



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.

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

Paul and Hollie Epp 610 Harmony Way

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LIFESTYLE UPDATE

Happy Hour Hosts Needed!

Happy Hour hosts missing in action. Can someone help find them?? Much appreciated! Sign up in the Activities Book. Questions call Lee Ettman at 410-758-4580.

Lifestyle Upcoming Events

- Friday, June 17, **Movie Night**, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, June 18, **Happy Hour**, 6 p.m. A live band, *Flashback*, will provide music. Bring your favorite dessert or appetizer.
- Wednesday, June 22, **Lunch Bunch**, 12:30 p.m., Annie's.
- Thursday, June 23, **Ladies' Happy Hour** at 5:30 p.m. Bring \$5, which provides you with dinner and a beverage.
- Friday, June 24, **Game Night**, 7 p.m.
- Friday, July 1, **Happy Hour**, 6 p.m. Bring your favorite dessert or appetizer.
- Wednesday, July 6, **Lifestyle Committee Meeting**, 7:15 p.m. All residents are invited.
- Friday, July 15, **Movie Night**, 7 p.m.

Update - December Event - ***Radio City Music Hall Holiday Show*** bus trip, December 7.
The deadline to sign up for this event has been extended to August 31.
Please see the Activities Book for details.

OUTREACH UPDATE

Name Tags for Sale!



SV Outreach is happy to offer name tags for sale from **June 15 to July 31** to provide a much needed service to our residents. The name tags will be molded plastic...with an etched front view of the Clubhouse on the left side and a two-line name plate done in Times New Roman font on the right. The name tags are gold with black letters, just like last year's. You may have a pin or magnet on the back (**warning: do not order the magnet if you have a pacemaker!**). The price is \$10 per tag including all fees to create the logo. Outreach will make a small profit to go toward our work with the various groups with whom we partner! If you want to make a purchase, place the following information in an envelope, bring to the Clubhouse, and place in the black drop box:

Name as it is to appear (legible, please)

Your phone number, in case we have a question

Choose pin or magnet

Check made out to S V O P I for \$10 for each name tag desired

Don't delay....we need 51 orders to get this price! Plan on 6-8 weeks until you have it!

Please email lorettaquigley@yahoo.com with any questions.

2nd Annual Artisan's Fair



Outreach has begun planning for the 2nd Annual Artisan's Fair to be held in October. We invite all SV artisans who participated last year to do so again this year. We also invite all other SV residents to participate. Last year's event was a huge success thanks to so many talented Villagers!

Table rental fees will be an Outreach fundraiser along with the bake sale and new this year, a "box" lunch. Also new this year – Outreach will have a table of its own for artisans who wish to donate an item or two for sale (all proceeds going to Outreach). Any donated item not sold will be returned to the donor. Donations are tax-deductible.

So when it's over 100 degrees with a heat index of 115 degrees this summer (remember the end of May?), spend some time indoors, pursue your creative talents, and create! If you have any questions, contact Nancie Cameron or Bea Trotta.

PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

PLEASE direct all P & C inquiries to the following people:

- All items relating to the Calendar and Coda are now to be sent to: **Nancy Griffith** (410-758-8500, symphonyclub@verizon.net).
- All items relating to the Picture Directory and SV Recipes should be sent to: **Charlene Smallwood Brown** (gsmallw594@aol.com).
- All items relating to changes to the Directories and distribution list should be sent to: **John Schultz** (schultz@schultz.org).
- Items relating to the *Libretto* send to: **Carol Hodges** (lhodges@atlanticbb.net).
- *Libretto* advertising issues are handled by **Bob Rose** (bobrose.ret@gmail.com).

Advertisers

Please look through the ads at the end of the newsletter.

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 from Nancy at the Clubhouse.

Remember, our advertisers helps keep our HOA dues from increasing.

Disclaimer: The Symphony Village Homeowners Association or any of its constituents does not validate, endorse, or support any of the vendors or products presented in the ads, and as such, assumes no liability.

Atlantic Broadband

Residents who have an Atlantic Broadband email address are encouraged to set up an additional email address such as Gmail, Hotmail, Yahoo, etc. With the ABB address, you are not receiving all blast emails. You can try calling ABB and complain, but that has not worked in the past. If you need help, call Carol Hodges, 410-758-0591, and she or someone from the committee will come and help you set up an email account. Check the website Bulletin Board for more information. Email John Schultz with the new email address.

