non-members. For more details and pre-registration information, go to [www.cbmm.org](http://www.cbmm.org).



### **Tenth Annual Burns Night Supper**



Come share in this authentic, Scottish traditional Robert Burns Supper on **January 22**, 6 – 9 p.m., at the Caroline County Club (Pealiquor Road, Denton). The evening features a “Toast to the Lassies,” the addressing and piping in of the Haggis, Scottish songs, Burns poetry, live music, and more. The price is \$36 per person. For more information, call 410-479-1009. ([www.tourcaroline.com](http://www.tourcaroline.com))

### **Murder Mystery Dinner Show**



The Kent Island Senior Center is hosting a Murder Mystery Dinner Show “Murder at the Stevensville Casino” on **January 22**, 6 – 10 p.m.

Entertainment will be performed by Murders R Us Productions. Tickets are \$30 per person, and all ages are welcome. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets include dinner and show. For more information call

Dawn Cornelius, 410-604-3801. ([www.shoreupdate.com](http://www.shoreupdate.com))

### **Simply Sushi with Chef David Clark**



The Centre for the Arts in Centreville will host Simply Sushi with Chef David Clark on **January 23**, 4 – 6 p.m. Local Executive Chef David Clark lends his culinary talent teaching the creation of all varieties of sushi rolls. Each participant will receive all of the tools needed to create small delicacies as part of the class fee. Register by January 15: \$50 members, \$55 non-members. For

more information, call 710-758-2520 or go to [www.arts4u.info](http://www.arts4u.info).

### **Maryland State Police Polar Bear Plunge 2011**



This year’s Polar Bear Plunge will take place on **January 29** at Sandy Point State Park. For just \$50 in pledges, Plunge participants take a quick dip in the Chesapeake Bay to raise funds for Special Olympics Maryland. For all the details, go to [www.plungemd.com](http://www.plungemd.com).

### **Frosty Tales and Starry Nights**



QAC Department of Recreation and Parks presents Frosty Tales and Starry Nights on **January 29**, 6 – 7:30 p.m., at the Terrapin Nature Park in Stevensville. Gaze at the stars on a moonlit walk under the Wolf Moon and enjoy warm refreshments around a campfire after the walk. The cost is \$5 per person, \$20 for a family of five or more. The program number is 105004.

([www.parksnrec.org](http://www.parksnrec.org))

### **Fishing Flea Market**



Kent Island American Legion Post 278 in Stevensville will hold a Fishing Flea Market on **January 29-30**. Rods, reels, tackle, and related fishing items will be available at discount prices. Hours are Saturday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sunday, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. For more information, call 410-643-3970.

([www.discoverqueenannes.com](http://www.discoverqueenannes.com))

### **Upper Shore Burger Bash**



Warm up your winter with a tasting of all the best local burgers from producers in Kent, Queen Anne’s, and Cecil Counties on **January 30**, 1 - 4 p.m., at Unity Landscape Headquarters in Church Hill. Compare the flavors of all the beef available locally, and pair it with other local foods available

throughout the winter: greens, squashes, cheeses, breads, and other great local offerings. Meet the farmers that produce your food and learn how you can get great local food no matter the season. For more information, call 443-480-1987. ([www.whatsupmag.com](http://www.whatsupmag.com))

### **Fifteenth Annual Eastern Shore Regional Poetry Contest**



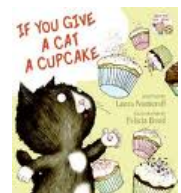
The Poetry Contest is open to Caroline, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne’s, and Talbot County residents and students. It begins on **February 1**, and the deadline to enter a submission is March 1. There are four age categories: 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade, 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade, adults 18-59, and seniors 60+. Entries may be turned in to any of the Arts Councils in the four counties. For more information, call 410-479-1009. To download the entry form, go to [www.carolinearts.org](http://www.carolinearts.org).

### **International Film Festival**



This festival takes place **February 3 – March 3** and presents films from a different country each week. Films are chosen by each country’s Embassy, and films range from musical to dramas, from contemporary to classic. The event takes place at the Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts in Annapolis, 7 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 410-263-5544. ([www.whatsupmag.com](http://www.whatsupmag.com))

### **If You Give a Cat a Cupcake**



First there was the Mouse – then the Pig – now, here comes the Cat! Based on the newest installment in the zany If You Give A ... book series by Laura Numeroff, the Omaha Theater Company brings this madcap world premier production with music to the stage on **February 4**, 7 p.m., at the Todd Performing Arts Center at Chesapeake College. All tickets are \$8, and the production is recommended for Pre-K through grade 3. ([www.chesapeake.edu](http://www.chesapeake.edu))



