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Symphony Village's Newsletter

Vol. XI No 10

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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HOA Board of Directors Meeting

**Friday, October 28, 10 a.m.
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2016 HOA BOD Election Year Updates

In November, each SV homeowner will receive a ballot (with one vote per household) in the mail asking them to vote to fill either two or three vacancies on the Board of Directors. At this point, the Symphony Village Board of Directors has not determined whether to fill Mark Somerville's position by appointment or election. Symphony Village is very fortunate to have six residents who have stepped up and are willing to serve on the Board of Directors. They are Joe Brown, Pat Fox, Robert Hardy, Dominick Mancinelli, Scott Page, and Dave Peterson. Residents may access the candidates' résumés on the [Governance page](#) of the SV Website. Paper copies of each candidate's résumé will also be available at the Clubhouse front desk.

You can get to know each candidate and have your specific questions answered at a MEET THE CANDIDATES EVENT on Thursday, November 10, in the Concert Hall of the Clubhouse. For the convenience of our residents, two sessions will be held - one at 10 a.m. and the other at 6 p.m. Donuts and coffee will be available at the morning meeting, and the bar will be open before and after the evening meeting. Get your questions answered! The Nominating Committee looks forward to seeing you there.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LIFESTYLE COMMITTEE – *Vinny Volpicelli, Chair; Randy Officer, Vice Chair; and Pat Fox, Correspondent*

- **Happy Hour – Saturday, October 15, 6 p.m.** -- Hosted by Vinny Volpicelli & Mary Jo Keefe
- **Happy Hour – Friday, November 11, 6 p.m.** (* No first Friday HH due to Sneakers event on Saturday, November 5) – Happy Hour will be a birthday party for Libra, Scorpio, and Sagittarius, September 23 to November 21. Please be sure to sign up in the Activities Book for this event, especially if you want birthday surprises. We need the date of your birthday (year is optional). The hostesses are Peggy Decker, Rosemary Page, Zina Lichaa, and Carolyn Harty.
- **Lifestyle Meeting – Monday, November 7, 7 p.m.** New Members Welcome!
- **Happy Hour – Saturday, November 19, 6 p.m.** -- Hosted by Gary and Debbie Greenwald. Steve Guy's Barbershop Quartet will perform in the Concert Hall from 5 – 6 p.m. before the Happy Hour. During the Happy Hour they will roam and perform randomly.



Chesapeake College Todd Performing Arts Center

Women's One-Act Play Festival

Thursday, October 20, to Friday, October 28



Chesapeake College's Peake Players at Cadby Theatre
Women's One-Act Play Festival featuring Lucille Fletcher's "Sorry
Wrong Number" and "The Hitchhiker"
October 20 @ 4:30 p.m., October 22 @ 7 p.m. and
October 28 @ 7 p.m.

Milcha Sanchez-Scott's "Dog Lady" and Deborah Pryor's "The Love Talker"
October 21 @ 7 p.m., October 22, @ 8 p.m. and October 27 @ 4:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$10 adults/\$5 students

Tickets available at the door 1/2 hour before curtain time.

Always...Patsy Cline

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Saturday, November 19, 8 p.m.

The musical play, complete with down home country humor, true emotion and even some audience participation, includes many of Patsy's unforgettable hits such as *Crazy, I Fall to Pieces, Sweet Dreams and Walking After Midnight*...27 songs in all. The show is based on a true story about Cline's friendship with a fan from Houston named Louise Seger. The show's title was inspired by Cline's letters to Seger, which were consistently signed "Love ALWAYS...Patsy Cline."

- Tickets: \$40/\$25 (\$5 handling charge is added to the entire order)
- TPAC Box Office: 410-827-5867
- Todd Performing Arts Center, Chesapeake College, Wye Mills, MD



Upcoming Events

- **Friday February 24, 2017 – Kim and Reggie Harris Concert, 8 p.m., \$20 pp**
- **Friday March 3, 2017 – Motown Review, 8 p.m., \$45 pp**

2016 Happy Hours Hosting:

All Happy Hours Hosting Positions Have Been Taken For 2016! Thanks Everyone! Please Remember To Volunteer For 2017.

Need Hosts for Happy Hours for 2017 – Free Drinks and Food!

To keep the fun rolling Lifestyle Committee members will be asking folks who attend these functions to please agree to host future happy hours! Happy Hour hosts and hostesses are able to drink free and don't have to bring food! What a deal!

