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March, 2015

Symphony Village's Newsletter

Vol. X No. 3

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.



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MUSINGS FROM THE BOARD

Let's Covet our Covenants—*Nancie Cameron*

The Covenants Committee has the awesome responsibility to ensure that our community maintains its beauty and architectural integrity. The committee regulates the exterior design, signage, appearance, use, and maintenance of homeowner lots and the HOA common property. The Architectural Guidelines (revised December 4, 2014) spell out what can and cannot be done in our community. The guidelines can be found on the SV Website under [HOA Board, Official Documents](#), and we encourage everyone to read them. The Declarations refer to the Covenants Committee that was established by the Board of Directors.

Many folks moved to Symphony Village because of the Covenants. However, when the rules are not followed, it impacts on us all—not only from a safety standpoint, but also from an aesthetic standpoint. We may not always agree with one another, but let us all cooperate by honoring our Covenants in the interest of our community.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

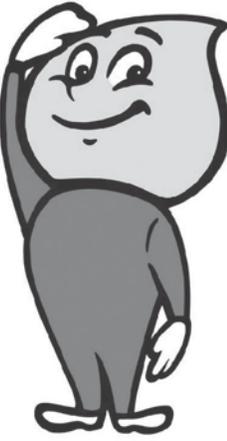
LIFESTYLE COMMITTEE — *Vinny Volpicelli, Chair Carolyn Harty & Margo Wagner, Co-Vice Chairs*

- **Happy Hour**—Saturday, March 21, at 6 p.m. Irish Coffee Night!

- **Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre**—Saturday, March 21, at 6 p.m. Chesapeake College, Todd Performing Arts Center. \$40 per person. Join us for a SV Happy Hour Night Cap after the show!
- **Happy Hour**— Friday, April 3, at 6 p.m.
- **Happy Hour**—Saturday, April 18, at 6 p.m.
- **Next Meeting**—Lifestyle Committee—Monday April 6 at 7 p.m. We meet on the first Monday of every month and welcome new members at any time!
- **Trips to Broadway Musicals**—The Lifestyle Committee has been coordinating several trips to New York Broadway shows for 2015. However, due to lack of interest, "On The Town" and "Aladdin" have been cancelled. "Beautiful" was sold out.
- **Spring Yard Sale**—Saturday April 11—Please sign up in the Activities Book ASAP or contact Vinny Volpicelli directly. We need 15 participating households to proceed. The \$5 cost covers advertising and balloons for your house. These events draw a lot of customers from the area. Sell that stuff crowding your garage so you can park inside next winter!
- **Beauty Consultation**—Spruce up Your Springtime Hairdo – Glam Salon in Chester is offering a free hairstyle consultation on Friday, April 24 from 5 to 6 p.m. Wine and cheese will be served. There are limited spaces--so sign up early in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse. Contact Carolyn Harty for additional details. Participants can carpool from the Clubhouse.
- **Events in the Planning Stage**— More details in the next *Libretto*.
 - **Appraisal Road Show** with Todd Peenstra at SV Clubhouse. Planned for Spring-Summer.
 - **Group Trip to Suicide Bridge Restaurant for Paddle Boat Ride and a Meal**— Hurlock MD. Planned for late Spring.
 - **Painting Party for SV Residents at Queen Anne's County Centre for the Arts**— Downtown Centreville. Planning for early Spring.
 - **911 Museum Trip**—Planned for the Fall.
- **Hosts for Happy Hours**—It's Easier Than You Think! This is a very easy assignment and a great way to meet fellow residents. You can select a theme if you wish; we will advertise. You will greet people as they arrive, enjoy yourself through the evening, and help with simple cleanup at the end. The step-by-step guide for hosting is in the Activities Book. If you are interested, please sign up in the Activities Book or contact Carolyn Harty or Margo Wagner. Lifestyle Committee members are always there and can help
- **Lunch Bunch**—Our next *Lunch Bunch* outing is scheduled for Thursday April 16, 12:30 p.m. at **the Bonfish Grill, (Annapolis Town Center)**, at 1915 Town Center Blvd Suite15. Please remember to sign up in the Activities Book in the Clubhouse. If you need a ride or have a question, please call Bea Trotta at 410-758-0332 or Marge Strano at 410-758-2511. Please join us for wonderful lunch and great company!
- **Attention Bartender Wannabees!**
Everyone invited, 1st Friday and 3rd Saturday of each month to tend bar at the Happy Hour. The sign-up sheet for January 2 through March 21 awaits you at the Clubhouse. Go ahead, you know you want to do it! Have a question? Email skornmeyer@msn.com or call at 443-386-6553.

