



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

Winfield and Julie Tompkins
122 Orchestra Place

Charlotte and David McClatchy
111 Overture Way

Linda Gregg-Bolick
643 Harmony Way

HOA BOARD MEETING

January 31, 10 a.m., Grand Ball Room.

Musings from the Board

Recently, management, an Operations Committee representative, and several Board Members met with John Kling from the Queen Anne's Department of Public Works to review the status of Ponds One and Two. It was determined that any woody vegetation within 15 feet of the concrete intakes or outtakes to the ponds has to be removed. Most of these were swamp oaks that have a tendency to spread in a low, ugly manner. These have since been removed from Pond Two. The landscapers also cut back all the vegetation around both ponds to a one-foot height. Future work will be to remove the swamp oaks around Pond One and to remove all the volunteer trees that have started to grow on the slope at the end of Encore Court. We continue to be hopeful that we will be allowed to increase the grooming around both ponds since the original grant has expired.

BASH LIST

A new **email distribution list** has been created for those who desire email reminders of **major SV events**. This list is not for everyone – if you are a frequent reader of the Daily Bulletin, you probably will *not* want to be on this list. However, if you prefer to obtain information about major SV social/charity events via email, then this list *is* for you.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

LIFESTYLE COMMITTEE – Donna Donaldson, Chair



- **Happy Hour with Wine Tasting** – Saturday, January 18, 6 p.m. – Presented by Cassinelli Vineyards in the Concert Hall. For \$7 (which includes your new wineglass), taste several of the Cassinelli selections with special pairings chosen to enhance the experience. Sign-up sheets are in the Activities Book in the Clubhouse. Happy Hour will be our normal appetizer-and-dessert occasion.
- **Ladies' Happy Hour** – Thursday, January 23, 5:30 p.m. – The cost of Ladies Happy Hour will remain at \$5/person; however, the first drink is no longer included in the \$5. All drinks will be at the suggested bar prices as posted on the money jars. The "*drink du jour*" will continue to be \$1 throughout the evening until there is no more! We are still seeking ladies to sign up in the Activities Book to host the Ladies Happy Hours. It's really not difficult, and Nancie Cameron will gladly help guide you through the process. Please remember to sign up in the Activities Book if you plan to attend the event as it helps the hostesses prepare adequately.
- **Super Bowl Sunday with Chili and The Fixin's!** – Sunday, February 2, 5 p.m. – We are looking for people to contribute chili, fixins, salad, bread, and desserts. Sign up in the Activities Book with your preference of what you can bring. Woefully, even though none of our local teams will be playing, the game is a world-wide event that we look forward to participating in.
- **Lifestyle Committee Meeting** – Monday, February 3, at 7 p.m.
All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- **Lunch Bunch** – The Lunch Bunch will meet at **Bridges Restaurant** on Kent Narrows at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 6. The sign-up sheet is in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse. We look forward to your joining us for good food and warm and friendly conversation. If you are in need of transportation, please call Bea Trotta at 410-758-0332 or Marge Strano at 410-758-2511.
- **Happy Hour** – Friday, February 7, 6 p.m. Bring appetizer or dessert.
- **Valentines Happy Hour** – Saturday, February 15, 6 p.m. – Music will be provided by Tim Sullivan, the Godfather of New England Doo Wop. He is the DJ we had for the Christmas/Holiday party that everyone really liked. He will be playing love songs from the 50s, 60s, and early 70s. Valentine celebration will be the theme for appetizer/snacks and desserts. "Cover charge" of \$5/person for the music. No sign up necessary.



*** [The Lifestyle Committee article is continued on Page 13.](#)



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OUTREACH – *Carlene Cooke, President*

5th Annual Card and Game Party

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Thursday, January 30, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

At the SV Clubhouse

The price is a \$35 donation per person, of which 80% is tax deductible, and which includes morning coffee and tea, lunch, 50/50 raffle, raffle items, and door prizes. Decide your game and reserve your table on the sign-up sheets available at the Clubhouse in the Activities Book under Outreach. Deadline for sign up is Friday, January 24. Payment is due at sign up. Please make all checks payable to SVOPI or Symphony Village Outreach Program, Inc.



