



# *LIBRETTO*

May 2015

## Symphony Village's Newsletter

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**MISSION STATEMENT:** Enhance the quality of life and promote a harmonious community through the timely publication of accurate information about residents, events, and activities in an around Symphony Village.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### COVENANTS - Chairman, Chris P Pariseau

Spring has arrived, and the flowers are beginning to bloom. It is the time of year when we clean up the flowers beds and the yard seeing what needs to be cared for and manicured to make our gardens look nice. We would like to remind people it is also a good time to inspect the siding around your house for mold and mildew that may be growing on the side of your house. Now may be a good time to think about power washing your home. Another item that may need attention is your shutters and doors. Over time the color on the shutters and doors begins to fade. Please look at these items to determine if that may be the case with your home. Members of the Covenants Committee have been wandering around the community to see which homes may need some of this upkeep. The Committee will be contacting the homeowners whose houses may need some maintenance.

**COMMON AREAS:** There are a lot of common areas in our community. Every homeowner is entitled access to these common areas. There is no individual ownership of any common area in the community even if you devote time and effort to cutting the grass, watering it, and keeping it weed free. Common areas are just that. There is no need to feel you are required to maintain any common area as the HOA has maintenance contracts to fulfill those needs. The area along the sidewalk close to the street is common area.

**NEW GUIDELINES:** This is just a reminder that there are new [Architectural Guidelines](#) that have been published and posted on the SV Website with recent approved changes. These new Architectural Guidelines have been approved and posted since December of 2014. We have received several recent "Exterior Modification" applications from residents who have used the older forms from the old document. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with the Symphony Village new **Architectural Guidelines--dated December 2014.**

Thank you all for your cooperation in keeping our community a beautiful place to live.



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

**Happy Hour** – Saturday, May 16, 6 p.m.

**MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC** – Sunday, May 24, noon - 4 p.m.

Food served from 1- 3 p.m. Entrée catering by Adam's Grille (formerly Adam's Ribs) with salads and desserts provided by residents. Prices: Adults - \$16.50; Children - \$13; Children under six are free.



**Next Lifestyle Committee Meeting** – June 1 at 7 p.m. We meet on the **first Monday** of every month and welcome new members at any time!

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic First Planning Meeting** – Wednesday, June 3, 7 p.m. at the Clubhouse.

Responsible streets: Overture, Orchestra & Encore. Following Wednesday meetings – **June 17 & July 1.**

**Happy Hour** – Friday, June 5, 6 p.m.

**Antiques Road Show** at the Clubhouse – Saturday, June 20, 1 - 5 p.m.

Sign up in the Activities Book. (See more information below.) Stay for Happy Hour!

**Happy Hour** – Saturday, June 20, 6 p.m.

**Antique Appraisal Road Show** - Todd Peenstra from Peenstra Antiques Appraisal will be conducting a free “Antique Appraisal Road Show” for us on Saturday, June 20. This will take place in the Concert Hall from 1 - 5 p.m. (Our Happy Hour follows at 6!) There is a limit of two items per household. According to his brochure, Todd specializes in almost all categories of fine art, antiques, and jewelry (including silver, glass, sculpture, stamps, clocks, porcelain, ceramics, pottery, furniture, musical instruments, toys, documents, scientific antiques, and more). Please sign up in the Activities Book for this unique and free way to spend an afternoon and discover information about your belongings.



**Details on the Event:**

1. There will be two shows. Each show will accommodate up to 40 people.
2. The first show will be from 1:30 to 3 p.m. and will involve the first 40 people who have signed up for the event in the Activities Book.
3. These first 40 people need to be at the event at 1 p.m. to reserve their spots.
4. During this first show, Mr. Peenstra will appraise all of the items brought in by this first group at once in a fun, interactive way.
5. At 3 p.m., there will be a 30-minute intermission. During this time, the second 40 people who have signed up for the event in the Activities Book will need to be at the event to reserve their spots.
6. The second show will be from 3:30 to 5 p.m. and will involve the next 40 people who have signed up for the event.
7. During this second show, Mr. Peenstra will appraise all of the items brought in by this second group at once in a fun, interactive way.
8. There will be lite refreshments served.
9. Remember, this is a **FREE** event!