This is a very easy assignment and a great way to meet fellow residents. Please review the sheet in the Activities Book which includes the step-by-step guide. You can select a theme if you wish and we will advertise it. You will greet people as they arrive, enjoy yourself through the evening, and help with simple cleanup at the end. 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.

Events in the Planning Stage

- New Year's Eve Party
- MGM-National Harbor

OUTREACH – *Bea Trotta, President*

6th Annual Artisans' Fair

The 6th Annual Artisans' Fair sponsored by Outreach was a fun-filled day offering original creations made by 24 artisans from within Symphony Village and the surrounding communities. More than 200 Symphony Village residents and their families and friends attended the event.

We would like to thank all the Villagers who supported the event or baked brownies, cookies, or mini-loaf cakes. Your participation helped make the day a success. Outreach would also like to thank all the Outreach members who volunteered their time and hard work to prepare for the event. Without your support we could not sponsor the Artisans' Fair. A special thank you goes out to Loretta Quigley for chairing the



the committee, Linda Gardner for Clubhouse space layout, Linda Blume for contacting and coordinating with the artisans and advertising the fair, Nancie Cameron and Jane Romany for the food preparations, Willie DiLaura for heading up the mini-bake sale, and Marge Strano for all the signage.

This year we had members from

Boy Scout Troop 464 from Ruthsburg, which serves Centreville, Church Hill, and Ridgely, help the artisans setup and breakdown their tables and carry items to and from their vehicles. Their help was invaluable, and they even helped Outreach members fold tables and put furniture in place at the Clubhouse. We were all appreciative of their help. The Scouts earned service hours for their efforts.

There were four raffle prizes, one auction item, and a door prize. Gerald Rosensteel won the Boys Quilt and Ed Hoffman won the Girls Quilt. Both quilts were created and donated by artisan Alice Washburn. The handcrafted basket was won by Sonny Sollars and donated by artisan Heidi Wetzel. The SV Quilters donated quilted holiday creations that were won by Susan Johnson. Ed Hoffman was also the winner of the door prize of a wine country basket donated by Loretta Quigley. Steve Quigley won the wood carved duck decoy donated by artisan Al Wayson. All winners are Symphony Village residents.

The proceeds from the Artisans' Fair are used to meet Outreach's budget needs to support the many nonprofit social service agencies and organizations within Queen Anne's County. Check the [Gallery](#) page of the Website for more pictures.



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Reminder: Merchandise Shop featuring SVOPI Logo



The Outreach Committee began a fundraising venture in cooperation with Café Press (an online shop for clothing and gifts) about a year ago. The items for sale have the colorful SV Outreach logo printed on them. For every item sold, Outreach receives a percentage of the sale to help support the Committee's donations to non-profits in Queen Anne's County. All you have to do is go to [Cafe Press - SV Outreach](#) and you can shop directly for merchandise that includes T-shirts, sweatshirts, ball caps, aprons, drinkware, tote bags, and more. The Holidays are rapidly approaching – start your shopping and support Outreach at the same time. Thank you!

8th Annual Neighborhood Food Drive Coming Soon!



Mark your calendars for what should be our biggest collection of food yet! Our goal is 2,100 items! We are looking for nonperishable items including pasta, pasta sauce, tuna, peanut butter, jam, hearty soups, canned vegetables, canned fruits, and cereal. Our Outreach-sponsored Annual Food Drive will take place in November from **Wednesday, November 16 through Sunday, November 20**. Food will then be delivered to QAC

Social Services for distribution before Thanksgiving.


Thirteen houses will be collection sites:

Mary/Bob Ciesielski	227 Concerto	Carlene/Jim Cooke	225 Opera
Carol/Larry Hodges	141 Encore	Carol/Mel Porosoff	133 Orchestra
Teri/Jerry Nudo	106 Harmony	Linda Blume	224 Orchestra
Rosemary/Scott Page	227 Harmony	Betty/Lloyd McAtee	321 Overture
Candi/Bob Nilsson	414 Harmony	Joan/Jack Hennessey	146 Sonata
Sue/Dave Peterson	635 Harmony	Kathy/Tom McManus	137 Symphony
Willie/John DiLaura	843 Harmony		

YOU DO NOT NEED TO LIVE ON THE STREET WITH THE HOUSE YOU SELECT!

