



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.

Musings from the Board

A few words about the Snow Removal Policy. First a little history. In 2009, a sub-committee of the Operations Committee was tasked to create guidelines on snow removal for the community. The original guidelines included a starting point of a 2-inch accumulation and included all community driveways/sidewalks. When the HOA asked for bids, no one wanted to bid without a guaranteed retainer even if we had a winter without snow. Dennison finally agreed to take the contract and then sublet it out to the Sod Farm, the company we had when we had the horrendous winter four years ago.



The policy has been fine tuned to where it is now. Our contractor, who is not guaranteed anything unless he shows up, is called when we have at least a 3-inch of snow (Centreville clears streets at 4-inches). Work is also segregated into 3 phases (we can opt for all, some, or just one – at the discretion of the Board liaison): 1) Clubhouse parking lots and sidewalks; 2) Unfinished roads; and/or 3) Homeowners' driveways and walks from the driveway to the front door. On corner houses, the driveways and a short path from the front door to the street will be cleared.

The contractor has been told that when they are doing homeowners' driveways to start at different locations in the community so that the same homes aren't last every time. The contract calls for calcium chloride to be applied where requested to driveways and walkways and rock salt for the roads. Homeowners who do not want chemicals applied should have a ribbon attached to their front lamp post.

On a snow day – homeowners will be notified via email by the property manager as to which phase will be done. At the January Board of Directors' Meeting, Manager Dennis Sesplankis reported that removal of the snow from the first two storms cost close to \$31,000. – Dave Peterson

2014 COMMITTEES EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Committee	Chairman	Vice Chairman	Board Liaison
Budget and Finance	Robert Joy	Larry Cordrey	Alan Ettman
Covenants	Ellen Norman	Chris Pariseau	Dave Peterson
Lifestyle	Donna Donaldson	Carolyn Harty	Claudia McGurk
Operations	Joe Brown	Jim Cooke	Dave Peterson
Publications	Carol Hodges	Linda Blume	Claudia McGurk

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COVENANTS COMMITTEE – Ellen Norman, Chair

On January 13, the Covenants Committee met for the first time this year. We have six new members this year and five returning members. Ellen Norman was re-elected as Chairperson and Chris Pariseau is Vice-Chair. Chris is also serving as secretary. Our meetings continue to be the second Monday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in the Clubhouse Ballroom. Anyone may come to our meetings to observe us at work. Our next meeting will be March 10.



We ask residents to turn in a Modification Request for any work planned around the exterior of the home. These can be found on the SV Website (at [Exterior Modification Form](#)) or request a form from the office. Please be sure to include all pertinent information needed for us to review your request. This also includes a plat of your property. We look forward, with your help, to continue making Symphony Village a beautiful neighborhood.

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in a moment of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

LIFESTYLE COMMITTEE – Donna Donaldson, Chair

- **Valentine 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 50's, 60's, and early 70's. Valentine celebration will be the theme for appetizer/snacks and desserts. There will be a "cover charge" of \$5/person for the music. No sign up is necessary.
- **Ladies' Happy Hour** – Thursday, February 27, 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.
- **Lifestyle Committee Meeting** – Monday, March 3, at 7 p.m.



All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

- **Lunch Bunch** – The Lunch Bunch is scheduled to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 6, at Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant located at the Annapolis Mall. The address is 2100 Annapolis Mall. The sign-up sheet is in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse. If you need a ride or have a question, please call Bea Trotta at 410-758-0332 or Marge Strano at 410-758-2511. All are welcome to join us for an afternoon of delicious food and jovial conversation.



- **Happy Hour** – Friday, March 7, 6 p.m. Bring an appetizer or a dessert.
- **Happy Hour** – Saturday, March 15, 6 p.m. Bring an appetizer or a dessert.
- **Tai Kwando Seminar** – Sunday, March 23, 2 p.m. – Gary Fookes, who is a black belt and teaches Tai Kwando at SV, is giving a free seminar on Sunday, March 23 in the Concert Hall from 2 – 3 p.m. This will be a very informative talk and demonstration on what to do when going to your car with groceries and someone approaches as well as general knowledge of how to be prepared in case of an attack. Please sign up in advance.
- **Garage Sale** – Saturday, April 12.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to host Happy Hours on the first Fridays and third Saturdays during the year. We used to get volunteers, but lately no one has signed up. Since Tim sets up tables, all that is needed is to put out plastic ware and plates and napkins and dispose of any leftover food after the event. Sign up in the Activities Book or call Carolyn Harty at 410-758-2626.

