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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

Martin & Mollie Engle 122 Sonata Way Richard & Sharon Helsel 102 Orchestra Place Jo Velardo 721 Harmony Way



MUSINGS FROM THE BOARD

We survived winter—spring is here; and it is almost time for us to think about IRRIGATION—the source of the <u>largest number of complaints</u> to Management during the year is irrigation. This is an effort to give you a better understanding of how the system works here in Symphony Village.

We have 5 separate pump stations (wells) dedicated to specific areas of the community that, if necessary (but with some degree of difficulty), can be crossed over from one area to another. The irrigation system has an estimated 10 miles of underground pipe with over 4,000 lawn sprinkler heads and over 1,200 flower bed sprinkler heads. Houses are irrigated by zones of which there are approximately 136 (more will be added as the community continues to grow). The pumps at any given time can only service so many sprinkler heads before they lose pressure and put out only a trickle of water. The number of lawns that can be irrigated at one time is less than the number of flower beds solely based on the number of sprinkler heads. We have budgeted \$47,000 this year for repairs to the system and expect to use every penny. When a new house is constructed and the irrigation system is installed, the current landscape contractor has to sign off on the installation attesting that they are accepting it and adding it to the system.

When the community is irrigated depends on a variety of factors. It has been determined that we get the best value for the water applied if we irrigate at night (less evaporation). For those who feel that the system isn't working when it is supposed to, it is suggested that you place a popsicle stick on top of one or two sprinkler heads and check to see if it has moved in the morning. The system has a rain gauge that, if enough rain falls, will bypass the controls and not allow for a scheduled irrigation. Every effort is made to adhere to the published schedule. We are allowed by the State to use up to 12 million gallons of water for irrigation each year. Last year, thanks to the weather, we did not use as much water as in previous years and stayed under the allotted amount. If we exceed the allotted amount, we are susceptible to stiff fines from the Department of Natural Resources. When the community is completely developed, we will need to petition the State for a larger water allotment. We are constantly trying to improve on the efficiency of the system. For the past several years, in early May, volunteers have walked through the community to assure that all the sprinkler heads are working properly. This endeavor takes several days. In some cases to avoid over watering, we have turned off some of the sprinkler heads between the houses. When possible, for larger areas, we (at our expense) have replaced sprinkler heads with more efficient ones.

HOA Board Meeting - April 25, 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COVENANTS—Ellen Norman, Chair

It seems that winter is over and spring has finally arrived! It's time to get outside and enjoy the good weather and that brings to mind spring cleanup around our homes. Here are helpful reminders for those of you planning to make changes to your landscaping or to repaint shutters and doors:

- 1. Required "Modification Requests" for changes to patio or landscaping can be downloaded from the SV Website or picked up at the Manager's Office. Be sure to include all the necessary information about your project including a <u>copy of your plat</u>. These forms must be submitted <u>at least 3 days prior to</u> <u>Covenant Committee meetings</u>, which are on the 2nd Monday of each month.
- 2. Specified paint colors can be purchased at our local Ace Hardware store as they have Symphony Village colors in their computer.

LIFESTYLE COMMITTEE – Donna Donaldson, Chair

<u>Happy Hour</u>—Saturday, April 19, 6 p.m. Steve and Jinny Guy will be hosting this Happy Hour. Come and meet this dynamic duo (if you haven't already) and share a laugh and a toast with our hosts!! Bring an appetizer or dessert.

Ladies' Happy Hour—Thursday, April 24, 5:30 p.m.—The cost of Ladies Happy Hour is \$5/person. 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.

<u>Happy Hour</u>—Friday, May 2, 6 p.m. Cinco de Mayo will be the theme. Bring a Mexican/Spanish themed appetizer/snack or dessert and partake of an out-of-this-world marguerita!!

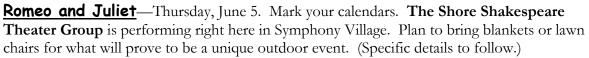
<u>Lifestyle Committee Meeting</u>—Monday, May 5, at 7 p.m.

All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

<u>Lunch Bunch</u>—Thursday, May 15, at 12:30 p.m. at *P.F. Chang's*, located at 307 Sail Place, Annapolis Towne Center in Parole, Annapolis, MD, 21401. The sign-up sheet is in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse. If you need a ride or have a question, please call Marge Strano at <u>410-758-2511</u> or Bea Trotta at <u>410-758-0332</u>. Please join us for a wonderful lunch and good company.



Memorial Day Picnic—Sunday, May 25, at 12:30 p.m. Food will be served from 1-3 p.m. The Lifestyle Committee and residents of Harmony Way are planning good food and a funfilled day.





- Dominic is looking into a trip to NY/Ellis Island/911 Museum.
- Remember to <u>sign up</u> to **Host future Happy Hours** in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse.
- We are contacting a **trivia expert** to entertain us with a trivia game at one of our Happy Hours. Questions will be relative to our era. Sounds like it will be a great time!



OUTREACH – Carlene Cooke, President

UPDATE: Outreach Ladies Spring Butterfly Tea



Plans are in high gear to make this First Annual event a fun afternoon. A short program by Candace Liccione, owner-operator of Wye River Designs, speaking about herbal teas, will be enhanced by our special raffle prizes, delightful door prizes, and a 50/50 raffle.

ONLY TWENTY SEATS REMAIN!

Don't be left out! Join the members of Outreach on Saturday, April 26, from 2 - 4 p.m. Sign-up sheets are at the Clubhouse front desk in the Activities Book, and

Nancy will take your checks made out to S.V.O.P.I. We welcome daughters, daughters-in-law, granddaughters, sisters, cousins, singles, and friends.....Come alone and join our Symphony Village family members attending. Tickets: Adults = ages 13 and up are \$20. Children = ages 8-12 are \$10. All profits will go to the charitable organizations with whom Outreach partners in Queen Anne's County.

PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS – Carol Hodges, Chair

SV Google Group

Thanks to all who have joined the Google Group and even posted. Many of you received invitations and may still accept those invites. Feel free to email me if you wish to join. You can click on the "Symphony Village Group" from the **Daily Bulletin** page. The advantage of this is that you can post questions and answers about SV. <u>Social Events</u> will also be posted. It is not necessary to create a profile. You can change how you wish to receive emails (check "My Settings" on the SV Group page).

I am still looking for a co-manager. Call me (Carol Hodges at 410-758-0591).

Libretto Hard Copies

Just a reminder that the *Libretto* hard copies available in the Clubhouse are for those who are unable to access the internet. Remember that it is greener and a savings to our HOA when residents read the *Libretto* online. Last month 80 fewer copies were published for a <u>savings of almost \$160 to the HOA</u>. FYI: There is a binder in the Wall Street Room that contains all *Librettos* for the last 12 months.

"Meet and Greet"

Don and Nancie Cameron are hosting a Meet and Greet in the Concert Hall on Thursday, May 1, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for

Livingston Banks who is running for Sheriff of Queen Anne's Co.

Everyone is invited to learn about Livingston's position on a variety of issues affecting our county.

Mr. Banks is a former Maryland state trooper.

Please join us!

Ad paid for by Don and Nancie Cameron

Thanks for Articles

Our Committee wants to thank all of the residents who have written articles for the *Libretto*. Articles are always welcome: restaurant reviews, travel articles, recipes, etc. Continue your input. If you are reluctant to write an article, but would like to have input, we can interview you and write it for you.

All Are Welcome

Everyone is welcome to attend the P & C Committee meeting at the Clubhouse in the Grand Ballroom on Monday, May 5, at 2 p.m.

SNEAKERS – Linda Farrar, President

Kennard Chess Night



Sneakers will host the Kennard Chess Club match at the Clubhouse on Thursday, May 15, at 6 p.m. Symphony Village residents are invited to join this fun-filled event. We look forward to seeing you there.

<u>Cubby Chorale</u> (Please note date and time change.)

The Centreville Elementary School Cubby Chorale will perform at the Clubhouse on Tuesday, May 20, at 10 a.m. This performance is a "thank you" to the residents of Symphony Village for their generous support of student activities throughout the year.

Card/Game Party

The Sneakers Card/Game Party will be held at Prospect Bay on Tuesday, June 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A delicious lunch is included in the day's activities. Sign-up sheets with additional details are in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse. Please mark your calendars and join us for a day of fun, lively conversation, and lunch.



June Book Giveaway



Sneakers will again host a book giveaway at both Kennard Elementary School and Centreville Elementary School in June. Finalized dates will be published. Look for the sign-up sheets in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse. We need just a couple of hours of your time to assist with this worthwhile event at the schools.

Next Meeting

The next Sneakers meeting will be held at the Clubhouse on Thursday, May 1, at 3 p.m. *All residents are welcome to join us.*



CLUBS AND CLASSES

BIRD CLUB – Linda Blume

Birds of a Feather Weekend will take place on **May 2 - 4** at the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center (CBEC) in Grasonville. The SV Bird Club will attend the bird walk "Woodland Chirpers" on **Friday, May 2**, 3 – 4:15 p.m., \$5 for CBEC members and \$8 for non-members. Optionally, after the bird walk, we'll have dinner at Fisherman's Inn. Please sign up in the Activities Book, or let me know via email or telephone and I will add you to the list.

DINING IN – Nancy Pashby

Please join us for Dining In on Sunday, April 27. We enjoy good food and conversation in our homes. All are welcome, including new neighbors and singles. Sign in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse.

Questions? Call Nancy Pashby at 443-262-8757.



GARDEN CLUB – Jack Hennessey

Steve Guy has sent an email to all current members of the Garden Club calling for a meeting at the Gazebo



on Saturday, April 26, to clean all garden plots and to plan for the coming year. However, there are 20 separate plots, and we have only 15 active members. All residents are invited to contact Steve or Jack if you are willing to be a caretaker for one plot. You can also contact a friend to be a "Team Gardener." This also makes the gardening more fun! Helena Joy, Jack, and Joan have already cleared their plots since they will be away on April 26. As usual, we will work with Management on mulching the beds and will get some financial help from

Dennis to purchase new flowers for the Gazebo Garden. We are particularly anxious to have the beds looking great for the Memorial Day Picnic. Over the past seven years, we have installed five purple martin houses in SV with varying degrees of success. About April 1, we saw the advance scouts for the martins. Our Easton consultant saw his scouts on March 25; so we hope we will have a martin (not Martian!) invasion by the time you read this report.*

Dave Peterson has tilled the Victory Garden. We have room for one or two hard-working gardeners. Jack has already planted radishes. Other hardy crops will be planted in April. In early May, we will be planting tomatoes and squash—our favorite products. As usual, our residents will share in our plentiful bounty.

*FLASH 4/12: The martins have arrived at the Gazebo Garden martin house. Welcome back!

JOY OF MUSIC - Eleanor Strietman



Please join us at the Clubhouse Grand Ballroom for the last two sessions of the Joy of Music on Monday, April 28 and May 12. The topics promise to be interesting as always and will be announced shortly before the next session. Each session costs \$5 and lasts one hour. Hope to see you there.







READING FOR FUN BOOK CLUB – Jack Hennessey

The book for our March meeting was **We Are Water** by Wally Lamb. This book was recommended by Lee Ettman and received a rating of 7.22 on a scale of 1 to 10. The story revolves around a female artist, Annie Oh, and her psychologist husband, Orion Oh. After 27 years of marriage and three children, Annie decides to marry her female sponsor, Viveca. Annie, her husband, and her three children all have differing perspectives on the upcoming nuptials. The novel's chapters are narrated in the first person by each of these characters. The narrative discusses gay marriage, divorce, racism, alcoholism, artistic expression, and a few other topics. How the story ends is subject to interpretation—Jack has his own version.

