



# *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.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Lifestyle Upcoming Events

- Friday, March 19, **St. Patrick's Day Happy Hour**, at 6 p.m. Sign up in the Activities Binder and pay \$5 per person for corned beef or turkey sandwiches, potato chips, assorted cookies, and cake. For an additional \$1 you can have Irish coffee with dessert. The specialty drink of the day is a "grasshopper." The first drink is free to singles. There will be deejay music and dancing courtesy of "**JD the DJ.**" No need to bring a dish!!!!



- Thursday, March 25, **Ladies' Happy Hour** at 5:30 p.m. Bring \$5, which provides you with dinner and a beverage.
- Friday, April 2, **Happy Hour** at 6 p.m. Bring your favorite appetizer or dessert.
- Tuesday, April 6, **Lifestyle Committee Meeting**, 7:15 p.m.
- Saturday, April 17, **Happy Hour** at 6 p.m. Bring your favorite appetizer or dessert.
- Sunday, April 18, **Katherine Rundall Concert and Tea**, 2 p.m.



- Thursday, April 22, **Ladies' Happy Hour** at 5:30 p.m. Bring \$5, which provides you with dinner and a beverage.

## **Outreach Update**

After our very successful January card/game party, Outreach is beginning to focus on its charitable projects for the upcoming year or two.

Elizabeth DeGuzman, a Symphony Village resident, came to the February meeting and gave an excellent overview of the Emergency Center that is in progress at Nesbitt Road. There are many opportunities for groups such as Outreach to give support to this wonderful structure-to-be.



Audrey Lazarus came to our March meeting and offered an opportunity for Symphony Village residents to volunteer and get involved with *Rebuilding Together* (formerly Christmas in April), a United Way sponsored project in Queen Anne's County for those in need of help with their homes and unable to complete the task alone. We are hoping to facilitate a volunteer group here at Symphony Village to help with this endeavor for the 2011 season.

Outreach is in the process of preparing a budget for the coming year and deciding on which of the many worthwhile projects to support. It's never too late to become part of this wonderful community effort. Please call Loretta Quigley, President, for information at 410-758-6775 or email her at [lorettaquigley@yahoo.com](mailto:lorettaquigley@yahoo.com).

## **A Request From Hospice Of Queen Anne's**



Volunteers and Staff – We need your Help...The recent snow storms tested Hospice of Queen Anne's. Our patients here at the Center were all safe and sound, but getting essential staff here and home again proved to be difficult. Several of them stayed here for 24 to 48 hours straight. Many thanks to the volunteers who stepped in to help. We really appreciate it. We would like to create a list of people we can call to help us should we need them in any emergency to transport staff. If you or anyone you know has a 4-wheel drive vehicle and would like to help us, please email or call me with contact information.

Debbie Gilmer, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, 443-262-4112  
[dgilmer@hospiceofqueenannes.org](mailto:dgilmer@hospiceofqueenannes.org)

## **Adult Grief Management Classes Offered by Hospice**

Hospice of Queen Anne's Bereavement Program will offer a series of grief management classes this spring for adults dealing with grief after the death of a loved one. These bereavement services are available to anyone in Queen Anne's County who is living with grief regardless of the cause of death.



**A Grief Management Class** is a place where bereaved adults can learn more about grief and how to deal with it in the presence of others who understand because they too have experienced significant losses. Participation in this class may *prevent* grief-related problems

later in one's life. The class is not group therapy, but when it works well, it certainly can be therapeutic. It is not a social group, but friendships often form as class members get to know each other. Each class will focus on topics related to grief, and will include activities, teaching, and open discussion.

This series of classes will meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30, for eight weeks, from March 30 until May 18 at our offices at 255 Comet Drive in Centreville.

Participants are asked to make a commitment to attend as many classes as possible. There is no fee for this class. Registration will be held on a "first-come, first-served" basis, and class size is limited. Call or email Susan Brandon at 443-262-4109 or [sbrandon@hospiceofqueenannes.org](mailto:sbrandon@hospiceofqueenannes.org) to ask questions or to register by March 26.

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Need eyeglasses? **See Optical Galleria.**

### **Neighbor to Neighbor**

If you've been reading the *Libretto* the past few months, you know that we've had a number of changes to our list of Street Captains. I'm happy to report that you now have two ways of obtaining current contact information for the folks serving as your Street Captains.