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OUTREACH – *Carlene Cooke, President*

Neighbor to Neighbor– *Eleanor Strietman, Chair*



As happens at the beginning of every year, Neighbor to Neighbor has some old business to report. As always, the past year was very busy. Our Street Captains sent a total of 131 cards to neighbors offering everything from get-well wishes and sympathy to congratulations for big and little joys. The Captains coordinated the preparation and delivery of 54 meals. Captains visited neighbors 73 times and provided general assistance on 13 occasions. They shopped three times for shut-in neighbors and processed three requests for the loan of medical equipment. Prayer requests were forwarded to the Prayer Chain 16 times, and 14 donations were made to various charities in memory of residents. In addition, a charitable donation was made in memory of Norman Rychwalski on behalf of the community. Pages were entered in the Memorial Book in memory of six residents.

I am certain that 2014 will also be a busy year for Neighbor to Neighbor. How nice it is to know that Street Captains will always be available to help.

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SAVE THE DATE

Your Symphony Village Outreach program will be sponsoring its first

Family Afternoon Tea Party

When: Saturday, April 26, at the Clubhouse

Time: 2 p.m. Book

Ticket price and sign-up sheets will be available shortly in the Activities room with a more complete description of the event.

This promises to be a sellout, so don't delay once reservations become available.

Please mark your calendars for a fun, family afternoon!

We are asking residents to invite their daughters (also in-laws), granddaughters, and great-granddaughters to this event. Also invited would be sisters (and in-laws) or nieces or cousins.



5th Annual Card and Game Party – Carlene Cooke



What a great time everyone had at the Fifth Annual Card and Game Party on January 30. There was good camaraderie, fun card and game playing, a wonderful lunch, very nice raffle items, and door prizes — and great weather! The Outreach Committee would like to thank the residents of Symphony Village and their friends for once again supporting this event! Also, thanks to the

ladies from Kent Island, Prospect Bay, and the Western Shore for joining us.

Lauren Rose and Carlene Cooke headed up the Card Party part of the event, Sandee Love chaired the door prizes, and she and Loretta Quigley ran the raffles. Nancie Cameron and her fantastic team, Teri Nudo, Bea Trotta, Linda Gardner, Barbara Locke, Patty Parks, Anita Dell, Margo Wagner, Cindy Backer, Courtney Pilgrim, Anita Morris, Linda Blume, Loretta Quigley, and Elaine Shenkle provided nice snacks in the morning and a delicious lunch. And once again, Willie DiLaura provided bags of 'card suit' sugar cookies for each participant, and Linda Blume made cross stitch bookmarks for favors.



A big 'thank you' also goes to those who contributed raffle items: Cindy Backer for the lovely quilt, won by guest Lynn Marano; Teri Nudo for the pretty ceramic vase, won by guest Abby Bookhultz; and Betty Hernan for the gift certificates to Chili's Restaurant, won by Symphony Village resident Ella Hamilton. Queenstown Premium Outlets donated the nice gift bags.



The 50/50 raffle winner was Symphony Village resident, Christa Fookes, who graciously donated a portion back to Outreach for the Card Party beneficiary. Thank you, Christa.

Proceeds from this event go to the Adult Day Medical Care Program of Chesterwye, located on Kent Island. And because of your support and volunteerism, Outreach is able to give them a very nice donation. Thank you!!

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PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS – Carol Hodges, Chair

Weekly Calendar

To ensure that your item gets in the Weekly Calendar as posted in the Daily Bulletin, get it to Sue Canfield by Wednesday morning of that week.

Computer Help

If you need help with your computer, call Carol Hodges at 410-758-0491.

Bash List

To receive email about upcoming social events, sign up for the Bash List by going to the Directory page of the Website.

All Are Welcome

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

SNEAKERS – *Bea Trotta*

Book Giveaway

Sneakers will host a book giveaway on Monday, March 3, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. at Centreville Elementary School. This book giveaway is coordinated with Centreville Elementary School. The main focus of the program is to get the students motivated to read. If you have a couple of hours to spare, we look forward to your participation in this worthwhile program. Sign-up sheets will be placed in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse.



Kennard Chess Night

The Kennard Chess Club match will be held at the Clubhouse on Thursday, May 15, at 6 p.m. Residents are welcome to participate. Details will follow soon.