The book for our May 20 meeting was to be **Zelda** by Ericka Roebuck. However, Ericka is not able to attend the May meeting. Members will be contacted by phone regarding the new selection. We will try to have Ericka attend a future meeting to discuss her book. Incidentally, Ericka is a local author who attended a previous meeting. She now has a third novel which we may consider for a fall meeting. However, each month a different club member gets to nominate a favorite book.

TENNIS – Larry Miller

Time hange The SV Tennis times have been changed to 10 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

TRIVIA by Dave Gallop

- 1. What is Good Friday also known as?
- 2. For how many days is Passover celebrated outside of Israel?
- 3. What is the Passover dinner?
- 4. How long is Lent?
- 5. What is the final day of Eastertide or the Easter Season?

(Answers on last page.)

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

The best of times during the worst of times... and I am still in awe of the incredible community support in Symphony Village. My son and daughter-in-law were amazed at the food, flowers, cards, calls, and



visits that came to my home nonstop. I still have trouble eating, but they were delighted with the meals. Many people remember Bill as a fun guy. That gives me great happiness because I seemed to have misplaced my sense of humor those last couple of weeks. If prayers alone count, Bill is sitting at the right hand of God this minute... There will never be an appropriate way to thank everyone and even more scary is the thought of missing someone.

Thank you! Thank you! Let's hope I can pay this forward.

Much Love to all Pat Scheirer and Family

Ponds 1 and 2 are Blooming

Hoorah!! Daffodils around ponds 1 and 2 are blooming! What a delight after the long hard winter. Okay, 2000 bulbs don't go as far as one might think—not the sea of yellow we envisioned, but it's a welcome start. Cass Smith and her crews should be very proud. What a great way to *WELCOME SPRING*.



(Photo by George Drake)

Bocce Ball Court & Horseshoe Pit

It looks like spring is finally coming to Symphony Village and with that comes thoughts of outside activities like softball, golf, and tennis.

But did you know... we also have three newly carpeted Bocce courts and two nice Horseshoe Pits? Get your friends and family together and come up and play! If you are interested in playing regularly, please sign up in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse and indicate what days and times are best for you. Questions or comments, call Jim Cooke at 443-262-8146.

2014 Centreville Farmers' Market



The Centreville Farmers' Market will open for the season on **Wednesday, April 23**, at 3 p.m., with new and returning vendors and a "Healthy Living Series." The ribbon-cutting ceremony will be at 3:15 p.m. at the Court



House Square. The first 150 shoppers will receive a 13"x10" BPA-free flexible cutting board. The Market will be open on **Wednesdays**, 3 – 7 p.m. and on **Saturdays**, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. On Wednesdays, shoppers can park for free in the town parking lot, and there will be three reserved parking spots on Commerce Street for shoppers. The market will be open through October 25. The Shoppers' Loyalty Card returns this year, and you may pick one up at Town Hall or from any of the market vendors. Shoppers will get their cards punched at every market day they shop. After completing the 10-punch card, shoppers turn their cards in for drawings for market vouchers. Two drawings will take place: one in July and one in October.

This market season will include a series of activities and programming organized by a new volunteer group called the "Healthy Living Series." Most events will take place the last Saturday of each month, with selected events on Wednesdays. Topics include: blood pressure screenings; canning; healthy eating; food storage and safety; "Meet Your Farmers' Market Vendors;" composting; and Kids Day at the market. A complete schedule will be available at the market and at Town Hall. Many vendors are returning, and there are new vendors who will feature artisan breads, blue crabs, gluten-free baked goods, and freshly-ground flour.



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Local Farmers' Markets

Centreville Farmers' Market: April 23 – October 25, 2014

Location: Lawyers Row, Centreville

Wednesday: 3 - 7 p.m. Saturday: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Facebook: Centreville Farmers' Market

Kent Island Farmers' Market: Year round, weather permitting

Location: Christ Church (830 Romancoke Road), Stevensville

Thursday: 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Facebook: Kent Island Farmers' Market



Chestertown Farmers' and Artisans' Market: March 15 - December 27, 2014

Winter Market: Remainder of the year, weather permitting

Location: Fountain Park, Chestertown

Saturday: 8 a.m. – noon

Online: Chestertown Farmers' Market

Easton Farmers' Market: April 12 through December 20, 2014

Location: North Harrison Street Town Parking Lot, downtown Easton

Saturday: 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Wednesday: July 2 - August 27: 4 - 6 p.m.

Online: Easton Farmers' Market

Facebook: Easton Maryland Farmers Market

The Friends of the Queen Anne's County Library Seeks Friends!



The Friends of the Queen Anne's County Library was established in 2013 as an essential bridge between the community and library with the goal to generate financial support for the library and its programs and to encourage greater use of the library and its resources. The Friends are sponsoring two events for all residents and organizations to become a Friend.

Join the Friends at the Centreville branch (121 South Commerce Street) from 5 – 7 p.m. on **Thursday**, **May 8**, or the Kent Island branch (200 Library Circle) in Stevensville from 2 - 4 p.m. on **Saturday**, **May 10**, for an opportunity to learn about the Friends and its planned activities, sample sweet treats, enter a raffle to win a Barnes and Noble gift card, and meet the Friends Board of Directors and other Friends of the library. Join the Friends at the \$25 Member level and receive an exclusive Friends Library Card. Additional membership levels from \$50 to \$500 provide expanded benefits such as a two-calendar-day grace period on return of materials, discounts for purchase of items in the Friends book sale, a behind-the-scenes tour of your library, reserved seating at Friends events, and the ability to sponsor a program or event. Additional information on Friends may be found online at Friends of the Library or call the Centreville branch at 410-758-0980.



