

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—

Linda Dwyer
Winkie Wilson
254 Concerto Ave.

FROM JAN'S DESK

Fall is here and new things are happening at the Clubhouse.

Monday, October 20 at 2 p.m. Dr. Collin Johnson will speak on “What is Chiropractic?” a **free** seminar, but please sign up in the Activities Book.



Friday, October 24, at 10 a.m. Queen Anne's Health Dept. will be here to administer flu and pneumonia shots. Cost: \$20 for the flu shot, \$36 for the pneumonia shot. Medicare Part B is accepted. Please sign up in the Activities Book.

Blood Pressure Checks: There will be Blood Pressure Checks on October 24 from 10 – noon during the Flu Shots. There will **not be** Blood Pressure Checks on November 4 because of Elections. They will return on December 2 from 9 to 10:30 a.m.



Are you having trouble sleeping at night? Do you snore? Do you have trouble initiating and maintaining sleep? Have you fallen asleep at inappropriate times? Have you experienced muscle tension or pain in your legs when you are otherwise relaxed or awake? If you have answered yes to any of these questions, attend a seminar offered by **Sleep Services of America on Monday, October 27, at 6:30 p.m.** This is a **free** seminar, but please sign up in the Activities Book.

If you have a medical issue or topic that you think would benefit the community, please let me know.

Chesapeake College will be offering classes here at Symphony Village. There is an interest sheet in the Activities Book, please sign up with your choices and more information will follow.

Heron Point in Chestertown, MD. has extended an invitation to Symphony Village to join them on some of the day trips that they have planned—On **Wednesday, October 15**, a trip to Longwood Gardens & on **Tuesday, October 28**, a trip to the Annapolis Mall. Details are in the Activities Book under “Trips.”

Branson Musical Holiday. This trip, from December 9 to 11, 2008, is offered through Collette Vacations. Details for this trip are at the Clubhouse and it is not too late to book.

Information is also available for trips to the **Canadian Rockies** (May 2009) and **Spain** (November 2009) TBA. Come to a slide show on November 17 at 6:30 p.m.

The Officers of the Association are in the process of **recruiting new members for the SVHOA Committees.** Please fill out the form on page 15 and return to the Clubhouse.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LIFESTYLE UPDATE



Last call for those interested in seeing “Spamalot” at the DuPont Theatre in Wilmington, Delaware on Wednesday, March 25, 2009. Balcony seats are \$65.00. Please call Jan no later than Friday, October 17, if you are interested. At this time, 18 homeowners have signed the interest sign up sheet for “**Spamalot**,” but the bus and theatre can accommodate more. A definite count of confirmed interest with payment to the SV HOA @ Centreville is required before tickets can be purchased. **The cut off date for payment prior to ordering tickets is Friday, October 17.**

The other popular production at the DuPont Theatre, according to the interest sign up sheet, is the “**The Ten Tenors**” in May 2009. More information about this show will come in early January 2009.



Now is the time to plan your December Holiday events. You can start with the **Clubhouse decorating party** on Monday, December 1. The Lifestyle Committee will be sponsoring this party, which centers on a soup-and-dessert supper. Bring your favorite soup in a crock-pot. We eat and we decorate. Decorations will be provided to trim the trees, hang the wreaths, and adorn the tables. Be sure to write in your attendance along with your favorite soup or dessert in the sign up book. It’s a fun evening!

Members of the Lifestyle Committee have finalized the plans for the **Christmas Show and Dinner** on Saturday, December 6, and Sunday, December 7. Shelley Abbott will produce the delightful show, and Dave from Casual Caterers will cater the dinner. The



show begins at 5 p.m. each evening and dinner follows. Tickets at \$50 per person will be sold from the Clubhouse on Mondays, from 2 to 4 p.m. and Tuesdays, from 6 to 8 p.m., on these dates--October 27 and 28; November 3 and 4; November 10 and 11; November 17 and 18; and November 24 and 25. Buy early in order to get your first choice date. You can reserve a table for eight, if you wish. Each event will accommodate 110 persons.

The dinner menu reads:

- grilled marinated pork
- sautéed chicken piccata with spinach
- baby greens with citrus dressing
- sautéed green beans
- scalloped potatoes
- dinner rolls and butter
- gingerbread roll
- water, iced tea, with two bottles of wine, red and white, at each table.