All Are Welcome

Everyone is welcome to attend the next P & C meeting on Tuesday, July 5, 3 p.m., in the Grand Ballroom.

SNEAKERS UPDATE

Chess Night



We hosted the annual chess night for the Kennard Elementary School Chess Club on Monday, May 16, at the Clubhouse. It was a great success and we extend our thanks to all who helped serve and provided dessert goodies.

Tree Planting

The PTA at Kennard Elementary thanked the residents of Symphony Village for our continued support of their educational endeavors by planting a crepe myrtle tree on the grounds of the community. Our thanks go to Dennis and our landscapers for planting the tree near the gazebo.

Scholarships for Queen Anne's High School Students

Sneakers awarded four \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors from Queen Anne's High School, based on recommendations from the school's guidance counselors.

Book Giveaways

The final book giveaway, the all-school end-of year giveaway for this school year, was held on Friday, June 10.

Sneakers Auction



Remember - save the date Saturday, November 5, for the annual Sneakers Auction. We are always looking for items to be included in the auction (products, services, gift cards, vacation homes, etc.) Please contact **Helena Joy** (410-758-6532) or **Linda Farrar** (410-758-8744) if you have items to contribute.

Next Meeting

Our next scheduled meeting will be held Wednesday, August 10, at 3 p.m. in the Clubhouse. All residents of Symphony Village are warmly encouraged to join us and participate in our ongoing activities.

CLUBS AND CLASSES

SV BIRD CLUB

– *Linda Blume*

The SV Bird Club had an enjoyable indoor picnic on May 18 while rain drops fell outside. Conversation drifted from birds to critters and back to birds, etc. We agreed that the robins seem especially plentiful this spring, and they're showing a preference for nesting over front doors even when "discouraged" by humans. The ruby-throated hummingbirds have returned, but generally aren't feeding at feeders as much as in prior years. A beaver is frolicking in pond #1, even cutting down new trees planted in SV back yards! There don't seem to be as many killdeer this year – maybe because the empty fields are being regularly mowed? Recent unusual sightings include a ring-necked pheasant and a wild turkey on the outside edge of the tree line. An American goldfinch has been spotted sipping nectar from a hummingbird feeder. An osprey was recently seen perched in a tree, feasting on a very large fish that it had caught in pond #2. Bald eagle, great blue heron, white egret, and osprey sightings continue. During the picnic, we planned an outing for June 8 (see below).



On a steamy summer morning, the Bird Club met at Pond #2 to see what birdlife might be there. Immediately we saw the purple martins soaring in and around their house and the pond, tree swallows (right) that are nesting in hanging gourds, and two mallard drakes sitting on a "sandbar" in the pond. We waited and watched, then walked around the pond. By the end of the outing, we had also seen red-wing blackbirds, robins, grackles, a bluebird, a house sparrow, American goldfinches, house finches, mockingbirds, a tern, and a flying blue heron. We heard a chipping sparrow but did not see it.



When we first arrived at the pond, two bullfrogs were "bellowing." As we walked around the pond, we saw more and more and still more of them – on the bank, stretched out and floating on the surface of the water, sitting in water a few inches from shore, and popping up and down from the surface. The bullfrogs are amazing with their bright yellow throat and protruding large eyes. What an unexpected treat to see them.

Next Outing: We planned our next outing for Wednesday, July 6, 8 a.m., beginning in the back yard of 826 Harmony Way. Everyone in SV is welcome to attend any Bird Club event. Hope to see you on July 6!

SV GAZEBO GARDEN CLUB

The Gazebo Garden was in great shape for the Memorial Day picnic (which was a splendid affair). Many residents visited the garden and were very complimentary regarding the beauty and variety of flowers. Our killdeer have returned and are nesting in bed N-2. By the time you read this, the eggs will have hatched, and some of you will be lucky enough to see the babies running around. Killdeer are born fully feathered and leave the nest within two days. We also have a pair of robins nesting in one of the

rose beds. The cupola has been sealed off, preventing the mess created by the birds that nested there last year. The gazebo martin house is fully occupied and the first brood of babies has been hatched and passed their flight tests! The second brood is in process. It has been reported that all four martin houses have been occupied this year. Residents are invited to sit in the gazebo to watch the amazing flight



antics of the martins as they pursue the pesky mosquitoes and other flying insects. We still have an opening for one more attendant for a garden bed. The pavilion garden has been fully planted and should be in full bloom for the Fourth of July picnic. Many thanks to Don Downey for hauling off weeds and debris.