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**New Coffee Bar at Clubhouse** - By the end of the month, we should have a 24/7, self-serve coffee bar at the SV Clubhouse! A large Keurig pot (courtesy of Marge Strano!) will be set up on the cabinet to the left of the bar. For \$1 you can make yourself a cup of hot Joe. We will have Kcups (regular and decaf), coffee cups, sugar, coffee creamer, stirrers, and a new trash basket to the left to throw out the trash. The water reservoir can be filled at the sink behind the bar. We will leave a pitcher to use for refills. This operation must be financially self-sustaining to continue so don't forget to put your \$1 fee in the designated container. Think about how nice this will be to have a cup of coffee after workouts, during meetings, and at happy hours!

**Glam Salon Redux** – The recent Glam Salon Beauty Consultation was a great success and generated a lot of buzz. It is possible there will be another session in the fall. Stay tuned.

## **Upcoming Events & Activities in the Planning Stage**

### **Short Term:**

**Wine Tasting Event** planned for **Sunday, June 28, 2 - 4 p.m.** and hosted by Susan Rayner. This event will feature wines from Boordy Vineyards.



**Trivial Pursuit Team Contest** – **Sunday, July 26, 2 - 5 p.m.**

Come out for some brain-stimulating group fun.

**Group Trip to Suicide Bridge Restaurant for Paddle Boat Ride and a Meal**

Hurlock Maryland. Looking at early fall lunchtime cruise and meal. More information coming.

### **Longer Term:**

**9-11 Museum Trip** scheduled for **Saturday, October 10**. To include Ellis Island and Statue of Liberty. More details to follow. \$105 per person with bagel breakfast and dinner in Little Italy on your own.

**Rockettes/Radio City Music Hall Show** – Two trips: **Friday, December 4**, and **Friday, December 11**. \$105 person. Dinner possibly at the world famous Harold's Deli – home of the gargantuan portions!!

**New Year's Eve** – DJ hired for party at great price!

**Painting Party for SV Residents at Queen Anne's County Centre for the Arts** – downtown Centreville. Logistically difficult to set up a SV-only night with fluctuating prices due to minimum sign-ups required. We will continue to publish Centre for the Arts regular painting party schedule for SV residents to attend on a monthly basis.

**SV Resident Talent Show** – In planning phase.



## **Need 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, which 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 interested, please sign up in the Activities Book or contact Carolyn Harty or Margo Wagner to register. Lifestyle Committee members are always there and can help.

## **Happy Hour Bartenders!**



We are always looking for bartenders to help out at Happy Hours. Receive **on-the-job training** while you enjoy serving your fellow residents. Please sign up in the Activities Book to do a shift! Feel free to call Skip Kornmeyer or Donna Donaldson (443-262-8090) for details.

OUTREACH - *Bea Trotta, President*

### **A Garden Party Tea and Fashion Show**



There is still time to sign up (in the Activities Book) to attend Outreach's Garden Party Tea and Fashion Show on **Sunday, June 7, at 2 p.m.**, in the Clubhouse. All Villagers and their guests (ages 8 and up) are invited! The menu: tuna salad sandwiches, egg salad sandwiches, cucumber sandwiches, PB&J sandwiches (for younger guests), scones with clotted cream and strawberry jam, cream puffs, chocolate éclairs, and PG Tips tea (both regular and decaf). Mimi's Closet will put on a Fashion Show using SV residents as models. You have time to pick out a stunning hat or fascinator for the optional Chapeau Contest. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children (ages 8 – 17). Don't miss this terrific afternoon!

### **Artisans' Fair**



There are still spaces available for Outreach's 5<sup>th</sup> Artisans' Fair to be held **Saturday, September 19**, at the Clubhouse. Join residents Pat Kindle, Amy Marotta, Teri Nudo, Judy Brown, and Dave Peterson and have fun while earning money. Registration Forms are in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Blume (410-758-3194), Loretta Quigley (410-758-6775), or Linda Gardner (410-758-0646).

