

LIBRETTO

Symphony Village's Newsletter

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

New Homeowners

The following residents have settled and/or moved into their new homes since our last publication. Symphony Village welcomes--

Marjorie Pierce
210 Harmony Way

Diane Briggs
169 Symphony Way

FROM JAN'S DESK

The Officers of the Association have approved the Definition of Age Qualified Residents and Age Permitted Residents as displayed below:

1. Aged Qualified Resident--

* Resident is identified as a person with their official address at a Symphony Village house either as an owner, co-owner, a qualified member of a couple, renter, or child of the owner/renter. If the house is rented, the owner gives up the rights of being a resident to the renter who must meet the age qualifications. Age Qualified Residents must meet the following qualifications:

* Any resident 55 years of age or older.

* A member of a couple under the age of 55 who is residing with his/her partner who is 55 years of age or older.

* An individual under the age of 55 provided (1) he/she is the owner of the house; (2) at the time the house was purchased was a member of a couple in which the other member was a co-owner of the house and 55 years of age or older; and after the purchase of the house the co-owner, 55 years of age or older, died.

2. Age Permitted Resident--

* Any child or children residing with an Age Qualified Resident, the child/children official address is a Symphony Village house, and the child/children shall be 19 years of age or older. The Age Permitted Resident shall have unlimited access to the clubhouse and its amenities during the hours they are open for use; and will not be required to be accompanied by a Age Qualified Resident.

3. In no case may any household be occupied by more than three (3) permanent residents if the house contains only two (2) bedrooms; and no more than four (4) permanent residents if the house contains three (3) bedrooms. Therefore, a four-bedroom house equates to no more than five permanent residents.

FROM DENNIS' DESK

I have received some information from Brian Creighton regarding the odor that some residents are getting from their water, often referred to as a "rotten eggs" smell. Water heaters come with a magnesium anode rod that protects the life of the water heater. When the hot water is not used often enough, the reaction of the water and magnesium anode rod results in a foul odor. There are a couple of things, which can be done to eliminate, and even prevent this from happening. The easiest way to try to get rid of the odor is as follows:

- 1) Shut power to water heater off (do so by turning the breaker off at the electric panel).
- 2) In master bathroom, turn on **hot water only** on soaking tub.
- 3) Let this run for 2-3 hours (this is allowing cold, chlorinated water to flush out the water heater).
- 4) Turn water off at tub and turn breaker to water heater back on (you will have hot water again shortly).

This will hopefully help with the "rotten egg" smell.

Another alternative is to call a plumbing service. Brian met with J.W.Shepherd's Plumbing and, for \$150.00; they will flush out your water heater and replace the magnesium anode rod with an aluminum anode rod. The aluminum anode rod doesn't react with the water the same as the magnesium rod, reducing the chances for the odor to come back in the future.

A special thanks to Brian Creighton for researching this for us!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLICATION AND COMMUNICATION UPDATE

Advertisers

Please patronize our advertisers. When you have services done in your home or outside the home, encourage the person to advertise in the *Libretto*. You could give them the page of ads showing the price of advertising.

Photo Directory

The Publications and Communication Committee is discussing plans to publish an online photo directory. A committee has been formed to check into the feasibility. If there is a photography buff interested in taking digital photos, please contact Carol Hodges at 410-

758-0591. Also, please contact a member of the Publications Committee with any feedback you may have on this project.

Pictures for the Web

If you have any pictures that you would like to share with fellow residents, please forward them to John Schultz at schultz@schultz.org. See the home page at the website (www.villagehoa.org) to see current pictures. Also, click on photos/albums on the home page. There is one album of the water aerobics class. See if you can find yourself. If you have great trip pictures, that would be great to share.

LIFESTYLE UPDATE

The Lifestyle Committee met on Tuesday, August 5, at 7 p.m. Many of the voting members were on vacation, but we did have a quorum of seven voting members. Here are some important Save-a-Dates from now until the end of 2008.

August 24	Last day to sign up for Labor Day cookout
September 17	Newseum Day Trip to Washington, DC
October 4	Liberty Warship all day tour in Baltimore
October 11`	Symphony Village Garage Sale
October 18	Oktoberfest Happy Hour
October 25	Halloween Party for grandchildren
October 31	Halloween Happy Hour
December 6 and 7	Holiday Dinner/Show Event (you pick one date)
December 13	A "Christmas Revels" French Canadian performance
December 19	Holiday Happy Hour with dancing music
December 31	New Year Eve celebration

Mark your calendars today!!! See details below.