Our vegetable garden has gotten off to a good start, thanks to the tilling of Dave Peterson. We have nine people participating in this venture. Thanks to Diane Briggs for providing water access during the very hot, dry spell we encountered. Many early crops such as radishes, peas, and lettuce have been harvested. The other items in the veggie garden include tomatoes, onions, squash, zucchini, pumpkins, peppers, okra, and even a few flowers. Be nice to your gardener neighbors and you may end up being the beneficiary of the numerous tomatoes and zucchini that will be harvested about the first of July. Help yourself to the herbs in the Gazebo Garden. There are chives, oregano, basil, parsley, rosemary, sage, thyme, etc. – Jack Hennessey

SINGLES

A Brunch was held at the Clubhouse on February 13 for the Singles group (see picture). It was good food and fun for all. We've also had a tea at Crow's Farm (a lovely bed and breakfast as well) in Kennedyville on May 15. We hope to do more events there—they have another tea in the fall as well as wine tasting and cooking classes. Scheduled for June 26 is *Brigadoon* at the Church Hill Theatre. And some time the end of July we are going to dinner. So as you can see there is a lot going on for us single people—come join us.



SV READING FOR FUN BOOK CLUB

The Reading for Fun Book Club met at the Clubhouse on Tuesday, May 17, to discuss *House Rules* by Jodi Picoult. This book was recommended by Pat Loiacono, who led the discussion, and who also provided berry and peach tarts along with peach tea for dessert. The story is about a single mom and the difficulties she encounters in raising two sons, one of whom is autistic. The autistic child is being tried for the murder of his social skills teacher. The author has obviously done much research into the subject of autism, and the reader learns a great deal about the subject. There are several twists to the story, but some of our club members were able to guess the surprise ending. The biggest complaint of many readers is that there is not a satisfactory conclusion to the story.



The book for June, recommended by Pat Kindle, is *Half Broke Horses*, by Jeannette Walls. Walls relates the story of her grandmother, Lily Case Smith, who was helping her father break horses at the age of six. At age fifteen, she left home to teach in a frontier town. Lily learned to drive a car, fly a plane and, along with her husband, managed a vast ranch in Arizona- a truly amazing story! All residents are invited to sit in on the discussion of this book on June 21 in the Clubhouse.-Jack Hennessey

BALLROOM DANCING CLASS

Amanda Cook teaches ballroom dancing at Symphony Village on Wednesdays from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.. Right now the class is in the 4th week of a 6 week session. The next session of classes will be from July 13-- August 17. Amanda will be teaching a selection of “Night Club Dances,” Country Two Step, West Coast Swing, and a little Night Club Two Step during the 6 weeks.

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. Which people formed the basis for the modern system of mapping our planet Earth by proposing two imaginary lines running north-south and east-west across the earth which became known as latitude and longitude?
a. Romans b. Greeks c. Egyptians d. Chinese
2. Which people’s discovery that a freely turning spoon made of lodestone always ends up pointing in the same direction led to the development of the compass needle and later to the development of the magnetic compass?
a. Romans b. Greeks c. Egyptians d. Chinese
3. What is another name for the Earth’s crust and also refers to the rocky outer layer of the Earth that is subjected to mechanical, chemical, and biological changes such as creations of mountain ranges and ocean basins?
a. lithosphere b. magnasphere c. hemisphere d. hydrosphere

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC



Great weather, great food, and great fun were enjoyed by all at the Memorial Day Picnic. The pool was crowded with folks cooling off; and, when they weren’t in the pool, they were quenching their thirsts

with refreshing watermelon after some delicious fried chicken and salads. Thanks to Lee Ettman and her hard working volunteers for setting up and cleaning up for this picnic. The winners of the Bocce Ball Tournament this year were Mike Perticone and George Drake (center). This is the second win for Mike, who is the son-in-law of John and Marylou Walker. George Hughes and Ira Ehrenfeld were 1st runners up (left), and the team of William Hart Anderson and Paul Mazzochi were 2nd runners up. Because of the heat, only 16 hardy souls signed up to play. Thanks to Jack Dedrick for organizing this tournament and overseeing the pairing of the teams. The next tournament will be held at the July 4th Picnic. If anyone is interested in signing up early, please call Jack at 410-758-1252.