TRAVEL... THE CALIFORNIA COAST

by Brenda Stoltz

My daughter, Laura, and I started taking mother/daughter trips on significant birthdays. One of our trips was down the coast of California from San Francisco to Los Angeles in February. The trip began with a three-night stay in San Francisco. We toured the city on foot, by boat, by bus, and in cable cars—visiting China Town, The Wharf, Alcatraz, and the Golden Gate Bridge Area. We also took side trips to John Muir Woods (redwood forests) and Yosemite National Park (giant sequoias, mountains, and waterfalls).

Visiting Yosemite during winter months means you should be prepared for snow. We found ourselves skiing down small hills without skis many times. Fortunately, we always missed skiing into any of the "big" trees. From San Francisco, we rented a car and drove south on US 1, taking the scenic 17-mile drive along Pebble Beach, headed for Monterey Bay. Along the way, we enjoyed the wonderful coastline as well as the famous wineries.



(Half Dome in Yosemite Valley)

Monterey is a beautiful city—home to Stanford University and the **Monterey Aquarium**. (While visiting this Aquarium in the early 90s with a group of fellow volunteers from the Baltimore Aquarium, I heard an interesting story. It seems two Stanford marine biology doctoral students told their parents they wanted to

live in Monterey after graduation, but there was no place for them to work. No problem, their parents had the Monterey Aquarium built for them. (Their last names are Hewlett and Packard.) It is a fantastic aquarium and well worth a visit.

Continuing on down **Scenic Highway One** along the **Big Sur**, the views were lovely so we made frequent stops. At our stop in Pacific Grove, we were fascinated to see the last of the monarch butterflies taking flight from the trees in the **Monarch Grove Sanctuary**. Tired but content, we arrived at our motel in San Simeon just in time to watch the golden sun setting over the ocean.

Our visit to the **Hearst Castle** the next morning was beyond our expectations. The tour guides made the Castle's heydays come alive, and the furnishings and paintings inside were as beautiful as the statues and gardens outside. Because Hearst donated most of his land to the state of California, the breathtaking coastline is sparsely populated and unspoiled. San Simeon's Piedras Blancas beach is one of those unspoiled spots, where **Elephant Seals** have been gathering for years during February. Female seals were feeding their calves, seal couples were mating, while others were diving into the ocean surf—definitely





a stop not to be missed. Fortunately, guides were available to answer questions because we had plenty of questions.

Traveling on to **Santa Monica**, we had to drive Rt. 23 part of the way through winding canyons (not fun in the dark), but we made it. After checking into our hotel, we walked to an Irish Pub for dinner. This turned out to be a lucky choice because this pub was popular with some of the movie stars living nearby. David Bernie* at dinner at the table next to us, and Keanu Reeves** was having a good time mixing with

folks at the bar. We didn't bother asking for autographs—we just enjoyed the moment. While in Santa Monica, we took a fun tour of **Universal Studios** and the **Los Angeles area**. We ended our trip relaxing for two days at the **Channel Road Inn**—a lovely B & B on the ocean just outside of LA. All too soon, it was time to get on the plane and fly home—no time for Disney Land. Of course, on the plane we had plenty of time to start planning where we would go next, knowing there was so much more to discover in this beautiful country we live in.

*(Bridget Loves Bernie)

**(The Matrix series)

"Someday is nowhere to live your life."

• • • from <u>Hands Free Mama</u> by Rachel M. Stafford

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

from the kitchen of Brenda Stoltz

Crispy Baked Asparagus Fries

1 pound asparagus, trimmed 1/2 cup flour 2 eggs, lightly beaten 3/4 cup panko breadcrumbs 1/4 cup grated parmesan salt and pepper to taste

Dredge the asparagus in the flour, dip them in the egg, and

then dip them into a mixture of the panko breadcrumbs, parmesan, salt and pepper.

Place the asparagus on a wire rack on a baking sheet and bake in a preheated 425 degree oven until golden brown, about 7-13 minutes.







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JOIN US FOR PATIENT APPRECIATION DAY!

Friday, May 2, 2014, 4-7 p.m.

You are invited to join in the picnic fun. Enjoy the tradition of good food, good company and great door prizes!

Call 410-479-3644 for more

information.

LOCAL EVENTS

Painting with Maureen Bannon



Maureen Bannon invites all artists to join an ongoing class on **Wednesdays**, noon – 3 p.m., at My Little Studio (321 Love Point Road) in Stevensville. Artists from beginners to advanced are welcome. The class is sponsored by Stevensville Arts and Entertainment. To register, call 410-643-9075. (Stevensville A&E)

Blackwater Distillery Tours



Blackwater Distillery (184 Log Canoe Circle) in Stevensville, Maryland's first fully licensed alcohol distillery in nearly 40 years, offers tours on **Fridays** and **Saturdays**, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. For details, call 443-249-3123. (OAC Tourism)

Historic Wye Grist Mill



Historic Wye Grist Mill (900 Wye Mills Road) in Wye Mills is open for touring from **mid-April to mid-November**, Monday – Saturday, 1 – 4 p.m. Grinding days are the first and third Saturday of each month. Wye Grist Mill (c. 1682) is one of Maryland's oldest commercial buildings and is the oldest frame grist mill on the Eastern Shore. The Grist Mill and Museum were profiled in the <u>September 2012 Libretto</u>. Due to a shortage of volunteers on weekends,

please call 410-827-3850 on Friday before a Saturday visit to make sure the mill will be open. (Old Wye Mill)

"Treasures of the Eastern Shore" Art Exhibit



The QAC Centre for the Arts (206 South Commerce Street) will host an art exhibit, "Treasures of the Eastern Shore," **April 4 – July 2**, with additional works on display at the Chesapeake Exploration Center at Kent Narrows. The exhibit will feature artworks that capture the essence of our Eastern Shore heritage. Maureen Bannon, Amy Cummins, Jay Fleming, Patrick Henry, and Will Hemsley are the featured artists. The Centre for the

Arts is open Tuesday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (Arts Council)