Choptank River Crab Feast

For those of you that have paid for the Crab Feast, we will meet at the Clubhouse parking lot at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday August 21, so that we can carpool to Suicide Restaurant. Directions will be available.

Labor Day Cookout

The homeowners who live on Overture Way and Orchestra Place will host the **Labor Day cookout**, which will be held on September 1 from 1—5 p.m. Once again, Allen Beck will be overseeing the food preparation, and our dear friend Bo from Doc's Restaurant will be playing his delightful dance music. The menu includes barbequed chicken, marinated chicken, bratwurst, Sloppy Joes, potato salad, coleslaw, sauerkraut, spinach salad, sliced tomatoes, potato chips, assorted cookies, cakes, fresh fruit salads, and lemonade. Bottled water and sodas will be two for \$1. Cost is \$7 per person and \$4 for children under 10. Guests may attend for the same fee. Sign up in the Activities Book and pay Jan by check.

Newseum Trip – Wednesday, September 17

Join us for a trip to Washington to visit the hottest and most interesting museum in town, “The Newseum.” This museum traces the history of how we have received our news. There are many exhibits, films, and even an opportunity for you to be a newscaster. The artifacts (including a part of the Berlin Wall) are said to be fantastic. Now, there is a special exhibit on G-Men and Journalism, as well as an area that shows how a sports press box is run. There are also 14 different movies available; including one on how historic news has been presented.

Lunch will be on your own at the Wolfgang Puck cafeteria, which is reasonably priced. If the weather is decent and we do not run into much traffic, we will also visit the World War II Memorial.

This will be an all day trip leaving Symphony Village at 8:30 a.m. and returning around 5:30 p.m. The price is \$45, which includes admission to the museum, bus and the driver’s tip. We need at least 25 participants to be able to obtain this price. Sign up in the Activities Book and pay Jan.

Go to the Newseum website at www.newseum.org to see more of what is available.

Voyage Into History



“Voyage into History”! Spend a day in 1944 aboard Baltimore’s restored Liberty Warship. This exciting six-hour day cruise features continental breakfast, a luncheon buffet, afternoon snacks, and beverages; live big band music of the 40’s; military re-enactors; and flybys (weather permitting) of wartime aircraft, with the ship’s Armed Guard gunners manning the guns to fight off attacking Axis planes. Tickets are \$125 each. Check the sign-up book for more details and pick up literature on Jan’s desk counter.

Grandchildren’s Halloween Party

It is not too early to start planning for the Grandchildren’s Halloween Party on Saturday, October 25, 2-4 p.m., for children up to the age of 12. We will have many craft stations, games, pictures, a costume parade, and trick or treating at the Clubhouse. Lots of help will be needed. Please sign up in the Activities Book to attend and to help. Men are also needed to set up and to man games as well as to clean up. If you would like to be on the planning committee, please call Linda Farrar at 410-758-8744. Details to follow in future *Librettos*.

“Hear, ye! Hear ye!” Read about our Holiday Dinner/Show Event

The lifestyle committee has approved the plans for a Holiday Dinner/Show Event for the evenings of Saturday, December 6, and Sunday, December 7. Check with your friends and neighbors, select your date, and be ready to sign up with payment (\$50 per person) for ONE of the dates. Sign ups with payment will be received at the Clubhouse on a specific day and time (TBD) by members of the Lifestyle Committee in late October and

early November. The 90-minute holiday show is produced and presented by Shelley Abbott and Company followed by a catered buffet dinner. Tables of eight to ten people may be reserved at the time of sign up, but it is not necessary to have a table reservation. This event will accommodate 250 people, that is, 125 persons each evening. Spread the word, know your date, and sign up early.

Please take the time to check the interest-only sign-up pages in the Activities Book about the Washington Revels, the DuPont Theatre, and/or Local Day Trip Opportunities.

- The Washington Revels will present a French Canadian celebration based on traditional music, dance, stories, drama, and audience participation. It all takes place on a Saturday matinee, December 13, at the Lisner Auditorium in Washington, DC. Tickets range in the \$40 bracket. Express your interest in the Activities Book under Theatre outings.

- The Dupont Theatre announces three matinee shows for the 2009 season:

Fiddler on the Roof

Spamalot

The Ten Tenors

Menopause

Which of these shows would you like to see? Tell us about it in the Activities Book.