New Year's Eve will finalize our year together with a gala of good food and music for dancing. Tickets for this event at \$20 per person will be sold at the Clubhouse on the dates above. The DJ enjoyed by all last year will be returning and a light fare of delicious sandwiches, salads, and desserts will be provided. It's celebration time!

Are you planning to be at the **Oktoberfest** on Friday, October 17? Have you signed up for your bratwurst? Have you decided what delicious German appetizer or dessert you will be bringing? Remember that it's a **Halloween Happy Hour** on Friday, October 31. Come in costume if you wish. Bring your spooky food or witch's brew.

Here's the best news of all for the Lunch Bunch October outing. It's off to Rehoboth by carpools to the country club of Baywood Greens. Some cars will be leaving early to do outlet shopping. What else do you do when you go to Rehoboth? It all happens on Tuesday, October 21. Check the sign up book for further details.



Who can sell me some insurance? *See pages 16 to 21 or go to <http://villagehoa.org/documents/Oct08AdsLib.pdf>*

OUTREACH UPDATE

National Make a Difference Day

National Make a Difference Day is held every year on the fourth Saturday of October. As part of that effort to improve the local community, a benefit dinner will be held at our local American Legion Post 18 on October 25, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Caring and Sharing of Queen Anne's County, which supplies food, medicine, and rent on an emergency basis



to the local community, will be the beneficiary of the event. The American Legion will provide chicken dinners, and Symphony Village for the past two years has provided desserts and servers. Tickets for the dinner are \$8 each. Tickets are donated to Chesterwye residents and senior citizens by charitable organizations and individuals. The Outreach

Program has purchased 12 tickets, which will be given to the Chesterwye residents. The chicken dinners are also available to local residents. Pick one up for an easy, delicious dinner and help support a very good cause. Please consider donating a cake (packaged mix is fine) or pie (Mrs. Smith's are great) to this worthwhile event. Call Dorothy at 410-758-3803, if you can donate a dessert. Drop off deadline is Saturday, October 25 at noon at the Hamm's, 231 Concerto Ave.

Quilt Raffle to Benefit Hospice—Great Success!!!

The drawing took place during the Sunset Celebration, which was held at a lovely home on Quarter Creek. Many SV residents were in attendance to support the Hospice Fund Raiser and enjoyed the pig roast dinner and beautiful sunset over the water. The Outreach Program, as sponsors of the event, received two free tickets to the affair. The Committee unanimously voted to give the tickets to Bob and Joan Butler in appreciation for Bob's years of accounting service to the Outreach Program.

The winner of the quilt purchased her ticket at the QAC Fair and was ecstatic upon hearing that she was the winner. She had been admiring the quilt all week long during the fair, as she was working the booth directly across from the Hospice booth. The quilt raffle raised \$1,416 for Hospice. Thanks to all the volunteers who sold tickets and also to those who purchased them. We especially want to thank Jeanne Novack for her magnificent work of art made in memory of her daughter, Monica, and through the raffle produced a generous gift to Hospice.

Hospice of Queen Anne's Schedules Volunteer Training

Hospice of Queen Anne's will hold an educational training program for community residents who would like to become Hospice volunteers or learn more about end-of-life care. Volunteers are needed in the Resident Center as lobby greeters, clerical assistants, and meal preparers for patients. Volunteers are also needed to help patients and their families in their homes days, nights, and weekends. This free training will be held at the Hospice Center in Centreville at 255 Comet Drive on Mondays, November 3, 10, 17, and 24 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All 18 hours are required in order to become a direct patient volunteer. Sessions will include a review of the hospice philosophy, emotional stages of death and dying, communication skills, spirituality in hospice care, grief and bereavement, and the opportunities available to hospice volunteers. Registration is required and must be received by Friday, October 24. Space is limited. More information is available from Debbie Gilmer at the Hospice office at 443-262-4112 or dgilmer@hospiceofqueenannes.com.



Alzheimer's Walk

The Outreach Committee wishes to thank everyone who participated in the Alzheimer's Walk on Saturday. It was a beautiful day and the event was a success. All of you who worked, walked and donated should feel very proud, because you raised \$456!!! This is a very substantial amount, considering this was our first time. Outreach will also be making a sizable contribution to this total. We again want to thank you all for your enthusiasm in supporting the hope of eradicating this scary affliction. It has touched all of us in some way--or could in the near future.