HATS OFF

Hats off to our crew who so diligently worked to make this event (Memorial Day Picnic) a success. We could not have done it without all of you!!!!

Thanks so much!!!!!!

With appreciation and gratitude,

Captains

Bea and Paul Trotta

Lee and Alan Ettman

PREAKNESS PARTY



On May 21, Caruso sponsored a Preakness Party for SV residents and potential owners. Everyone enjoyed the race won by Janet O'Connor (picture on the left). Many residents participated in a hat parade which was also won by Judy Caffieri, Pat Tominovich, and Liz deGuzman.



Again, SV residents demonstrated to prospective buyers we love to have fun.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

Phyllis and Dan Krpata

by Joan Hennessey and Carol Hodges



The source of the laughter you hear in the Clubhouse on Monday mornings is the American Sign Language (ASL) course being taught in the Grand Ballroom by Phyllis and Dan Krpata, our neighbors on Harmony. More than a dozen SVers have been learning to fingerspell and sign between 10 and 11:30 a.m. Phyllis and Dan, who are deaf, are excellent teachers; in fact, Phyllis taught a sign language course at Anne Arundel Community College for eight years. She and Dan are patient, caring, and dedicated. They use humor in the classes to great effect. Dan keeps a straight face while Phyllis teases and jokes with him.

Phyllis and Dan have lived in SV for 6 years, moving here from the Northbrook community. Dan is retired from the *Washington Post* where he worked for 32 years. Phyllis retired from the *Capital-Gazette Newspaper* where she worked for 35 years. Their combined family consists of five children and nine grandchildren.

Dan and Phyllis were deaf at birth. Dan's mother had German measles while pregnant with him; the cause of Phyllis' deafness is unknown. No other members of the family are hearing impaired. When they reached school age, they were sent to the Maryland School for the Deaf where they were forbidden to sign and required to learn speech, an unkind practice no longer used in deaf education.

If SV residents would like to get to know deaf residents, Phyllis and Dan suggest that you don't worry about any communication barrier. Start up a conversation and they can figure out a way to communicate. They also suggest that you don't ignore them just because they can't hear; but also remember that if you call out to them, they may not answer. It helps to look at them when talking so they can see your lips. Both Phyllis and Dan lip-read and speak which facilitates communication with them. To make them feel a part of the community either sign, if you know it, or speak clearly and slowly.

Drop in on the sign language class sometime on Mondays at 10 a.m. to see if you would be interested in learning to sign and to meet this interesting and friendly couple.

AMAZING FACTS. . . About some of our pretty amazing neighbors

Did you read this article in the last *Libretto* and say to yourself, "**If you think that is amazing, then you should hear about...**" If so, relate your amazing fact to Pat Scheirer, and we write a brief blurb and publish it in next month's issue. It can be something about a friend, spouse, neighbor, or even yourself. We'd love to hear from you, and we promise not to mention any names. If you are puzzling over last month's facts/persons, call Pat (410-758-1907), and she will reveal the amazing person.

SV HUMOR—"PJ to the Rescue"



Last week, on one of those sweltering, hot days, four SV ladies (whom we shall call Mable, Mae, Milly, and Molly) went shopping together. When they arrived at Home Goods, Milly and Molly, who were seated in the back seats of the car, couldn't open their doors (a safety device designed for grandchildren **not** grandmothers). No problem, Mable (the driver) opened the doors from the outside. Being familiar with these "safety locks," Mae started fiddling with the door trying to release the safety—causing the locking mechanism to flip down, and the rear door now wouldn't close. Trying to show Mable what she had done, Mae demonstrated on the front door. Now it, too, wouldn't close. Laughing hysterically, the other ladies (Milly and Molly) quickly disappeared into the cool store and were happily shopping, while the two frustrated "senior-mechanics," armed with screwdrivers and pliers, were sweating outside in the hot sun fighting with the locks. Nothing they tried worked. Finally, Mae suggested tying the front and back doors together by pulling the seatbelt through the open windows so the doors would stay closed and driving to the nearest gas station for "professional" help. To be on the safe side, Mable was also calling AAA. Fortunately, about

this time, “along came PJ.” With a smile on his young face, he introduced himself and asked if he could be of help. (Who knows how long he had been watching and laughing from a distance.) Mae asked whether he knew anything about cars. PJ quickly replied, “I know everything about cars.” In two seconds, he demonstrated that the doors could be unlocked simply by pulling on the inside handles as you do when you open them from the inside. With “red,” sweaty faces, Mable and Mae gratefully thanked him and tried to give him “hush money,” which he refused. When they insisted, PJ gave them his business card before he left and invited them to visit his Church. With his business card in hand, Mable and Mae ran into the store to tell their friends about how their shopping day was saved when “along came PJ”—a minister and an “angel in disguise.”