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OUTREACH – *Bea Trotta, President*

SV Team of Volunteers for Rebuilding Together

Rebuilding Together of Queen Anne’s County, Inc., was the monetary beneficiary of Outreach’s Card and Game Party this past January. Outreach is also coordinating a Symphony Village Team of volunteer workers to participate in the event this year on **Saturday, April 25**. They are looking for people with “handyperson” skills to do indoor/outdoor painting, some carpentry, and offer helping hands for all the projects. The group hopes to work on six homes in QAC; the SV Team would most likely be assigned to work on a home in Centreville. Please contact Pat Fox, 443-262-8178, if you are interested in being part of the SV Team. More details will be forthcoming as April 25 approaches. SV fielded a team of volunteers in 2011 – see the [May 2011 Libretto](#).



Next Meeting—The next Outreach meeting will be held at the Clubhouse on Wednesday, March 25 at 7:15 p.m.

PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS—*Carol Hodges, Chair; Linda Blume, Vice Chair*

Nextdoor Symphony Village

Our neighborhood is using a private, online network called **Nextdoor** Symphony Village. On our **Nextdoor** site, neighbors share community events, recommendations, items for sale/free, crime/safety concerns, ideas

about how to make our neighborhood better, and more. Please join us to build better neighborhoods! There is a current attempt to find a group that everyone can join. **Nextdoor** is a geographically based network. We will also have the ability to create subgroups such as a group for Bridge players, a group for Covenant Committee members, etc. **Nextdoor** seems easier to follow. If you would like to join, ask any member of the Publications and Communications Committee to send you an invite. Nextdoor could replace Trio and the Symphony Village Facebook page.

The [SV Website](#) –*John Schultz*

The [SV Website](#) is a dynamic website. Have you explored it lately? For example:

- Want to know how far you are actually walking when you stroll the Village? Go to “SV Walking Map” on the [Sources](#) web page;
- Looking for a volunteer opportunity? Go to “Volunteer Opportunities” on the [Libretto](#) web page or the Volunteerism entries on the [Sources](#) web page;
- Want to know who your Neighbor-to-Neighbor street captains are? Go to “Neighbor-to-Neighbor” on the [HOA Board](#) web page;
- Can’t quite remember a name that goes with a face? Go to the Picture Directory on the [Directories](#) web page; and
- Don’t miss all the wonderful photography (in and around SV, past and present) on the [Gallery](#) web page.



A wealth of information about Symphony Village and the surrounding area is on your SV Website. The P&C Committee hopes you will take time to explore all it offers, “top” to “bottom.” And, if there is something you don’t see but would like to have included on the website, please let anyone on the P&C Committee know or use the website’s [Contact](#) web page to send a message to the webmaster.

SNEAKERS –*Linda Farrar, President*

Next Meeting: The next Sneakers meeting will be held at the Clubhouse on Wednesday, March 18 at 3 p.m. All are welcome.

Sneakers Fundraiser at the Commerce Street Creamery for the Benefit of Camp New Dawn Scholarship(s): Come out and join us for dinner at the Commerce Street Creamery on Thursday, April 9 from 5 to 8 p.m. Proceeds will be used to sponsor scholarships for Camp New Dawn. More information will follow in the Daily Bulletin.

Save the Date: Pastries for Parents scheduled for April 23 and 24 at Kennard Elementary School
Sneakers Silent Auction--Saturday, **November 7.**

A business card for Color Coatz Paint Co. with a dark background and a green 'NEW!' sticker in the top right corner. The text on the card includes the company name, tagline, owner's name and contact information, and address.

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A business card for Mary Kay Cosmetics with a white background and a yellow border. It features the company name, representative information, and a small image of a Mary Kay product bag.

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6:00:00 p.m. Grand Prize - \$10,000 Cash

CONTACT: WAYNE BLOODWORTH

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CLUBS AND CLASSES

Dining In—*Nancy Pashby*

The March sign-up sheet for Dining In is in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse. Many thanks to Sue Riley, Carol Hodges, and Nancy Pashby for volunteering to host this month. Bring new neighbors and friends and enjoy good conversation and food in a relaxed setting. You will be asked to bring a side dish such as dessert, appetizer, salad, or vegetable. We hope to see you on Sunday, March 22. Ask your friends and neighbors to come along with you. We're sure you will have a good time.