We are only limited to whatever card games and table games you and your friends like to play (e.g., bridge, canasta, hand and foot, scrabble, mahjongg, dominoes, etc.) **Bring your own supplies for your game! MEN ARE ALSO WELCOME!!!** If you need help organizing a table, please contact Lauren Rose at 443-262-8238. If you cannot attend this event but would like to support the activities of the Outreach Program with a donation, please bring a check to Nancy in the Clubhouse or mail to SVOPI, P. O. Box 642, Centreville, MD, 21617. (This donation is 100% deductible.)

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 2014. I hope each of us receives an overly abundant share. My second prediction is that there will be trials and sadness, as well. Troubles and sorrows will come. My hope is that they will be few and of little consequence.

Fortunately, we Villagers, have a "constant," whether we are 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 on the Directory Page.

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*



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- Do you know that QAC provides assistance with activities of daily living when a qualified resident of the county is in need?

The **SV Outreach Program** has a **Caregivers' Support Group** to help you through the maze. We are a group of caregivers and former caregivers who are ready to share our knowledge and offer our support to those in need. Normally, to allow for privacy, our meetings are held in the home of Marilyn Williams (246 Concerto Avenue), the Chairperson of this group. Our next meeting will be **Monday, February 10, at 1 p.m.** If you would like to join us or have any questions, please call Marilyn at 410-758-3422.

In addition to our regularly scheduled meetings, speakers are invited to come to SV to speak to the whole community. Please come to a presentation on "**Advanced Directives,**" **Thursday, February 6, at 7 p.m.** in the Clubhouse. For further information, see details under "**NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.**"

PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS – Carol Hodges, Chair

Orientation Welcome Night

There will be a Welcome Night on Monday, February 3, at 7 p.m. for new residents. Please sign up in the Activities Book.

Email Addresses Will Be Omitted



Because Symphony Village's *Libretto* is not password protected, the Publications and Communications Committee believes it is in your, the contributor's, best interest that we **not** publish your email address. These email addresses are often used by spammers to circulate their information. We will continue to publish your telephone number; however, if you want us to give out your email address, please give us written permission.

Computer Help

If you are having trouble accessing our Website, etc., check the Daily Bulletin page and click on "Computer Help," then fill out the information or call Carol Hodges at 410-758-0591. Someone will call to set up a time to help you.



SV Calendar—New Contact Person

Sue Canfield has agreed to keep the SV Weekly and Official Calendars up to date. To do this, it is important that committee chairmen and event sponsors let Sue know about meetings and events so she can update the calendars.

All Are Welcome

Everyone is welcome to attend the P & C Committee meeting at the Clubhouse in the Grand Ballroom on Monday, February 3, at 2 p.m.

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SNEAKERS – *Linda Farrar, President*

Santa Giving Tree

The Santa Giving Tree effort was a great success; thank you to the residents of Symphony Village for your generosity. Through your giving, you have ensured that six Centreville families, with a total of 16 children, had a happier holiday.

Cubby Chorale

The Cubby Chorale from Centreville Elementary School performed for the residents of Symphony Village on December 17. Almost 50 students raised their voices in song for us, and a great time was had by all who attended.

Book Giveaway



Sneakers will host several more book giveaways at Centreville schools. As soon as dates have been finalized, sign-up sheets will be placed in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse. We appreciate your participation in this worthwhile program.

Kennard Chess Night



The Kennard School Chess match will be held at the Clubhouse on Thursday, May 15, at 6 p.m. Residents are welcome to come and join in the activities.

Golf Outing & Card/Game Party

The Sneakers Golf Outing and Card/Game Party will be held at Prospect Bay on Tuesday, June 10. Details will be available later.

Next Sneakers Meeting

A Sneakers meeting has not been scheduled for January. The February Sneakers meeting will be on Wednesday, February 26, at 3 p.m. at the Clubhouse. All residents are welcome to join us.