THE BEAVER

by Jack Walsh



The current movie, *The Beaver*, may give you a warm feeling for the featured rodent—at least the cloth puppet kind with a British accent. You may feel differently about the real thing, however, if one invaded your property and destroyed valuable trees. . . **You have been invaded.**

Last fall a beaver came to Symphony Village’s Pond No. 1. Before being trapped, it ate through and destroyed several newly planted trees. Adcock Trappers was hired by SV’s manager, Dennis Sesplankis, in December 2010. Dean Gann, Wild Life Specialist who set the traps, reports that the ruined saplings indicated that the culprit was a young beaver. A young beaver was

caught on December 10.

Where did it come from? Dean believes the youth was put out from its family on the pond off unpaved Taylor Mill Road. Beavers are monogamous and mate for life and a family can be as large as 10-15. Some females produce two to three offspring a year. Or, it was washed away by heavy rain from a lodge on the creek running North of Symphony Village and found its way to Pond No. 1 after coming up the creek west of the pond flowing parallel to Route 213. Beavers are highly adaptable and have been known to travel 10 + miles looking for a place to relocate.

A second beaver was spotted by pond residents in late April, 2011. Dennis wanted proof before spending another \$800 for trapping. A close-up picture taken with a telephoto lens by residents Brandon Lusby and George Drake proved the invader’s identity, ruling out a muskrat or a nutria.

Again, Adcock was called and traps were set; but the crafty beaver roamed for four more weeks. The mostly nocturnal animal was rarely seen, but its destructive work and intention to stay was in the open. It was making its lodge home at Symphony Village with its chopped down trees and shrubs. The trees destroyed by both beavers were planted last fall by the Corsica River Conservancy grant project.

Beavers, the largest North American rodent, are among the 10 most destructive animal pests. An adult typically weighs 45-60 pounds. They cause destruction costing millions nationwide to private and public land, timberland, roadways, and wild life preserves, according to a 2001 Government Accountability Office report. They are biologically compelled to destroy. Their four orange-colored front teeth grow constantly but are kept at a usable length by gnawing on hardwood. (See [beaver solutions.com](http://beaver.solutions.com).)

The second beaver was found trapped on May 28. I saw the trapper's truck drive up behind my house which is next to the pond. I spoke to him, and he invited me to inspect the trap with him as he taught me about beavers and his job as a trapper, which he said he loves doing. It was DOA, killed by the Conibear 330 metal trap submerged next to the beaver's lodge. The animal swam head first into the trap, triggering it. The jaws of the trap closed, crushing its neck instantly. The traps are dangerous, even to the trapper. It would chop a hand off, trapper Dean said, if a mistake was made in setting the trap which requires a large plier-like tool.

Again, a youthful beaver was caught— 37" from nose to tail, weighing about 20-22 lbs. I held it by a paw to estimate the weight. The cost for the second trapping was \$325. Couldn't the beaver be caught alive and relocated? Not according to trapper Dean. Because the trapped animal is possibly rabid or otherwise diseased, it is illegal to relocate it. Would you want it in your backyard? It's always NIMBY. Furthermore, a trapped beaver can be aggressive, strong, and dangerous.

Here's the culprit.