Gazebo Garden Club and Victory Garden—*Jack Hennessey*

As I sit here watching the snow and typing our garden report, our chief tiller, Dave Peterson, tells me that he does not think that the Victory Garden will be tilled in time for our traditional St. Patrick's Day planting! We do still have room for a couple more gardeners, so please confirm your intention to reserve a plot. Hopefully, we will be assigning plots by St. Patrick's Day.



On the good side, I have checked the Purple Martin migration pattern, and the early scouts were sighted in Florida and South Carolina in late February. All caretakers should have their martin houses ready by April 1. We will let you know when it is time to remove the door covers. I hope many residents are feeding the birds during this bad weather. We have seen many juncos (snow birds), mourning doves, gold finches, and house finches all winter. We have also seen occasional mockingbirds, blue jays and red-wing black birds at our gazebo feeders. By the time you read this report, major trimming will be completed at the gazebo. There is still a need for five more caretakers for one of the twenty plots in the gazebo flower garden. Please contact Jack Hennessey (410-758-4872) or Steve Guy (301-641-8728) if you are available. Spring is just around the corner! Hooray!

Reading for Fun Book Club—*Jack Hennessey*

At our February 17 meeting, we discussed the book *The Boys in the Boat*, written by Daniel James Brown and recommended by Mary Jo Keefe. The boys are the eight oarsmen and the coxswain of the University of Washington sculling crew who won the gold medal at the 1936 Olympics held in Nazi Germany. The story tells how the nine boys, sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers were molded into a championship team by an enigmatic coach and an eccentric British boat builder. The hero of the story is Joe Rantz, but intimate details are given for each of the team members growing up during the Great Depression. An interesting sideline is the perspective given on the rise of the Nazi party. The author, in an epilogue, tells how each of the players fares in life. All but one member becomes a professional--some doctors, some lawyers and some engineers. The members continued to meet for years after their retirement from the sport. This book received a rating of 8.1 on a scale of 1 to 10. It is interesting to note that no one rated this book lower than an 8.0!

Dorthea Turek has recommended the book, *The Boston Girl*, by Anita Diamant for our March 17 meeting. The heroine of the story is Addie Baum of Boston, now in her eighties, who is telling the story of her life to her twenty-year-old granddaughter. Addie has survived the travails of world wars, abusive men, and a flu epidemic to become a woman with a life of her own. This is a graphic, page turning portrait of immigrant life in the early twentieth century. This book is available in large print and can be read in one sitting for the avid reader.

P.S. Jack has compiled a list of Jewish terms that appear throughout the book. If you decide to read this book and would like to have a copy of the list, please contact Jack at jhennessey@atlanticbb.net.

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Symphony Village Quilters Volunteer to Create Quilts for Hospice

The Symphony Village Quilting Group volunteered to create quilts for patients admitted into the residential Hospice Center in Centreville. To date more than 20 quilts have been made by some of the quilting group members—this is an on-going project. Three of our members went to Hospice in late February to present the quilts.

As Cindy Backer, leader of the group, says, "A quilt is really just a symbol for one big warm hug; if we can give one of those hugs to each patient in the Hospice Center, we will provide another layer of comfort to those in need."

Pictured from left to right: Courtney Williams, manager of Volunteer and Professional Services, Compass Regional Hospice; Marilyn Williams, Sue Peterson, Cindy Backer, and Kenda Leager, Compass Regional Hospice Development Office.



If you are interested in joining the quilting group, please contact Carlene Cooke, [443-262-8146](tel:443-262-8146) or carlene.cooke@gmail.com. The group meets the first and third Tuesday of the month in the Craft Room and also plans field trips and lunch dates. New members are welcome!

Read the entire [article](#).

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SV TENNIS—Larry Miller

Winter appears to be ending and it is time to begin thinking about tennis at Symphony Village. Plans are being made to schedule a meeting later this month to review 2015 tennis activities. We are always looking for new tennis players—let Larry Miller know if you or anyone you know is interested.