- Several homeowners are anxious to arrange local day trips such as:

An Annapolis Walking Tour

The Brookside Garden in Wheaton, MD

The National Aquarium in Baltimore

Mt. Airy Berrywine Plantation

Look for these and other listings in the Activities Book under Day Trips. Where would you like to go?



Need a financial planner? *See pages 19-22!*

OUTREACH UPDATE

Jeanne Novack Donates Quilt



YOU COULD BE THE WINNER of a gorgeous quilt made and donated by Jeanne Novack to Hospice. The quilt will be on display at the Hospice Booth at the QAC Fair, August 11 through August 16. Raffle tickets will be sold for \$2 each or three tickets for \$5. Centreville Liquors LLC donated the raffle tickets.

After the fair, the quilt will be on display in the Clubhouse. A bag of tickets will be attached to the quilt; please help yourself to the tickets, fill out the stubs, and leave them with a check payable to Hospice of Queen Anne's or HQA. Keep the receipt for your records. The drawing for the quilt will take place on September 20 at the Sunset Celebration, the fall fundraiser for Hospice.

Soooo.....don't miss out. Mark your calendars for two events. (1) The last two days of the QAC Fair, August 15 and 16 (It is loads of fun). Stop by and visit our volunteers at the Hospice Booth and see the quilt. (2) The Sunset Celebration, a casual dinner party and silent auction at a private home on the water, September 20, 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. This will be a grand evening in a true Eastern Shore tradition. Individual invitations will be sent out. If you don't receive one, please call Dorothy Hamm 410-758-3803.

House Tour–April 25, 2009

Preparations have begun for the third Symphony Village House Tour to take place, Saturday, April 25, 2009. Our Outreach Committee will be working hard in the coming months, as we plan another exciting event. In past years, the house tour has been a very successful event in which many residents have gotten involved and enjoyed working together. All profits of the tour will benefit nonprofit organizations in our immediate community and hopefully make life a bit easier for those we touch.



We are asking residents to volunteer to show their houses. This is a great way to give back to the community and an impetus to get all those little projects accomplished before the tour. If you are thinking about volunteering and would like more information, give Beth Dewhirst or Ellen Norman a call. We will be glad to answer any questions.

We previously advertised our tour as a house and garden tour but setting the date for late April did not give gardeners sufficient time to get their gardens blooming. We have decided to have a separate garden tour at another time.

Neighbor to Neighbor

Hi Neighbors!!

Seems as though I wrote the article for July just last week, time passes so quickly!! We have no control over the passing of time. As a result of that lack of control, we must always be prepared for unexpected events in our lives. These events often concern our health or the health of our family, friends, or neighbors.

Here at SV, we may not be able to control time or even foresee the future; however, we can be assured of the presence of the Neighbor To Neighbor program. Our street captains make every effort to be at our doorsteps for any assistance that may be needed by any resident at anytime for any reason. They are such a caring group, which enables them to be there for us before, during, and after unexpected disruptions in our lives.

So time continues to go by with what seems to be such notable speed, as we age!!

Please take comfort in knowing that you are living in a community that is blessed with Neighbor To Neighbor volunteers, who care and will be there for us as time passes.
Judy Hamm

CASA Presentation at Outreach Meeting

Marie Malaro and Peggy Newell, representatives of the newly established CASA program in Queen Anne's County, presented highlights of the program at the July Outreach meeting. A Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) is a volunteer trained to advocate for the best interests of children who are under the protection of the juvenile court. The need is great, especially for male volunteers, both behind the scenes and to be trained to become advocates.

CASA helps protect the county's most vulnerable children. A CASA volunteer is often the only consistent figure in a foster child's life. Volunteer qualifications include a desire to help a child in need; availability for a 32-hour training class and 10-20 volunteer hours per month for at least one year; skills to prepare written reports to the court; a driver's license or other reliable transportation; and successful background screening.

CASA of QAC will begin training the first group of advocates in September 2008. If you are interested in becoming a CASA, or you would like to learn more, contact the CASA office in Centreville at 410-758-8610.

Back to School Drive

Symphony Village Outreach has once again provided help for families in need. Queen Anne's Social Services received \$300 from Symphony Village Outreach to be used for school supplies for families in need. Queen Anne's County Department of Social Services and Queen Anne's County Council sponsor the back-to-school drive for Children and Youth. Nancy Roe started this drive about 12 years ago and has been organizing it every year. It is very expensive for families to buy all of the supplies that are needed for school during these very difficult economic times. With the high price of gas and food, many Queen Anne's County families need some help. On an average, 100 families have been helped every year. There is a drop off place for school supplies at Queen Anne's County Department of Social Services, 125 Comet Drive, Centreville. For more information, please feel free to contact Nancy Roe at 410-758-8026 or Cyndy Bourke 410-758-6599.