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Trivia

by Karin Anne Larsen

1. What is the American birth flower for the month of January?
a. Daisy b. Snowdrop c. Morning Glory d. Honeysuckle
2. January was named after the Roman god Janus, the god of what?
a. God of War b. God of Celebrations c. God of Beginnings d. God of Resolutions
3. The birthstone for January is the?
a. Emerald b. Diamond c. Garnet d. Ruby
4. Which of the following American Presidents was born in January?
a. Ronald Reagan b. Barack Obama c. Richard Nixon d. Bill Clinton
5. What American Holiday is celebrated on the third Monday of January?
a. Columbus Day b. Martin Luther King Jr. Day c. Memorial Day
d. Washington's Birthday



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CLUBS AND CLASSES

BEGINNING BRIDGE – Tom Love



If there is enough interest, there will be a beginner's class for bridge. The start date will be Wednesday, **January 22, at 7 p.m.** There needs to be a minimum number of 6 students to start. The lessons will run 5 - 6 weeks, depending on the interest and skill level of the students. Tom Love will be teaching. Sign up in the Activities Book in the Clubhouse. For more information call Tom at 410-758-3224.

BIRD CLUB – Linda Blume



You'd think I'd be seeing more birds at my bird feeders with the frigid temperatures recently and the snow, but the juncos are still my only reliable visitors. However, others are having more success at seeing a wide variety at their feeders. George Drake photographed this Eastern Towhee outside his window, and he reports seeing bluebirds, redwing blackbirds, and the "normal troops." Carol Hodges has sighted a woodpecker. And from her office window in town, Priscilla Mileski regularly sees two downy woodpeckers, a red-bellied woodpecker, and blue jays who fuss when the peanuts are gone. Nancie Cameron has had a bluebird try to get into her house through a high window – maybe that bird was getting a head start in looking for a home. That brings me to the proposed SV Bluebird Trail – if you are interested in helping or just finding out more, please contact Betty McAtee at 410-758-2443 or Linda Blume at 410-758-3194. More information on the Bluebird Trail will appear in the February *Libretto*.

DINING INN...RESTARTS



Many of us have previously participated in Dining Inn and would like to see it restarted. Participants sign up and indicate whether they would be interested in hosting or just wish to be a guest. The host will decide the menu and make the main dish. The host will call the participants and ask them to bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert. The menu can be as simple as a hamburger/hot dog, barbecue, or a chili supper. At the first meeting, we can discuss any changes we wish to make such as the name. Someone suggested Party Buffet as the name. Everyone is invited to participate. If anyone is interested in chairing this club, please call Carol Hodges at 410-758-0591. For the first meeting and dinner, let's plan on **Friday, January 31**, at 6 p.m. (location of the meeting to be announced). Please sign up in the Activities Book in the Clubhouse.

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GARDEN CLUB – *Jack Hennessey*

The Garden Club has been relatively inactive during December. However, we did plant two poinsettias at the monument site. We also had a separate lighting ceremony and carol sing-a-long at the gazebo on Wednesday, December 18. Twelve of our residents gathered to sing carols accompanied by a CD player and supplemented by printed song sheets. As is traditional, we ended the songfest with “Silent Night.” Jack took the opportunity, with a captive audience, to play “Christmas Peace,” a hymn written by Jack, sung by Gary Eden, and recorded by Jack on a 45 rpm record about 40 years ago. The only complaint we received was that the group wanted to sing more than the six carols we sang that night. Next year, we promise to sing all hymns requested by the participants!

JOY OF MUSIC – *Eleanor Strietman*



The “JOY OF MUSIC” returns to Symphony Village on January 27!

Absolutely no musical talent required to experience “joy!!” The sessions will again be 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! He talks (a little), we listen (to him and then to music), we laugh, and we learn. The “Joy of Music” classes will be held in the Clubhouse at 3 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. Each session costs only \$5 per person and usually lasts about an hour. (Many people say it’s the most enjoyable hour of the week.) So...come to the Clubhouse for the first class on Monday, January 27; the topic will be “The Humoresque.” Future topics include: “In Search of Greensleeves” (February 10), “What is a Tango?” (February 24), “Irving Berlin – Part I” (March 10), “Irving Berlin – Part II” (March 24), “All Grown Up” (April 14), “Mozart: *Al Fresco*” (April 28), and “Europe on Ragtime and Jazz” (May 12). Mark your calendar now!