Golf Outing and Card/Game Party

The Golf Outing and Card/Game Party will be held at Prospect Bay on Tuesday, June 10. As we get closer to the event, further details and sign-up sheets will be placed in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse.

Next Meeting

The next Sneakers meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 26, at 3 p.m. in the Clubhouse. All residents are welcome to join us.

Trivia Questions

by Karin Anne Larsen

1. What musical group had a Top-10 hit with the song, "Peppermint Twist" during the week of February 3, 1962?
2. On February 20, 1962, who became the first American to orbit the Earth?
3. Which United States President was impeached on February 24, 1868?
4. Born February 11, 1847, which famous inventor is quoted as saying, "Genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration"?
5. What magazine was the defendant in the February 24, 1988, trial when the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the right to satirize public figures?

CLUBS AND CLASSES

BIRD CLUB – *Linda Blume*



The 17th annual [Great Backyard Bird Count](#) will take place **February 14 – 17**. Launched in 1998 by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society, the Great Backyard Bird Count was the first online citizen-science project to collect data on wild birds and to display results in near real-time. All levels of experience may participate - beginner to advanced. To participate, tally the numbers and kinds of birds you see for at least 15 minutes on one or more days of the count in your yard. The information is then easily entered via the website. Go to the website for more information.

DINING IN



A good time and great lasagna with all the trimmings was had by all 12 at Nancie and Don

Cameron's home in January. The next Dining In will be at Nancy Pashby's home on Sunday, February 23, at 6 p.m. Lauren and Bob Rose have agreed to be hosts as well if needed. Please sign up in the Activities Book in the Clubhouse. You will be called and asked to bring an appetizer, side, or a dessert. Hope to see you there.

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GARDEN CLUB and VICTORY GARDEN – *Jack Hennessey*



Our decision to not harvest any of the flower seed pods was a good one. The birds were flocking to the gazebo in search of food during our cold and snowy January. In addition, management authorized us to install a thistle feeder, a sunflower feeder, and a suet feeder, which have attracted numerous and varied birds. The best time to observe these birds is about 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. We have seen goldfinches, house finches, white throated sparrows, mourning doves, blue jays, juncos, cardinals, and mockingbirds. We have even seen an occasional woodpecker attracted to the suet feeder. Incidentally, K-Mart seems to be the best place to purchase bird supplies.

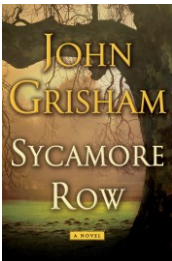
Also, unless you want to attract starlings and English sparrows, do not use general purpose food, which contains lots of cracked corn and millet. I did observe an occasional hawk stalking our bird feeder, and actually saw a hawk swooping down to grab a songbird as it left our feeder. I guess that is part of the food chain. C'est la vie!

I have also started saving egg shells, which I grind up to provide calcium for the purple martins during their nesting season. They will be arriving early in April. Interested residents can check the martin migration pattern on their computer.

Steve Guy reports that two new gardeners will be joining us in the spring. However, one of our gardening teams has resigned. We still have room for four more gardeners (or teams). Steve will be scheduling two more "Group Work Parties," which were very successful last year. Contact Steve if you are interested in joining the Gazebo Flower Gardeners at 301-641-8728.

Weather permitting; we will start tilling the victory garden in time for spring planting, typically on St. Patrick's Day. Dave Peterson will be tuning up his tiller for the occasion. In the meantime, stay warm, and pray for an early thaw.

READING FOR FUN BOOK CLUB – Jack Hennessey



Great news! Our first book for 2014 was a smash hit! The book we read was *Sycamore Row* by John Grisham. It is extremely popular. One of our members was number 23 on the wait list at the library. As is our custom, we did buy a copy of this book for the SV Library. Several of our members get copies on their Kindle or other electronic gadgets. This book received a rating of 8.9 on a scale of 1 to 10. This is the highest rating for any book that we have read. (The previous high was *Sarah's Key*, by Tatiana de Rosnay.) As recorded in our January report, the story involves the competition between a last

minute handwritten will and a prior recorded will. Read the book to find out which will prevails, revealed in the surprise ending. Joan provided a delicious avocado dip and chips, with peach tea to wash it down.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 18, in the Clubhouse. All residents are invited to sit in on our meetings. We want to welcome Don and Nancie Cameron who have recently joined the Book Club.