Safety Fair to be held Saturday, September 13



The Centreville Police Department and the Goodwill Fire Department will sponsor a safety fair in the lot behind the fire department on Saturday, September 13, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be rides and games for children and refreshments for all to enjoy. SV Outreach Program is a sponsor of this event and cordially invites everyone to attend.

Ellen Norman – Symphony Village Volunteer in Action

Becoming a member of the Queen Anne’s County Historical Society last year has been very interesting. County Historical Sites are open to the public on the first Saturday of the months of April through October, and Wright’s Chance needed docents. Having had some experience in this capacity, I volunteered for the training.

Training took only a few hours, and we were given a book with information on Wright’s Chance. Juanita Kohn, the Historical Society director, did the training, which included a tour of the house. This gave us a chance to ask questions that we might be asked while conducting a tour.



So far this year, I have been at Wright’s Chance on two occasions. What is especially interesting is meeting the people who stop by to see the house. You never know where they may be from. For example, tours have included people from D.C., Virginia, Australia, and some local residents. Some of the locals who come have lived here a short time, some have been here much longer, but have never visited the house. Are you one of them?

If you are, there are two more Saturdays when the house will be open – Saturday, September 6, and Saturday, October 4. The location of Wright’s Chance is 119 S. Commerce Street, next to the library. It is a very plain house on the exterior, but inside it is a lovely example of a “plain plantation house.” The furniture is beautiful.

Another house in town is open at the same time. Also on S. Commerce Street at #124, Tucker House houses the office of the Queen Anne’s County Historical Society. It is located across the street from the library.

Please stop by to see what our town of Centreville has to offer. If you are interested, docents are still needed for Wright’s Chance.



Need car insurance? *See pages 19-22!*

SYMPHONY SNEAKERS UPDATE

The next Sneakers meeting will be Wednesday, August 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Everyone is invited to attend. We will be getting down to details for our Annual Silent Auction to be held on Saturday, November 8. We need your help.

Believe it or not, school starts in two weeks so our services will be needed again. We will keep everyone informed about dates for our book giveaways. Also, we are sure that with the state of the economy there will be even greater needs this year for assistance.

We received a nice thank you note from our scholarship recipient, and we have paid \$500 to Chesapeake College to be applied to her academic account. Wouldn't it be great to help two students next year? With your help and a successful auction, we will be able to do this.



Who offers free prescription delivery? *See pages 19-22!*

SYMPHONY SSINGLES



On July 17, the Ssingles met in the parking lot and carpoled to the Narrows Restaurant. Together we had a great seafood lunch, good conversation and a view of the Chesapeake Bay. SV Ssingles are going to the Bowtie Cinema, 2474 Solomon's Island Road, Annapolis, Sunday, August 17, to see *Mamma Mia* and have dinner after the movie. We will leave the Clubhouse parking lot at 1:30 p.m. to carpool or meet at the theatre by 2:30 p.m. Movie starts at 2:50 p.m. We hope everyone who wants to go has checked out the information about the Bermuda cruise at the Clubhouse. All singles are welcome to join our trips.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Block Party

On July 29, the residents of Sonata Way and the west end of Symphony Way celebrated four years of living in Symphony Village by having a block party at 6 p.m. at the Pavilion. Bel and Nick Barbalace, assisted by Jeanne and Ed Novack and many others, organized the party. About 48 residents attended and all had a good time.

Magical Baby

Florine Pawtowski was blessed with her 20th great grandchild on 8/08/08. Ava Rene Shepherd weighed in at 8 pounds. She is Claudia Horny's grandchild and was born to Amy and Victor Shepherd. She would have made national news but a midwife delivered her at home. Congratulations Florine!!!

CLUBS AND CLASSES

Joy of Music



Music does, indeed, bring joy into all our lives! On the first Friday of every month this fall, SV residents will once again have a wonderful opportunity to explore every aspect of music – from composers and different styles of music to the various instruments that make music possible. The “Joy of

Music” classes are held in the Clubhouse at 11 a.m. and taught by Mr. Bob Huntington, the Artistic Director of the Queen Anne’s Chorale. Possessed of a wonderful sense of humor and an encyclopedic knowledge of music, Bob makes each class a delight! Each session costs only \$5.00 per person and usually lasts about an hour. So...mark your calendars now. Join us on Friday, September 5, for the first “Joy of Music” class of the fall. The topic is “That’s All Folks.”

