



## 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 to the Neighborhood!



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**Welcome Night for New Residents** – New residents are invited to an evening of welcome on Wednesday, September 10, at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse Concert Hall. This is an informal get-together to meet other new residents, have dessert, and learn more about your new community. Please sign up in the Activities Book in the Clubhouse or RSVP to Carol Hodges, 410-758-0591.

### HOA BOARD

**Board Members Change:** Effective immediately, we are announcing the appointment of Robert Joy to the HOA Board, serving as Treasurer. Robert, who was a member of the SV Budget & Finance Committee since its inception and served as Chair of that Committee for the past 5 years, was appointed by the Board to fill the vacancy left by Claudia McGurk.

The residents of SV would like to welcome Robert and to thank Claudia for the time and effort she put into making our community a great place to live.

**Updated: SV Official Documents:** At the July 2014 HOA Board of Directors meeting, three official SV documents were discussed, and a vote was taken to accept them as replacements for the existing documents. The revised *Terms of Reference* is on the SV Website on the HOA Board webpage under "Official Documents" at [Terms of Reference](#). The newly-adopted *Investment Policy* resides in Appendix A of the Terms of Reference.



The revised *Architectural Guidelines* is also accessed via the HOA Board webpage under "Official Documents" at [Architectural Guidelines](#). All residents are encouraged to read the revised documents. If you do not have internet access, hard copies may be obtained in the SV office.

## MUSINGS FROM THE BOARD

**A Few Words About Management:** The HOA Board contracts with Legum & Norman to provide managers for Symphony Village. With the Board's approval, three personnel have been hired to manage our properties: Dennis Sesplankis, General Manager; Nancy Griffin, Administrative Assistant; and Tim Spangler, Custodian. These are the people who you interact with on a daily basis when you either call or go to the Clubhouse. If in your dealings with either Nancy or Tim, you have a concern, issue, or compliment, please pass it on to Dennis. While both try to be immediately responsive to your needs and concerns, they may be carrying out an assignment for Dennis and should not be asked to do something without first checking with Dennis.

**Nominating Committee:** At the July HOA Board Meeting, the Board appointed Joyce Brown, Mary Jo Keefe, and Scott Page to be members of the Committee with Dave Peterson as the Board Liaison. The Committee is asking for nominees (homeowners in good standing) to apply for the three (3) Board positions that are expiring: Alan Ettman, Mark Somerville, and Jeffery Caruso. Nominating forms can be obtained at the Front Desk or by pressing "Form for Board Nominations" on the HOA Board webpage of the SV Website or at [2014 Nomination Form](#). A homeowner can nominate him/herself or another homeowner to run for the positions that are being vacated. Nominations close Monday, September 15, at which time the Committee will request a resumé (using a supplied standard format) from each candidate. These resúmes will be published in the November *Libretto* and also enclosed in the mailing for the Wednesday, December 3, Annual HOA Meeting when the vote takes place. The Committee expects to have two "Meet the Candidates Forums" in November, one in the morning and the other in the evening.

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# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## COVENANTS COMMITTEE – *Ellen Norman, Chair*

At the last HOA Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday, July 23, the Board voted for the revised [Architectural Guidelines](#). The Guidelines are now online, so you may read them at your convenience. If you are planning any work on or around your home, please read the Guidelines for that improvement so you will know what information is required for approval. More information is required for some improvements than in the past.

There is also a revised **Modification Request Form** online for any work you wish to have done around your home. Since there are two different modification forms, be sure to use the correct one for your project. One of these is the Solar Panels Form and the other one is for anything else you wish to have done.

In the coming months, there will be a few more minor changes to the Guidelines. Notification will be sent to the community when these are accomplished.

## LIFESTYLE COMMITTEE – *Donna Donaldson, Chair*

On Sunday afternoon, July 27, we had our first **Trivial Pursuit Event**. It was really a lot of fun! Teams were formed, and the questions came from multiple games loaned to us by the residents. Your Lifestyle Committee is planning a mid-winter team challenge; a great way to spend a cold yucky afternoon.

Our **Jimmy Buffett Special Happy Hour**, last Saturday was a rousing success!! As usual, Bo played “tap your toes” and “get up and dance” music. The whole roast pig and fried chicken provided by Adams Rib was fantastic, and the salads and desserts provided by the residents gave us a wide variety of sides and sweets. The sno-cone cart may very well become a picnic standard!!

- **“Barry’s Last Ride” Happy Hour** – Saturday, **August 16**, at 6 p.m. Come join us as we toast Barry’s final night bartending and wish him well before his move to Annapolis. (Note: There are still dates available in November and December for “guest” bartenders to assist our resident barkeep Skip. [See page 11.] Sign up in the Activities Book to bartend for a Friday or Saturday Happy Hour and include your phone number.)
- **Ladies’ Happy Hour** – Thursday, **August 28**, at 5:30 p.m. The cost of Ladies’ Happy Hour dinner is \$5 per person. All drinks cost the suggested bar price as posted on the money jars. the “drink du jour” is \$1 until the pitchers are empty. Please remember to sign up in the Activities Book if you plan to attend the event as it helps the hostesses prepare adequately.
- **Labor Day Picnic** – Sunday, **August 31**, from 3 – 7 p.m. with food service from 4 – 6 p.m. **The Commerce Street Creamery** is catering this event, and the menu will be an assortment of sandwiches and sides. Desserts will be provided by the Committee (Encore, Opera, and Symphony streets). The cost is \$14 for adults, \$7 for children 6 to 12, children under 6 are free. Remember to sign up in the Activities Book in the Clubhouse. The last day to sign up and pay is August 25. (No need to sign up if you plan to bring your own picnic.)
- **Happy Hour** – Friday, **September 5**, 6 p.m. Steve Harty has signed up to be our first guest bartender!
- **Lifestyle Committee Meeting** – Monday, **September 8**, at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse. We are always open to new ideas for our community. ***All residents are welcome to attend.***