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- 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 SV site, neighbors share community events, recommendations, items for sale or free, crime and safety concerns, ideas about how to make our neighborhood better, and more. Please join us to build a better neighborhood! There is a current attempt to find a group that everyone can join. Nextdoor SV is a geographically based network. We will also have the ability to create subgroups such as a group for Bridge players, a group for Covenants Committee members, etc. Nextdoor SV seems easier to follow. It also makes it easier to send a private message. If you would like to join, ask any member of the Publications and Communications Committee to send you an invitation.

**Nextdoor SV will replace Trio on June 1.** Please join Nextdoor SV if you haven't already done so.

### **SNEAKERS - Linda Farrar, President**

#### **11<sup>th</sup> Silent Auction**

Mark your calendar. Sneakers will host its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Silent Auction on **Saturday, November 7**, at the Clubhouse. You will not want to miss this fun-filled event. Look for additional details this summer.

#### **Cubby Chorale**

The Centreville Elementary School Cubby Chorale will be performing at the Clubhouse to thank the residents of Symphony Village for their ongoing support of school activities throughout the year. They will perform on **Wednesday, May 27, at 10 a.m.** We look forward to seeing you there.

#### **Chess Night**

Kennard Elementary School will be holding its annual Chess Club Match on **Thursday, June 4, at 6 p.m.** at the SV Clubhouse. Volunteers are needed at **5:45 p.m.** to help serve pizza to the students and to bake cookies for the event. A sign-up sheet is in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse, if you can help. Residents are welcome to attend the event and possibly play some chess if they are interested. Please bring your chess set.



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## **Queen Anne's County Public Schools 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Technical Conference (QAPS)**

The staff of QACPS is conducting an in-service two-day conference, "Riding the Digital Wave," **Thursday and Friday, June 18 and 19**, at the Queen Anne's County High School in Centreville. More than 750 educators and staff will attend. The school will be providing lunch each day. Help will be needed to serve lunch between the hours of **11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.** at the school and to bake cookies for the conference attendees. If you are able to help serve on either day or can bake cookies, please contact Terri O'Connell at 443-928-3368.

### **Next Meeting**

Our next Sneakers meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 20, at 3 p.m.** at the Clubhouse. We always welcome new members.

### **TRIVIA**

1. Who founded Mother's Day?
  2. Which state first officially recognized Mother's Day?
  3. In which year was Mother's Day first officially recognized?
  4. Which President signed the proclamation making Mother's Day an official holiday?
  5. In which year was Mother's Day proclaimed a national holiday?
- (Answers on last page.)

## **CLUBS & CLASSES**

### **BIRD CLUB "Field Trip"- Linda Blume**



The Bird Club will go to Millstream Park in Centreville on **Thursday, May 21**, to "see what we can see." Millstream Park is already registered in [eBird](#), and I will enter the list of birds that we see online. Bring your binoculars and meet in the Clubhouse parking lot at 10 a.m. to carpool. We'll bird for about an hour and a half (at the most) and then (optionally) lunch at Doc's Riverside Grille. Please sign up in the Activities Book so I'll have a count. Hope to see you there! Everyone in SV is invited!

### **LUNCH BUNCH - Marge Strano and Bea Trotta**



Thursday, June 4, at 12:30 p.m. **Carrol's Creek Cafe** located at 410 Severn Avenue in Annapolis. Remember to sign up in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse. Please call Marge Strano at [410-758-2511](tel:410-758-2511) or Bea Trotta at [410-758-0332](tel:410-758-0332) if you have questions or need a ride. Directions are available on the Carrol's Creek website : [www.carrolscreek.com](http://www.carrolscreek.com).

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## READING for FUN BOOK CLUB - *Jack Hennessey*

At our April meeting we discussed the novel *The Dinner*, written by Herman Kock. This book was recommended by Pat Fox, who led the discussion and also provided the brownie dessert. The novel has been a European sensation and an international best seller. The book was written in Dutch, and some club members felt that some discrepancies were attributable to the translation to English. The story centers on the dinner shared by two brothers and their wives, and the accompanying bitter discussions about a terrible crime committed by their sons. Each couple feels compelled to defend its own son. The author has created a clever, dark confection, like some of the elegant desserts served at the dinner. The group discussion during the review became very animated. You will not be disappointed when you read this book! On a scale of 1 to 10, it received a rating of 8.2.