The “Gazebo Gang” Symphony Village Garden Club

We have received many favorable comments on the Gazebo Garden and appreciate them.



We had several problems with broken water pipes and hope that these are all behind us. We have been blessed with a large colony of purple martins and, consequently, a large reduction in the mosquito population. Unfortunately, we did not get the second and third martin houses up in time for this year, but we will close them up and hope for full occupancy next year. Last year, the martins left on August 15, so we expect the current flock to soon head south for the winter. Incidentally, we still owe about \$100 for the house north of

Symphony Way.

The garden club would like to purchase some tulip bulbs for fall planting, but our treasury is depleted. We would also like to purchase two or three bench-storage boxes to store tools, supplies and bocce ball sets. We depend on the generosity of residents to help solve our financial problems. We have asked the government for help, but they are already several trillion dollars in the red. Several residents have expressed an interest in having a martin house in their neighborhood. The garden club will be glad to install them, but we must receive funding up front!

PS: Please help yourself to herbs from the herb gardens (oreganos, basil, chives, parsley, thyme, rosemary, and sage).

Master Gardening Column by Cass Smith and Betty McAtee

The hot days of August usher in a bumper crop of “fluttering flowers” to the garden.



That’s right; many of the 30 species of butterflies that inhabit Queen Anne’s County are out and about in Symphony Village. Providing nectar plants will entice butterflies into your sunny garden. They are attracted to flowers with single, flat, or short tubular petals and favor both annuals and perennials in colors of red, orange, yellow, pink, and purple. To witness the life cycle of a butterfly, include host plants in your garden. A female will lay her eggs only on plants her offspring will eat. Parsley, dill, or fennel in your garden provide

nourishment to the Black Swallowtail caterpillar (larvae) as it grows, eventually forming a chrysalis or cocoon before emerging as a butterfly. A container of wet sand allows for the intake of moisture and nutrients; a flat rock to rest and re-energize complete the butterfly habitat. The use of pesticides and herbicides can harm or destroy your butterfly garden. It’s not too late to make your garden “butterfly friendly.” We have created a brochure about butterfly gardening in small spaces listing plants that attract butterflies,

the species indigenous to our area, and some planting tips. Let us know if you would like one. Here are some helpful websites: www.Butterflysite.com; www.fwsgov/blackwater/butterflies.html; and www.butterflybushes.com.

Rain gardens: 'Interested in a garden that is environmentally friendly, filled with native plants, and FREE? The Corsica River Conservancy, an organization that protects the river's watershed area, will be accepting grant applications for rain garden installations in the fall. Debbie Pusey is our contact person: debbiep@dapelectric.com. More info next month.

Have a garden question or concern you would like to have discussed in this column? Please call Cassie Smith at 410-758-6965 or Betty McAtee at 410-758-2443, who are part of the Master Garden program; or contact the Home and Garden Information Center at 1-800-342-2507.

Symphony Village Bird Club

A small contingent of the Bird Club braved hungry bugs and hot weather on July 19 to search the marshes and mud flats at Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge for Delaware shorebirds. Over two dozen different species were identified on this guided trip. Highlights included American avocets, greater and lesser yellowlegs, glossy ibis, bank swallows, Forster's tern, semipalmated plover, and a seaside sparrow. A pair of American black ducks was tending their brood of adorable babies. Large flocks of snowy egrets were impressive. Braving the elements and the bugs was definitely worth the effort. Watch the Activities Book for future activities.



The Reading for Fun Book Club

The book club met on July 15 to discuss *The Friday Night Knitting Club*, by Kate Jacobs. The topic pretty well indicated that this is a "chick book." The fact that there were several main characters helped to preserve interest in the story. Jack enjoyed it, and rated it a "4." Coincidentally, the overall rating was 4 out of 5. Jack and Joan provided peach tea and cookies for dessert. The book we had originally selected was printed in 1970, and was difficult to obtain. We were able to obtain three copies and a tape of *Angela's Ashes*, by Frank McCourt, and decided to circulate these for the August 19 meeting. Several residents have already read this book and expressed an interest in participating in the discussions. A new member, Mary Jo Keefe, was welcomed at the July meeting. A book for September has not been agreed upon, but one candidate is *The Last Sin Eater*. Members are requested to propose other books for future reading. We would like to select books for the next several months at the August meeting. We expect several new members to join us for the fall season. All residents are welcome to join.