It is our policy to not reveal upcoming selections except to members. This may help to ensure that our members do not wind up as number 23 on the reserve list! Y'all come and enjoy the discussions and the dessert.

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.

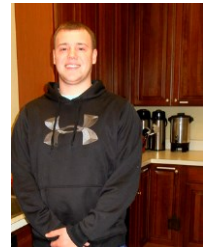
IS THERE A SV CLUB FOR THAT?

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. Don't see what you're looking for – START A NEW CLUB!

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

“Welcome Aboard” Tim Spangler

We have a new face at the Clubhouse, Tim Spangler. Tim was hired in January as our Maintenance Tech. Fortunately for us, one of our residents knew Tim was looking for a job and suggested he call Dennis. Tim's future ambition may be to join the Marines, but right now he is delighted to be working here at Symphony Village, and we are delighted to have him. Next time you visit the Clubhouse be sure to look for him, introduce yourself, and **welcome him aboard.**



Using the SV Pavilion for Private Parties

Have you ever wanted to have a family picnic or crab feast at the Picnic Pavilion near the bocce ball courts and the swimming pool? Well, the HOA Board of Directors has made it easier to plan your private party. There are now “courtesy sign-up sheets” in the Activities Book where you can list the date you would like to use the Pavilion for your party. Keep in mind the Pavilion is reserved annually on three holiday weekends: Memorial Day, July Fourth, and Labor Day. Additionally, neighbors get together to play bocce ball at the Pavilion one evening a week during the spring and summer. Keep these events in mind when you choose your date. (Check the monthly SV Calendar for dates and times.)

Although the courtesy sheet does not reserve the Pavilion, it does let others know your projected plans and may prevent unhappy surprises. It is our hope the courtesy sign-up sheets at least make it easier to plan. Because this is a new procedure, however, there will most likely be some kinks to work out. Please be patient and please be courteous to your neighbors. If two neighbors want the same day, we hope they can either share the Pavilion or one can choose another date. We welcome your suggestions. Make them known on the Daily Bulletin or write them down and give them to Nancy at the front desk.



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With that in mind, there is now a plan to provide “official” bluebird houses (constructed by a local Boy Scout troop) to residents using a pre-paid/sign-up procedure. Each interested homeowner should sign-up in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse within a month’s period (mid-February to mid-March), and provide \$20 in cash or check, to be kept temporarily by Nancy or Dennis. This pre-paid amount will not include payment for a pole/stake or predator guard. Residents will be provided “fact sheets” (with instructions for installing and monitoring the houses) when they pick up the houses.

Once the houses on private lots have been installed, then plans to add houses on common properties to “complete” the trail will follow. So, indicate your interest in the Activities Book beginning February 15, along with a \$20 payment. The check should be made out to Boy Scout Troop #1631 as indicated in the Activities Book. Questions? Call Betty McAtee at 410-758-2443.

Cleaning Out Your Craft Room?



The Fiber Arts Center of the Eastern Shore (FACES) (7 North 4th Street) in Denton is always in need of all kinds of materials and tools to offer classes and demonstrations to people of all ages. Check out the [Wish List](#) for a complete list, but items such as yarn (all types and amounts), fabric

(all types and amounts), scissors and rotary cutters (all types and amounts), sewing accessories (thread, needles, bobbins, pin cushions, buttons, etc.), needlework tools (needles, fabric, floss, embroidery hoops, etc.) are included. FACES is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, and all donations are tax deductible as allowed by law. Call FACES at 410-479-0009 if you have any questions.

Centreville Farmers’ Market Shopper’s Survey



From the Town of Centreville: The Centreville Farmers' Market is seeking feedback from previous and potential shoppers of the Farmers' Market. Please complete the [Shopper's Survey](#) and return it to Town Hall (in person, by fax, or by mail) **no later than February 28**. Return to: Town of Centreville, Attn. – Farmers’ Market, 101 Lawyers Row, Centreville, MD 21617; FAX 410-758-1180.

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Winter Energy Saving Tips

by Bob Offerman

Minimize Drafts and Heat/Cooling Loss

1. Lock windows to ensure they're fully closed and sealed.
2. Close insulating shades or drapes, especially in rooms you're not using. Insulating shades such as closed-cell honeycomb really work.
3. If you have windows with a southern exposure, open the shades and drapes on sunny afternoons to let *direct* sunlight and solar warmth into the room. (Make sure ceiling fans are operating in reverse (blowing upward) mode.) Close shades as soon as direct sunlight wanes.
4. Check for air leaks around the exterior doors. If necessary, the clearance at the bottom of the door can be adjusted by raising/lowering the threshold (located on the floor, under the door). It is usually adjusted by turning the screws that hold it to the floor. A "sweep" can also be screwed to the bottom of the door if still drafty. If you have drafts around the sides or top of the door, self-adhesive foam insulation strips can be applied. (Available at a hardware store.)