Who can we get to clean our house? *See pages 16 to 21 or go to <http://villagehoa.org/documents/Oct08AdsLib.pdf>!*

Trail of Tears – Operation Cherokee Nation Symphony Village Volunteers in Action—George and Mary Drake



Nine youths from grades 9 through 11 and five adults left on a Saturday morning for a 3295 mile round trip, nine day mission trip to Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Our mission was a work project to help someone in need by painting, building, or repairing.

From the git-go, we were behind arrival schedule. We were to drive from Kent Island United Methodist Church to a motel in Nashville, Tennessee the first day. Along I-40 in TN, our Youth Director suggested we deviate a bit and head north to Wartburg where the kids could jump from a waterfall into the river below. Oddly enough, we stopped at a church for directions and a woman said the kids could change into bathing suits – but she didn't have a key! So, she took them next door to a radio station where they changed – aah, small towns! A couple of hours later at dusk, we reboarded our vans and struck out again for Nashville. Within a half hour drive, we suddenly dropped speed from 75 mph to ZERO. In the next 3-hours, we traveled maybe 3 miles to an exit from I-40. The problem – a HAZMAT spill that closed I-40 for 30 hours! Our GPS led us all the way SW to Chattanooga and then NW to Nashville with an arrival time of 6 a.m.!! (more like getting up time!).



Wakeup at noon (!), we had brunch at a Waffle House and headed on for today's 650 mile trip to Tahlequah. We were to arrive at our destination and housing at Northeastern State University by 6 p.m. – we made it by 11:30 p.m.

Undaunted by our two days of on-the-road travels, we headed to our worksite about 45 minutes from the college along winding, hilly roads, similar to the area around Frederick, MD. Then onto an unpaved road, then a dirt road, crossing through a stream bed, and

finally arriving at the home of Mr. & Mrs. King. Mrs. King was a bedridden Cherokee Indian with failing kidneys, so Mr. King welcomed us. Our mission leader from TEAMEffort Youth Mission Camps told us what had to be done in 3-1/2 to 4-days – use bleach to wash the house down, then a coat of primer, and then two coats of blue/gray house paint. All of the windows and doors were to be trimmed in white and the front porch floor painted gray after the walls. From the side door, we were to build a deck large enough to facilitate the egress and ingress of a motorized wheelchair, plus turn a 90-degree corner onto a ramp to the ground.



We divided into teams - some manned the scrubbing brushes and bleach and others started to plan the deck and ramp and dig holes for the supporting posts. At lunch break, Mr. King invited us into his home to sit at his dining room and kitchen tables while we downed Subway sandwiches (by the third day, these were boring!). This is where our youth began to really show their love for unknown people. With permission, groups of two or three

went in to visit Mrs. King in bed. They shared amazing stories. This occurred everyday during our four days with the Kings.

By the third day, the kids had brought so much happiness and hope to Mrs. King, that she wanted to get out of bed and go outside on the deck with the kids – and she managed to do so. She had not been out of bed for 2-months! This brought so much happiness to the Kings and to the kids. On the fourth day, she came out into the yard with us again – this time for photos and our goodbyes.

We were treated, two of the evenings, to Cherokee Indian dinners and events. Following dinner at a community building, the girls were taught to make corn husk dolls while the boys enjoyed a game of “marbles” outside on the lawn. Marbles was sort of a cross between bocce and croquet. Following our second Indian meal, we attended one of their regular church services.

It was not all work and no play. Some 660 miles on the way home, we stopped for our overnight at a bunkhouse provided by a river rafting company in Tennessee. By 9 a.m. the next morning, we were whitewater rafting on the Ocoee River and having the time of our lives. Three hours later, we were on the second 600-mile leg to home.

Youth – they are our future. Take an adventure with them!

Looking for SV Residents to become Members of Citizens Emergency Response Teams



Do you even have a clue that hazardous phosphates travel weekly past SV on Rt. 213 north so they can bypass the scales on Rt. 301? Do you realize there is always the possibility of a hurricane coming up the Bay? Propane trucks and tanks provide yet another possible source of

danger. The Asian Flu Pandemic is another possibility that could seriously affect the residents of Symphony Village.

We are interested in developing Citizen Emergency Response Teams in SV who will support family and individual safety and community preparedness – i.e., taking care of our own residents in catastrophic accidents/conditions before emergency responders can get to us. We will know who our residents are who have special needs – oxygen, wheelchairs, walkers, etc. so that we can respond to them quickly.