- **Lunch Bunch** – Thursday, **September 11**, at 12:30 – Meet at *The Greens* at the *Easton Club Restaurant and Pub* in Easton. Telephone: [410-820-9800](tel:410-820-9800). *The Greens* is located at the River House Golf Course, 28449 Clubhouse Drive in Easton. If you need a ride, please call Bea Trotta at [410-758-0332](tel:410-758-0332) or Marge Strano at [410-758-2511](tel:410-758-2511).
- **Happy Hour** – Saturday, **September 20**, 6 p.m. Reggie Farrare will be our guest bartender!

**SAVE THE DATE:**

- **9/11 Museum NY Trip** – Thursday, **October 2**, \$100 per person includes bus transportation, all taxes and driver tip, bagel breakfast, admission to the Museum. Depart from the Clubhouse at 7:30 a.m., one turnpike rest stop, and arrive in NY at 11:15 a.m. Time in the Museum is from noon to 3 p.m. Dinner is on your own in Little Italy with a return to home at approximately 9:30 p.m. Sign up and payment are soon so check in Activities Book for the deadline. This is sure to book up quickly and space is limited to 56 people, so HURRY.
- **Fall Garage/Yard Sale** – Saturday, **October 18**. Make your “For Sale” or To Buy” lists now!
- **Motown Saturday Happy Hour** – Saturday, **October 18**, DJ Bo, is coming back.
- We are trying to find a DJ for a **Country/Western Hoedown** for the **November Saturday night Happy Hour**. Any thoughts?
- **Radio City Christmas Spectacular** – Friday, **December 12**, \$150 per person. Cost includes bagel breakfast, orchestra seating, bus transportation, and all taxes and driver tip. Dinner is on your own. Departure time: 7:15 a.m. from the Clubhouse and return at 9:15 p.m. Sign up and payment are soon so check the Activities Book for the deadline.



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**OUTREACH – Carlene Cooke, President**

The Symphony Village Outreach Program elected a new President, Treasurer, and Secretary at the June meeting. Effective September 1, the new board is as follows:

President	Bea Trotta	Historian	Shirley Clark
Vice President	Open	Neighbor to Neighbor Chair	Marge Strano
Interim Secretary	Eleanor Strietman	Caregivers Chair	Marilyn Williams
Treasurer	Teri Nudo	At Large Board Members	Loretta Quigley
Development Chair	Linda Blume		Carlene Cooke
Special Events Chair	Nancie Cameron		

The Symphony Village Outreach Program, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization created by the residents of Symphony Village, Centreville, MD, to provide volunteer services and financial support to charitable and civic organizations in Queen Anne’s County, Maryland. The Neighbor to Neighbor and Caregivers programs also fall under the umbrella of the Outreach Program. Outreach celebrated its 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2014.

Through its fund raising efforts, such as the Village House Tour, Village Cookbook, annual Artisans’ Fair, annual Card and Game Party, and other events, the Program has been able to provide financial support to a number of organizations in Queen Anne’s County, including:

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| Hospice of Queen Anne’s<br>Chesterwye Center, Inc.<br>Shore Health Emergency Center<br>Chesapeake Victories, Inc.<br>Our Haven Shelter | Wounded Warrior Project at the Am. Legion<br>QAC Arts Council<br>QAC Historical Society<br>QAC Department of Social Services Food Pantry<br>Goodwill VFC EMS Training |
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We always welcome new members and ideas; our next meeting will be **Wednesday, September 24, at 7 p.m.** in the Concert Hall of the Clubhouse. We always meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month with the exception of July and August. For more information, please contact the new President, Bea Trotta at 410-758-0332 or [bptrotta@gmail.com](mailto:bptrotta@gmail.com) or any of the above mentioned board members.

**BINGO is Back!!**

After a summer vacation, Bingo returns on Friday, September 12, at 7 p.m. Bring your friends and neighbors and let's see if someone can win the **\$325 Jackpot.**

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## **PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS – Carol Hodges, Chair**

### **Photo and Pet Gallery for the Website**

Have you checked the Photo Gallery lately on the Website? Please do so now. Isn't it great to see so many of your neighbors? Is your photo missing? How about if someone found your pet? Could the resident go to the Website and find a picture of your pet so that you could be called? There are several ways to add your picture. Email a digital photo to George Drake or hand carry an actual photo for him to scan. He will Photoshop it and send it to Charlene Smallwood Brown to put it online. If you don't have any pictures, call Carol Hodges at 410-758-0591. She will arrange for someone to come and take a photo. (For your convenience, there will be a photographer available to take your picture at the "Welcome Night for New Residents" on September 10).



**Note: Pet pictures** should be emailed to John Schultz.

Maybe your pet will allow you in the picture too.

(Pictured here are Rufus and his owner, Allen Beck.)

### **Co-Manager of SV Google Group**

George Drake has graciously volunteered to help manage the SV Google Group. If you are not a member, email George or Carol Hodges requesting to be added. Remember the following:

To post to this group, send email to [symphony-village@googlegroups.com](mailto:symphony-village@googlegroups.com).

Visit this group at <https://groups.google.com/d/forum/symphony-village>

View this message at <https://groups.google.com/d/msg/symphony-village/topic-id/message-id>

For more options, visit <https://groups.google.com/d/optout>.