(For many more tips, read the rest of this article online on the [Sources](#) page.)

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Basmati Restaurant

by Dorthea Turek



If you are looking for a different kind of food or if you enjoy Indian cuisine, my friends and I recommend Basmati restaurant. I have eaten there several times and enjoy their food. They have a lunch buffet, and you can order from the menu at lunch and dinner. One reason we have chosen to eat there is that they have vegan food. If you have a vegan in the family, it is a good choice. They will add tofu to any vegan dish.

The appetizer we ordered was Vegetable Samosa. This is a triangular pastry stuffed with potatoes and green peas, and then fried. It is delicious. The Samosa also can be ordered stuffed with meat and green peas.

The dishes we ordered were Chicken Tikka Masala (chicken breast pieces marinated in spices and yogurt, baked in a tandoor oven, and cooked in a tomato-based creamy sauce), Chicken Korma (mildly spiced chicken flavored with coconut and simmered in cream and nuts), Lamb Methi (pieces of lamb cooked with fenugreek in a curry sauce), and Chana Masala (chickpeas cooked with onions, tomatoes, and spices). Tofu was added to this dish. When you order your food, they ask you how much heat you want and cook it to your request. Flavorful basmati rice is served with the meal. We added to our

meal Tandoori Naan (bread baked in a clay oven (tandoor)). Our favorite desserts are Kheer (Indian rice pudding with almonds and raisins) and Kulfi (Indian ice cream made with condensed milk, almonds, pistachios, and rose water).

Basmati has a [very long menu](#) with many choices.

The restaurant is located at 2444 Solomon's Island Road (Route 2), Annapolis, between Chevy's and Harbor Mall. Lunch hours are Monday—Friday, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Saturday—Sunday, noon-3 p.m. Dinner hours are Sunday—Thursday, 5 - 9:30, Friday & Saturday, 5 - 10:30 p.m. The phone number is 410-266-6355.



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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Cheddar, Corn and Potato Bisque

From the Kitchen of Nancie Cameron



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3 yellow onions, chopped
3 Tbsp. flour
3 quarts vegetable broth
7-8 cups Yukon Gold potatoes, diced
1 large bag frozen yellow corn
3 cups whole milk

4 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese
1-2 tsp. Chipotle chili pepper (to taste)
2 tsp. liquid smoke (to taste)
2-3 tsp. white balsamic vinegar (to taste)
Salt and Pepper to taste
Chopped parsley for garnish

- ✓ In a large soup pot, melt butter over medium-high heat;
- ✓ Sauté onion until tender.
- ✓ Mix in flour, coating onion.
- ✓ Add broth and bring to a boil, whisking constantly until smooth.
- ✓ Reduce heat, add potatoes, and simmer 20 minutes or until tender.
- ✓ Add corn and milk.
- ✓ With an immersion blender, blend to "bisque" consistency.
- ✓ Remove from heat and stir in cheddar cheese until melted.
- ✓ Add chili pepper, liquid smoke, white balsamic vinegar, salt and pepper.
- ✓ Garnish each serving with chopped parsley.

LOCAL EVENTS

Caroline County: **Exhibit: “Quilts of the Eastern Shore”**: January 9 – March 22: Fiber Arts Center of the Eastern Shore, Denton: [Quilts of the Eastern Shore](#)

Exhibit: Stanley Galkin Retrospective



In honor of Stanley Galkin's passing on July 26, 2013, at the age of 82, The Kent Island Federation of Arts (KIFA) presents the Stanley Galkin Retrospective **January 13 – March 29**. This is a solo show of his many works of art, and it is hung at the Queen Anne's County Exploration Center (425 Piney Narrows Road) in Chester. The Center is open 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday – Friday (winter hours). A portion of the proceeds will benefit KIFA. ([QAC Tourism](#))

“Winter Sundays – Draw & Paint-In”



The Kent Island Federation of Arts (405 Main Street) in Stevensville will host “Winter Sundays – Draw & Paint-In” on **Sundays in February**, 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. Bring your art materials and your coffee mug for time with other artists. The event is free for members and \$5 for non-members. ([KIFA Events](#))