What? CERT teams – Citizens Emergency Response Teams – Training provided by professionals – 1-1/2 days. Learn: to prepare an emergency kit, have a family disaster plan, put out a fire (you will FIRE an extinguisher), provide quick emergency medical care, utility safety, animals in disasters and more.

Who? We are looking for SV residents who want to respond to this call – retired doctors, nurses, police officers, firemen, amateur radio operators, **and caring residents** (no special background needed) who are willing to step up to the plate for others—20 to 30 volunteers are needed, so join us!!

When? **This is an appeal for a show of interest only at this time.** Once YOU have responded to our call, and if there are sufficient responders, we will schedule training. If you are interested, don't wait. Please respond NOW.

Where? Here in SV.

Action? Contact Mary and George Drake at 410-758-8266 or georgeandmarydrake@yahoo.com to let us know of your interest. THANKS!

SYMPHONY SNEAKERS UPDATE **Annual Sneakers Auction**



We are getting closer to our 4th Annual Sneakers Auction, which will be held on Saturday, November 8, from 5-8 p.m. All Symphony Village residents should have received their invitation to the Sneakers Auction. Remember, everyone is invited. Please sign-up in the Activities Book by November 1, if you are able to attend this gala and fun evening. We will use the sign-up sheet to determine how much food and beverages we need. Also, remember that it is not too late to donate items and/or services to be included in the silent auction. Contact Helena Joy (410-758-6532) or Linda Farrar (410-758-8744).

As you know, all proceeds of the auction are used to aid the students in the Centreville schools. We provide emergency clothing and supplies, as well as educational support, including our book giveaways and college scholarships for local students to local colleges. Our first book giveaway at Kennard Elementary will be Donuts for Dads on October 30-31. Please sign up if you are able to help.

Our next Sneakers meeting will be Wednesday, October 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Remember, all Symphony Village residents are encouraged to join Sneakers. We would love to have you.

Grandchildren's Halloween Party



Now is the time to sign up for the Grandchildren's Halloween Party, **which** will be held Saturday, October 25 from 2-4 p.m. All children from 2-11 years old are invited at \$3 per child. There will be lots of games, crafts, free pictures, refreshments, and a Grand Parade followed by Trick or Treating at the Clubhouse.

All Symphony Village residents are invited to bring their goodies for the trick-or-treaters to the Clubhouse at 3:30 p.m. to see the parade and hand out their treats for the children. Everyone has a lot of fun at this event.

Please sign up in the Activities Book by October 18 for your grandchildren to attend or to help with the activities. If you have questions or can help with the party, please call Linda Farrar on 410-758-8744.



Who can I get to do some electrical work? *See pages 16 to 21 or go to <http://villagehoa.org/documents/Oct08AdsLib.pdf>!*

SYMPHONY SSINGLES

On Sunday, October 26, the SV singles are going to brunch at the Rustic Inn (218 N. Washington Street) in Easton. Meet in the Clubhouse parking lot at noon to carpool. Please sign up in the Activities Book by October 24.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Thanks to my Symphony Village Family

It is with the most appreciation that I send this message to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness following Lee's passing on August 22. The many food dishes donated to the house and to the reception following the funeral, the many calls and visits and the numerous cards and prayers for Lee and I and our families are most warmly felt. Lee loved this community and was very passionate about its future. Thank you all again.
Judy Majeskie

Thanks from Caruso Homes

Caruso Homes would like to thank all Symphony Village residents who attended our recent Wine and Cheese parties. It was great seeing each of you and we were pleased to be able to introduce our exciting "Make A Friend A Neighbor" contest to the community.

If you have any questions, please stop in the sales center. Don't forget to check the *Libretto* for the name of our monthly contest winner. It could be you! The resident referring the most new prospects from October 15 – November 10, will receive a **\$100 gift certificate to The Narrows restaurant.** Good Luck!