So in these tough economic times, are mom and dad kicking out other offspring? Before leaving, trapper Dean washed away the beaver paw prints on the bank next to the lodge. Then he poked a hole in the lodge roof. He said he would check periodically for fresh tracks and for repair of the damaged lodge roof. Beavers work hard to keep up appearances. So far our family isn't supporting another beaver family castaway.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

HEMINGWAY'S by Barbara Locke

Recently we tried out the new Hemingway's, which now has outside dining on the gazebo deck, as well as inside dining. Under the gazebo there is an outdoor bar, which seemed popular with the after-work crowd. We were there on a Wednesday evening, and the restaurant and bar were nearly full. We chose to sit inside next to the windows viewing the Bridge and the Bay. Blinds hadn't been installed yet so if one was facing west during the dinner hour, a hat and sunglasses might be needed. The nautical décor is very nice, service is excellent, and the view superb. The food was also excellent; I had mussels

@\$12.95 and crab bisque @\$8.95. John had sushi-grade yellow fin tuna @\$27.95. Wine prices were quite reasonable, but we thought that overall the food prices were a little higher than the old Hemingway's. The menu offers four kinds of sandwiches ranging in price from \$8.95 to \$15.95. Main course prices range from \$14.95 to \$28.95, so there is really something for everyone.



The down side is that there is one uni-sex bathroom (one person at a time). While the new bathroom is quite nice with beautiful tiling, it is inadequate for any kind of crowd. There are more bathrooms downstairs, but one must go outside to get to them, which would be annoying in cold weather. Also, when we tried to look at Hemingway's on the Internet, the old website was still there. The phone number for the old Hemingway's is still listed, so we had to go through Information to get the new number. As it turns out, reservations aren't accepted anyway. I would return to Hemingway's for the view and for the food, but will just have to wait in line for that one-person-at-a-time bathroom!

RECIPE

From the kitchen of Linda Blume

Zucchini Pickles

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| 2 cups cider vinegar | 2 teaspoons celery seed |
| 1 ½ cups granulated sugar | ¼ teaspoon ground ginger |
| ½ teaspoon turmeric | 1 teaspoon salt |
| ¼ teaspoon ground cloves | 1 large onion, halved, sliced thin |
| 2 teaspoons mustard seed | 1 lb. zucchini, sliced very thin |



- Place vinegar, sugar, turmeric, cloves, mustard seed, celery seed, ginger, and salt into a large saucepan and bring to a boil.
- Reduce the heat and simmer 10 minutes.
- Bring mixture back to a boil, add sliced onion, and cook 1 minute.
- Add zucchini slices, bring mixture back to a full boil, and cook for 2 minutes, stirring often to keep the zucchini slices under the liquid.
- Remove from the heat and let pickles cool. Place pickles in 1 or more covered glass containers and refrigerate.

Serve pickles ice cold.

Note: A 32 oz. glass mayonnaise jar works well to store one batch of pickles.

Source: *Fanny Farmer Cookbook*

PERSONAL ADS

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

FOR SALE--Too much furniture. Need to sell 7-foot oak hutch (\$300) and a fruitwood coffee table and end table with glass tops (\$100 for both). Call Trisha at 443-262-8253.

IN SEARCH OF used washing machine and window air conditioner. If you can help, call Ross at 443-262-8253.

10 INCH CRAFTSMAN TABLE SAW--\$100. Good condition. Call Larry at 410-758-0591.

NEWS & EVENTS

SECOND SUNDAY COFFEE HOUSE

Come enjoy a relaxed, intimate, friendly atmosphere and be entertained by professional musicians at the Second Sunday Coffee House, held the second Sunday of each month. The Second Sunday Coffee House is located in Donaldson Hall of St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 301 S. Liberty Street, Centreville.. The parking lot is located off of Commerce St. Doors open at 6 and the performances are from 6:30 –

8:30 p.m. Desserts, snacks, coffee, and tea will be available for sale. The coffee house is a smoke free, alcohol free environment.

All profits are being directed to ‘Stop Hunger Now’Now,’ an international hunger relief organization that coordinates the distribution of food and other life-saving aid around the world. The organization is “driven by a vision of a world without hunger and a mission to end hunger in our lifetime by providing food and life-saving aid to the world's most vulnerable and by creating a global commitment to mobilize the necessary resources..” Check the Bulletin Board at the [SV Website](#).