### **Next Meeting**

Because of the holiday, the Publications and Communications Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 2, at 2 p.m.

**All residents are welcome to attend.**

## **SNEAKERS – Linda Farrar, President**

### **10th Annual Silent Auction**

The 10th Annual Sneakers Silent Auction is scheduled for **Saturday, November 1**, at the SV Clubhouse. There will be many exciting items, lovely theme baskets, raffle items, and much more; so come share in the fun and enjoy the delicious foods. Additional details will be communicated as we get closer to the date.

We still are in need of packing/stuffing materials to be used for the Auction baskets. If you have extra clean bubble wrap, "peanuts," shredded paper, or packing pillows, please donate them. These items can be dropped off at Amy Marotta's home at 301 Overture Way until the deadline date of October 25.

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We thank you for your continued generosity and help to make this year's Auction a grand success.

**Next Meeting**

The next Sneakers meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 20, at 3 p.m. in the Clubhouse.

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**BIRD CLUB – Linda Blume**

The Bird Club will travel to Adkins Arboretum on **Saturday, September 13**, to attend a Bird Migration Walk, 8 – 10 a.m. Participants will join Wayne Bell on a guided walk looking for early fall migrants and lingering summer residents.



Special attention will be paid to “confusing fall warblers,” some of which are young birds on their first fall migration. The walk is free for members of the Arboretum and free with the Arboretum’s \$5 admission fee for non-members. Sign up in the Activities Book if you would like to attend with the Bird Club. If you would like to attend on your own, sign up online at [Bird Migration Walk](#).

## GAZEBO GARDEN CLUB & VICTORY GARDEN – Steve Guy

Steve (lucky) Guy has been on vacation in Montana. During his absence, we have acquired two new lady gardeners to help in the Gazebo Garden, Charlotte McClatchy and Julie Tompkins. They have



both attacked their assigned flower beds with a zeal that puts me to shame. Welcome! We will have a “Garden (weeding) Party” on Saturday, August 23, to get the beds in shape for the Labor Day Picnic. All residents are invited to help with this project. Contact Steve or Jack for further information. By the time you read this, the purple martins will be getting ready for their annual migration to South America.

The Victory Garden has been very successful. Many residents have been lucky enough to share in the harvest. We are still getting many tomatoes and peppers, but most of our squash are fading away. A few melons (cantaloupe, watermelon, and honeydew) are being harvested. The local farmers expect to have a bumper corn crop, so we can expect corn prices to be low. Our Victory Garden plots are too small to allow us to successfully grow our own corn, so we support the local farmers for this crop. –  
**Jack Hennessey**

**Attention Gardeners:** Bag worms are a real threat to evergreens, especially the Arbor vitae.



They often are hiding deep in the bush. The best treatment is to pick them off and seal them in a plastic bag before you dispose of them.

## READING FOR FUN BOOK CLUB

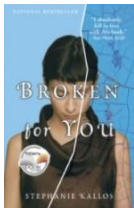
– Jack Hennessey

At our July 15 meeting, we reviewed the novel



*The Husband's Secret* by Liane Moriarty. This book was recommended by Pat Loiacono and, on a scale of 1 to 10, received a rating of 7.9. (Any rating over 7.0 is highly recommended reading.) The secret is revealed in a letter to his wife intended to be read only after his death. To find out the secret, which is actually revealed before his death, read this interesting and exciting novel.

The book for our August 19 meeting is *Broken For You* by Stephanie Kallas. The story revolves around the relationship between a rich widow and a broken hearted woman whom she takes in as a boarder. However, she takes in many other boarders, each of which has his/her own story to tell. All residents are invited to attend our monthly meetings, to participate in discussions, and to enjoy treats provided by the sponsor of the book.



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## SOFTBALL



The softball season for our home team, the **Shoremen**, has come to a close with us playing much better than last year. With the help of some new additions, we gave our competitors a good fight, sometimes losing by only one or two runs. It was nice to beat some teams that had swept us last year. All that remains is our yearly tournament, which will be over by the time you read this.

To try to keep in shape and have fun (which is our primary goal), we will be starting our Fall Ball practices beginning 10 a.m. Wednesday, September 3, at the

4-H park in Centreville. After that, we will have practice every Monday, same time and place. Wednesdays will be reserved for rain dates.

To be clear, Fall Ball is just to practice our throwing, batting, and catching skills. Anyone who might be interested in playing or just having fun is invited to just show up with his/her mitt and play.

Senior Softball is open to men 60 or older and women 50 or older. For more information, call Irv Kohne at 410-758-2668.

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## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

### Sign Up To BARTEND

Beginning September 5, you can sign up in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse to be the second bartender at Happy Hours and other social events.

You are asked to be at the bar from 5:30 p.m. 'til ?? on the following dates – one person per date:

Friday, September 5 – Steve Harty  
Saturday, September 20 – Reggie Farrare  
Friday, October 3  
Saturday, October 18  
Friday, November 7

Saturday, November 22  
Friday, December 5  
Saturday, December 20  
Wednesday, December 31

Any questions call Skip 443-386-6553.



### PAINTBRUSH PARTY

*by Sue Canfield*

The QAC Arts Council held a Paintbrush Party on **Friday, July 18**, at the Centre for the Arts in Centreville. Eight women from Symphony Village attended, and we had a wonderful evening,

painting, laughing... and sipping

wine. Artist Sarah Lyle led the class step by step as we painted our versions of Van Gogh's *Starry Night*. The next event is scheduled for **Saturday, August 23**, from 6 to 9 p.m. These parties will be held once a month as long as there is interest.