Time to Plant Spring Blooming Bulbs

October is a great time to plant bulbs for spring. Along with tulips and daffodils, there are lesser known bulbs that are undemanding yet add color and diversity to the spring garden. Snowdrops, scilla, and snow glories (*chionodoxa*) are early blooming. Grecian windflower (*Anemone blanda*) with its black center and purple or red petals and the little blue flowered grape hyacinth (*muscaria*) follow in March. Tulips have a reputation for not returning after a year or two, but there are some varieties that are truly perennial. Species tulips are the wildflowers of the tulip family. Botanical tulips are their hybrid cousins remaining close to the original species. Though smaller than Dutch-bred tulips, both are colorful and will come back year after year and, usually increase in numbers. Try *Tulipa tarda*, white and gold; *T. turkestanica*, cream and yellow; *T. batalinii*, canary yellow; *T. praestans* Fusilier, scarlet. Only 6 inches tall, they make a great edging plant. Other long-lived tulips are Darwin and Emperor hybrids.



Good drainage and soil are critical to bulb growth and survival. Mix organic material into existing clay soil or raise the level of the planting bed with additional soil conditioners like Leaf Gro. Plant bulbs to a depth of 2 to 3 times the diameter of the bulb. Incorporate a slow release fertilizer or bone meal and a teaspoon of 10-10-10 fertilizer in the root area at planting time. Plant bulbs in groups of 5-7 with the nose upward and root plate downward. Mulch and water after planting. Enjoy a beautiful spring garden!

Rain Garden Update-- Six new rain gardens have been planted in Symphony Village. Residents who have had the installations report that they are very pleased with their new gardens. More are to be planted through November.



The American Legion's Dinners and Brunch for October

Friday, October 17, Chicken Dinner 6-8 p.m. \$9.00
Friday, October 24, Shrimp Dinner 6-8 p.m. \$10.00
Friday, October 31, Steak Dinner 6-8 p.m. \$13.00

The above listing is tentative and subject to change. Check our "billboard" in front of the Post home. Remember: The American Legion Post 18 is a smoke-free building. Thanks to the many SV residents for supporting our meals the past 12 months. For more information contact Keith Tennier -- 410-758-4743.

Great Fun at the Opera



Opera Court residents took to the street last Saturday for a good old-fashioned block party. Our resident chef, Allen Beck, orchestrated the party by serving hamburgers, hotdogs, and chicken from the grills. It was left to the residents to “bring something to share.” And you know what happens when that directive goes out. Rumor has it that the street dined on “some things to share” for the remainder of the holiday weekend. The tables were set in such a way (depending on where you started) so that desserts came first. Wonderful! Opera Court is a very long street and many neighbors met for the very first time. Thank you Allen and your immediate Opera neighbors for closing your street.

CLUBS AND CLASSES

The “Gazebo Gang” Symphony Village Garden Club



The change of schedule for the Garden Club proved to be a good change. There were six members at the first Saturday meeting. Our next meeting will be on October 18 at 10 a.m. in the gazebo. We need to have seven new members join the club as workers, with responsibility for one bed each. All residents are welcome. Call Jack or Joan to join. If you cannot work in the garden, you may support the work with a financial donation.

We would like to purchase \$100 worth of tulips for planting this fall. We would also like to purchase a combination toolbox and bench for use in the gazebo, at a cost of \$200. We have closed the purple martin houses for the season. They will be re-opened in April.

The Garden Club sponsored a memorial service on 9/11 to honor those who perished in the 9/11 attacks. It was a brief and fitting service. Tributes by Lockheed/Martin and Boeing were read, followed by the playing of The Star Spangled Banner. It was gratifying to note that six tennis players stopped and held their hands over their hearts when the National Anthem was played. Several of the participants made brief comments. The tribute was completed with the playing of taps. Thanks to the 25 residents who attended this service. We plan to hold a similar service on November 11, Veterans Day.

The Reading for Fun Book Club



The Reading for Fun Book Club met on September 17 to discuss *The Last Sin Eater*, recommended by June Silverman. The discussions that followed were extensive and vigorous. Ratings varied from 1 to 5, on a scale of 1 to 5. The average rating was 2.97, compared to 4.5 on the Internet rating. June provided a delicious cake with tea and coffee for refreshments.

At our next meeting on October 21, we will discuss *Time and Again*, by Jack Finney, recommended by Joanne Milczakowski. The book for November is *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle*, selected by Joan Hennessey. All Residents are invited to join the Book Club. Call Jack or Joan on 758-4872. Y'all come!