Need an electrician? See pages 19-22!

OF LOCAL INTEREST

Thursdays in the Park

August 28 – Bobby and the Believers will play Motown and much more at the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center in Chester, 7-9 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, see www.arts4u.info.

61st Annual Hard Crab Derby and Fair



The Hard Crab Derby takes place in Crisfield on August 29-31. This event-filled and fun-filled festival is one of Crisfield's time-honored summer traditions. Activities take place throughout Crisfield including many at Somer's Cove Marina. For a complete listing of times, events, and special activities, call the Crisfield Chamber of Commerce at 1-800-782-3913 or see www.crisfieldchamber.com/events.htm. Admission is charged.

Maryland Seafood Festival

This annual Seafood Festival will take place on September 5-7 at Sandy Point State Park in Annapolis. Enjoy great food, great music, and lots of family-fun activities. Admission is charged. See www.mdseafoodfestival.com for details.

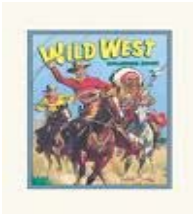
Historic Sites Open House

Sixteen historic sites in Queen Anne's County will be open on September 6, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Admission is free. SV's own Ellen Norman will be the docent at Wright's Chance in Centerville from noon – 2 p.m. For more information, see www.historicqac.org.

Adkins Arboretum Fall Plant Sale

Adkins Arboretum will host a sale of native flowers, trees, perennials, and grasses on September 6, 9 a.m.—1 p.m. at the Arboretum Visitor's Center in Ridgely. See www.adkinsarboretum.org for details.

Outlaw Days



Outlaw Days will be held on September 13 & 14 at the Tuckahoe Equestrian Center, Tuckahoe State Park, in Ridgely. It is an Equestrian Festival with a western flair featuring five different Wild West Shows each day, arena events, pony rides, games, food, cowboy shooting, barrel racing, and much more. Hours are 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children under 12. For more information and a schedule of each day's events, see www.tuckahoequestriancenter.net.

Fundraiser for Animal Resource Foundation

On Saturday, August 30, Animal Resource Foundation (ARF) is having a fundraiser at the Kent Narrows Outlet Buildings, 61 Piney Narrows Rd., Chester, Maryland. Bring the grandkids to meet Glitzy and Jin Jin, the clowns. There will be face painting, balloons, free hot dogs, and sodas. Harmony on the Bay Women's Barbershop Chorus will entertain at 3 p.m. Also a snow cone trailer will be on the premises.

Animal Resource Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to saving and improving the lives of companion animals. The center provides love and medical attention to the animals there in hopes that eventually they will find loving homes with people who really want a pet.

Suzy Wishard, Susan Murkin, and Mary Drake are part of the team who will help with this event. If you would like to make a donation to the fundraiser, please call any one of them or mail your donation to the center at the above address. For more information call 410-643-8700.

Corsica River Watershed Awareness Day to Be Held September 20

The third annual Corsica Watershed Awareness Day will be held September 20 from noon to 4 p.m. at Bloomfield Farm on Route 213, just north of Centreville. This annual event gives people of all ages an opportunity to reconnect with the river that makes the area a special place to live or visit. This free event combines family fun with user-friendly environmental education. The “fun” part includes tours of the historic farmhouse, a variety of tasty food offerings, hayrides, a straw maze, pumpkin painting, and creative craft activities for children. Chester River Runoff, a dynamic local bluegrass group that mixes original Chesapeake songs with unique takes on traditional favorites, will offer lively musical entertainment throughout the day. The first 100 families attending the event will be given a free native tree. A raffle will also be held with the prize being a kayak and related accessories.



Sponsors of the event are the Corsica River Conservancy, Queen Anne’s County Parks and Recreation, the Town of Centreville, and the Queen Anne’s Soil Conservation District. Exhibitors, including the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the Maryland Department of the Environment, will have displays on rain gardens, oyster restoration, storm water management, river testing results, living shorelines, cover crop programs, septic system upgrades, and other environmental issues.

Bloomfield Farm, now owned by Queen Anne’s County, is still being farmed; some wetlands have been restored; hundred of trees have been planted; and community sports fields are being constructed. The home at Bloomfield Farm, a large brick house, dates to the early 1800s. Similar to the side-hall, double-parlor townhouses popular in that era, the house has retained much of its original Federal-style woodwork.