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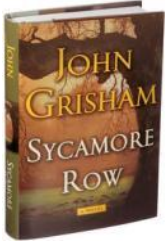
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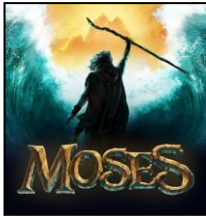


READING FOR FUN BOOK CLUB – Jack Hennessey



Welcome to the 2014 sessions of the Reading for Fun Book Club! All residents are invited to attend monthly Book Club meetings and also to become members of the Club. We took a holiday in December since most members have so many personal activities. We are starting off the new year with what promises to be one of the highest rated books we have ever read. The book is *Sycamore Row* by John Grisham, recommended by Jack Hennessey. The popularity of this book is attested to by the fact that one of our members was number 23 on the waiting list at the library! The tale involves the suicide of a wealthy white man named Henry Seth Hubbard. His original will named his two grown children as his beneficiaries. However, on the day he died, he had a handwritten copy of a new will delivered to his lawyer, Jake Brigance, naming Lettie Lang, his black housekeeper, as his primary beneficiary. The large amount of money involved entices many lawyers to get involved in the case. Jack says that this is the most satisfying book he has ever read. Read the book or attend the January 21 meeting to find out why.

SV SINGLES POSSIBLE BUS TRIP



The Grasonville Senior Center is sponsoring a bus trip on **Wednesday, April 9**, to see “Moses” at the Sight and Sound Theatre in Strasburg, Pennsylvania. The cost is \$102 per person - \$20 deposit at sign up and the balance by March 7. The cost includes motor coach transportation, show admission, lunch at [Good and Plenty Restaurant](#) in Smoketown, and a shopping stop at [Kitchen Kettle Village](#) in Intercourse. SV Singles will attend as a group if there is interest. So, if you would like to attend, please sign up in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse or contact Pauline Dulin directly. No money is due at this time – we’re just taking a count. To view the complete trip flier on the SV Website, go to [Senior Center Events](#) and click on “Details” for “Moses.”

If you are interested in becoming part of the SV Singles email group, please contact Linda Blume or sign up in the Activities Book.

IS THERE A SV CLUB FOR THAT?

Do you have an interest and wonder if there is a SV club or activity group for that interest? Look on the SV website at [CCCA](#) for information on Committees, Clubs, and Continuing Activities.

Information about the group or activity and a point of contact are listed.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



I would like to thank everyone for your caring support during my surgeries. Gary and I truly appreciated the delicious meals, beautiful flowers, cards, visits, and your prayers. We are so grateful and fortunate to live in such a caring, and supportive community.

Thanks again, Rochelle Ray

To Secret Santa:



The Beck family wishes to give thanks to whoever you are. We all really enjoyed the gifts and hope you are blessed like you bless others.

Gratefully, Marion, Robert, and Allen

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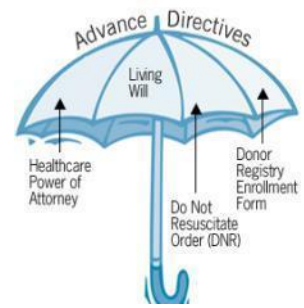
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Advanced Directives Seminar for End of Life Care

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BSO at Chesapeake College

 The Mid-Shore Symphony Society presents The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra on **Friday, January 24**, 8 p.m., at the Todd Performing Arts Center at Chesapeake College. The program is "Totally Mozart" and will include *Symphony No. 25 in G minor*, *Little G Minor*, *Horn Concerto No. 3 in E-flat major*, *Overture to Marriage of Figaro*, *Symphony No. 58 in D major*, and "Prague." Pre-concert conversation begins at 7 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to [Chesapeake College Events](#) or call 410-827-5867. The Mid-Shore Symphony Society is a non-profit volunteer organization established 43 years ago by individuals from Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot Counties dedicated to sponsoring three concerts every season by the BSO.