Exploring Maryland Heritage

We will have our first in a series of presentations at the Clubhouse on Wednesday, November 12, 7 p.m. Marie Malaro, President of the QAC Historical Society, will speak on the Society. Nancy Cook, past-President of the Kent Island Heritage Society, will speak on Kent Island, the first settlement in Maryland, and on the historical buildings on the Island. Please sign up in the Activities Book so we have an approximate head count. We hope to see a lot of Villagers there for our kickoff event!

Ballroom Dancing Lessons

Swing Ballroom Dancing Lessons (Beginner Level 1 & Level 2) will be held from Wednesday, October 22, through Wednesday, December 3 (no class Nov 26). The Swing Beginner Level 1 Class will be from 2:15 to 3:15 pm. These lessons are for those with little to no dance experience. Swing Level 2 Class will be from 3:30 - 4:30 pm. The level 2 is for those who have already completed a level 1 class and/or are comfortable with the basics in the dance. Sign up with Jan at the Clubhouse. It is important to sign up because Amanda needs 5 or more people to run each class. Singles and couples are welcome. There are 6 lessons at a cost of \$10 per person per lesson. All classes are in the SV gym. As a bonus, we have (free) practice sessions on Thursdays in the gym from 4 to 5 p.m. Call Amanda at 410-819-8892 or George or Mary Drake at 410-758-8266 for additional information.



Who can I get to do some landscaping? See pages 16 to 21 or <http://villagehoa.org/documents/Oct08AdsLib.pdf>.

OF LOCAL INTEREST

Queen Anne's Chorale Announces Season Programs

In its 21st year, the Queen Anne's Chorale, under the direction of Robert Huntington, is pleased to announce the program schedule for its 2008-09 concert season. Rehearsals for the Chorale are regularly held each Monday from 7-9 p.m. at the Centreville United Methodist Church just off of Rt. 213 in Centreville.

A performance by the Chorale will be held on Saturday, **October 18, at 7 p.m.** And we've got talent! Symphony Village residents will be on stage at Chesapeake College Todd Arts Center in singing groups performing when Pride of the Bay Chorus presents "Barbershop Comes to Broadway." Queen Anne's Chorale and Harmony on the Bay

Sweet Adeline's chorus will perform as will the New York acappella champion quartet Round Midnight. Senior tickets for \$15 are available from Chuck at 410-643-8945. The group will join the Pride of the Bay in concert at 7:30 p.m. at Todd Performing Arts Center, Chesapeake College, Wye Mills.

In keeping with tradition, the Chorale will present two Christmas concerts (**December 6**, at Christ Episcopal Church, Kent Island, at 7:30 p.m. and **December 7**, at Centreville United Methodist Church, at 4 p.m.) and a Spring Gala on April 25, 2009, at the Todd Performing Arts Center. For more information, please call 410-827-0825 or visit www.gachorale.org.

Haunted Hayride



There will be a Haunted Hayride on October 10-11 and October 17-18. Enjoy a thrill-filled hayride through Ferry Point Park on the Kent Narrows. Enjoy hot cider and cookies as you travel through the eerie ghost town and view abandoned shanties and shipwrecks. The Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department and QA County Parks and Recreation sponsor the event. See www.kivfd.org for more information.

Waterman's Festival

The Festival will be held on October 17 at the J. Millard Tawes Museum at the Somer's Cove Marina in Crisfield, 1-4 p.m. The menu features all-you-can-eat oyster fritters, oyster stew, steamed crabs, fried fish, grilled chicken, and sides. For information, see www.crisfieldheritagefoundation.org.

29th Annual Chestertown Wildlife Exhibition and Sale

There will be wildlife art on exhibit, carving demonstrations, slide shows, retriever demonstrations, live birds-of-prey on exhibit, music, food, and more at this four day event, October 16-19. See www.chestertownwildlife.org for a complete listing of events and exhibitor locations. General admission is \$5 for all Saturday's exhibits plus the Preview Party on Friday evening.

Martinak's Annual Fall Fest

The annual Fall Fest at Martinak State Park in Denton will be held on October 18 (rain date is October 25), noon – 4 p.m. There will be pumpkin decorating, food, games, Scales and Tales, a fishing derby, and exhibits from local companies and organizations. See www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/eastern/martinak.html for details.

Tilghman Island Day

Come and celebrate the seafood industry. There will be lots of seafood, watermen contests, artisans, seafood shucking contests, music, crafts, rowboat races, and more. The event is on October 18, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., at Kronsberg Park and throughout Tilghman Island. Proceeds benefit the Tilghman Island Volunteer Fire Company. For information, see www.tilghmanmd.com.