Catch a good sale or two and stock up early on these nonperishable items. Please, no outdated pantry items. If anyone wants an “early drop-off,” please know you can do so at Linda Blume's house, 224 Orchestra. We also take cash donations or food gift cards with which we will buy tuna, peanut butter, and hearty soups (which the Food Pantry has specifically asked for this time). Watch for more information in the November *Libretto* and on ECHOES and the Home Page as time gets closer. Need more information now? Call Loretta Quigley, Event Chair, at 410-758-6775 or email lorettaquigley@yahoo.com. This community endeavor will mean so much to so many!

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Neighbor-to-Neighbor by Marge Strano

The [Neighbor-to-Neighbor](#) Program at Symphony Village is part of Outreach, a nonprofit organization created by Symphony Village residents to provide volunteer services and financial support to charitable and civic organizations in Queen Anne’s County. The program is designed to provide short-term assistance with meals, transportation, etc., and is exclusively for SV residents. You can access help through Street Captains listed on the [Directories](#) page of the SV Website. Street Captains are kind and caring Symphony Village volunteers.



Neighbor-to-Neighbor Brochure and Bereavement Brochure

Brochures are available in the Wall Street Room at the Clubhouse. Street Captains also have a supply of brochures for your convenience. The Neighbor-to-Neighbor brochure provides the names of your Street Captains and outlines help available through the program. The Bereavement Brochure provides timely information that may prove helpful in your time of need. However, if you would like to receive an electronic copy of the brochures, please email a request to Marge Strano at mbestrano@gmail.com.

Medical Equipment Sharing

The Medical Equipment Sharing program will put you in contact with neighbors who may have medical equipment that you can borrow. Street Captains have a list of medical equipment available along with contact emails and telephone numbers. If, however, you have some equipment that you would be willing to loan to other residents, please call Marge Strano at 410-758-2511.

Memorial Book Committee Looking for a Chair

A remembrance of your loved one may be entered into the Memorial Book kept in the Wall Street Room at the Clubhouse. You may also archive your remembrance on the Symphony Village Website. Please go to “Directories” page of the SV Website to contact a [Neighbor-to-Neighbor](#) volunteer for help with entering your memorial page.

- **We are currently looking for a SV resident to chair the Memorial Book Committee. In addition, we are always looking for new members. Please contact Marge Strano at if you want to be a part of this very important Neighbor-to-Neighbor effort.**
- **We are also looking for an additional Street Captain for the 200 Block of Concerto to help DeAnn Cheyne with issues as they arise. Please feel free to contact DeAnn Cheyne or Marge Strano with any questions you may have.**

The Neighbor-to-Neighbor program also provides strength and inspiration through the SV Prayer Chain. If you are a caregiver, please feel free to contact the Caregivers Support Group. Contact information is available in the [Directories](#) page of the SV Website.



Name Tag Campaign



Outreach's Name Tag Campaign will continue until November 15. A minimum number of 51 name tag orders must be received to get the pricing quoted. **Thirty-three** name tags have been ordered to date. Ordering envelopes are at the Clubhouse - just \$12.50 per name tag. There won't be another chance to get bulk pricing on SV name tags, so place your order soon.

****REMINDER****

When you use a Clubhouse tablecloth, please launder it before you put it back in the storage bins.

We regret to announce that the Outreach Paintbrush Party scheduled for October 21 at the Goodwill Fire House has been cancelled. We will try and reschedule at another time.

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

Ads on Home Page

Readers may have discovered that the *Libretto* ads now appear on the Home Page of the Website. This is an incentive to get advertisers to continue and to make it easier for residents to find an advertiser if they are looking for a particular one. Click on “advertisers” at the top of the Home Page which takes you directly to the ads.

Directory

Please check your entry in the Directory to see if all the information is correct. Corrections can be made by selecting Directory Update Form on the Directory Page.

SNEAKERS— Linda Farrar, President

Novemberfest

For the Benefit of Symphony Sneakers November 5 from 6 - 8 p.m.

Join us for a gala evening of wine tasting, beer tasting, and liquor tasting, paired with our delicious signature Sneakers food. There will be multiple raffles and several silent auction items.



- The door prize is worth over \$100.
- One of the raffle items is a beautiful new wine refrigerator worth over \$100.
- The restaurant raffle will include over 20 local restaurants.
- One auction item is a cheese basket, including a gift certificate for \$100 from Harris Teeter for cheese and other food items.
- Try your luck at the Cork Pull with 50 bottles of wine, each worth between \$10 and \$65.