A new feature of the Corsica River Watershed Awareness Day this year is an artwork display in the farmhouse. The posters displayed in the informal gallery represent the work of the 39 elementary school winners of an Environment Awareness Poster Contest sponsored by the Corsica River Conservancy. The 39 winners were chosen from close to 300 entries.

The goal of those sponsoring the Corsica Watershed Awareness Day is to foster awareness among community members of what can be done to restore the quality of the river while providing fun for the participants and volunteers. For more information,

contact Queen Anne's County Parks and Recreation at 410-758-8430 or visit www.corsicariverconservancy.org.

COUNTY NEWS

Hospice of Queen Anne's In Need of Donations



The new Hospice Center is now open and doing great. They are asking for the community's help with the following pantry items that they constantly need: canned tuna, sugar (white and brown), canned soup, single serving packages of pudding and Jell-O, fruit cups and applesauce, boxed macaroni and cheese, unscented laundry detergent, unscented dryer sheets, bottled juices, Dawn dish detergent, baby wipes, paper towels, Coke, Pepsi & ginger ale. They are accepting any donations at their new facility located at 255 Comet Drive in Centreville. Should you have any questions, please call Debbie Gilmer at 443-262-4112.

Hospice of Queen Anne's, Inc. Awarded Accreditation from the Joint Commission, Centreville, July 10, 2008 – By demonstrating compliance with The Joint Commission's national standards for health care quality and safety, Hospice of Queen Anne's has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval. The Joint Commission conducted an unannounced, three-day, on-site evaluation of HQA's in June. The accreditation award recognizes HQA's dedication to comply with the Joint Commission's state-of-the-art standards on a continuous basis. Founded in 1951, The Joint Commission is an independent, not-for-profit organization; and it is the nation's oldest and largest standards setting and accrediting body for health care organizations.

Queen Anne's County Online Comprehensive Plan Survey

The Queen Anne's County Commissioners have published an online survey asking for citizens' input on future growth and development in the county. Survey questions deal with prioritizing the focus and allocation of funding (education, business growth, agricultural growth, tourism, the pace of development, and natural resource management). Click on the link below to complete the survey and have a voice in the future of Queen Anne's County or go the SV website—villagehoa.org and find the link. http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=SJLiMlcFcoV_2fImSvzfolGQ_3d_3d. For those who do not have email, the county libraries each have a computer dedicated to the Comprehensive Plan Update. Users can go to the County website which has links to the survey.

A workshop will be held on Monday, August 18, at 6:30 p.m. at the Queen Anne's County High School to receive individuals' concerns and input and to solicit volunteers to serve on the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Comprehensive Plan or on one of six topic committees.

Military Care Packages



Our dedicated military personnel put their lives on the line everyday to protect us and the freedom of our country. As an expression of our gratitude, The Centreville Rotary Club partnering with BB&T has coordinated a mission of appreciation through "Military Care Packages." Simple necessities gathered for these brave soldiers and shipped in shoeboxes will really make a generous and sincere token of appreciation.

Below you will find a list of items that will be beneficial to the soldiers while they are away serving our country. Our goal is to assemble 100 boxes in a two-month period. We are collecting both assembled boxes as well as single items from the list provided. We need to have the boxes completed by September 19 to allow ample time for delivery. Please contact the Centreville Branch of BB&T at 410-758-2440 if you have any questions about this mission. Thank you in advance for your support. Your generosity and support truly goes a long way!

Care Package Items--Food items (single serving sizes please): any pre-sweetened powdered drink mix (i.e. Crystal Light, Kool-aid, Gatorade--water bottle size mix packets are great); tuna or chicken creations, lunch kits, cup of noodles or any other soups; protein bars or instant breakfast or granola bars; coffee creamer, sugar packets, ground coffee or tea bags; hot chocolate mix, apple cider mix, breakfast drink mix; trail mix and nuts; microwave popcorn; cereal or breakfast bars or pop tarts; cookies; hard candy (not chocolate) or breath mints or gum fruit snacks/fruit roll ups; and beef jerky/Slim Jim.

Fun things: hand held games, board games, word game book, Nerf footballs or basketballs, old magazines, or newspapers.

Other items: socks (heavy white or black), foot powder, baby powder, lip balm, deodorant, and toothbrushes/paste, eye drops, and baby wipes.

TRAVEL ARTICLE OF THE MONTH

MOOSE AT THREE O'CLOCK!

By Betty Gingerich

We, Betty and Larry Gingerich and Nancie and Don Cameron, have just returned from a wonderful land and cruise trip to Alaska. We were asked to share our adventure with the community, so I will try to be brief and yet cover all our travel fun. We did not plan this trip together; in fact we did not even know each other very well but coincidentally we ended up together on Cruise West with only 70 people on the ship. What a pleasant surprise!