For some time now, all contacts for Neighbor to Neighbor have been listed on the SV website; just click on "Neighbor to Neighbor" on the "Activities/Groups" page. Our website information is updated immediately when changes occur. For our neighbors who do not have internet service or who prefer to have a printed listing, we have a limited number of copies of our updated brochure available. You may request one from your Street Captain or from Laura Wright at the Clubhouse. Take a few minutes to find out who your Street Captains are now, so that you'll be able to reach them quickly when you or your neighbor needs assistance.

Eleanor Strietman, Chair of Neighbor to Neighbor



See the ads



Need someone to help with your **TAXES?**  
for **Bob Eck** and **Bob Butler**.

## **PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE**

### **Symphony Village Communication Guidelines**

Check the website ([villagehoa.org](http://villagehoa.org)) regularly for pertinent bulletins that the committee feels would be beneficial; e.g., volunteer opportunities, email problems, pet photos, etc. If you need help or want a personal lesson on accessing the website, call Carol Hodges at 410-758-0591.

## Photos

If you are unsure how to handle your digital pictures, you should download photo software free from the web. Some of the ones used are Kodak Easyshare, Picasa 3 from Google, Snapfish, Adobe Photoshop Starter, etc. To find more, Google “photo software free download” or to learn more about handling photos try Googling “photo software tutorial.”

## Computer Classes

The committee would be interested in offering some computer classes. Please call Carol Hodges with ideas for what you need to learn.

## Survey



The Publications and Communications Committee would like your input on the *Libretto*. Our committee has prepared a **survey**, and we would appreciate it if you would take a few minutes to share your thoughts. Let us know how you feel about the newsletter and how we can make it better. The survey can be found on our website at [villagehoa.org](http://villagehoa.org) or you can pick up a copy at the Clubhouse. Thank you.

## All Are Welcome

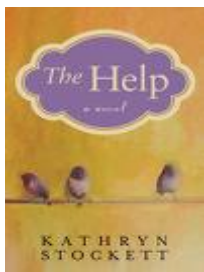
Everyone is welcome to attend our next Publications and Communications meeting on Wednesday, April 7, at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse Conference Room.

## Advertisers

**Please support our advertisers. At the end of the newsletter you will find their ads.** Supporting our advertisers helps keep our HOA dues from increasing.

## CLUBS AND CLASSES

### The Reading For Fun Book Club



The book club met on February 16 in the Clubhouse to discuss the book *Modoc* by Ralph Helfer. This book was recommended by June Silverman. It received a rating of 7.6 on a scale of 1 to 10. This book covers the life of the greatest elephant that ever lived and was extremely interesting. June provided a wonderful German chocolate cake for dessert. The book for our March 16 meeting is *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. This story discusses the relationship between Southern aristocratic women and their black help. It gives one a new perspective on the relationship between these two types of women. We hope to set the schedule of books for the rest of 2010 at our March meeting.



Need a painter? See the **Painting Specialist** ad.

### **The Gazebo Garden Club**



Hello Gardeners! Spring is in the air! A few crocuses are blooming, and many daffodils have shown themselves above ground. We will be fertilizing them this week. We need to plant more crocuses in the fall for 2011. We will be deadheading all beds in the next two weeks.

Good news for our veggie gardeners—Tim Bishop has agreed to let us expand our plot to accommodate 9 gardeners. We will meet on March 21 (the first full day of spring), to set rules for the vegetable garden. All gardeners will be contacted by phone or e-mail. We will contact the St. Patrick Day planters regarding early planting (or you can call me on 758-4872). We are assuming that all current bed tenders will be in for this year. If your schedule is too full, please let me know, so I can recruit new members. We look forward to a great gardening year!



Need shelves, chair rail, or any custom carpentry? See the ads for **American Restoration, G & M Construction, Park Enterprises, Andrew Harper Builder, and Rob's Custom Carpentry.**

### **Symphony Village Bird Club**

The Bird Club will take a local field trip to Millstream Park in Centreville on April 17. See the Activities Book for all the details and to sign up.

**Knitting and Crocheting Group:** Willie DiLaura, 443-262-8062, [jwdilaura@yahoo.com](mailto:jwdilaura@yahoo.com)

Do you enjoy knitting and crocheting? Do you need a bit of help with a new or ongoing project? Do you like company as you work? This group is for you! We meet the first and third Mondays of the month, 10 a.m. – noon, in the Arts and Crafts Room at the Clubhouse. Bring anything you're working on. If you would like some help or some instruction, please contact Willie before the meeting so she can bring any supplies that may be needed. Hope to see you there!