Leash Walking Intensive



The Animal Welfare League of QAC (201 Clay Drive) in Queenstown will hold a Leash Walking Intensive for dogs on **Thursday, April 17**, 6 – 7 p.m. Prior registration is required – call 410-758-3493. (<u>Tidewater Trader</u>)

Kent County: <u>Easter Flower Sale</u> (fundraiser for the Kent Ruritan Club): **April 17 - 19**: The Freeze (713 Washington Avenue), Chestertown: <u>Tidewater Trader</u>

Tuckahoe Easter Egg Hunt



The Tuckahoe Easter Egg Hunt will take place on **Saturday, April 19**, 1 – 4 p.m., at the Cherry Lane Picnic area at Tuckahoe State Park (13070 Crouse Mill Road) in Queen Anne. Over 5,000 eggs are hidden at this event open to children under the age of 10. Call 410-820-1668 for more information. (QAC Tourism)

"Hopping for a Cure" 5K Run and Easter Egg Hunt



"Hopping for a Cure" and an Easter Egg Hunt will take place on **Saturday, April 19**. The 5K race is on the Kent Island Cross Island Trail, and the Easter Egg Hunt and lots of other fun events for children immediately follow the race (approximately 9:30 a.m.). This is a fundraiser for the MWOY Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and all proceeds go to benefit this cause. Along with the Easter Egg Hunt, there will be pictures with the Easter Bunny,

face painting, a craft table, a moon bounce, and more. The race begins at 8 a.m. (package pick-up opens at 7 a.m.) and starts at the old outlets, under the Kent Narrows Bridge. The cost for the 5K race is \$35, and the Easter Egg Hunt is \$10. Register at Registration.

Kent County: Earth Day Festival: Saturday, April 19: Memorial Row, Chestertown: Kent Tourism

All-You-Can-Eat Country Breakfast



The Goodwill Fire Company will host a Country Breakfast on **Sunday, April 20**, 7:30 – 11 a.m. The menu is eggs, bacon, sausage, scrapple, fried potatoes, hot cakes, biscuits, chipped beef gravy, fruit, orange juice, coffee, hot tea, and more. Tickets are \$8 per person. For more information, call 410-758-1422.

Caroline County: <u>All You Can Eat Easter Breakfast</u>: Sunday, April 20: Goldsboro Volunteer Fire Company, Goldsboro: <u>Shore Home and Garden</u>, April 2014 (page 10)

Wicomico County: <u>82nd Annual Poodle Club of America National Specialty Dog Show</u>: April 20 – 25: Wicomico Civic Center, Salisbury: <u>Specialty Dog Show</u>

Volunteers Needed: Stormwater Education Station



The Town of Centreville needs volunteers to help construct a Stormwater Education Station and Rain Garden at Millstream Park on **Tuesday, April 22**, 3 – 5:30 p.m. Hands-on training will be provided to volunteers. The station will include a faux house with a small green roof, gutter and downspouts directed to rain barrels, permeable

pavers, educational signage, and a rain garden with native shrubs and plants. For more information, contact Regina Rochez at rrochez2@aol.com or 410-267-0337.

19th Annual Delmarva Birding Weekend



<u>Delmarva Birding Weekend</u> will be held **April 24-27** at locations throughout the Eastern Shore. There will be guided and self-guided tours during the spring migration of shorebirds, waterfowl, and nesting birds. There are also boat excursions. Advance registration is recommended for all programs. Go

to the website for a complete listing of weekend events with all the details and to register for a trip.

Kent Island Federation of Arts Classes



Workshop: Introduction to Expressive Watercolor Collage: **April 24 – 25** (second offering is **May 8 - 9**): KIFA (405 Main Street), Stevensville. For more information, go to Classes or call 410-643-7424.

Caroline County: Adkins Arboretum Events:

- Dogwood Blossom Painting: April 24 25: <u>Dogwood Blossom Painting</u>;
- Introduction to iPhone Photography: Saturday, April 26: iPhone Photography
- Spring Ephemerals: The Fleeting Flowers: **Sunday, April 26**: Spring Ephemerals
- Soup 'n Walk: Tuckahoe Creek and Beyond: Saturday, May 3: Soup 'n Walk
- Bird Migration Walk: Saturday, May 3: Migration Walk
- Shinrin-Yoku: The Healing Practice of Forest Bathing: Sunday, May 4: Forest Bathing
- National Public Gardens Day Free Admission: **Friday, May 9**: Public Gardens Day
- Photo Capture and Enhancement: **Saturday, May 10**: Photo Capture

Some programs have an associated fee and/or require advance reservation (available on the website). For more information, go to the website or call 410-634-2847.

Talbot County: <u>Tred Avon Players present "Leaving Iowa"</u>: April 24 - 27, May 2 - 4 and 9 - 11: Oxford Community Center, Oxford: <u>Tred Avon Players</u>

Anne Arundel County: <u>3rd Annual Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show</u>: April 25 - 27: City Dock, Annapolis: <u>Spring Sailboat Show</u>

Caroline County: <u>Fairy Forest Garden Party at Joviality</u> (to benefit the Denton Child Development Center): Friday, April 25: Joviality Gifts (406 Market Street), Denton: <u>Caroline Tourism</u>

Worcester County: 44th Annual Ward World Championship Wildfowl Carving Competition and Art Festival: April 25 - 27: Ocean City Convention Center: Ocean City: Competition and Festival

Worcester County: <u>Maryland International Kite Exposition</u>: April 25 - 27: various locations in Ocean City: <u>Kite Exposition</u>

Craft Fair



Chesapeake Cats and Dogs will host a Craft Fair on **Saturday, April 26**, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., at Christ Church (830 Romancoke Road) in Stevensville. For more information, call 410-643-9955. i_T (*The Shore Update*, March 13, 2013)

Pecometh Day



<u>Camp Pecometh</u> (136 Bookers Wharf Road) in Centreville will host Pecometh Day on **Saturday, April 26**, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Visit Pecometh and learn about its Summer Camp program as well as other retreats. (<u>QAC Tourism</u>)

2nd Annual Queen Anne's County Heritage Day



A celebration of Queen Anne's County Heritage will be held on **Saturday, April 26**, noon – 4 p.m., at the Chesapeake Heritage and Visitor Center (425 Piney Narrows Road) in Chester. Sponsored by the QAC Historic Sites Consortium and the QAC Office of Tourism, there will be displays, crafts, and food. (QAC Tourism)

Queen Anne's Chorale Spring Concert "Pirates, Plus!"