L to R:

1<sup>st</sup> row – Cathy Norris, Sue Peterson,  
Lynn Lewis

2<sup>nd</sup> row – Ann Sewell, Celia Love,  
Sue Canfield, Gaye Baker

Top row – Pam Ogens.

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## **CHAIR-ity for CHILDREN'S ART ONLINE AUCTION**



The Queen Anne's County Arts Council announces its "CHAIR-ity for Children's Art Online Auction" which offers uniquely decorated Adirondack chairs for bid during an online silent auction to benefit children's art programs at the Centre for the Arts. The chairs will be on display in sponsor locations throughout Queen Anne's County until September 15 when the online auction closes.

The closing Silent Auction will be held on **Saturday, September 20**, 5 – 7 p.m., at the Centre for the Arts (206 South Commerce Street) where the chairs will be sold to the highest bidders during the "Cheers to CHAIR-ity" Wine and Beer Tasting. Tickets are \$15 and space is limited (call 410-758-2520 to reserve your ticket). Light fare will be served, and the *Van Williamson Band* will provide the entertainment. For a list of the artists participating, a list of the sponsor locations, and to place your online bid, go to [QAC Arts Council](http://QAC Arts Council), click on "Events and Exhibits," and then on "CHAIR-ity for Children's Art Online Auction." You may see all the chairs being auctioned by selecting "Place Your Bid."

## **Town Hall Meeting: "Senior Issues and Concerns"**



The QAC Commission on Aging is hosting a Town Hall Meeting on **Thursday, September 18**, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., at the Grasonville Senior Center (4802 Main Street) in Grasonville. State and local officials will address "Senior Issues and Concerns."

This is NOT a political rally. Questions and concerns may be written down and dropped off at the Senior Center or call 410-827-6010. Every question/concern will be addressed at the Town Hall. The deadline to submit questions is **Sunday, August 31**.

## Queen Anne's County Free Library's "PORCH BOOK SALE"



Need some end of summer reading? Visit the "Porch Book Sale" at the Centreville branch (121 South Commerce Street) and Kent Island branch (200 Library Circle) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on **Saturday, August 23**. The book sale features hardback and paperback books at low prices. Children's books, books for teens, best sellers, mysteries, and biographies are just a few examples of the

wide range of books included in the sale. Proceeds from the sale go to the Friends of the Queen Anne's County Library, which supports the library's Summer Reading Program.

### Hospice of Queen Anne's Volunteer Training Scheduled



The next session of training for individuals interested in volunteering for Hospice of Queen Anne's is set for September. The 16-hour training will be held on **September 9, 11, 16, 18, 23 and 25** from 6 – 9 p.m. at Hospice (255 Comet Drive) in Centreville. Attending all 16 hours is required for volunteers who will be working directly with hospice patients and their family members.

Hospice of Queen Anne's relies on more than 300 volunteers of all ages, many from Symphony Village. For information about becoming a volunteer for Hospice of Queen Anne's, visit [Hospice Volunteers](#) or contact Courtney Williams, 443-262-4112, [cwilliams@hospiceofqueenannes.org](mailto:cwilliams@hospiceofqueenannes.org).

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### QUEEN ANNE'S CHORALE'S Fall Semester Begins



Weekly Monday rehearsals for the Queen Anne's Chorale upcoming season begin on **Monday, September 8**, 7 – 9 p.m., at Centreville United Methodist Church (608 Church Hill Road) in Centreville. This will also be an "open rehearsal" for new singers. No audition is held, and singers of all parts are welcome. New singers should arrive at 6:30 p.m. for a short orientation. A short reception will follow. New singers are not accepted for the fall semester after this date. The holiday concert, "A Mostly Baroque Christmas," will be performed on Saturday, December 6, 7 p.m., at the Todd Performing Arts Center at Chesapeake College in Wye Mills. For more information, visit [Queen Anne's Chorale](#) or call 410-739-1910.

## Another TRAVEL Dilemma

by Mary Ciesielski

My San Francisco story pales in comparison to what Jack Walsh went through (“Pilgrim’s Regress,” July *Libretto*), but it was worrisome nonetheless. Bob and I took a taxi instead of that lumbering bus to the airport for the return flight to BWI last November. The driver from Ukraine kept us entertained with stories of trips to Africa and how he got started in the U.S. When we arrived at the airport, I put my jacket back on, as it had become a little stuffy in the taxi. We retrieved our bags from the back, paid the driver, and headed for Southwest. It was at the check-in I realized my backpack was still in the taxi. Forgetting I had removed it to take off my jacket, I now remembered I had put it on the floor. All my important items – phone, money, keys, credit cards, jewelry – anything worth anything was in that backpack.



We rushed back outside, but there was no sign of the taxi. Well, there were several taxis, but which one was ours? Someone sent us to a courtesy phone in the median, so we negotiated our way to the phone in the middle of all the traffic. It was almost impossible to hear anything, but we understood that we had to go back into the terminal and find an office on the basement level where we could get help. Finding that office was an adventure in itself, but eventually we found it, with only a knob in the long blue wall to identify an office entrance.

It turns out, while I was chatting with the driver, Bob was staring at the taxi ID; and he had memorized the number. Whew! The dispatcher made a phone call and then led us out of the terminal to a large parking area in the back. There was our taxi driver standing and eating a sandwich for lunch. He was totally unaware that we had left anything in his taxi, and we were overjoyed to be reunited with the backpack. We were delighted to give him another tip for just being there!