These are just a few of our surprises. This special event is to enhance the ability of Symphony Sneakers to provide aid to the children of Centreville, Church Hill, and Sudlersville schools. A limited number of 150 tickets are available for a donation of \$25 per person. Bring your check to the Clubhouse and sign up for your tickets. They will be delivered to you. Admission is by ticket only.

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Bunco Expands to Daytime Games in Symphony Village! *by Debi Wells*



In addition to the Bunco teams on the first Thursday of each month, we are now forming teams for daytime games. All games are played in the Symphony Village Clubhouse. Joining and playing couldn't be easier. If you'd like to join us, please sign up in the Symphony Village Activities Book (located in the Wall Street Room of the Clubhouse). Information about how to play Bunco is also in the Activities Book. If you have questions or cannot get to the Clubhouse to sign up, just contact one of the Bunco Coordinators below:

Bunco Coordinators:

Cathy Olson: 443-262-8458 or email: shop.5678@icloud.com

Debi Wells: 443-262-8248 or email: debwells2011@gmail.com

Gazebo Garden Club and Victory Garden—*by Jack Hennessey*

Thanks to Dave Peterson, all of the miscellaneous tools and hardware associated with the Victory Garden have been disposed of. The large plot previously used for this purpose has been restored to the tenant farmer. It was fun while it lasted. I am still crying, but it may be tears of joy.

The Gazebo Garden may have died, along with the thousands (I counted them.) of black-eyed Susans. However, Dennis has assured me that Dominic Mancinelli and his cohorts have big plans for the 20 flower beds surrounding the gazebo. Good Luck Dom! As for the gazebo itself, Dan Battista and I will serve as caretakers for the gazebo, keeping it clean, clearing out bird nests, and installing lights for Christmas. Once more, we will be using the purple martin house as the centerpiece for decorations. A Christmas sing-a-long will be scheduled early in December. Music and song sheets will be provided. All residents are invited to participate! Watch for the date.

Lunch Bunch—*by Marge Strano*



The Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, November 3, at 12:30 p.m. at [Miss Shirley's Café](#) located at 1 Park Place, Annapolis. Miss Shirley's is famous for her signature breakfast and lunch dishes. Miss Shirley's Café has several locations; we will be having lunch at the Annapolis location near the Westin Hotel. The sign-up sheet is in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse. Hope to see you at Miss Shirley's Café for a wonderful lunch experience! Please call Bea Trotta at 410-758-0332 (cell 610-217-4754) or Marge Strano at 410-758-2511 (cell 609-221-6378) if you have a question or need a ride.

Reading for Fun Book Club -- by Jack Hennessey

Our September meeting was a huge success. We reviewed our 100th book for the Book Club, a real milestone! Our novel for discussion was *The Oblate's Confession*, by local author Bill Peak of Easton. Bill attended this meeting and led a lively discussion, fielding many questions from the 28 people who attended. As we reported in our last report, an oblate is the lowest level of religious staff in a monastery.



In the middle centuries in Europe it was traditional for rich and powerful people to donate their first-born son to live his life in a monastery. The story relates the life of an oblate, Winwaed, in the monastery at Redestone. It was not an easy read, but made interesting reading, receiving a rating of 7.9 on a scale of 1 to 10.

The book for our October 18 meeting is *A Secret Kept*, by Tatiana de Rosnay, who also wrote *Sarah's Key*, which was rated #2 in our review of 100 books. The story revolves around the whole Rey family, but primarily centers on Antoine and his sister Melanie, who is the original keeper of the startling secret. In an attempt to relate the secret to Antoine, Melanie is overcome by emotion, and loses control of her car. She is seriously injured and temporarily loses her memory. Eventually she recovers and reveals the secret to Antoine. The novel discloses how all members of the family are affected by the revelation of the secret. Read this fast paced novel to learn the secret for yourself!

Social Singles--by Carol Donnelly

Several of our Singles went to Cape May last week and it was so much fun!! Maybe plan another trip next year!!

On a rainy afternoon, we visited the naval air base near Cape May from which 1,400 missions were flown and on one in 1945, a German sub was captured . We highly recommend it!

At the October 11 monthly meeting, an outing to Saint Michaels and a cruise on the Patriot for an excursion on the river and dinner in town was planned.