Caroline County: **Dog Walking with Vicki Arion**: **Thursdays in February and March**: Adkins Arboretum (12610 Eveland Road), Ridgely: [Dog Walking](#)

Talbot County: **Mark Salter's "S" Series Chesapeake Seasons Cooking Demonstrations**: select dates **February 8 – May 3**: The Robert Morris Inn, Oxford: [Cooking Demo Series](#)

Talbot County: **Tred Avon Players Present "Proof"**: select dates **February 13 – March 2**: Oxford Community Center, Oxford: [Tred Avon Players](#)

Anne Arundel County: **The Colonial Players present "Superior Donuts"**: select dates, **February 14 – March 2**: Colonial Players Theatre, Annapolis: [The Colonial Players](#)

CBEC Environmentally Speaking Lecture Series: "Farmers and the Bay"



The Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center (600 Discovery Lane) in Grasonville will present "Farmers and the Bay" on **Wednesday, February 19**, 7 – 8:30 p.m., as part of its ongoing Lecture Series. Paul Spies, a farmer and a conservation planner with the Chester River Association, will speak on local agricultural practices and ways. The cost is \$10.

Reservations are recommended (call 410-827-6694), but not required. ([Lecture Series](#))

Workshop: "Flower Arranging"



The QAC Arts Council will hold a workshop on "Flower Arranging" on **Thursday, February 20**, 5:30 – 7 p.m., at the Centre for the Arts (206 S. Commerce Street) in Centerville. Elise Murdoch of Murdoch Florist and Gardens will teach the basics of floral design as students make a fresh centerpiece to take home. The cost is \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members. Call 410-758-2520 for more information.

Anne Arundel County: **Winter Musical: "Spamalot"**: select dates, **February 21 – March 2**: Mahan Hall, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis: [Navy Performs](#)

Anne Arundel County: **The Ballet Theatre of Maryland presents "Swan Lake"**: **February 21-23**: Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, Annapolis: [Maryland Hall Performances](#)

Dorchester County: **69th Annual National Outdoor Show**: **February 21-22**: Golden Hill: [National Outdoor Show](#)

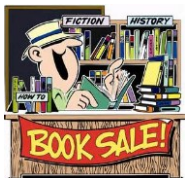
Caroline County: **Soup 'n Walk**: **Saturday, February 22**: Adkins Arboretum (12610 Eveland Road), Ridgely: [Soup 'n Walk](#)

Kent County: **Oyster Feast to Benefit Elf** (the oldest active racing yacht, built in 1888): **Saturday, February 22**: Rock Hall Yacht Club, Rock Hall: [Kent Tourism](#)

Dorchester County: **3rd Annual Crawfish Boil and Muskrat Stew Festival**: **Sunday, February 23**: Cannery Way Park, Cambridge: [Cambridge Events](#)

Anne Arundel County: **Annapolis Restaurant Week**: **February 24 – March 2**: [Annapolis Restaurant Week](#)

12th Annual Books Café



The Books Café will take place on **February 26 – March 2** at St. Luke's Chapel (7208 Main Street) in Queenstown. Over 25,000 books, all sorted, will be offered for sale at up to 90% off the cover price. There will be books on history, fiction, biography, travel, military history, children's, nature, cooking, and much more. Hours are noon – 5 p.m. daily. Food will also be available for purchase. For more information, call 410-827-8484. ([QAC Tourism](#))

Wicomico County: **Harlem Globetrotters**: **Tuesday, February 25**: Wicomico Civic Center, Salisbury: [Harlem Globetrotters](#)

“Chefs on the Go”



The Grasonville Senior Center (4802 Main Street) in Grasonville will host "[Chefs on the Go](#)" cooking demonstration and lunch on **Thursday, February 27**, 11 a.m.

Traveling cook duo Chef Sue Latini and Chef Rosalie Felter will prepare an Italian meal of Bruschetta and sun dried tomatoes, pasta e piselli, green salad, and ricotta cappuccino dessert. During the demonstration, they will share techniques, recipes, and experiences, as well as dish up samples for the participants. This event is limited to 20 participants, and the cost is \$5 per person. For more information and to register, call 410-827-6010.