Larry and I went a week early and rented a motor home in Anchorage and traveled the Kenai Peninsula, observing opening days of salmon fishing and cruising Kenai Fiords National Park on a bitter cold windy day. Nancie and Don arrived early in Fairbanks to explore on their own, and we met there for a few days and then were taken on the bus 90 miles back into the wilds of Denali National Park. It was a long 8-hour ride, but it passed quickly with all the wildlife sightings and the banter of the driver/guide who loved his job. We had a gourmet picnic lunch along the way and a herd of caribou strolled by, not more than 30 feet from where we sat eating. A beautiful red fox kept watch over us too, but we were careful not to leave anything but footprints. We saw a grizzly (brown) bear with her two cubs, moose, Dall sheep, and mountain goats. Later we even saw a wolf that strolled by the bus in search of food for her young. One brown bear walked down the road, right by our bus, very unconcerned about our presence.

Nancie and Don chose the North Face Lodge to stay in for 4 nights, and Larry and I went to Camp Denali cabins, about a mile up the mountain. At the cabins we did not have indoor plumbing so we had to make a 30-yard downhill outhouse run and wash our faces with water from a pump. The hot showers, flush toilets, dining room, and lodge area were further up the hill. With 21 hours of daylight at this time of year, it never got dark; so hiking about was not a problem. But did I mention the mosquitoes? Our repellent worked, but it was a battle to close the door quickly every time you went in and out. We even wore face nets at times on the hikes.

The day hikes, the gourmet meals, and particularly the very educated staff made this a special adventure. Don and Nancie also shared hikes with us but ate in another dining room with good food also. When you think that the lodges need to bring everything into the park, generate their own electricity and do all the cooking there, it is phenomenal. Mount McKinley or Mount Denali, the original name of the mountain, teased us for a week, peeking out a shoulder or peak at a time, but never a full view. On the last morning she came out in full splendor and all our cameras worked overtime all day taking pictures. It is a sight to behold. I am told we were very lucky to have seen it, and also lucky with all the dry sunny days we enjoyed.



We took the train from Denali to Anchorage and as we were getting settled on the train, the guide explained to us that we had to identify wildlife if we saw it by saying “Moose at 3 o’clock” to show position. Right at that time some of us saw a real moose and her calf in the parking lot of the depot and Larry yelled “Moose at 3 o’clock.” The guide said, “Yes, that is what you should say”. Larry yelled again and the guide said something about drinking so early in the day. Finally others begin yelling and, sure enough, the guide and all of us saw the moose at 3 o’clock!

We flew from Anchorage to Juneau and boarded Cruise West’s “The Spirit of Yorktown” for a cruise of the Inside Passage on a small ship in straits and narrow passages that the big ships cannot navigate. Again the food and the service was top notch, and we enjoyed meeting new people. Our daughter, Sherry, joined us for this portion of the trip. She is an

amateur photographer and took over 1200 pictures. We saw Dall porpoises, harbor seals, Stellar sea lions, humpback whales, and some people saw Orcas (killer whales), too. Eagles were as plentiful as sea gulls in many places as were puffins, kittiwakes, and other sea birds. The scenery, the big icebergs on which eagles were hitching a ride, and the calving glaciers brought us all out on deck many times a day. We had educational evening programs, and rangers boarded the vessels several times during the voyage. In Petersburg, Norwegian children danced for us and Native Americans in full regalia entertained us in Metlakatla. There were sight seeing planes, helicopters, jet boats, and rafts if you were brave enough. We enjoyed the totem poles and the native arts in the shops.

It was over all too soon, but I am sure we will want to return. We would love to see the Northern Lights and take a winter dogsled ride someday and really experience the cold weather. We highly recommend small ship cruising to get up close and personal with nature. We would all enjoy hearing about other trips Symphony Villagers have taken. Thank you for listening...

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Zucchini Squares

Carol Johnson

1 cup Bisquick

½ cup finely chopped onion

½ cup grated cheese

2 t parsley

½ t salt

dash pepper

½ cup vegetable oil

4 eggs

3 cups zucchini, thinly sliced

Beat eggs. Mix all ingredients but the zucchini with the eggs. Add sliced zucchini and mix only until zucchini is coated. Spread in a greased 13" x 9" pan and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes until golden brown. Cool. Cut into squares.

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