The book for our **May 19** meeting is *We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves*, written by Karin Joy Fowler and recommended by Pat Loiacono. It is a story about an experiment conducted by a college professor, his wife, and two daughters?? You must read the book to find the results of the experiment.

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## SOCIAL SINGLES - *Carol Donnelly and Joyce Brown, Co-Chairs*

Social Singles is here! Lots of new faces in Symphony Village along with the existing SV Singles group joined for a kick-off meeting in April. Turnout was good with many suggestions for future activities. The new Nextdoor SV is an excellent communication tool for all groups to both post and discover new venues in our community. Several posts for Social Singles are already online, and sign-up sheets in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse will keep all of us informed. Dates for future meetings have been posted on Nextdoor SV. Meetings will be held the second week of each month with sliding day-of-the-week so that more



schedules can be accommodated. Members will be planning new activities and also supporting planned activities of other groups already in place in SV. Our **Monday, May 18** event meeting is Breakfast at The Creamery. The sign-up sheet is in the Activities Book. They can accommodate 18.

Outreach's June tea is coming up and should be a festive afternoon. Plans are being made for a "singles table" at this event. More to come on this soon. Enjoy spring and see our members new and old in the coming weeks.



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**GAZEBO GARDEN and VICTORY GARDENS - Jack Hennessey**



May is finally here, and we are busily trying to get the Gazebo Garden in shape for the Memorial Day Picnic. It has been a struggle. Instead of recruiting new gardeners, we have lost two gardeners. I will do my best, with the help that I have, to get the garden spruced up for Memorial Day. I will also personally take care of the pavilion garden. Dennis has provided funds, and I have planted 6 sweet potato vines and 6 angel wing begonias. These are the same plants we have had for the past 8 years, and I think they will thrive. Our daffodils have been beautiful, and we will be planting new annuals in the next week. We will be buying new American flags to place around the garden.

I am making one last appeal to residents to volunteer to take over one of the 20 beds in the Gazebo Garden. If we do not get sufficient help, we will turn over responsibility for the Gazebo Garden to the HOA. I will, however, continue to coordinate the Victory Garden. We now have 13 gardeners with plots there. Numerous tomatoes, radishes, peppers, and various greens have been planted. We look forward to a successful harvest.

So far, we have only two pair of purple martins plus one pair of English sparrows nesting near the gazebo. We have discouraged other birds from nesting in the gazebo itself. We have only a few hummingbirds at our feeders. So far, we have not seen the usual killdeer nesting in the gazebo area. Hopefully, the warm weather will bring more of our feathered friends.

I will be going on vacation May 24 for eight days. I hope to have some positive response to my appeal for help--hopefully, from some new residents. Call me on 410-758-4872.

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### Health Care Seminar - by Joan Hennessey



On Monday, April 27, the first in a series of Health Care Seminars was held in the SV Clubhouse. Presenters were Tony Loiacono, SV resident and pharmacist, and Trish Draper, Pharmacy Manager at Edwards Pharmacy in Centreville. Approximately 60 residents attended the seminar, most of them in the afternoon session. The information presented was basic but informative. A list of "Documents Needed on File" was a good reminder to make life easier for family members and caregivers. Nutrition information and the importance of hydration were discussed. Questions were encouraged and answers were forthcoming. Attendees were encouraged to provide written suggestions for topics for the next seminar. And I was motivated to complete the "File of Life" I brought home seven years ago! The next seminar will be held in late June or early July.

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## Trees in Symphony Village

As of the end of April, Bob Stanley had completed his inventory of approximately half of the 625 street trees in SV. These trees are the focus of our first phase in determining the needs of our trees since they are the most visible and need the most care. Of the trees inventoried and evaluated, 77 trees are distressed; but the good news is that over 200 are in good health.



The most pressing need is to treat the scale and boring insects with a soil drench. Bob has inspected all of the street trees for this condition and is working with Complete Landscaping to determine the budget for completing this work. Assuming we have the funds, this will be completed quickly since this is the best time of the year for that treatment. After that, the mulching of the street trees will be completed.