Wicomico County: **Casting Crowns’ Thrive Tour: Thursday, February 27**: Wicomico Civic Center, Salisbury: [Casting Crowns](#)

Spring Sea Glass Festival



The Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center (600 Discovery Lane) in Grasonville will host the Spring Sea Glass Festival **February 28 – March 1**. The Sea Glass Vendors Fair will take place on **Saturday**, noon – 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 410-604-2100. ([QAC Tourism](#))

Anne Arundel County: **The Annapolis Symphony Orchestra presents “Austrian Melodies”**: **February 28** and **March 1**: Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, Annapolis: [Maryland Hall Performances](#)

“Heritage in Song” Concert



The Kennard Alumni Association,, with support from the Queen Anne’s County League of Women Voters, presents an evening of “Musical History and Heritage” on **Saturday, March 1**, 5 p.m. The concert will take place at Kennard Elementary School (420 Little Kidwell Avenue) in Centreville. Call 443-239-2110 for more information. ([QAC Tourism](#))

Baltimore County: **Spring Maryland Home and Garden Show: Friday – Sunday, March 1 - 9**: Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium: [Home and Garden Show](#)

Caroline County: **Mardi Gras Masqued Ball Fundraiser: Saturday, March 1**: Denton: [Mardi Gras](#)

Kent County: **Rock Hall Expo: Saturday, March 1**: Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company, Rock Hall: [Kent Tourism](#)

Talbot County: **Phillips Wharf Environmental Center presents “Mardi Gras Casino Night”** (casino style gaming): **Saturday, March 1**: Harbourtowne Golf Resort, St. Michaels: [Mardi Gras Gala](#)

Talbot County **Cooks Delight Bingo: Sunday, March 2**: Cordova Fire Hall: [Talbot Guide](#) (page 7)

Caroline County: **“ARTiculture”: The Art of Great Garden Design Bus Trip: Tuesday, March 4**: destination: Philadelphia: [Philadelphia Flower Show Bus Trip](#)

Queen Anne’s County Arts Council Classes

Drawing Made Easy: Wednesdays, March 5 - 26: Centre for the Arts (206 South Commerce Street), Centreville;

Painting Birds in Gouache: Wednesdays, March 5 – April 2: Centre for the Arts;

Drawing Anime/Manga: Saturdays, March 15 - 29: Centre for the Arts; and

Steampunk Jewelry Workshop: Sunday, March 23: Wye River Designs (4300 Main Street), Grasonville. For more information and to register, go to [Arts Council](#) and click on Instruction, or call 410-758-2520.

Exhibit: “23rd Annual Student Showcase”



The Kent Island Federation of Arts (405 Main Street) in Stevensville presents the “23rd Annual Student Showcase” on **March 5 – 29**. Students of Kent Island and Grasonville will exhibit their artwork in a gallery setting. Gallery hours are Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Wednesday – Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; and Saturday, 1 - 4 p.m. For more information, call 410-758-7424. ([QAC Tourism](#))

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, March 6**, 2 – 3 p.m. 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](#))

Wicomico County: **Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus: March 6-9**: Wicomico Civic Center, Salisbury: [Circus](#)

11th Annual Hospice of Queen Anne’s Gala “Spend a Night in the Greek Islands”



The Gala will be held on **Friday, March 7**, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m., at Annie’s Paramount Steak and Seafood House (500 Kent Narrows Way) in Grasonville. There will be a filet and lobster seated dinner, and music by *Retrospect*. The cost is \$175 per person, and it is Black Tie Optional. For more information, contact Kenda Leager, 443-262-4106, kleager@hospiceofqueenannes.org. ([Hospice of Queen Anne's](#))

Queen Anne’s County Parks and Recreation Bus Trips



Cherry Blossom Cruise and Brunch, Washington, D.C.: Saturday, April 5: register by **Friday, March 7**: \$110. Register online at [Parks and Recreation](#) or by calling 410-758-0848.

18th Annual MSP Polar Bear Plunge



The Maryland State Police Polar Bear Plunge that was cancelled in late January due to ice, wind, and 3-foot waves has been rescheduled for **Saturday, March 8**, at Sandy Point State Park in Annapolis. Take a quick dip in the Chesapeake Bay to raise funds for Special Olympics Maryland. Open plunges will take place at noon, 1 p.m., and 2 p.m. The event will only feature the plunges – the festival will not be rescheduled.

The cost is \$75 to plunge – free to watch. Go to [Polar Bear Plunge](#) for more details and to register or make a donation.