As I said, this is nothing like the scary time Jack Walsh experienced, and our ordeal lasted just about 20 minutes, whereas Jack was wandering like the lost tribes for quite some time before he happily reached Nazareth and his group. Next *Libretto*, I hope we'll hear about the rest of Jack's trip.

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Strawberry Spinach Salad *from the Kitchen of Pat Toole*

#### Salad:

1 bag of baby spinach  
½ small red onion, chopped  
1 sliced cucumber  
1 ½ cups sliced strawberries  
¼ cup chopped pecans

#### Salad Dressing:

¼ cup lemon juice  
2 tablespoons white vinegar  
1 tablespoon oil  
⅓ cup sugar



Mix all ingredients in a bowl. Make dressing, shake well, and pour over salad.



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## LOCAL EVENTS

Talbot County: **Oxford Picket Fence Tour**: underway until Saturday, October 11: [Picket Fence Tour](#)

Kent County: **Cliff's Schoolhouse and Museum Open House**: third Saturday of the month (August 16) through October: just outside Chestertown: [Kent Tourism](#)

Anne Arundel County: **The Annapolis Shakespeare Company presents “The Imaginary Invalid”**: select dates August 5 – October 7: Historic Reynolds Tavern, Annapolis: [Comedy in the Courtyard](#) .

Dorchester County: **Crab Week at the Hyatt Chesapeake Bay Resort**: August 15-29: Cambridge: [Crab Week](#)

### **Kent Narrows Art Fair to Benefit Hospice of Queen Anne's**



Artisans from the Eastern Shore and surrounding areas will continue their tradition of supporting Hospice of Queen Anne's on **Saturday, August 16**, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., at Fisherman's Inn (3116 Main Street) in Grasonville at the Kent Narrows Art Fair. The group will be selling handmade original creations, and each artist will donate 10% of sales to Hospice.

## Crab & Shrimp Feast



The Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Department will host an all-you-can-eat Crab & Shrimp Feast on **Saturday, August 16**, 2 – 6 p.m., at the firehouse (203 North Church Street) in Sudlersville. The cost is \$30 per person with children under 6 no charge. For more information, call 410-310-8239.

## Chester River Wine Mixer and Fishing Tournament



The Chestertown Chapter of Coastal Conservation Association of Maryland will host the [Chester River Wine Mixer and Fishing Tournament](#) on **Saturday, August 16**, at Conquest Beach Park (1000 Conquest Road) in Centreville. The fishing tournament will take place 5:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. (\$50 entry fee which includes Mixer admission), and the Wine Mixer will be noon – 6 p.m. (\$20 per person). There will be a fish fry accompanied by local wine, beer, and food. Music will be provided by *Fire on the Bay* and *Herd of Main Street*. Register for one or both events on the website.

## Guided Kayak Tours

The Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center (CBEC) (600 Discovery Lane) in Grasonville will host [Guided Kayak Tours](#) throughout the summer along Marshy Creek. Coming up:

**Sunday, August 17**, 1 – 2:30 p.m. (Skill Level I – Beginner)

**Saturday, September 13**, 2 – 5 p.m. (Skill Level II - Intermediate)

The cost is \$10 for CBEC members and \$15 for non-members. See the website for more information. Reservations are required – contact Courtney Leigh, [cleigh@bayrestoration.org](mailto:cleigh@bayrestoration.org) or 410-827-6694, to register.



Caroline County: **Money Benefit Bingo** (to benefit Kickin’ Kids Cancer): **Sunday, August 17**: Goldsboro Volunteer Fire Company, Goldsboro: [Goldsboro VFC](#)

## “Thursdays in the Park” Music Series



The Queen Anne’s County Arts Council sponsors “Thursdays in the Park” throughout the summer at varying locations in QAC. *Bobby and the Believers* will perform on **Thursday, August 21**, 7 – 9 p.m., at the Matapeake Amphitheatre in Stevensville. Bring a picnic basket and chairs or a blanket. The concerts are free and are held rain or shine (except in extreme weather conditions).

([Summer Concert Series](#))

Anne Arundel County: **24<sup>th</sup> Annual Annapolis Art Walk**: **Thursday, August 21**: downtown Annapolis: [Art in Annapolis](#)

## Sunset Celebration



[Hospice of Queen Anne's](#) will host its annual Sunset Celebration fundraiser on **Friday, August 22**, 5 – 9 p.m., at Fisherman’s Crab Deck (3116 Main Street) in Grasonville. It is an evening of fun, food, and entertainment to benefit Hospice. The menu will feature pulled pork, fried chicken, baked beans, and other summer delights; the meal ends with sundaes for dessert. Beer, wine, and soft drinks will be served throughout the evening. There will also be a silent auction and a “Pick-the-Crab” game. Tickets are \$65 in advance and \$75 at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, contact Kenda Leager, 443-262-4106 or [kleager@hospiceofqueenannes.org](mailto:kleager@hospiceofqueenannes.org).

## Queenstown Fair



The Queenstown Volunteer Fire Department's annual Fair will take place on **August 22-23**, beginning at 5 p.m. each day. In addition to plenty of food and plenty of fun, there will be fireworks at dusk on Friday; a corn hole tournament at 4 p.m. on Saturday; a parade at 5 p.m. on Saturday; and *21 Horses* will perform live on Saturday from 7 – 10 p.m. The Queenstown VFD will be celebrating its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of service to the community.