MARCH TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. *In which country was St. Patrick born?*
2. *In what capacity did St. Patrick return to Ireland (He had been a slave there for six years in his youth)?*
3. *Why is the shamrock the national flower of Ireland?*
4. *Legend has it that St. Patrick chased what reptiles from Ireland?*
5. *Why is St. Patrick's Day celebrated on March 17?*

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Queen Anne's Chorale Spring Gala

The [Queen Anne's Chorale](#) will perform “The Glory of Love” on **Saturday, April 18, 7 p.m.**, at the Todd Performing Arts Center at Chesapeake College in Wye Mills. The concert explores the many moods of love: romantic and sentimental, noble and whimsical, divine and platonic, blossoming and unrequited. Robert Huntington, Artistic Director, has selected a variety of performance pieces that includes Brahms’ “Love Song Waltzes” and other popular and fanciful pieces. A PowerPoint slide show and video clips will be shown throughout the concert along with selections for the very popular audience sing-along. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at the Clubhouse three weeks before the concert, from any Chorale member (many live in SV), or at the door.



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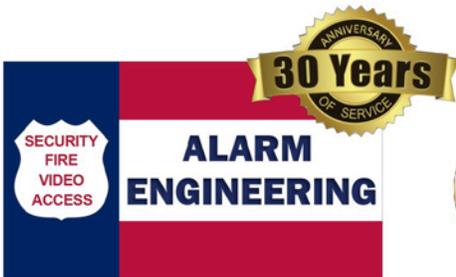
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Centreville Town Council Launches Economic Development Initiative with Community Survey



The Centreville Town Council is taking proactive steps to plan for and manage economic development in and around the town, working with volunteer community stakeholders appointed to the Centreville Economic Development Authority and town staff managing the Centreville Main Street program. As a first step, people who live, work, or even visit Centreville periodically have a chance to participate in a survey that will analyze current shopping behaviors as well as types of stores, businesses, restaurants, and improvements that would make shopping, dining, and doing business in Centreville more appealing. The survey can be taken online at [Centreville Survey](#). If you prefer not to enter personal information at the end of the survey, just leave those questions blank. For more information, contact Centreville Town Hall at 410-758-1180 or townhall@townofcentreville.org.

A business card for Butler Accounting Service. The card is light blue with a dark blue header. The text on the card reads: **Butler Accounting Service**, CONSULTANT-INCOME TAX SERVICES, **Robert H. Butler**, Accountant. Contact information includes: 410-758-8187 Office, 410-758-8189 Fax, RBAccounting@Juno.com, and 251 Concerto Avenue, Centreville, MD 21617.An advertisement for Arundel Oriental Rug Cleaners. It features a close-up of a colorful rug. The text reads: *Dot Abbott says, "You haven't had your carpets cleaned until they are cleaned by Arundel Oriental Rug Cleaners."* To the right, it says: *We clean oriental & area rugs, wall-to-wall carpeting, and upholstery*. **ARUNDEL ORIENTAL RUG CLEANERS**, 1-800-585-9650, 1-410-263-2358, www.arundelrug.com

ICELAND TRIP FEBRUARY, 2015—*Pat & Howie Fox*

Howie and I just returned from a trip to Iceland – or as Jinny Guy put it—“from Iceland to Ice Land.” Funny thing, the temperatures were higher there most days than in Centreville! (Not balmy but in the mid to high 30’s.) Iceland is a wonderful country—stark yet dramatic landscape, pockmarked by volcanoes (many active) all over the territory. It is mostly treeless except where firs, aspen, and birch were planted relatively recently.

Iceland was originally settled by the Vikings who have an amazing history there. If you visit Reykjavik, the capital, go to the Settlement Exhibition which is an underground archaeological site from 871 AD uncovering a Viking Longhouse. It was right next to our nice boutique hotel – Reykjavik Centrum --which is just off the city square. We also visited a UNESCO historic site in the hinterland called The Lake of the Parliamentary Fields where the Viking chieftains and their clans camped annually to pass laws, resolve disputes, etc. If you are a fan of the HBO series Game of Thrones, you can walk along the tall, rocky bluff, a Viking campground that was used as the “North of the Wall” site and home to the marauding Whitewalkers.



Our primary reason for visiting Iceland in the winter was to see the Northern Lights, aka Aurora Borealis. As we found out, we were very lucky to see them one night in a location away from the city lights as weather had not cooperated often this winter. The lights “dance” -- they form, change shapes, and envelop the sky with arcs, spirals, columns, etc. You can make yourself dizzy turning and bending backwards to watch their expanse. The best-kept secret of Iceland is the brilliant greens and reds you see in photographs that cannot be seen with the naked eye! We saw grey shapes with a very faint green tinge that were still fascinating. Those who knew to have night filming camera adjustments or the appropriate Ipad apps got the colors in the pictures. The photographs I submitted for the article were taken by a British tourist who knew what to expect and how to set his camera. Research your camera needs before you go!