On **Tuesday, November 8**, at 10:30 a.m. we will meet at the Clubhouse again and plan our December dinner at my home. Will bring a sign-up sheet to the meeting to decide menu and there will be a place for you to sign up to enhance the menu. We had great time last year and know we will again this time.



CONGRATS TO ALL OF US. THE REINCARNATION OF THE SINGLES GROUP IS ALMOST TWO YEARS OLD!!

CERT by Debi Wells

Community Protection Against Terrorism

Specifically, what actions can you, as a resident of Symphony Village, do to protect yourself and our neighborhood against terrorism? First, we need to educate ourselves and understand how terrorism and crime are related. They are both stealth activities dependent upon no witnesses and suspicious activities not being reported. Fortunately, there are key strategies we can take to protect ourselves and those we love. These strategies require a small amount of time and investment. Want to learn more? Then attend the free seminar brought to you by your Symphony Village Community Emergency Response Team (SV CERT), featuring Corporal Travis Nelson on Monday, October 17, at 3 p.m., in the Symphony Village Clubhouse. Cpl. Nelson will talk about what suspicious activity looks like, and how to properly contact authorities if you observe suspicious activity. The discussion will also include how terror threats have changed over the years and what you, as a community resident, can do to be aware of threats.



Corporal Travis Nelson is currently assigned to the Special Operations Division of the Maryland State Police. He is the law enforcement liaison to the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). Cpl. Travis serves as the co-chair for the Maryland Active Assailant Interdisciplinary Workgroup and currently works with the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical System Services (MIEMSS) to lead a state-wide effort to provide guidance for all responders to hostile events. He is the chair of the recently established Maryland Search and Rescue Coordination Workgroup, technical lead of the Maryland Prevention and Protection Workgroup, and serves on the Region III Advisory Council for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Cpl. Travis is the current Director of Career Services at the Kent and Queen Anne's Rescue Squad in Chestertown, and is certified as a medic, rescue diver, and firefighter.

Mark your calendar to protect against terrorism!

Date: Monday, October 17, 3 p.m.

Location: Symphony Village Clubhouse

Speaker: Corporal Travis Nelson, Special Operations Division
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Did you know friendship is an essential ingredient to longevity and vitality? It is! We are strengthened by social contact. And, when we extend ourselves to others, we take better care of ourselves and make the best choices in life. So, while your **Dining In** meal will be tasty, you will most likely find the food takes a back seat to the connection you will enjoy with fellow residents. It's all about the fun and satisfaction, not necessarily about the food. Well, okay, it's also about the food -- who doesn't love to eat!

If you would like to be a host or hostess, it's a fun way to extend friendship to your neighbors. Just decide how many you can seat comfortably: five, six, seven or more people -- let us know when you sign up. Then decide your main entrée (chicken, burgers, salmon, etc.), the choice is yours! Last step, contact the guests (who have signed up to participate) to ask them to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert. Guests bring their own beverage. It is absolutely this easy.



If you want more details, please review **Dining In** in the Activities Book in the Wall Street Room, or call Bill or Debi Wells ([443-262-8248](tel:443-262-8248)). We are glad to talk with you and will help to facilitate monthly. Again, **Sunday, October 30, at 6 p.m.** is the next **Dining In**. Please sign up by Tuesday, October 25. We hope you participate in October or a future month!

***Dining In Special Note:** Due to the anticipation that many residents will be with family or away during Thanksgiving week, **Dining In** will be held on Sunday, November 13. We hope you will join us!

Bird Club – Linda Blume



The Fall Bird Club Picnic will take place on **Tuesday, October 18**, noon, at the Picnic Pavilion (weather permitting). Please sign up in the Activities Book so I can plan enough food.

Friends of Eastern Neck will sponsor Winter Waterfowl Walks on five “first Saturdays” (November 5, December 2, January 7, February 4, and March 4) at [Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge](#) in Rock Hall. These two-hour guided walks are to observe wintering waterfowl. Walks are conducted in areas of the Refuge that are usually closed to the public and are led by local birding experts. The walks are free (voluntary donations accepted). Go to [Winter Waterfowl Walks - Tickets](#) to pre-register. The SV Bird Club attended one of these winter walks some years ago, and we did get to see an amazing variety of waterfowl – and the expert guides really knew their birds!