Caroline County: **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Delmarva Farmer Ag Scholarship Golf Tournament: Friday, August 22:** Caroline County Country Club, Denton: 410-822-3965 or [tiffany@americanfarm.com](mailto:tiffany@americanfarm.com)

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Crab Feast and Silent Auction



The Richard Downey Foundation will host a Crab Feast and Silent Auction on **Saturday, August 23**, 1 – 6 p.m., at the Kent Island Yacht Club (117 Yacht Club Drive) in Chester. Tickets are \$70 for adults and include crabs, beer, and picnic fare. No ticket is required for children ages 13 and under, but a donation is much appreciated. Music by *Cuzzin Mark & Sean* and *Keri Glorioso*. All proceeds will

benefit youth athletics in Queen Anne's County. For tickets and more information, go to [The Richard Downey Foundation](#)

## Paintbrush Party



The QAC Arts Council will hold the next Paintbrush Party on **Saturday, August 23**, 6 – 9 p.m., at the Centre for the Arts in Centreville. While sipping wine and listening to music, participants are guided step-by-step to create your own version of the evening's featured painting. No art experience required. Party goers are provided with all the materials needed to complete a 16"x20" painting to take home. The cost is \$40 for Arts Council members and \$45 for non-members. Reserve a spot by calling 410-758-2520. Past events have sold out; make your plans early.

## "Pasta for Paws"



Chesapeake Cats and Dogs will host a fundraiser "Pasta for Paws" on **Saturday, August 23**, 4:30 - 7 p.m., at Christ Church (830 Romancoke Road) in Stevensville. The menu is spaghetti, meatballs, salad, garlic bread, and dessert. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children ages 6-12, and free to children under 6. There will also be adoptable pets at the event, raffles, and a silent auction. Call 410-643-9955 to reserve your ticket(s) or more information. ([CCAD](#))

Anne Arundel County: **Maryland Renaissance Festival: weekends, August 23 – October 19:** Annapolis: [Renaissance Festival](#)

Anne Arundel County: **Kegs and Corks: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Craft Beer and Maryland Wine Festival** (to benefit The Chesapeake Bay Trust): **Saturday, August 23:** [Kegs and Corks](#)

Anne Arundel County: **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Boatyard Regatta and Battle of the Chesapeake** (to benefit Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating): **Saturday, August 23:** Eastport Yacht Club, Annapolis: [Boatyard Regatta](#)

Dorchester County: **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Crabby Cup: Saturday, August 23:** River Marsh Golf Club, Cambridge: [What's Up Magazine - Crabby Cup](#)

Dorchester County: **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Great Eastern Shore Tomato Festival: Saturday, August 23:** Vienna: [Maryland Tourism - Tomato Festival](#)



Kent County: **53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fish Fry: Saturday, August 23:** Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, Rock Hall: [Kent Tourism](#)

Kent County: **Seafood Fest** (to benefit Classic Yacht Restoration Guild): **Saturday, August 23:** Rock Hall Yacht Club, Rock Hall: [Tidewater Trader](#)

Talbot County: **Channel Marker Golf Tournament** (to benefit Channel Marker Mental Health Support Services): **Saturday, August 23:** River House Golf Course at the Easton Club, Easton: [Golf Tournament](#)

Talbot County: **Summer Celebration Crab Feast** (to benefit Channel Marker Mental Health Support Services): **Saturday, August 23:** River House at the Easton Club, Easton: [Channel Marker Events](#)

Talbot County: **Myers Heritage Regatta: Aug. 23-24:** Tred Avon Yacht Club, Oxford: [Tred Avon Yacht Club](#)

### **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Crab Feast**



A Crab Feast will be held on **Sunday, August 24**, 1 – 4 p.m., at the Kent Island Yacht Club (117 Yacht Club Drive) in Chester to benefit the Animal Resource Foundation (ARF). The menu is all-you-can-eat crabs, corn on the cob, pulled pork, salads, desserts, beer, and soda. There will also be door prizes, raffles, and a 50/50. There will be live music by *The Acoustic Trio of Sparks, Raymond & McCoy*. Advance tickets are \$50 for adults (\$55 at the door) and \$25 for children ages 6-12 (\$30 at the door); children 5 and under admitted free. Call 410-643-8700 to reserve your tickets. ([Shore Update](#))

Anne Arundel County: **SPCA 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Puppy Plunge: Sunday, August 24:** Camp Letts, Edgewater: [Puppy Plunge](#)

Caroline County: **“Cruise In for Character” Car, Truck, and Boat Show** (to benefit Character Counts Mid Shore): **Sunday, August 24:** Preston Autoplex, near Preston: [Attraction Magazine](#)

Caroline County: **Adkins Arboretum Events:**

- Movie: *Bending Sticks*: **Sunday, August 24:** [Bending Sticks](#)
- Tracks and Scat: **Sunday, September 7:** [Tracks and Scat](#)
- Fall Native Plant Sale: **September 13-14:** [Plant Sale](#)
- Bird Migration Walk: **Saturday, September 13:** [Bird Migration Walk](#)

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.