The food was really good—tasty beer, great fish, and wonderful pastries. Since Iceland is part of Europe, you can see the influence in the cooking and baking techniques. The country grows vegetables in greenhouses using the vast supply of geothermal heat from volcanic sources. We visited the second largest geothermal plant in the world that supplies 95% of Iceland’s residents. They heat, cool, and power their residences for an average of \$85 per month in a country that is cold and dark many months of the year as well as typically expensive for everything else!

Just some statistics – we flew non-stop out of Dulles on Iceland Air. The flight was about six hours. The time change is five hours ahead of EST. The currency is in krona. Please check with your bank and credit card company to make sure that you can use your cards in the ATM machines. We had problems getting cash from an ATM but using our Master Card or the cash we brought with us worked out fine. Being so far north, there are limits on the amount of daylight hours you get in a day. Luckily by February, the sun rose by 9 a.m. and set about 5:30 p.m. If we had gone in January, we would have had 3-4 hours of daylight! Conversely, if you travel to Iceland during the summer months, you get predominantly daylight—hotels have blackout curtains. Summer time visits are more crowded; there are no northern light sightings; but you get into more national parks that are snowed in during the winter months, and you get to see puffins and whales.

We have a variety of brochures if anyone is interested in planning a trip to this amazing place. It has become a very popular tourist destination in the last few years with the number of visitors in 2014 exceeding the total population by almost 300%!

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THANK YOU!

The family of Barry Silverman would like to thank the wonderful people in Symphony Village for all of their thoughtful cards and to all of those who came to celebrate Barry's life with us. He was a wonderful guy and would have been so happy to see all of you there. We thank you with all our hearts.

--June Silverman and Family

DO YOU WANT TO BE A DOCENT?

There are a number of historic homes in Centreville. Arguably, two of the most historically significant are Tucker House and Wright's Chance. Tucker House was built on the second lot sold when the new town of Centreville was laid out in 1794. It is unclear exactly when Wright's Chance was built, but it was referred to in a 1744 survey as an "old dwelling." Both homes are on Commerce Street near the library and are owned by the Queen Anne's County Historical Society.

On the first Saturdays of May through September, historic sites throughout Queen Anne's County – including Tucker House and Wright's Chance - are open for visitors. Docents are people who act as guides and are needed to staff the houses from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Open House Saturdays. They lead informal tours and answer questions. Being a docent is a great way to meet new people and to help them (and yourself) understand and appreciate our history.

“That sounds like fun,” you may be thinking, but you might be hesitant to volunteer because you've never done anything like this before. Not to worry! Docents receive basic training and are provided with information about each house and its furnishings. The Village's own Ellen Norman, a trained and experienced docent, will

conduct a docent training session at the library on Thursday, April 16 from 10 a.m. - noon. Call her (410-758-3047) to register. Also, please contact Membership Chairperson (and Village resident), Teri Nudo if you would like to become a member of the Queen Anne's County Historical Society.

Symphony Village Featured in the New York Times



Symphony Village and four of our residents were highlighted in a [recent article in the New York Times](#) about choosing a retirement community. The article explained the criteria Sue Canfield and Kathy and Tom McManus used to decide to invest in Symphony Village. Vinny Volpicelli demonstrated one of many ways that residents stay active.

American Legion Jeff Davis Post 18 News

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SV residents are cordially invited to participate in the following events:

- Friday Night Dinners: 5:30 p.m.
Friday, March 20: American Legion Riders' Spaghetti and Meatballs Dinner, \$10
Friday, March 27: Fried Oyster Dinner, \$15
Friday, April 3: Ladies Auxiliary Dinner
Friday, April 10: Sons of the American Legion Dinner
- The Cheaters: **Friday, March 20**, 7 – 10 p.m., in the Bar
- Terrick Lee: **Saturday, March 21**, 7 – 10 p.m., in the Bar

For more information on any events, call the Post at 410-758-3584 or go to [Jeff Davis Post 18](#).



Recipe of the Month--*From the Kitchen of DeAnn Cheney*

CANTALOUPE AND PROSCIUTTO SALAD

- 2 8 oz. jars of artichokes, drained, cut into bite-size pieces
 - 1 Cantaloupe, peeled, seeded, cut into bite-size pieces
 - 8 oz. Prosciutto, sliced into bite-size pieces
 - Lemon zest and juice to taste
 - Olive oil to coat (keep it light)
 - Salt & Pepper to taste
- Serves 8 – 10



This is such an easy recipe; I know some of you will try to complicate it. Relax, my friend! The hardest work here is using your taste buds to get the salad to your liking. Remember it is "to your liking."