The next phase will be to evaluate the common area trees and determine their needs. As mentioned last month, the goal is to complete a three-year plan and issue an RFP for the care of our trees on an annual basis. This will include insect treatment, pruning, and replacement where necessary.

We ask that the residents be patient as we complete the initial phases and prepare our budget for 2016. After that, Bob looks forward to working with residents on individual tree issues. Also, you may have noticed the gator bags on the trees that were planted or replaced last fall. This is in preparation for the dry summer months. Bob Stanley will advise Complete when the trees need water, and they will fill the bags as required from their tank truck. There is no need for the residents to fill the bags.

**Stay tuned for more updates by Bob Natwick.**



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# RECIPE OF THE MONTH

## CARROT CAKE from Big Fish Grill

From the Kitchen of: Bob Rose

### Ingredients:

- 2 cups sugar
- 2 ½ cups vegetable oil
- 3 cups flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 ½ tsp salt
- 1 ½ cups chopped walnuts or pecans (optional)
- 4 ½ cups grated carrots
- 1 T cinnamon
- 6 large eggs, beaten

Preheat oven 325 degrees. Mix oil with sugar in large bowl. Add remaining ingredients, mixing well with spoon.



*If using nuts and/or raisins, add them last.* Butter and flour two 9 X 13 cake pans. Pour batter in each evenly. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes, until done and toothpick comes out clean.

*(Make sure the cakes are completely done because you'll be taking them out of the pans and stacking them on top of each other during the frosting step.)* Let cool completely and remove from pans; then frost with cream cheese frosting. *(Frost one layer, cover with the other layer and frost completely.)*

### Cream Cheese Frosting:

- 12 oz. cream cheese (cold)
- ¾ stick butter (room temperature)
- 1 ½ tsp vanilla
- 1 ½ lb confectioner's sugar (6 cups)

In mixer, beat cream cheese, butter, and vanilla. Add sugar, one cup at a time, creaming until smooth.

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# UPCOMING CENTREVILLE EVENTS

## “STArt!” Exhibit



Each year, the Queen Anne’s County Arts Council brings working artists into the four middle schools in the County for a one-on-one mentoring program with students during the “STArt” (Students, Teachers, and Artists) program. Artists Ric Conn, Amy Cummins, Jonathan Shaw, and John Pringle visited Centreville, Matapeake, Stevensville, and Sudlersville middle schools to work with students to create artworks using a variety of mediums. The students’ work will be exhibited **May 15 – 29** at the Centre for the Arts (206 S. Commerce Street) in Centreville. ([Arts Council](#))

## Paint Brush Party



The QAC Arts Council will hold the next Paintbrush Party on **Saturday, May 16**, 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.

## Spring Yard Sale



Centreville United Methodist Church (608 Church Hill Road) in Centreville will hold its Spring Yard Sale on **Saturday, May 16**, beginning at 7 a.m.

## Country Breakfast



The Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company in Centreville will host an all-you-can-eat Country Breakfast on **Sunday, May 17**, 7:30 – 11 a.m. Cost is \$8. Call 410-758-1422 for more information.

## 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Bay Music Festival



The Centreville Lions Club hosts the Bay Music Festival on **Saturday, June 13**, 3 – 11 p.m., at the 4-H Park in Centreville. It will be a fun day with music featuring the region’s best American rock, country, and bluegrass music, plus a children’s show, family activities, and food. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the gate. Details will be posted at [Bay Music Festival](#) when available. Proceeds go to the Wilmer Eye Institute in Baltimore and other Lions Club charities.

## Farm to Table Dinner Fundraiser



Compass Regional Hospice will host a [Farm to Table Dinner](#) on **Sunday, June 14**, 4 – 8 p.m., to benefit Compass Kids and Camp New Dawn. The event will be held at Possum Point (220 Possum Point Farm) in Centreville. It will be a night of local fare, beer and wine, silent auction, and a 50/50 raffle. Catering is by Magnolia Caterers and music will be provided by 21 Horses. The cost is \$75 per person.

**\*To see a list of tourism and local attraction websites, press “Event Source Links” on the Sources page on the SV Website.**

### Trivia Answers

Anna Jarvis      2. West Virginia      3. 1910      4. Woodrow Wilson      5. 1914

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