Halloween Haunted Hayride



Adkins Arboretum in Ridgely will hold their Halloween Haunted Hayride on October 24 and 25. You will discover wicked witches cackling over a gruesome brew, ghosts and goblins in the deep dark woods, a headless horseman, and lots of smoke and screams will fill the air. “It’s not for the faint of heart!” Friday hours are 8 – 10 p.m.; Saturday hours are 7 – 10 p.m. Arrive 30 minutes early to participate in the costume contest. Admission is \$8 adults, \$5 children ages 5 and up, and free for ages 4 and under. For more information, see www.adkinsarboretum.org.

9th Annual Artworks Studio Tour

The Artworks tour will take place on November 1-2 and November 8-9, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. This is a self-guided tour of studios and art of 30 artists in Kent County, Chestertown, and Queen Anne’s County. Admission is free. See www.artworkschestertown.org/studiotours.htm for all the details.

Harvest Brewfest

Microbrews paired with hearty regional cuisine will be featured at the Harvest Brewfest on November 7, 7 – 10 p.m., at Fisherman’s Crab Deck in Grasonville. Proceeds will benefit the Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department. A free mug goes to the first 250 people. See www.kivfd.org for additional information.

38th Annual Waterfowl Festival

This premier wildlife art and sportsman’s expo will take place on November 14-16 at 12 locations throughout Easton. This weekend is both for the art lover and the sportsman. Hours on Friday and Saturday are noon – 6 p.m.; hours on Sunday are noon – 4 p.m. Admission is \$12 Friday, \$12 Saturday, \$10 Sunday, and \$22 for a multiday ticket. For details, see www.waterfowlfestival.org.

SPECIAL REMINDERS

- Clubhouse Phone Number (Jan and Dennis--410-758-8500
- Jan Van Riper’s email--symphonyclub@atlanticbbn.net
- Dennis Sesplankis’ email--dsesplankis@legumnorman.com
- Warranty Office—301-261-0277 ext. 135, Katherine Zell
- George Bachman—301-261-0277 ext.211; email--gbachman@carusohomes.com
- Recycling--410-778-5949



Who can we get to do window treatments? *See ads on pages 16 to 21 or go to <http://villagehoa.org/documents/Oct08AdsLib.pdf>!*

PERSONAL ADS

Do you have something to sell, a condo to rent, something you need. Email the ad of 20 words or less to lhodges@atlanticbb.net or call Carol Hodges at 410-758-0591. Commercial or real estate sales are prohibited.

FREE: 18" Magnavox color TV. Call Linda at 410-758-3194.

FREEZING HERBS

from <http://gardening.about.com/od/vegetablepatch/a/FreezeHerbs.htm>

Method 1:

1. Harvest the freshest, healthiest leaves.
2. Wash, if necessary, and pat dry with paper towels
3. Spread the individual leaves on a small tray or cookie sheet. Freezing the leaves flat and individually will prevent them from freezing together into a brick.
4. Cover and place the tray of leaves into the freezer.
5. When frozen solid, place in airtight containers and return to the freezer. Once frozen individually, the leaves will not meld together.

Method 2:

1. Harvest the freshest, healthiest leaves.
2. Wash, if necessary, and pat dry with paper towels.
3. Stuff 2-3 individual leaves or a spoonful of chopped herbs in ice cube trays.
4. Fill the tray half way with water. Make sure the leaves are down into the water, as best you can. They will tend to float, but we'll fix that with the next step. Place the half-filled tray in the freezer.
5. Once the ice cubes are pretty much frozen, finish filling the tray with water. The leaves will no longer be able to float and should be completely surrounded with water. Now place the tray back into the freezer to freeze solid.
6. Once the ice cubes are frozen, remove from the tray and store in zip closure bags.
7. When ready to use, toss the whole ice cube into your favorite stew or dish.

PS: There are many herbs in the Gazebo Garden. Please help yourself. If you are not sure what the herbs are, Carol Hodges or Jack Hennessey would be glad to help you.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Officers of the Association are in the process of recruiting new members for the SV HOA Committees. The committees are described in the Terms of References for each of the committees (see: <http://villagehoa.org/documents/terms.html>). Please review and indicate the committee(s) that you are interested in serving on for the year 2009, then check the committee(s) and return to the Clubhouse.

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