This recipe originally called for Chorizo. I don't like Chorizo so I use Prosciutto. In New Jersey, I can get good Boars Head Prosciutto in my local grocery. Costco also has an excellent Prosciutto that is well packaged for multiple uses.

The fun of this recipe is in the peeling of the cantaloupe. Slice off each core end of the melon to create two flat ends. Sit the cantaloupe on one of these ends so it is stable. With a sharp knife (remember the real kitchen danger is with a dull knife) peel the skin off using a downward motion. When completed all around, flip the cantaloupe on to the other stable end and, if necessary, do the same on this side. Then slice the cantaloupe down the center and seed. Here's a [website with a video](#) that shows you the process. I always get compliments on this salad. I use it summer and winter. My thanks to Chef Peter De Celie for sharing this recipe with me

The Power of Storytelling—Article by Mary Drake

To be Presented by Chesapeake College and Queen Anne's County Arts Council

“A storyteller, like a travel agent, can help gather us up from wherever we are and put us down in another setting.” ~ John Leggett, Writer

For many years I had the desire to go to the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, Tennessee. George had no interest in such a sedentary activity and I expect he thought it would be quite boring. Either George's love knew no bounds or he couldn't think of anything for our anniversary, so several years ago, as a present, he took me to Jonesborough for the National Storytelling Festival. Did he think it was boring? Not for a minute. We laughed, we cried, we reminisced, we wanted to tell stories. We never told stories, but we returned to Jonesborough and attended other storytelling festivals and we will continue to do so because there is nothing better than a good story told by a wonderful, professional storyteller.

We are thrilled that Queen Anne's County Arts Council is partnering with Chesapeake College to bring the power of storytelling to the Eastern Shore - see more at: www.queenannescountyarts.com.



This storytelling event is a “sneak preview” of the three-day storytelling festival to be held in QAC next year.

Two nationally acclaimed storytellers, Geraldine Buckley and Tim Lowry, will be giving us a taste of the fun to come.

Tim has that engaging humor and southern charm that draws you into the story. He tells stories of the People, by the People, and for the People. He mixes stories of American History and Folklore with tales of growing up Baptist, teaching English to Russian immigrants, exciting road trips to Disney World, baseball, hotdogs, apple pie, and Chevrolet!

According to storyteller “Paw Paw” Pinkerton, “Tim Lowry is a storyteller *par excellence*. Within seconds of starting his first story, he has the audience in his hand. He paints people and places with a clarity seldom seen or heard anymore. I was both amazed...and delighted!”

George and I have heard Geraldine at a festival and think she is a fabulous storyteller. Geraldine believes that good stories are a living gift—bypassing the head and lodging in the heart.

Bil Lepp, who is our favorite tall-tale storyteller, states that “Geraldine's stories are Pilates for your funny bone.”

Stories are not just for kids. Good storytelling can be powerful, transporting, and magical, and most tellers agree that this can only fully happen in live performances.

Join George and me for this wonderful evening where you can just sit back, relax, laugh, and be enchanted – Friday, April 10, in the Todd Performing Arts Center of Chesapeake College.



Yes, you may think the tickets are a bit pricey, but the extra cost is a fundraiser to provide seed money for next year's three-day festival featuring many storytellers from different genres. Think tax deduction. Join in the fun! To purchase tickets (\$45.00), call 410-827-5867, visit www.queenannescountyarts.com, or stop by the QAC Arts Council, 206 S. Commerce St. in Centreville.

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UPCOMING CENTREVILLE EVENTS

Paint Brush Party: "Koi Fish Pond"

The QAC Arts Council will hold the next Paintbrush Party on **Friday, March 27**, 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 their own version of the evening's featured painting. No art experience required. Partygoers 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, so make your plans early



“Project Clean Stream”



The [Corsica River Conservancy](#), Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, and the Town of Centreville will host “Project Clean Stream” on **Saturday, April 11**, 9 a.m. – noon at three locations in Centerville: Millstream Park, Centerville Wharf at Watson Road, and Northbrook. Gloves and trash containers will be provided. The event is rain or shine. To see a list of tourism and local attraction websites, press “Event Source Links” on the [Sources](#) page on the SV Website.

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Britain
2. Missionary/Evangelist
3. St. Patrick used it to explain the Holy Trinity.
4. Snakes
5. St. Patrick allegedly died on that date.

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