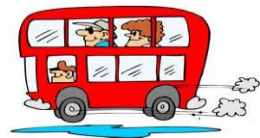
Pet Courtesy

According to the SV HOA Pet Policy: "Pets shall not be allowed on any Common Area unless accompanied by someone who can control the pet and unless carried or leashed. Pet droppings shall be cleaned up by the Owner of the pet." This is also a Queen Anne's County ordinance in its Animal Control Policy.



PLEASE, BE COURTEOUS, restrict your pets from yards between the sidewalk and homes, clean up their defecation, and please dispose of it at home.

Local Senior Center Trips



The Grasonville and Kent Island Senior Centers sponsor bus trips throughout the year. You can learn all about these trips on the SV Website. Just go to [Libretto](#) and click on Senior Center Events in the list underneath *Libretto* Addendum.

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LIFESTYLE COMMITTEE (continued from page 3)

The January 6 meeting brought a few changes to the Lifestyle Committee. Chris Pariseau left his position as Co-Chair and the Committee to spend time enjoying his retirement. The Lifestyle Committee wishes to thank Chris for all the time, energy, and contributions he put in last year. We also want to welcome new members, Carole Walsh and Debbie Buss. Returning members of the Committee are Donna Donaldson (Chair), Carolyn Harty (Vice Chair), Vinny Volpacelli, Mary Jo O'Keefe, and Joe Marotta, with Claudia McGurk as HOA Board liaison. New members are always welcome, or just show up at a meeting and participate in the planning fun.

Some events being planned for this year include a Country Music Happy Hour as well as other "special" Happy Hours that we hope to have on the Saturday night Happy Hours each month. Of course, we want to continue to have our Memorial Day Picnic, July 4th Picnic (with Happy Hour), Jimmy Buffet Pool Party, and Labor Day Picnic. Perhaps a pool party for Father's/Grandfather's Day.....the possibilities are limited only by the failure to suggest and plan projects and events! The success of the Lifestyle yearly events enables the Committee to add income to the Symphony Village general fund. We look forward to an even more successful 2014!

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Chicken Noodle Soup

From the Kitchen of Brenda Kelly

1 chicken breast half, bone in, with skin (¾ lb.)
¼ cup finely chopped shallots
4 cups water
2 ½ cups chicken broth*
½ cup finely diced celery

1 ¼ teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon marjoram
⅛ teaspoon thyme
3 oz. egg noodles, uncooked
pinch black pepper



- Place chicken skin side down in preheated 3-quart saucepan.
- Brown over medium heat for about 5 minutes.
- Remove chicken, reduce heat to low, add shallots, and stir a couple of minutes. Don't brown.
- Return chicken to pan, add remaining ingredients except noodles, and bring to a boil.
- Reduce heat to low simmer, leave pan uncovered, cook 30 minutes or until chicken is tender.
- Remove chicken and let cool. Discard bones and skin.
- Dice chicken and return it to pan. (Soup can be refrigerated at this point.)
- Just before serving, return soup to boil.
- Add noodles and cook until they are done.

*Knorr Homestyle Stock gel works well if you don't have fresh.

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LOCAL EVENTS

“Winter Saturdays Draw & Paint-In!”



The Kent Island Federation of Arts (405 Main Street) in Stevensville will host “Winter Saturdays Draw & Paint In!” on **Saturdays in January**, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Join fellow artists in your chosen media with still life and themed subjects followed by a critique. The program is free to KIFA members and \$5 for non-members. Walk-ins are welcome. Coffee and tea will be served – bring your favorite mug.

For more information, call 410-643-7424. ([QAC Tourism](#))

Small Works Exhibition, Raffle, and Small Classes



The QAC Arts Council will hold this event **January 10 – February 22**. This fundraiser features small works of art, donations from artists around the country, and benefits the Arts Council. Ceramics, oils, watercolors, jewelry, textiles, mixed media, and photography will be represented at the Centre for the Arts (206 S. Commerce Street) in Centreville. Special events and workshops will take place during the exhibit, and there will be a raffle. For all the details, go to [Arts Council](#) and click on “Events and Opportunities.”