Dorchester County: **Taylor's Island Boat Docking Challenge: Sunday, August 24:** Slaughter Creek Marina, Taylor's Landing: 443-521-4659, [Dorchester Tourism](#)

Anne Arundel County: **Ticked Off Music Fest** (to benefit programs to prevent, raise awareness, and cure Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses): **Thursday, August 28:** Loews Hotel Power House, Annapolis: [Ticked Off Music Fest](#)

Talbot County: **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Monty Alexander Jazz Festival: August 28-31:** venues in Easton: [Jazz Festival](#)

Anne Arundel County: **Canines & Cocktails for a Cause** (to benefit Greyhound Pets of America, Maryland Chapter): **Friday, August 29:** Loews Annapolis Hotel, Annapolis: [Cocktails for a Cause](#)

Somerset County: **National Hard Crab Derby and Fair: August 29–31**: Somers Cove Marina, Crisfield: [Crab Derby](#)

Caroline County: **Guided Canoe Trip along Watts Creek: Saturday, August 30**: Martinak State Park Nature Center, Denton: Pre-registration: call 410-820-1668

Kent County: **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Race to Erase MS 5K: Saturday, August 30**: Wilmer Park, Chestertown: [Tri Sports Events](#)

Kent County: **Bicentennial of The Battle of Caulk’s Field: August 30–31**:

- **Saturday**: Downtown Chestertown Association’s Prelude to Sunday’s “Battle of Caulk’s Field”: Downtown Chestertown: [Kent Tourism](#)
- **Sunday**: “The Battle of Caulk’s Field” Reenactment: Caulk’s Field Battlefield, near Fairlee: [Kent Tourism](#)
- **Sunday**: Caulk’s Field Wreath Laying: Caulk’s Field Monument, near Fairlee: [Kent Tourism](#)

For all the details, visit [Kent County War of 1812 Events](#).

Somerset County: **55<sup>th</sup> Annual Skipjack Races and Land Festival: August 30 – September 1**: Deal Island: [Deal Island Lions Club](#)

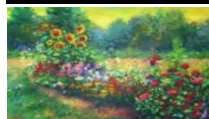
Talbot County: **St. Michaels Art League presents “Labor Day Art Show and Sale”: August 30-31**: St. Luke’s United Methodist Church, St. Michaels: [St. Michaels Art League](#)

Talbot County: **17<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Boat Auction: Saturday, August 30**: Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, St. Michaels: [Boat Auction](#)

Caroline County: **Guided Canoe Trip along Tuckahoe Creek: Sunday, August 31**: Tuckahoe State Park Boathouse, Queen Anne: Pre-registration: call 410-820-1668

Talbot County: **Piga-Figa-Licious** (to benefit the Oxford Museum): **Monday, September 1**: Oxford Firehouse, Oxford: [Attraction Magazine](#)

### **Exhibit: “Plein Air Summer Reflections”**



The Kent Island Federation of Arts (405 Main Street) in Stevensville will host an exhibit, “Plein Air Summer Reflections,” on **September 3-27**. This is a gallery show featuring Plein Air artists with a last look back at summer. ([KIFA](#))

Grasonville Senior Center (4802 Main Street) in Grasonville holds special events throughout the year. Coming up:

**Talk and Tea Presentation: You and Your Credit Score: Thursday, September 4**: [Event Flier](#)

For more information, call 410-827-6010.

Anne Arundel County: **Arts Alive 16!**: **Friday, September 5**: Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, Annapolis: [Arts Alive 16!](#)

### **“Animals on Parade”**



Historic Stevensville Arts and Entertainment presents “Animals on Parade” on **Saturday, September 6**, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., at the Island Dog Park (200 White Pine Lane) in Stevensville. There will be a parade, K-9 demonstrations, pet-oriented vendors, and more. There will also be family events, music, and food, and historic buildings will be open for touring. To enter your dog in the parade, fill out the form at [Parade Entry Form](#). For more information on “Animals on Parade,” call 410-604-

0333. The Kent Island Federation of Arts (KIFA) (405 Main Street) in Stevensville will be open as

well, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. KIFA will feature a car “trunk” show (9 a.m. – noon), “Art from the Attic” tent (9 a.m. – 3 p.m.), a featured artist (noon – 3 p.m.), and children’s 30-minute programs (1 – 3 p.m.) For more information about KIFA, call 410-643-7424. ([Stevensville Arts and Entertainment](#))

### **“Blasting for the Brave” Sporting Clays Tournament and Family Fun Day**



This event will be held on **Saturday, September 6**, at The Point at Pintail (511 Pintail Point Lane) in Queenstown. The sporting clays tournament will be accompanied by a Family Fun Day that will include pond fishing, children’s activities, a silent auction, a shooting demonstration, chainsaw caving, door prizes, a catered lunch, and more. The event benefits Project Healing Waters and the Pat Tillman Foundation, non-profit organizations that support veterans and their families. Go to [Blasting for the Brave](#) for more information or call 301-767-5790.

Anne Arundel County: **47<sup>th</sup> Annual Maryland Seafood Festival**: **September 6-7**: Sandy Point State Park, Annapolis: [Maryland Seafood Festival](#)

Anne Arundel County: **National Treaty of Paris Festival**: **Saturday, September 6**: venues in Annapolis: [Festival](#)

Kent County: **Chestertown Jazz Festival**: **Saturday, September 6**: Wilmer Park, Chestertown: [Chestertown Jazz Festival](#)

Worcester County: **Harbor Day at the Docks**: **September 6-7**: Ocean City: [Maryland Tourism - Harbor Day](#)

Worcester County: **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Brews on the Beach Festival**: **Saturday, September 6**: Ocean City: [Maryland Tourism - Brews on the Beach](#)

Talbot County: **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Tour de Talbot – “Riding for Clean Rivers”** (to benefit Midshore Riverkeepers Conservancy and Chesapeake Bay Foundation): **Sunday, September 7**: back roads of Talbot County: [Tour de Talbot](#)

Talbot County: **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Clinic and Tournament** (to benefit the programs of the Women & Girls Fund): **Tuesday, September 9**: Talbot Country Club, Easton: [Golf Day](#)

### **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 upcoming program is:

**Wednesday, September 10**, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Meet in the Pavilion to the right of the parking area. The cost is \$5 for members, \$6 non-members, and free to children under 2 years of age. Reservations are encouraged – call 410-827-6694 or email to [knelson@bayrestoration.org](mailto:knelson@bayrestoration.org).