**Sit and Stitch:** Willie DiLaura, 443-262-8062, [jwdilaura@yahoo.com](mailto:jwdilaura@yahoo.com)

This group brings together anyone and everyone working on any type of stitching project. The group meets the second Tuesday of the month, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., in the Arts and Crafts Room at the Clubhouse. Bring any type of stitching project that you're working on and share in the camaraderie. If you need help with something, someone else at the meeting has probably had experience with it; and, if not, Willie will help you as needed. We'll keep you in stitches!



See ads from Symphony Village residents, **Jack Dedrick and Frank Ogens**, for upcoming Centreville Town Council election.

**Art Group:** Helen Schultz, 443-262-9181, [grandma@shultz.org](mailto:grandma@shultz.org)

Do you draw? Sketch? Paint? Sculpt? Do you enjoy doing an art project of any kind? Please join SV Art Group on Mondays, 1 – 3 p.m., in the Arts and Crafts Room at the Clubhouse. Bring your current project to work on while socializing and exchanging ideas. It's a very enjoyable two hours! All are welcome.

## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

### Symphony Village Library

There has been very little activity for the library committee, although two proposals to improve the current system were submitted but not approved by management. Another proposal has been drafted to submit to management for consideration. Apparently, residents are reading some of the books provided.

To inform new residents, the current system is very simple. We have a hardback book display in the card room and a paperback display in the gym area. Residents may borrow books freely--no sign-out is required. We do not worry if the books are not returned, since all books are donated. We have acquired a "Symphony Village Library" stamp which will be stamped on all hardbacks books only. In order to monitor the use of hardbacks, we request that all users print their name and the date on the fly leaf (facing the front cover). Books that are not used will be discarded to make room for new books. Incidentally, we have several boxes of new books to phase into the system. Several members of the book club have agreed to help integrate the system. We will keep you advised on the progress of the proposal for improving the library system. Comments or suggestions for improving the library system may be given to Laura for forwarding to the library committee.

Need an electrician? See **Motorhead Electric** ad.



## **Restaurant Review**

### **CAFÉ SADO**

by Karin Larsen

Café Sado is an exciting restaurant located in Chester's Castle Harbor Marina. Sado means "way of the tea," and the tea ceremony is a traditional ritual of service which emphasizes the focus and grace of Japanese culture. Graceful, delicious, and harmonious describes the service, food, and atmosphere at Café Sado.

Specializing in Japanese sushi and sashimi, this restaurant offers a fusion of French and Southeast Asian cooking. This restaurant offers water views, outside dining, and seating for approximately 130 people. The décor is elegant with a beautiful bamboo floor and an Asian modern flair. We have always found the service staff to be friendly, and we love sitting in one of their comfy booths with pillows overlooking the Marina.



The menu at Café Sado is rich with choices. Sharing and sampling is fun if you order dumplings, Satay, Thai dishes, sushi dinners, or vegetarian dinners. Your dining can be indoors, outdoors, or downstairs at the bar. If you dine upstairs, instead of sitting at a table, you can choose to sit at the fresh sushi bar and see the choreography of the expert sushi chef, Tony Wong, as his hands do a dance preparing as many as 27 different rolls, 18 different maki, and at least 17 different nigiri sushi (sushi is seasoned rice with vinegar and nigiri sushi is a small oval of rice topped with fish or shellfish). (Maki is rolled rice surrounding fish or vegetables.)

Favorites are the California Roll, Kani (Red Snapper), Sake (Smoked Salmon), and the Hamachi (Yellow Tail). Another delicious dish to order is the Green Shrimp Curry with Green Beans. This is a traditional green curry combined with coconut milk, jumbo shrimp, mixed vegetables, and fresh basil leaves. If you're a curry lover, try the Penang curry of beef, an aromatic curry with wok-seared flank steak simmered with coconut milk, lemon grass, and coriander. If you want to enjoy a great sushi dinner, try an assortment of fourteen pieces of sashimi or share the Sado Deluxe, which serves a Harmony Roll, California Roll, an assortment of six pieces of Sushi, and six different types of sashimi. I know you're probably wondering about the dessert. Dessert is usually not possible, but if you must, try the Fried Ice Cream, and the Green Tea Crème Brulee, which is green tea infused crème brulee topped with lemon candy and served with a vanilla ice-cream sandwich.