Anne Arundel County: “Look Homeward Angel”: select dates **January 10 – February 9**: Compass Rose Theatre, Annapolis: [Look Homeward Angel](#)

Caroline County: Dog Walking with Vicki Arion: **Thursdays, January 16 and 23**: Adkins Arboretum (12610 Eveland Road), Ridgely: [Dog Walking](#)

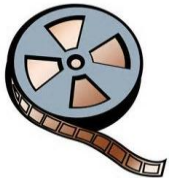
“How the Other Half Loves”



“How the Other Half Loves” by Alan Ayckbourn will be presented at Church Hill Theatre (103 Walnut Street) in Church Hill on weekends, January 17 – February 2. Couples share their husbands’ common workplace, and comedy results as the shared experience becomes complicated. Friday and Saturday performances begin at 8 p.m., and Sunday performances begin at 2 p.m. Call 410-758-1331 for more information and tickets.

([Church Hill Theatre](#))

Kent County Library Winter Film Festival



The Kent County Library (408 High Street) in Chestertown presents a “Winter Film Festival”:

Friday, January 17, 2 p.m.: *Shane* (1953) starring Alan Ladd, Jean Arthur, and Van Heflin;

Friday, January 24, 2 p.m.: *The Defiant Ones* (1958) starring Tony Curtis, Sidney Poitier, and Theodore Bikel;

Friday, January 31, 2 p.m.: *The Manchurian Candidate* (1962) starring Frank Sinatra, Laurence Harvey, Angela Lansbury, and Janet Leigh;

Friday, February 7, 2 p.m.: *A Star is Born* (1954) starring Judy Garland, James Mason, and Jack Carson;

Friday, February 14, 2 p.m.: *An Affair to Remember* (1957) starring Cary Grant, Deborah Kerr, and Richard Denning.

To view the rest of the film series, go to [Kent County Library Calendar](#). The movies are free, and popcorn is included.

“2nd Saturdays at the Denton Artsway”



The Caroline County Council of Arts sponsors “2nd Saturdays at the Denton Artsway” that provides the public with an opportunity to watch local artists demonstrate their talents across an array of mediums including plein air to pumpkin painting and basket weaving to jewelry making. The event is held the **second Saturday of every month** from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Denton Artsway (on 4th Street, between Gay and Market Streets) in Denton. All events are open to the public, free of charge, and often encourage audience participation. For more information, call the Caroline County Council of Arts at 410-479-1009 or go to [2nd Saturdays](#).

Fiber Arts Center of the Eastern Shore



The Fiber Arts Center of the Eastern Shore (FACES) (7 North 4th Street) in Denton is a destination for the area’s many quilt and fiber art enthusiasts, visitors, and residents to view historic and recent works by quilters and fiber artists from Maryland’s Eastern Shore and the Delmarva Peninsula. FACES provides a central networking facility for fiber artists in the region; increases public access to and education about fiber art; fosters and promotes creativity in all areas of fiber art; and works to preserve fiber art skills and traditions. Classes and exhibits are offered throughout the year – go to [FACES](#) for a complete schedule and more information.

Upcoming classes:

Introduction to Quilting: **January 18, February 1, and February 15**

Painting with Thread: **Sunday, January 26**

Drop Spindle 101: Learn the Art of Spinning: **Saturday, February 8** and repeated on **Saturday, March 8**

Traditional Rug Hooking Workshop: **Saturdays, February 22 – March 29**

Get Creative with Your Sewing Machine: **Sunday, February 23**

Register online and find the cost per class at [Current Classes](#) or call 410-479-0009.