The Queen Anne's Chorale will present its spring concert, "Pirates, Plus!," on **Saturday, April 26**, 7-9 p.m. at the Todd Performing Arts Center at Chesapeake College in Wye Mills. This musical voyage will explore a treasure trove of sea shanties and pirate songs. Learn about sailing, nautical terms, famous pirates, and a pirate tied to local Kent Island history. Tickets are \$15 for adults. (QAC Tourism)

Caroline County: <u>Federalsburg Historical Society's 12th Annual Hobby Fair</u>: Saturday, April 26: Federalsburg Elementary School, Federalsburg: <u>Attraction Magazine</u>

Talbot County: <u>20th Annual Oxford Day</u>: Saturday, April 26, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.: throughout the town of Oxford: <u>Oxford Day</u>

Talbot County: Winefest at St. Michaels: April 26 - 27: Throughout the town of St. Michaels: Winefest

Talbot County: <u>International Migratory Bird Day Festival</u>: Saturday, April 26: the Easton Branch of the Talbot County Free Library: <u>Bird Day Festival</u>

Talbot County: <u>Consignment Capers Sale</u>: April 26 - 27: Women's Club of St. Michaels, St. Michaels: <u>Attraction Magazine</u>

Anne Arundel County: <u>Annapolis Spring Festival</u>: Sunday, April 27: along Maryland Avenue and State Circle, Annapolis: <u>Spring Festival</u>

Caroline County: <u>Birds of Prey Photo Shoot</u>: Sunday, April 27: Tuckahoe State Park, Queen Anne: <u>Caroline Tourism</u>

Dorchester County: <u>Earth Mother Day at Handsell: Chicone Village Day</u>: Sunday, April 27: near Vienna: <u>Handsell</u>

Kent County: <u>Taste of the Town (and County)</u>: Sunday, April 27: Fountain Park, Chestertown: <u>Taste of Chestertown</u>

Kent County: <u>Draw for Sight Bicycle Poker Run Ride</u> (to benefit the Chestertown Lions Club): **Sunday, April 27**: throughout Kent County: <u>Chestertown Lions Club</u>

Hospice of Queen Anne's Annual Golf Tournament



Hospice of Queen Anne's will host a Golf Tournament on **Monday, April 28**, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., at Prospect Bay Country Club (311A Prospect Bay Drive West) in Grasonville. There will be a 9-hole tournament, an 18-hole tournament, and several contest holes. To register,

contact Kenda Leager at 443-262-4106 or email kleager@hospiceofqueenannes.org. (QAC Tourism)

11th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament



Kent Island Elks Lodge #2576 will hold a Scholarship Golf Tournament on **Tuesday, April 29**, at Queenstown Harbor Golf Course (310 Links Lane) in Queenstown. Proceeds of this tournament will provide more than 100 local graduating seniors from Kent Island and

Queen Anne's County High Schools with scholarships. The cost is \$125 per person. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m., with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. A continental breakfast will be provided along with a catered lunch and dinner at the course by Adam's Rib. Several contests will be held during the day, and prizes for the top three places will be given. For more information, call Lynn Evans at 410-598-1225. (*Record Observer*, March 14, 2014)

Emergency Fundraiser for CBEC



A recent electrical fire destroyed part of the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center's (CBEC) pavilion. Environmental education programs are conducted in the pavilion for school field trips and summer camps. Therefore, the damage needs to be repaired immediately. An Emergency Fundraiser will be hosted by the Bay Area Association of Realtors on **Wednesday, April 30**, 5 – 7 p.m., at CBEC's Educational Building (600 Discovery Lane) in Grasonville. There will be appetizers donated by local restaurants, beer and wine, and celebrity

bartender County Commissioner Phil Dumenil. The cost is \$35 per person (\$25 is tax deductible). Reservations must be made by **April 27**. Place reservations and make contributions online at <u>Emergency Fundraiser</u> or call 410-827-6694. CBEC is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

51st Annual Open Judged Art Show



The Kent Island Federation of Arts (405 Main Street) in Stevensville will host an Open Judged Art Show **April 30 – May 24**. Artists are invited to enter their best work. Gallery hours are Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Wednesday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. (KIFA)

Anne Arundel County: <u>Wednesday Night Sailboat Races</u>: April 30 – August 20: Annapolis Harbour and Spa Creek: <u>Wednesday Night Races</u>

Anne Arundel County: <u>May Day in Annapolis</u>: <u>Saturday, May 1</u>: Downtown Annapolis: <u>May Day</u> Worcester County: <u>Springfest</u>: <u>May 1 - 4</u>: Ocean City: <u>Springfest</u>

Queen Anne's County "Birds of a Feather Weekend"



<u>Birds of a Feather Weekend</u> will take place **May 2 - 4** at the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center (600 Discovery Lane) in Grasonville. It is a weekend of boat tours, walks, lectures, kayak trips, and more. The complete schedule of events is online. The boat trips will probably fill up fast, so if you are interested, register early. For more information or to sign up for weekend activities, call Debbie, QAC Tourism, 410-604-2100. The event is co-hosted by CBEC and the QAC Department of Tourism.