You really cannot help but enjoy Café Sado on Kent Island. You can always find fresh, and artfully presented seafood, vegetables, poultry, or meats. If you are a vegetarian, you can choose from five different dinner entrees. When you go there, you may see me at the sushi bar, eating my Unagi-Fresh Water Eel, or my Tobiko-flying Fish Roe, while enjoying a Yuengling beer.

Need a cleaning lady? See **Home Clean Homes** in the ads.



## TRAVEL ARTICLE

### Antarctica Adventure Aboard the Star Princess

By: Ray and Carol Stephens

**W**e departed Dulles at 10:05 p.m. February 8 on United for a short, ten-hour flight direct to Buenos Aires. We were surprised to find out at the airport the Argentine government just imposed a \$141 per person arrival tax which became effective on January 1. An unforgettable welcome to South America! A short cab ride to the dock and we were onboard the ship in less than 12 hours after departing Dulles! The world is a small place when air travel is concerned.

After two and one half days on the open seas with a wave height under ten feet, and a 20-hour period of wave height over 25 feet, we arrived in the Falkland Islands only two hours late. The population of Stanley is 2,200, and the whole population of the Falkland



Islands is under 3,000. Yes, about the size of Centreville! Stanley is located on the side of a small hill, a patchwork of small wooden homes painted a rainbow of colors. The city is a walking tour that takes only a few hours. In fact, there are more penguins on the island than humans. If you ever take a trip to the Falklands, make sure you arrange a trip to Volunteer

Point to see the King and Magellanic penguins. They are one of the most wonderful sights you will ever have the opportunity to see!!!

After 36 hours at sea, we arrive at the tip of Elephant Island. The glaciers were located every half mile ranging in size from a half mile to over six miles wide. Large icebergs were arranged around the island like small hills beached on the water, many were 200 feet below water with only 15 feet above water. We thought Elephant Island was to be a small island, but we cruised along the coast for over four hours! After spending the night cruising toward King George Island, we were to cruise into Iceberg Alley; but we hit heavy fog, and we caught sight of large icebergs 100 yards away from the ship. Due to the fog, the camera took pictures only showing the fog and shadows of the bergs. In the afternoon, we crossed the Bransfield Strait and entered Admiralty Bay. We were able to see the Poland Antarctic station named Arctowski Station, one of 12 manned year-round stations in Antarctic! Two Polish scientists were leaving the station after a year stay, and the ship dropped two new scientists off along with supplies for the 2010 winter. I guess we saw a bit of history.



The Star cruised overnight to reach the Neumayer Glacier channel. Words and photos cannot describe the beautiful views we were looking at the entire day. We had blue skies, snow, and ice-covered white mountains over 2,000 feet high. We saw more glaciers than have even been named. After about five hours, with winds around five knots, the ship crossed into an opening in the mountains, and we were greeted by an Antarctic blast of winds over 90 knots. The ship did a fast about-face and got out of the wind. Lucky we were near the end of the channel. Icebergs were quite plentiful.

We bought three DVDs--Antarctic 2010, Guide to the Penguins, and The Frozen Continent. We will arrange a showing at the Clubhouse soon. You had more snow in Centreville than we had down in Antarctica!!

Overnight, we cruised up the Bransfield Strait and arrived at Deception Island on the way out of Antarctica. Deception Island was famous for Whaling and Sealing in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century.

Last night and today (as I write this on board ship) we are crossing Drakes Passage on the way to Cape Horn this evening. Waves are seven to ten feet; the ship is bouncing a bit, but overall great weather. We have looked at just a small piece of Antarctica. The size is just overwhelming!! Ice has been measured at 10,500 feet deep. To cruise around Antarctica would cover over 10,000 miles! The miles we cruised since Elephant Island



will be fully covered in three to four-foot deep ice come May. We just learned that large cruise ships will be banned from the Antarctica Sea's after 2011. If you are thinking of ever seeing this part of the world, now is the time to take action. Princess has two more cruises planned in 2011.

We arrived at Cape Horn just in time to get hit with high winds and, of course, high seas. The ship came within two miles, slightly overcast but clear. After seeing the Cape, we sailed on down to Ushuaia overnight. Morning was sunny and clear. Big beautiful snow-covered mountains all around Ushuaia, quite a sight to see. We took a small cat boat up the Beagle Channel and saw the local bird population, the first fur seal to arrive this year, and loads of South American sea lions!