Wicomico County: **Nautical and Wildlife Art Festival: January 18-19**: Ocean City Convention Center: [Maryland Tourism - Art Festival](#)

Dr. Martin Luther King Birthday Celebration



There will be a Martin Luther King Birthday Celebration on **Monday, January 20**, noon – 4 p.m., at the Todd Performing Arts Center at Chesapeake College in Wye Mills. The program will have a speaker, singing groups, and praise dancers. The event is suitable for all ages. For more information, call 410-758-1498. ([QAC Tourism](#))

Friday Nites in Caroline



The Caroline County Council of Arts and the Caroline Public Library present “Friday Nites in Caroline” from October through March. The free performances are held at several venues in the county, and offer a fun evening for the entire family. Remaining in the current series:

Gypsy Wind: **Friday, January 24**, 7 p.m.: Central Library (100 Market Street), Denton;

Gospel Showcase: **Friday, February 7**, 7 p.m.: Colonel Richardson High School Auditorium (25320 Richardson Road), Federalsburg;

Jay Smar: **Friday, March 7**: 7 p.m.: Central Library;

Eric Byrd Trio: **Friday, March 14**, 7 p.m.: Central Library; and

L’Esprit Creole: **Friday, March 21**, 7 p.m.: Central Library.

For more information, go to [Friday Nites](#).

Anne Arundel County: **Midshipmen Classical Recital**: Friday, January 24, 7:30 p.m.: U. S. Naval Academy Main Chapel, Annapolis: [Navy Performs](#)

Wicomico County: **Lone Star Rodeo's Bulls, Broncs, and Barrels Tour**: January 24-25: Wicomico Civic Center, Salisbury: [Lone Star Rodeo](#)

18th Annual MSP Polar Bear Plunge



The Maryland State Police Polar Bear Plunge will be held on **Saturday, January 25**, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., at Sandy Point State Park in Annapolis. Take a quick dip in the Chesapeake Bay to raise funds for Special Olympics Maryland. Not ready to bare it all? Then join in the festivities – fully clothed – under a huge heated tent that includes vendor booths, live entertainment, zoo animals, food court, carnival amusements, sandcastle building, a “kid’s zone,” and much more. The cost is \$75 to plunge – free to watch. Go to [Polar Bear Plunge](#) for more details and to register or make a donation.

Kent Island Fishermen's 4th Annual Fishing Flea Market



The Kent Island Chapter of the Maryland Saltwater Sportfishing Association will hold a Flea Market on **January 25-26** at Kent Island American Legion Post #278 (800 Romancoke Road) in Stevensville. Hours are 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Saturday and 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Sunday. Recreational anglers can find what they need to head into the 2014 fishing season. Admission is \$3 per person.

Andy's Burger Night (Revisited)



Cold weather does not mean that you have to wait months to eat locally! Andy's Burger Night on **Sunday, January 26**, promotes locally produced food items from St. Brigid's Farm, SB Farms, Cedar Run Farm, Crow Farm, Boxer's Rest, Priapi Gardens, Colchester Farm, Homestead Farm, Chesapeake Greens, Evergrain Bakery, Chapel's Country Creamery, Eve's Cheese, Lockbriar Farm, 16 Mile Brewery, Crow Farm Vineyard, Nice Farms Creamery, and other local producers. Proceeds benefit the Locavore Lit Fest. Tickets must be purchased in advance online at [Burger Night](#) or from Unity Church Hill Nursery (3621 Church Hill Road, Route 213) in Church Hill or from Bookplate (in Chestertown). Tickets are \$25 for a single ticket and \$40 for a couple. Seatings are at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. The event takes place at Unity Church Hill Nursery. For more information, call 410-810-7162. Please note that this event usually sells out, so tickets may not be available at the door. ([Chesapeake Taste](#))

Class: "Intro to iPads"



The Queen Anne's County Free Library (121 S. Commerce Street) in Centreville will hold a class, “Intro to iPads,” on **Thursday, January 30**, 10 a.m. – noon. Did you get one for the holidays? Are you just curious about what they are and how they work? Sign up for this introductory session and learn the basics of using an iPad and some helpful hints and tricks. Space is limited, so sign up by calling 410-758-0980. ([Library Calendar](#))

Talbot County: **"This Old Chesapeake House" 5-Part Lecture Series**: January 30, February 6, 12, 26, March 7: Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, St. Michaels: [CBMM January Calendar](#)

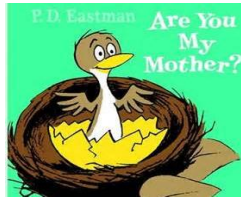
Wicomico County: **Monster Truck Thrill Show: January 31 and February 1:** Wicomico Civic Center, Salisbury: [Monster Truck Thrill Show](#)

Exhibit: “The Human Form Show: The Body in Art”



The Kent Island Federation of Arts (405 Main Street) in Stevensville presents “The Human Form Show: The Body in Art” on **February 5 – March 1.** ([KIFA](#))

“Are You My Mother?”