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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Time to Sign Up for Hallowe'en Fun October 29

October is in full swing, and while you are getting into the autumn swing, remember to sign up for the Grandchildren's Hallowe'en Party on **Saturday, October 29, from 2 - 4** p.m. at the Clubhouse for grandchildren ages 11 and under. There will be crafts, games, pictures, snacks, and a costume parade complete with "trick or treating."



The cost is \$6 per child payable at the time of signup. Grandparents need to be in attendance. Deadline for signup is **Monday, October 24**, but try to sign up before then so we can plan for the crafts.

Any questions, please call Carlene Cooke, 443-262-8146 or Linda Farrar, 410-758-8744.

We have had good response for helpers, but we can use a few more volunteers to help man the crafts and games. If you can help or if you have teenage grandchildren who would like to help (as part of their community services projects), please let Carlene or Linda know. It is a fun way to spend a few hours!!

American Legion Jeff Davis Post 18

Friday Night Dinners at the Legion; 5:30 – 7 p.m. or until sold out. The public is always welcome! Upcoming dinners:

Friday, October 21: 1 Crab cake, 2 soft crabs, 1/2 pound shrimp, sliced tomato, corn on the cob, au gratin potatoes, dessert: \$20

Friday, October 28: Fried oysters, scalloped potatoes, cole slaw, applesauce: \$16

Friday, November 4: 2 Crab cakes, scalloped potatoes, cole slaw, dessert: \$18

Friday, November 11: Spaghetti and meatballs, garden salad, garlic bread, dessert: \$10

Call the Post at 410-758-3584 if you have any questions.



Friends of the Library Spelling Bee



Don't forget to attend the Spelling Bee on **Thursday, October 20**, 7 p.m. (social time begins at 6:30 p.m.) to support your SV Outreach team of Terri O'Connell, Teri Nudo, and Eleanor Strietman. The event will be held at the Wye River Upper School (316 S. Commerce Street) in Centreville. Spectators admitted free! This is a fundraiser for the Friends of the Queen Anne's County Library.

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Learn how you can use your hands and talents with tools a few hours a week to help someone build or rehab a home for themselves (sweat equity for the owner) right here in Queen Anne’s and Caroline Counties. (There is a project on Kidwell!) **Don’t do tools?** Maybe you can “work” at the ReStore or

maybe just donate some used furniture or \$\$\$.



“All About Tuckahoe Habitat for Humanity” will be the object of a presentation by Tuckahoe HFH Executive Director, Bill Clemens, on Monday, October 31, at 2 p.m. in the Concert Hall. Come learn what HFH does, what they need, how you might help them, and how you might learn some construction techniques from them. See you there!

Fall/Spring Gardening Tip

If you're a gardener, the cool temperatures of October and November seem to beckon you outdoors to start "cleaning up/tidying up" those dormant, dried up perennials, shrubs, and grasses. But if you grow native plants, give some thought to this.....it's really best to delay that "cutting back" until spring. Here's why. Native plants are designed to support life in your garden year round. During the growing seasons of spring and summer, indigenous wildlife (mammals, birds, beneficial insects, etc.) depend on native vegetation for sustenance and survival.



However, during the late fall and winter months, those same plants provide protection and food for over-wintering wildlife. Birds and other animals seek the dried seed heads of many flowering perennials for their winter diet. The dried stalks and grasses offer protective wildlife habitats. Some butterflies hibernate in dried leaf litter. During winter this litter also supports some insects that in turn are sought by birds to feed their young in spring. Finally, nothing surpasses the natural beauty of native dried seed heads or seed-laden grasses (such as Little Bluestem and Big Bluestem) standing above a blanket of snow.

When early spring arrives, the dried remains of dormant perennials, grasses, and some deciduous shrubs should be cut back. Any diseased material (such as that showing mildew) should be removed and discarded into the trash (not compost). Shrubs are best pruned also at this time.

Native flowering plants, grasses, and shrubs play crucial roles in the "balance of nature," not just in the active gardening seasons, but throughout all seasons of the year.

(Adapted from Prairie Nursery, Westfield, WI "Guide to Transplanting Native Perennials")

Master Gardeners Offer Landscape Consultations

The Queen Anne's County Master Gardeners' Bay-Wise Committee announced the launch of the group's FREE LANDSCAPE CONSULTATIONS. Advice on improving your landscape, all the while helping the environment, is only a phone call away. Master Gardeners are trained by the University of Maryland Extension to serve as knowledgeable volunteers.