Need Insurance, check out **Erie Insurance Service, Ron Elville Allstate, or Ed Smith State Farm.**

## LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS



### Play Bingo in Centreville

Bingo begins every second Monday of the month at Corbaley Hall (301 Homewood Avenue) behind Mother of Sorrows Church in Centreville. Games are for **all cash prizes**. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and games start at 6 p.m. For an entrance fee of \$5, you will get one card and other cards are available for a small additional fee. A concession stand will be available. Everyone is invited! See you April 12?

### Queen Anne's Chorale Spring Concert

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the Queen Anne's Chorale spring concert entitled: "GOOD GRIEF: Music of Mourning, Comfort, and Hope." The featured work will be the "*Rutter Requiem*" with chamber orchestra. Concerts will be Saturday, April 14, at 7:30 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church on Route 8, Kent Island, and Sunday, April 25, at 4 p.m. at the Centreville United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$10.00 and children are free. Laura will be selling them at the Clubhouse. For more information please call 410-827-0825 or visit [www.qachorale.org](http://www.qachorale.org).



### 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Antiques Show and Sale

This antiques show will be held on **March 19-21** at the Waterfowl Festival Building (40 S. Harrison Street) in Easton. Antiques, fine art, linens, silver, and jewelry will be on sale. The event benefits the Mental Health Association of Talbot County. Hours are Friday, 6 – 9 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; and Sunday 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person. For information, visit [www.mhamdes.org](http://www.mhamdes.org) or [www.tourtalbot.org](http://www.tourtalbot.org).

### Home Condo and Garden Show plus Arts and Crafts Fair

This event will take place at the Ocean City Convention Center on **March 19-21**. More than 300 exhibitors will display unique products for home, condo, and garden. Artists

will display creative gifts and crafts. Hours are Friday noon - 6 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.; and Sunday 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission is \$6 adults, \$5 seniors (55 and up), \$5 students, \$5 military, and free for ages 13 and under with an adult. For details, visit [www.oceanpromotions.info](http://www.oceanpromotions.info).

### **Soup ‘n Walk**

Adkins Arboretum continues its Soup ‘n Walk program on **March 20**, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. During the walk, entitled “Check Out the Early Purple and Pink Blooms,” with a docent naturalist, you’ll look for the blooms of early spring to include skunk cabbage, pawpaw, spring beauty, and bloodroot. The walk will be followed by a lunch of creamy tomato basil soup, Eastern Shore colorful slaw, rosemary Focaccia bread, and cherry crisp. Pre-registration is required and the cost is \$18 for members, \$20 for non-members. Register by calling 410-634-2847, extension 0, or go to [www.adkinsarboretum.org](http://www.adkinsarboretum.org) and click on “events calendar” for this date.

### **Spring Festival**

Chestertown invites you to enjoy an afternoon of Easter egg hunts, egg decorations, pony rides, crafts, and a visit from the Easter Bunny on **March 20**, 1 – 4 p.m., at Worton Park. The event is for ages 12 and under, and the cost is \$7 (\$9 after March 19). All games and pictures with the Easter Bunny are included in the cost. Registration occurs February 11 – March 19. For more information and to register, call 410-778-2083.

### **Chefs By The Sea**



The Loews Hotel (126 West Street) in Annapolis will host this event on **March 21**, 6 – 10 p.m. Proceeds from the gourmet tasting and the silent and live auctions will benefit the Junior League of Annapolis. Tickets are \$65 (coach), \$85 (business), and \$150 (VIP first class). For all the details, go to [www.jlannapolis.org](http://www.jlannapolis.org).

### **Pickering Creek Bird Walk**

A guided bird walk will take place on **March 21**, 8 - 10 a.m. at the Pickering Creek Audubon Center in Easton. Kristina Caranese will lead the walk which will specifically look for birds of prey, waterfowl, woodpeckers, and spring migrants. Binoculars and field guides will be provided or bring your own. The cost is \$5 adult, children free. Meet at the Welcome Center. For more information, see [www.pickeringcreek.org](http://www.pickeringcreek.org).