HOSPICE

Hospice is having a Spirituality and End of Life Care Program at Chesapeake College June 30 from 1—4 p.m. Room EDC 27. There is no charge. For additional information contact mgrossman@hospiceofqueenannes.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Centreville Masonic Lodge 180 is in need of volunteers for one of our largest and most important community outreach efforts: providing **Maryland Child Identification Program** presentations for local parents (more details at www.mdchip.org). Last year we presented this program at the Queen Anne's County Fair and serviced almost 600 children in six days. Our Lodge has been formally asked by both the County Fair Board and the Sheriff's Department to repeat our child identification program this year on August 8-13. We are in desperate need of volunteers to help staff this sizeable endeavor. Last year a number of Symphony Village residents were among the volunteers, and everyone involved had fun and got a great sense of satisfaction in helping us provide this valuable service. All indications are that the demand this year will be larger, so we are starting our recruitment efforts now. We can very much use the assistance of as many responsible volunteers as are interested! It is a great event, and we would be very appreciative of support! Craig McGinnes, 443-744-0784

LOCAL EVENTS by Linda Blume

NOTE: There are too many Local Events this month to include all of them in the *Libretto*. The entire list appears on the [SV Website](#), and a hard copy of the complete list will be put in the *Libretto* binder that is located in the Wall Street room of the Clubhouse.

Introduction to Wetlands



Adkins Arboretum will present "[Introduction to Wetlands](#)" on **June 16**, 10 a.m. – noon. Arboretum visitors enter the Visitor's Center by a bridge that spans a constructed wetland alive with flora and fauna. Wetlands are the most biologically diverse and fascinating ecosystems in the world, so it is no wonder that it can take some time to cross the bridge if you stop to observe all that is happening there. Join Leslie Hunter-Cario to learn the basics of wetland ecology and wetland plants. The cost is \$20 general public and \$15 for Arboretum members.

Historic Houses Open House and Special Exhibit Wright's Chance will be open to the public on **June 18**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. There will be a special exhibit in Wright's Chance entitled “Treasures of Queen Anne's County” that will include the Civil War Scott Rifles Flag, Blue Canton China from William Paca's Wye Hall, an Eight Point Star Quilt, and many other interesting artifacts; admission is \$3. The patio and gardens of Tucker House will also be open on **June 18**, weather permitting, free of charge. For information, call 410-758-3010.

Touch-a-Truck



How close has your child or grandchild been to sitting in the driver's seat of a fire engine, bus, or other cool truck? You and your children and grandchildren can touch or sit in as many trucks as you want – as the drivers permit – at an upcoming fundraiser for Chesapeake Children's Museum on **June 18**, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Touch-a-Truck will be held in the parking lot of St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Annapolis. The cost is \$15 per car. ([Touch-a-Truck](#))

Art of the Deals



This is a community-wide event in Centreville on **June 18**, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. There will be an indoor yard sale at the Centre for the Arts, a farmer's market, music, demonstrations and information tables on the Courthouse Green, and downtown merchants will have specials and sidewalk sales. ([Arts Council](#))

3rd Annual Art in the Park



Tucked away between Love Point Road and Cockey Lane, Pocket Park in Stevensville will again be transformed into a dazzling display of artistic mastery during [Art in the Park](#) on **June 18**, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Local and visiting artists will show off their latest original creations including paintings, prints, photography, pottery, jewelry, sculpture, books, clothes, and more. Local shops, galleries, restaurants, and historic sites will be open to the public in addition to music and various food vendors.

14th Annual Hospice of Queen Anne's Golf Tournament



[Hospice of Queen Anne's](#) will hold a fundraiser golf tournament on **June 20** at the Prospect Bay Country Club beginning with registration at 8 a.m. and a shotgun start at 9 a.m. The fee is \$125 per person or \$500 for a team of four. The format is Captain's Choice (Scramble). The cost includes greens fees, cart, continental breakfast, and complementary drinks and a lunch buffet.

North American Police Work Dog Association Demonstration



On **June 22**, there will be a special police K-9 demonstration plus law enforcement displays at the Kent Island High School Stadium at 7 p.m. The Queen Anne's County Sheriff's Department is hosting the North American Police Dog Association 2011 National Workshop and the public is invited to this demonstration. ([Kent Island On-Line](#))

Collography



[Collography](#) is the art of designing the surface of a "plate", inking it, and hand printing. There will be a teaching session at Adkins Arboretum on **June 24**, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. At the end of the session, you will have a piece ready for framing. All materials will be provided. Bring a bag lunch. The fee is \$90 general public and \$75 Arboretum members.

Summer Seafood Festival



The [Summer Seafood Festival](#) will be held on **June 25** at the Tilghman Volunteer Fire Company on Tilghman Island beginning at 11 a.m. Music in the Park begins at noon. There will also be music, dancing, hard crab races, and a parade. All proceeds will go to the purchase of fire and rescue equipment.