([S'mores and Stories](#))

Baltimore City: **Star-Spangled Spectacular** (celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *The Star Spangled Banner*): **September 10–16**: venues throughout Baltimore: [Star-Spangled Spectacular](#)

Anne Arundel County: **Anne Arundel County Fair**: **September 10–14**: Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds, Crownsville: [AA County Fair](#)

Worcester County: **Soundwave Music Festival**: **September 11–13**: Berlin: [Soundwave Music Festival](#)



### **“The Miracle Worker”**



The Church Hill Theatre (103 Walnut Street) in Church Hill presents “The Miracle Worker” **September 12–28**. Friday and Saturday performances begin at 8 p.m., and Sunday performances begin at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$15 for members. Purchase tickets online or call 410-758-1331.  
([Church Hill Theatre](#))

Kent County: **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of the Sassafras: Friday, September 12:** Galena: [Taste of the Sassafras](#)

Talbot County: **Nautical Mosaics Three-Day Workshop: September 12-14:** Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, St. Michaels: [CBMM Calendar](#)

### **Run 4 Shelter: Half marathon, 10K, 5K, 2-Mile Walk, and Kids Crab Run**



[Run 4 Shelter](#) is the major fundraiser for Our Haven Shelter and will take place on **Saturday, September 13**. Runners will run a half marathon, 10K, or 5 K along a fast and flat paved course that alternates between the wooded trails of Kent Island and the wide-open scenery of the Chesapeake Bay. There will also

be a 2-mile Walk for adults and a Kids Crab Run for children. All races are open to both runners and walkers. Go to the website for more information and to register. Our Haven Shelter is a mission of the QAC Christian Assistance which provides shelter, meals, and assistance to homeless men, women, and children in the local area.

### **“Cancer SUCKS Concert” – Queen Anne’s County**



The “Cancer SUCKS Concert” will take place on **Saturday, September 13**, noon – 11 p.m., at the Kent Island Yacht Club (117 Yacht Club Drive) in Chester. “11 bands – 11 hours – 1 cause.” There will be lots of music, vendors, food, beer, wine, pony rides, moon bounce, games, and more. Bring blankets and lawn chairs. Tickets are \$5 (children under 12 no charge). Purchase tickets by calling 443-496-1710. It is anticipated that tickets will sell out. ([Kent Island Online](#))

Anne Arundel County: **Hearth Cooking and Family Program “Life at Sea”:** **Saturday, September 13:** Historic London Town and Gardens, Annapolis: [Hearth Cooking](#)

Dorchester County: **22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Native American Festival: September 13-14:** Vienna Ball Park, Vienna: [Native American Festival](#)

Dorchester County: **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Vineyard Dash 5K** (to benefit the Dorchester County Farm Bureau): **Saturday, September 13:** Layton’s Chance Vineyard, Vienna: [Vineyard Dash](#)

Kent County: **Wheels and Keels Show: Saturday, September 13:** Rock Hall Yacht Club, Rock Hall: [Kent Tourism](#)

Kent County: **Remote Controlled Laser Championship: Saturday, September 13:** Rock Hall Yacht Club, Rock Hall: [Kent Tourism](#)

Talbot County: **Brackish Life Family Fishing Tournament: Saturday, September 13:** Easton: [Maryland Tourism - Fishing Tournament](#)

Talbot County: **Relay for Life: Saturday, September 13** (to benefit the American Cancer Society): Easton High School Stadium, Easton: [Relay for Life - Talbot County](#)

Talbot County: **17<sup>th</sup> Annual Boating Party Fundraising Gala: Saturday, September 13:** Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, St. Michaels: [CBMM Calendar](#)

### Pecometh Upper Shore Century Bike Ride



Camp Pecometh (136 Bookers Wharf Road) in Centreville hosts this annual bicycling adventure on **Sunday, September 14**, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. There are four routes – 12 miles, 33 miles, 72 miles, and 100 miles. ([Maryland Tourism - Bike Ride](#))

### Shakespeare on the Beach: *Macbeth*



*Macbeth* by William Shakespeare will be performed outdoors on **Monday, September 15**, 7 – 9 p.m., at the Matapeake Beach and Clubhouse (Sonny Schultz Drive) in Stevensville. No admission charge. For more information, call 410-604-2100. ([QAC Tourism](#))

### Bus Trip: “Inspire: The Music that Moves You”



The Grasonville Senior Center will host a bus trip to attend a performance of “Inspire: The Music that Moves You” at the American Music Theatre in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on **Wednesday, May 6, 2015**. “Inspire” features beautiful songs in the style of Josh Groban, Celine Dion, Sarah Brightman, Il Divo, Andrea Bocelli, Celtic Woman, and many others. Witness the magic of stunning costumes, elegant sets, and breathtaking scenery, while remarkable singers, dancers, and orchestra delight your spirit live on stage. Participants will also visit the Landis Valley Museum and Village, the largest “living history” village in the country dedicated to the total preservation of early Pennsylvania German Life. Delight in many demonstrations including crafts, farming, food preservation, weaving, cooking, and costumed guides. Take a horse drawn wagon ride through the town. Learn how the Amish and Mennonites make up part of the Pennsylvania Dutch culture. Enjoy a unique dining experience with a full course lunch served at Landis Valley Village (choice of baked chicken breast with gravy or roast beef with filling). The cost is \$85 per person: \$20 due at sign up with the balance due by April 10, 2015. The cost includes show, tour, lunch, and transportation. Call 410-827-6010 for more details and to sign up.

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