Anne Arundel County: <u>"Another Day on Willow Street"</u>: select dates **May 2 – June 1**: Compass Rose Theater, Annapolis: <u>Compass Rose Theater</u>

Colonial May Fair



Old Wye Church (14114 Old Wye Mills Road) in Wye Mills will hold a Colonial May Fair on **Saturday, May 3**, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Celebrate May in Colonial Style with May Pole dancing; horse-drawn, docent-led wagon rides through historic Wye Mills; Blessing of the Animals;

Colonial craft demonstrations; Colonial children's games and crafts; a plant sale; tours of 1721 Old Wye Church; food; vendors, and an auction. For more information, call 410-827-8484. (QAC Tourism)

5th Annual "Plants for the Pets"



Chesapeake Cats and Dogs (CCAD) will host "Plants for the Pets" on **Saturday, May 3**, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., at the CCAD Adoption Center (300A Island Professional Park) in Stevensville. Annuals, perennials, vegetable plants, herbs, handing baskets, house plants, gift baskets, and more will be for sale. The rain date is Sunday, May 4. (Kent Island Online)

Spring Fling Car Show



The Kent Island Cruisers will hold a Spring Fling Car Show on **Saturday, May 3**, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., at Western Tire and Auto (1406 Main Street) in Stevensville. In addition to the fabulous cars, there will be a 50/50, a charity benefit lunch, music, and more. (Kent Island Cruisers Events)

Historic Sites Open House



Historic Sites throughout QAC open their doors on the **first Saturday** of **May – October**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. For details on all the historic sites open to visitors, go to <u>Historic Sites</u> <u>Consortium of QAC</u>. To obtain a Heritage Guide with map, stop by the Chesapeake Heritage

and Visitor Center (425 Piney Narrows Road) in Chester or call 410-758-2502. In Centreville, historic Wright's Chance (119 South Commerce Street) and Tucker House (124 South Commerce Street) will be open. On **Saturday, May 3**, there will also be a Civil War Exhibit at Wright's Chance. (QAC Tourism)

3rd Annual "Derby Alive!"



Talisman Therapeutic Riding (300 Talisman Farm Circle) in Grasonville will host "Derby Live!" on **Saturday, May 3**, 4 – 8 p.m. Tours of the farm will be available beginning at 3:30 p.m. For tickets and further information, go to <u>Talisman Therapeutic Riding</u> or call 443-239-9400. (<u>QAC Tourism</u>)

"May Flower Baskets"



Stevensville Arts and Entertainment presents a special "1st Saturday" on **Saturday, May 3** – the theme is "May Flower Baskets!" An old fashioned flower mart will be set up in downtown Stevensville. Judges will be going throughout Historic Stevensville to find the best May Basket. There will be Plein Air painters throughout town. The Kent Island Federation of Arts (405 Main Street) will feature a Car Trunk Show, 9 a.m. – noon; an "Art from the Attic" tent, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.; a Featured Artist in Gallery, noon – 3 p.m.; and a special 30-minute children's program, 1 – 3 p.m. (Stevensville A&E)

Caroline County: 9th Annual Fishing Derby: Saturday, May 3: Greensboro Carnival Grounds, Greensboro: Caroline Tourism

Caroline County: <u>Delmarva Driving Club's Pleasure Carriage Driving Show</u>: Saturday, May 3: Caroline 4-H Park, Denton: Caroline Tourism

Caroline County: <u>Ole Time Ridgely Days</u>: Saturday, May 3: Railroad Memorial Park, Ridgely: <u>Caroline Tourism</u>

Dorchester County: Six Pillars Century Cycling Event: Saturday, May 3: Six Pillars Cycling

Kent County: Legend of Kitty Knight Weekend: May 3 - 5: Georgetown and Galena: Weekend

Kent County: Galena Dogwood Festival: Saturday, May 3: Galena: Kent Tourism

Kent County: Blue Heron Paddle: Saturday, May 3: Sassafras River: Public Paddles

Talbot County: <u>Earth Day Celebration</u>: Saturday, May 3: Phillips Wharf Environmental Center, Tilghman Island: <u>Earth Day at PWEC</u>

Talbot County: <u>The Multicultural Festival</u>: Saturday, May 3, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.: Idlewild Park, Easton: <u>Multicultural Festival</u>

Talbot County: 2nd Annual Race 'Round The Island (to benefit the Tilghman Island Youth Association): Saturday, May 3: Race 'Round The Island

4th Annual Great Strides Walk to Defeat Cystic Fibrosis

This year's <u>Great Strides Kent Island</u> Walk will take place on **Sunday, May 4**, 9 a.m. (check-in at 8:30 a.m.), beginning at Bridges Restaurant on Kent Narrows. Although the Kent Narrows walk is just in its fourth year, Great Strides is the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's largest fundraising

event taking place across the United States. Bridges Restaurant will kick off the weekend events with a happy hour **Saturday, May 3**, dock side featuring a great band and specialty drinks. The fun continues post walk with a luncheon. Proceeds from both events will support Great Strides. Call 410-703-8047 for more information or to walk with Team Radivo or form a team of your own. (*The Shore Update*, March 6, 2014)

Queen Anne's County Arts Council Classes

Spring 2014:

<u>Herbal Spa Pampering Workshop</u>: **Sunday, May 4**: Wye River Designs (4300 Main Street), Grasonville. For more information, go to <u>Arts Council</u> and click on "Instruction" and then "Spring 2014 Schedule" or call 410-758-2520.

Summer 2014:

Outdoor Photography on Delmarva: Saturday, May 31: QAC Centre for the Arts (206 South Commerce Street), Centreville: Register by May 10;

One Stroke Painting: Wednesdays, May 7 – May 21: QAC Centre for the Arts: Register by April 30; Painting Birds in Gouache: Tuesdays, May 6 – June 3: QAC Centre for the Arts: Register by April 30; Market Your Art: Saturday, May 10: QAC Centre for the Arts: Register by May 3;

Benefits of Yoga and Art: Creating a Physical Connection: **Saturday, May 3**: QAC Centre for the Arts: Register by **April 26**.