23rd Annual Oxford Cardboard Boat Races



The [Oxford Cardboard Boat Races](#), benefiting Special Olympics of Maryland, will once again take place on the Oxford Strand with races starting at 11 a. m. on **June 25**. This year's race will feature: the Battle of the Brave featuring local fire companies, law enforcement, Coast Guard, and volunteer organizations; the Corporate Challenge including local merchants and area businesses; the Little Mates Race (ages 5-12); and the Funny Race, featuring those boats with more character than buoyancy. Added to this year's event are two new categories: the Iron Mates which will be a longer race to test one's strength and endurance and the new Teen Challenge race for ages 13-19. The YMCA of Talbot County will be taking part in the Teen Challenge race by entering two boats in the race to be built by YMCA teen members this spring.

21st Annual Thunder on the Narrows



This year's [Thunder on the Narrows](#) will take place at the Kent Island Yacht Club in Chester on **June 25-26**. You will see hydroplanes and skiffs race at speeds over 100 mph with six classes of boats. This is a family event for all race fans. The gates open at 10 a.m. each day; admission is \$7, children under 12 no charge.

Firecracker Sporting Clay Tournament



A National Sporting Clays Association [Firecracker Tournament](#) at the River Plantation on **July 2-3** offers two days of shooting competition and a variety of side games. Preliminaries are on Saturday, and the main event is on Sunday. For information, call 410-827-7029.

Historic Boat Birthday Party



The Echo Hill Outdoor School celebrates with an [Historic Boat Birthday Party](#) on **July 2** to celebrate over 370 years of our historic Chesapeake work boats! The skipjack Elsworth is 110 and the work boat Twilight is 100. The workboat Spirit (67 years), the buy boat Annie D. (54 years), and the Chester River bateau Ric (39 years) round out the fleet. We hope you will join us for boat tours, food, music performed by the Clipper City Brass Quintet, and plenty of "Made in America" fanfare. Come to the foot of High Street in Chestertown, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.; free.

Independence Day Celebration and Ceremony



The Queen Anne's County Historical Society will sponsor an Independence Day Celebration and Ceremony on Monday, **July 4**, beginning at 11 a.m. in the gardens of the Aspen Institute in Queenstown, Maryland. Gregory A. Stiverson, author of *William Paca, A Biography* will give the keynote address. There will also be a wreath-laying ceremony at William Paca's gravesite, a Procession and Presentation of the Colors, and music by the Chesapeake Bay Community Band. The event is free. For more information, telephone 410-758-3010.

Nature Prints



Adkins Arboretum will present [Nature Prints](#) on **July 9**, 1 – 3:30 p.m. Join Dawn Malosh to learn the basics of printmaking while exploring the principles of art and composition using natural objects. Applications for wallpaper, wrapping paper, fabric, scrapbooking, and journaling pages will be explored. All materials are included. The fee is \$35 general public and \$30 Arboretum members.

Centerville Alive! Block Party



The Centerville Alive! Block Party will be held on **July 15**, 6 – 9 p.m., at West Water Street. There will be music by Flashback, an historic display of the fire companies of Centerville, children’s games, and antique automobiles will be on display. Historic Wright’s Chance and the patio and gardens of historic Tucker House will be open, 5 – 7 p.m. The event takes place on West Water Street. For information, call 443-262-9415. ([Queen Anne's County Tourism](#))

Historic Houses Open House and Special Exhibit



Wright’s Chance will be open to the public on **July 16**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. There will be a special William Paca Exhibit in Wright’s Chance that will also include display of the Blue Canton China; admission is \$3. The patio and gardens of Tucker House will also be open on **July 16**, weather permitting, free of charge. For information, call 410-758-3010.

7th Annual “Birdies For The Bay” Golf Tournament Fundraiser.



The Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center will hold the annual [Birdies for the Bay](#) golf tournament on **July 18** at Queenstown Harbor Golf Course. All proceeds will benefit CBEC’s restoration and educational endeavors which inspire stewardship and action toward improving the health of the Chesapeake Bay. Spaces are limited.

REMINDER: Go to the [SV Website](#) to see all 45 Local Events, 8 Continuing Events, and 9 Events Outside the Four- County Area.

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2. **d. Chinese**
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