### Stargazing: Community Observing Night



The Anne Arundel Community College Astronomy Club will sponsor this special night on **February 5**. The club meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. (open to the public) and will be followed after sunset by stargazing until 10 p.m. Bring your own telescope and binoculars or use one of the eight AACC telescopes to view planets, stars, and the moon. The event is weather permitting and free. For more information, call 410-777-1820. ([www.whatsupmag.com](http://www.whatsupmag.com))

### World Wetlands Day



The Chesapeake Children's Museum in Annapolis will observe World Wetlands Day on **February 5**, 2 – 4 p.m. Be part of this international effort to learn what you can do to protect our wetlands. There will be lots of hands-on activities, with some outdoors, weather permitting. The program is appropriate for ages 6 to adult. The cost is \$5 per child, one adult free with every five children. For more information, call 410-990-1993. ([www.whatsupmag.com](http://www.whatsupmag.com))

### Trip: Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus



The Kent County Department of Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a trip to Salisbury to see a performance of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus on **February 5**. The cost is \$40 and includes transportation and a ticket to the show. Call 410-810-5948 for more information and to sign up. ([www.kentparksandrec.org](http://www.kentparksandrec.org))

### Chinese New Year Celebration



Make some noise for the Year of the Rabbit on **February 6** at the Chesapeake Children's Museum in Annapolis, 4 - 6 p.m. Join a dragon parade! Make a Chinese yo-yo. Play Chinese jump rope. Try your hand at picking up "long life" noodles with chop sticks. Find your fortune in a cookie. Appropriate for ages three and up. The celebration is free with museum admission. For more information, call 410-990-1993. ([www.whatsupmag.com](http://www.whatsupmag.com))

### Wine Glass Painting



The Queen Anne's County Arts Council presents Wine Glass Painting on **February 9**, 10 a.m. – noon. Paint delicate details on wine glasses. Participants will receive two wine glasses to paint. Area artist Jean Hilleary is the instructor for this fun and informative class. Register by February 2: \$25 members, \$30 non-members. ([www.arts4u.info](http://www.arts4u.info))

### Baltimore Symphony Orchestra Performance



The BSO will perform Rachmaninoff's Concert Number 2 for Piano in C Minor, Opus 18 on **February 12** at 8 p.m. at the Todd Performing Arts Center at Chesapeake College. The program also includes Bruckner's Symphony Number 6 in A Major. All regular priced tickets for the BSO are \$35, and student tickets are \$10. ([www.chesapeake.edu](http://www.chesapeake.edu))



### **Day on the Slopes: Ski Roundtop**



Enjoy skiing, snowboarding, or tubing but don't like the drive? Sign up to enjoy a fun-filled day on the slopes at Ski Roundtop on **February 19**. The trip is sponsored by Kent County Department of Parks and Recreation. Space is limited. Package prices vary. Call 410-810-5948 for more information and to sign up.

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### **EVENTS OUTSIDE THE FOUR-COUNTY AREA**

**Decoy Carvers Show: January 6 – 29**, Dorchester: [www.dorchesterarts.org](http://www.dorchesterarts.org);

([www.tourdorchester.org](http://www.tourdorchester.org))

**Guided Birding Field Trips: January 16**, Milton, Delaware:

[www.fws.gov/northeast/primehook](http://www.fws.gov/northeast/primehook)

**Lone Star Rodeo: January 21-22**, Salisbury: [www.wicomociviccenter.org](http://www.wicomociviccenter.org)

**History Comes Alive: Kids and Decoys: January 22**, Cambridge:

[www.dorchesterhistory.org](http://www.dorchesterhistory.org) ([www.tourdorchester.org](http://www.tourdorchester.org))

**57<sup>th</sup> Annual Baltimore Boat Show: January 27-30**: Baltimore:

[www.BaltimoreBoatShow.com](http://www.BaltimoreBoatShow.com)

**Monster Trucks Winter Nationals: January 28-29**, Salisbury:

[www.wicomociviccenter.org](http://www.wicomociviccenter.org)

**Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Zing Zang Zoom: February 3-6**, Salisbury:

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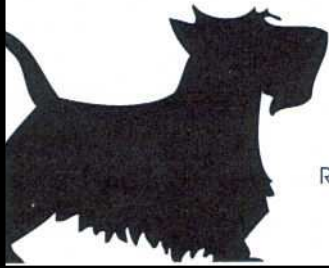
#### **TRIVIA ANSWERS**

1. A blue dress. "She's a devil with a blue dress on," as in *Good Golly Miss Molly*.
2. Edward Scissorhands.
3. Richard Simmons.

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