For more information on summer classes, go to <u>Arts Council</u> and click on "Instruction" and then "Summer 2014 Schedule" or call 410-758-2520.

Anne Arundel County: <u>Annapolis Watercolor Club Presents "Treasures of the Chesapeake Bay"</u>: May 4 – July 1: Annapolis Maritime Museum, Annapolis: <u>Chesapeake Taste</u>

Talbot County: <u>Rock On Talbot Humane Live Auction</u>: Sunday, May 4: The Milestone Event Center, Easton: <u>Rock On</u>

Talbot County: <u>Chesapeake Classic Car Club's 30th Anniversary Spring Car, Truck, and Imports Show</u>: Sunday, May 4: on the grounds of the Easton Elks Lodge, Easton: <u>CCCC of Easton</u> (Rain date is Saturday, May 10)

Talbot County: <u>Schooner Sultana</u>, <u>Visiting Vessel</u>: May 4 - 10: Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, St. Michaels: <u>CBMM Calendar</u>

Worcester County: Ocean City Restaurant Week: May 4 - 18: Ocean City: OC Restaurant Week

Silent Auction and Raffle

Silent Anction CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children) of Queen Anne's and Kent Counties will host a silent auction and raffle on **Monday, May 5**, beginning at 5 p.m., at Doc's Riverside Grill in Centreville. Help support the most vulnerable children in our community. For more information, call 410-758-8610 or email info@casaqackent.org.

Queen Anne's County Free Library Lunchtime Series: Farm to Food Bank Needs You: Thursday,

May 8: 12:10 – 12:50 p.m.: Centreville Branch (<u>Library Events</u>)

Kent County: **Spring Flowers and Vegetable Plants** (fundraiser for the Kent Ruritan Club):

May 9 - 10: The Freeze (713 Washington Avenue), Chestertown: <u>Tidewater Trader</u>

Talbot County: <u>Talbot Optimist Club Golf Tournament</u>: Friday, May 9: Harbourtowne Resort and Country Club, St. Michaels: <u>Golf Tournament</u>

Talbot County: <u>Niña and Pinta</u>, <u>Visiting Vessels</u>: May 9 – 19: Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, St. Michaels: <u>CBMM Calendar</u>

Wicomico County: Pork in the Park: May 9 - 11: Winterplace Park, Salisbury: Pork in the Park

11th Annual Sporting Clay Shoot and Raffle



The Centreville Rotary Club will host a <u>Sporting Clay Shoot and Raffle</u> on **Saturday, May 10**, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., at Pintail Point (511 Pintail Point Farm Lane) in Queenstown. This event is a fundraiser for the Club's ongoing charitable projects including Rotary House, College Scholarships, and the Dictionary Project. Register and see all the details on the website.

Sudlersville Toy and Train Show



The Sudlersville Train Station Museum will host the Sudlersville Toy and Train Show on **Saturday, May 10**, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., at the Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Company (203 North Church Street) in Sudlersville. The Train Station Museum (101 S. Linden Street) will also be open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (QAC Tourism)

Wine and Canvas



The QAC Arts Council will host "Wine and Canvas" on **Saturday, May 10**, 5-8 p.m., and again on **Friday, June 20**, 6-9 p.m., at the Center for the Arts (206 South Commerce Street) in Centreville. Join fellow artists for an evening of painting and refreshments as you create your own work of art. All skill levels are welcome. Talented instructors will be

on hand to provide guidance. The cost for each session is \$40 for Arts Council members and \$45 for non-members. Wine and refreshments will be provided. To register, call 410-758-2520. For more information, go to Arts Council and click on "Instruction" and then "Summer 2014 Schedule."

"Strut Your Pup"



The Animal Resource Foundation (ARF) will host "Strut Your Pup" on **Saturday**, **May 10**, beginning at 5 p.m., at the Queenstown Harbour Golf Course (310 Links Lane) in Queenstown. The cost is \$25 per pup in advance, and \$30 on the day of the event. Join in a scenic walk with your four-legged best friend around the golf course. Your four-footed friend must be kept on a leash no longer than 6' and be friendly about children and other dogs. Register online at <u>ARF News</u> or call 410-643-8700.

Kent County: <u>Chili Fiesta Fly-In</u>: Saturday, May 10: Massey Air Museum (33541 Maryland Line Road), Massey: <u>Massey Air Museum</u>

Talbot County: <u>Mother's Day Flower Sale</u> (to benefit non-profit Bayside Breeze Fast Pitch 10U Softball): Saturday, May 10: Kohl's parking lot (207 Marlboro Avenue), Easton: <u>Bayside Breeze</u>

Talbot County: <u>"Doorways into Talbot County History" House and Garden Tour</u>: Saturday, May 10: six historic waterfront properties in Miles River Parish: <u>Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage: Talbot County</u>

Wicomico County: Bingomania: Saturday, May 10: Wicomico Civic Center, Salisbury: Bingomania

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, May 14,** 6:30 - 7:30

p.m.: "Flowers." 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)

12th Annual Senior Summit



The QAC Area on Aging will host the Senior Summit on **Friday, May 16**, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., at the 4-H Park in Centreville. For more information, call 410-758-1040, extension 2715. (QAC Tourism)

"The Wizard of Oz"



The American Family Theatre's Broadway for Kids will present "The Wizard of Oz" on **Friday, May 16**, 7 – 3:30 p.m., at the Todd Performing Arts Center at Chesapeake College in Wye Mills. All tickets are \$9 and may be purchased at <u>Tickets</u>. For more information, call 410-827-5867. (OAC Tourism)

Caroline County: 5th Annual Paddlefest on the Choptank: May 16 - 17: Greensboro to Denton: Paddlefest

TRIVIA ANSWERS

- 1. Holy Friday, Great Friday, Black Friday, or Easter Friday
- 2. Eight
- 3. Seder
- 4. Forty days
- 5. Pentecost Sunday