“Are You My Mother?” comes to the Todd Performing Arts Center at Chesapeake College on **Friday, February 7, 7 p.m.** Told with humor, sensitivity, and a bit of silliness, this touching story shows how loss can be turned into empowerment and how Baby Bird happily finds more than she was looking for. The show features a rich and upbeat musical score with imaginative sets and costumes. Tickets are \$9 per person. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to [Chesapeake College Events](#).

Talbot County: **Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum Free Fridays in February:** February 7, 14, 21, and 28: CBMM, St. Michaels: 410-745-2916

Wicomico County: **Justin Moore’s Off the Beaten Path Tour:** Friday, February 7, Wicomico Civic Center, Salisbury: [Justin Moore](#)

Anne Arundel County: **Annapolis Symphony Family Concert *The Lost Elephant*:** Saturday, February 8: Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, Annapolis: [ASO The Lost Elephant](#)

Kent County: **Mardi Gras Dance Party:** Saturday, February 8, 7 p.m.: Garfield Center for the Arts at the Prince Theatre, Chestertown: [Kent Tourism](#)

Talbot County: **“Inside Rosy’s White House: An Afternoon with FDR”:** Saturday, February 8, 1 p.m.: St. Michaels Library (106 Fremont Street): [Motivational Theatre](#)

“S’mores & Stories” Under the Stars



The Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center (600 Discovery Lane) in Grasonville presents “S’mores and Stories” once a month. The next program is **Wednesday, February 12, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.**, “Nature Love.” Meet in the Pavilion to the right of the parking area. The cost is \$3 for members, \$5 non-members, and free to children under 2 years of age. Reservations are encouraged – call 410-827-6694 or email knelson@bayrestoration.org. ([“S’mores and Stories”](#))

Talbot County: **“Proof” by the Tred Avon Players and Hugh Gregory Gallagher Theatre:** February 13-15, 20-22, and February 27 – March 2: Oxford Community Center, Oxford: [Tred Avon Players](#)

Anne Arundel County: **The Orlando Consort’s 25th Anniversary USA Concert Tour:** Friday, February 14: Francis Scott Key Auditorium, St. John’s College, Annapolis: [College Events](#)

Wicomico County: **Seaside Boat Show:** February 14-16: Ocean City Convention Center, Ocean City: [OC Boat Show](#)

“Second Chance Romance Dance Legends Show”



American Legion Post 278 (800 Romancoke Road) in Stevensville will host the “Second Chance Romance Dance Legends Show” on **Saturday, February 15**, 6-9 p.m. The cost is \$65 per couple or \$35 for singles. Entertainment by *Chuck Fisher and The Legends*. For more information, go to [AL Post 278](#) or call 410-643-2728. ([Shore Update](#))

17th Annual Bay to Ocean Writers Conference



The Writers Conference will be held on **Saturday, February 22**, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., at Chesapeake College in Wye Mills. This year’s conference features 24 sessions/workshops. Topics include the craft of writing (fiction, poetry, mystery, memoir, or magazine features), publishing (including self-publishing), the business of writing, digital issues (blogging and using social media), and how to get books made into films. Conference fee is \$115 for adults. Early registration is recommended as the conference has sold out for the past seven years. For more information and to register, go to [Bay to Ocean](#).

Queen Anne’s County Parks and Recreation Bus Trips



Philadelphia Flower Show: **Friday, March 7**: register by **Friday, February 14**: \$65.

Register online at [Parks and Recreation](#) or by calling 410-758-0848.

Trivia Answers

1. *b.* Snowdrop
2. *c.* Beginnings
3. *c.* Garnet
4. *c.* Richard Nixon
5. *b.* Martin Luther King Jr. Day