Creating an attractive yard is important to all of us, but how we do it can make a huge difference in property value and environmental impact. Most homes in the Queen Anne's County and Kent County areas are within a half mile of a stream or other waterway flowing into the Chesapeake Bay. Critical awareness of the environmental effect of our landscape choices and practices underlies the Master Gardener Program.

While Master Gardeners are horticulturists not landscape designers, teachers not installers, they are educated to evaluate your property. They focus on such issues as healthy lawn maintenance, erosion and drainage, insect and disease control, composting waste, and selecting native plants

and trees that enhance your property with minimum upkeep. They will also help you in planning for flower, fruit, and vegetable beds that beautify your yard and provide friendly habitat for wildlife such as songbirds, butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds for starters. Complimentary Bay-Wise Award yard signs identify properties that demonstrate sound Bay-Wise practices.

A Bay-Wise team will arrange with you for a convenient date and time to meet with you at your property. CALL 410-758-0166 TO ARRANGE FOR A CONSULTATION.

Recipe of the Month

From the Kitchen of Zina Lichaa

Dump Orange-Rosemary Chicken

Prepare once for two meals for two:

- Get a Nature's Place whole chicken (it is excellent) from Food Lion
- Cut it in half. Clean. Dry with paper towel. Salt and Pepper both sides then dump in 2 sealable plastic bags
- Dump the following in each bag:
 - 2 teaspoons of rosemary
 - ½ the zest from an orange
 - ¼ cup of orange marmalade
 - juice from the orange
 - 2 tablespoons of olive oil
 - 1 tablespoon brown sugar
 - ½ small onion
- Shake the bag until mixed; then refrigerate overnight
- Roast at 350° for about 45 minutes until skin is browned.



Note: Cut a small potato in 1/4 in thick slices and lay them in the bottom of the roasting pan. Yummy.

Review of October Lunch Bunch at Cantwell's Tavern

by Marge Strano and Bea Trotta



Forty Lunch Bunch attendees had a delightful lunch at Cantwell's Tavern in Odessa on October 6. The Brick Hotel, an old historic building, provides 18th century ambience for the restaurant. This hotel welcomed merchants and ships' captains to the port of Cantwell's Bridge in the 1800s. There are several other historic buildings on Main Street in Odessa including the Corbit-Sharp House, the Collins-Sharp House, and the Wilson Warner House all built prior to the 1800s. The Bank is another Odessa historic treasure designed by a Philadelphia architect in 1855. There is so very much to see! The

historic homes are open from March to December with special holiday tours that run from November to December. Information is available at the [Historic Odessa Foundation](http://www.historicodessa.org) website.

The menu at Cantwell's Tavern will satisfy a wide variety of palates and certainly did just that for 40 Lunch Bunch participants. We heard nothing but complimentary comments about the quality and taste of the food. The restaurant menu includes a raw bar, small plates, soups and salads, brick oven flat

breads and pizza, and a wide range of large plates and sides along with an excellent selection of desserts. A Kid's Menu is also available.

The atmosphere is casual but elegant. The staff was friendly and courteous and managed our party of 40 diners with relative ease despite the fact that we had not anticipated that the group would exceed 30 participants. The kitchen was well organized and made sure that dinners arrived at each table in a timely manner.

Parties and weddings are hosted upstairs in the tavern and at various other locations in the historic buildings of Odessa. The bar, located in a room to the left upon entering the restaurant, is well stocked with beers, ales, white and red wines, cordials, and speciality drinks. Whether you plan a formal dinner; a casual gathering; or a dinner with children, family, and friends, Cantwell's Tavern is an excellent choice for SV residents. So, take a ride to Odessa, take advantage of a beautiful, historic site and some beautiful antiques, have a delicious lunch or dinner, and enjoy an afternoon getaway to another time in American history.

UPCOMING CENTREVILLE EVENTS

Paint Brush Party



The QAC Arts Council will hold the next Paintbrush Party on **Friday, October 21**, 6 – 9 p.m., at the Centre for the Arts in Centreville. This is a new kind of paintbrush party. You will learn warm and cool colors, highlighting with colors, and blending. Theresa Schram is a certified teacher who will guide participants through the process while enjoying art-inspiring libations and music. The cost is \$40 for Arts Council members and \$45 for non-members. Reserve a spot by calling 410-758-2520.