Texas Hold ‘Em Spring 2014 Tournament



The Queen Anne-Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Company (13512 First Avenue) in Queen Anne will hold a Texas Hold ‘Em Spring 2014 Tournament on **Saturday, March 8**. Doors open at 11 a.m., and the tournament begins at 1 p.m. The entry fee is \$75, no re-buy, and it includes beer, soda, and water. Food will be available for purchase. There will be prize money paid out to all eight finalists. For more information and to register, call 443-786-4532 or email pokerinfo@qahvfc.com. ([Talbot Guide](#), page 5)

Kent County: **Soroptimist International 19th Auction: Saturday, March 8**: Chestertown Elks Lodge: [Kent Tourism](#)

Talbot County: **“All That Jazz”**: **Saturday, March 8**: Avalon Theatre and Tidewater Inn, Easton: [Gala](#)

Wicomico County: **Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles**: **Tuesday, March 11**: Wicomico Civic Center, Salisbury: [Rain](#)

Hospice Patient Volunteer Training Class



Many SV residents are volunteers at Hospice of Queen Anne's. Before you can volunteer, you take a 16-hour Patient Volunteer Training Class. The next class is scheduled for **March 10, 13, and 17** from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. To attend, please complete and return a [Patient Volunteer Training Form](#) or contact Courtney Williams, 443-262-4112, cwilliams@hospiceofqueenannes.org. Also contact Ms. Williams for more information on the program. ([Hospice of Queen Anne's](#))

“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, March 12**, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., “Lucky Leprechauns.” 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](#))

Caroline County: **Backyard Bug Farming**: **Wednesday, March 12**: Adkins Arboretum (12610 Eveland Road), Ridgely: [Backyard Bug Farming](#)

Irish Bingo



The Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center (600 Discovery Lane) in Grasonville will host Irish Bingo on **Friday, March 14**, 5:30 – 9 p.m. Bingo begins at 6:30 p.m. Pre-registration for \$20 includes a pack of 20 bingo papers and door prize tickets. The cost is \$25 at the door. Wear green to win extra prizes. Irish snacks and drinks will be for sale. RSVP to Katey Nelson, knelson@bayrestoration.org, 410-827-6694. Payment is due at the event, but pre-register to get the discounted price and guarantee a seat. The event sold out last year. Prizes are worth \$25 to over \$100. ([Irish Bingo](#))

Joseph Hooper Nicholson & The Star Spangled Banner



Hear the story of how the printing of the Star Spangled Banner came about through the efforts of a prominent citizen on **Friday, March 14**, 7 – 8 p.m., at St. Luke's Parish (7208 Main Street) in Queenstown. Free admission; refreshments will be served. For more information, call 410-758-3010. ([QAC Tourism](#))

Anne Arundel County: **La Bohème**: **March 14 and 16**: Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, Annapolis: [Maryland Hall Performances](#)

Anne Arundel County: **“Romeo and Juliet”**: select dates, **March 14 – April 20**: Compass Rose Theatre, Annapolis: [Compass Rose Theatre Shows](#)

Talbot County: **Celebrate the Irish 2014**: **March 14 - 15**: throughout St. Michaels: [St. Michaels Events](#)

Caroline County: **St. Patty's Day 5K**: **Saturday, March 15**: Fretterd Community Center, Denton: [Caroline County Recreation](#)

Dorchester County: **14th Annual Eagle Festival**: **Saturday, March 15**: Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, Cambridge: [BNWR Calendar](#)

Kent Island Federation of Arts Classes



Workshop: Reed Weaving a Pencil Holder: **Sunday, March 16**: KIFA (405 Main Street), Stevensville. For more information, go to [Classes](#) or call 410-643-7424.

Kent County: **Wine Auction and Raffle for Kent Hospice Foundation**: **Sunday, March 16**: Worton: [Kent Tourism](#)

Daryl Davis and Band Dinner Dance



The Grasonville Senior Center (4802 Main Street) in Grasonville will host the [Daryl Davis and Dinner Dance](#) on **Thursday, March 27**, 5-9 p.m. The “Boogie Man” will rock the stage with an evening of blues, rock and roll, boogie-woogie, country, and gospel tunes. Dinner will be pulled pork barbecue, green beans, cole slaw, dessert, and sweet tea. There are a limited number of tickets available for this event, and the cost is \$20 per person. For more information and to register, call 410-827-6010.

Trivia Answers

1. *Joey Dee and the Starlighters*
2. *John Glenn*
3. *Andrew Johnson*
4. *Thomas Edison*
5. *Hustler Magazine*