6th Annual Centreville Day



[Centreville Day](#) will be held on **Saturday, October 29**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., on Lawyers Row and the Court House Green in downtown Centreville. This free event will feature an interactive Kids Zone, a cookie contest (see article below), an Idol contest (see below), pumpkin painting, pumpkin bowling, a moon bounce and slide, a Bully-Free puppet show, face painting, a community arts project, Bull & Goat Brewery Adult “hops” Hunt, games, and activities. The rain date is October 30.

The Great Centreville Cookie Contest



The [Great Centreville Cookie Contest](#) final judging will be part of Centreville Day activities on **Saturday, October 29**. The Cookie Contest is open to all amateur bakers who are Centreville residents or who work at a Centreville business or attend a Centreville school. All cookies must be homemade with ingredients that can be left at room temperature. An amateur baker is defined as someone who is self-taught, has not received professional training at a culinary school. The grand prize winner will be awarded a trophy or ribbon, a cash prize, and of course, bragging rights! To enter, drop off a completed form (found on the above website) along with a copy of your cookie recipe and one dozen cookies for semi-finalist judging at Town Hall (101 Lawyers Row) no later than 4 p.m. on **Wednesday, October 26**. All contestants will be notified of their competition status no later than 5

p.m. on Thursday, October 27. Final judging will take place on Centreville Day at 12:30 p.m. in front of the Court House.

Idol Contest at Centreville Day



For information on the Centreville Idol Contest to be held on Centreville Day on **Saturday, October 29**, email Natasha Wright at centrevilleidol@gmail.com or contact Carol D'Agostino at mainstreet@townofcentreville.org or (410) 758-1180, extension 17.

Bull and Goat Brewery Grand Opening



The [Bull and Goat Brewery](#) (206 Banjo Lane) in Centreville will hold its Grand Opening during Centreville Day on **Saturday, October 29**, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Activities include a ribbon cutting ceremony, live music from 1 – 5 p.m., corn hole, and more. Test your knowledge on Centreville history during the “in town” scavenger hunt to see if you can claim a prize back at the brewery.

Children's Activities at Wright's Chance



The Queen Anne's County Historical Society will host Children's Activities at Wright's Chance (119 S. Commerce Street) in Centreville on Centreville Day on **Saturday, October 29**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. There will also be a Scavenger Hunt. For information, call 410-758-3010.

Spooky House Tour



The Queen Anne's County Historical Society will host a Spooky House Tour on **Saturday, October 29**, 6 – 8 p.m., at Tucker House (124 S. Commerce Street) in Centreville. For information, call 410-758-3010.

Non-Fiction Book Club at the Library



The Non-Fiction Book Club meets at the Centreville Branch of the QAC Public Library on the last Monday of each month, 1 – 2 p.m. Bring lunch, and the library will provide drinks. The selection to be discussed on **Monday, October 31**, is *Valiant Ambition: George Washington, Benedict Arnold, and the fate of the American Revolution* by Nathaniel Philbrick.

Afternoon Book Club at the Library



The Afternoon Book Club meets at the Centreville Branch of the QAC Public Library on the first Thursday of each month, 1 – 2 p.m. The selection to be discussed on **Thursday, November 3**, is *The Dressmaker* by Rosalie Ham.

Wrap Bracelet Making Workshop



Melissa Kay-Steves will conduct a Wrap Bracelet Making Workshop on **Thursday, November 10**, 6:30 – 8 p.m., at the Centreville Branch of the Queen Anne's County Library. Learn the fundamentals of bracelet making. All materials will be provided. Each participant will create a

bracelet with step by step directions. Pre-registration is required - go to [Workshop](#). This workshop is FREE.

Matinee Movie – “The New World”



The [Movie Matinee](#) will take place on **Friday, November 11**, 2 – 5 p.m., at the Centreville Branch of the QAC Public Library. Arriving with a British expedition in Virginia in 1607, Capt. John Smith is captured by Native Americans. His life is spared thanks to Pocahontas, daughter of the tribe's chief. Smith and Pocahontas fall in love, to the mutual dismay of the Native Americans and the British. Smith is sent away, and his death is reported. An unhappy Pocahontas marries settler John Rolfe. When Smith turns up alive, Pocahontas is torn between the two men. Rated PG; 135 minutes.

To see a list of tourism and local attraction websites, press “Event Source Links” on the [Sources](#) page on the SV Website.

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