### **Talbot County Restaurant Week**

This event will take place from **March 21 - 27**. Tantalize your taste buds and enjoy some of the finest restaurants on the Eastern Shore. Diners will enjoy a two course fixed price menu at lunch for \$20.10 and a three course fixed price menu at dinner for \$30.10 (beverages, taxes, and gratuities not included). For information, call 410-770-8000. For a complete schedule, go to [www.talbotdining.com](http://www.talbotdining.com) or [www.tourtalbot.org](http://www.tourtalbot.org).



Need a dentist? See the ad for **Billings and Murphy, DDS**.

### **62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Open Juried Art Show**

This art show will begin **March 21** and will run until **April 11**, hours 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. It will take place at the Galleries of Heron Point in Chestertown (501 East Campus Avenue). The exhibit includes works in all fine arts media submitted by artists from throughout the region. For more information, see [www.chestertownartsleague.org](http://www.chestertownartsleague.org).

### **Wine Pairing Extravaganza**



This year's event will take place on **March 26**, at the Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department's Community Room (1610 Main Street), 7 – 10 p.m. The Extravaganza will feature knowledgeable wine stewards as they match vintages with cuisine prepared by accomplished regional chefs. Admission is \$75 per person in advance and \$80 at the door. Proceeds will benefit the KIFVD. For information go to [www.kivfd.org](http://www.kivfd.org).

### **Trip: Brighton Beach Memoirs**

QAC Parks and Recreation sponsors a trip to New York City on **March 27** to see Neil Simon's play "Brighton Beach Memoirs". The price is \$155 and includes roundtrip charter bus transportation and orchestra seating at the Nederlander Theatre in Manhattan. For departure information and registration, go to [www.parksnrec.org](http://www.parksnrec.org). The program number is 703004.

### **Country Crafts Guild Spring Arts and Crafts Show**

The show will take place on **March 27** at the Rock Hall Fire House, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Crafts, folk art, needlework, jewelry, decorative clothing, home furnishings, miniatures, carvings, pottery, doll clothes, and much more will be on display. Admission is charged. For more information, call 410-778-1432.

### **Corn-Hole Tournament**



The Oxford Fire Company will present a Corn-Hole Tournament fundraiser on **March 27**, 2 – 6 p.m., at the Oxford Fire House. It will be double elimination with 16 teams, and food and beer are included as well as music by DJ Bill Wilson. Prizes will be awarded to first, second, and third place teams. Proceeds benefit the fire company. Admission is \$40 per team and \$15 per spectator. For more information and to pre-register teams, go to [www.oxfordfireco.com](http://www.oxfordfireco.com).

### **Annapolis Coin and Currency Show**

The show will take place on **March 28** at the Knights of Columbus Hall (2590 Solomon Island Road) in Annapolis, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Thirty coin and currency dealers will be present to buy and sell coins and currency as well as to give appraisals. Admission is free. For more information, go to [www.coinshows.com](http://www.coinshows.com).

### **Four Centuries Walking Tour**



Annapolis will again host 2 ¼ hour walking tours daily, **March 28 – October 5**. The morning tour begins at 10:30 a.m. at the Annapolis Visitors Center, and the afternoon tour begins at 1:30 p.m. at the Annapolis City Dock Information Booth. You will walk with colonial attired tour guides through historic Annapolis. The cost is \$16 for adults and \$10 for children 3-11. Children 2 and under are free. More information will be found at [www.watermarkjourney.com](http://www.watermarkjourney.com).



Want to put in a home theater. See ad for **Chesapeake Home Theatre & HiFi**.

### **Easter Arts and Crafts Fair plus Kids Fair**

This event takes place **April 2-4** at the Ocean City Convention Center. This is a large arts and crafts show with wearable art, lawn décor, and so much more. Children's activities are also planned, including the Easter Bunny. Hours are Friday 11 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; and Sunday 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Admission includes both shows and is \$4 adults, \$3 seniors (60 and up), \$3 students (ages 4-18), and free for children 3 and under. All the details can be found at [www.oceanpromotions.info](http://www.oceanpromotions.info).

### **Guided Walks**

Adkins Arboretum resumes their Guided Walks on Saturdays, April through November, on **April 3** at 11 a.m. The walks begin at the Visitors Center and last approximately one hour. Dress for the outdoors. The walk covers easy terrain. The walks are free to members and free with Arboretum admission to the general public. Walks are led by volunteer docents. For information, see [www.adkinsarboretum.org](http://www.adkinsarboretum.org).

### **Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

An Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for **April 3** at Tuckahoe State Park in Queen Anne.



More than 4,000 plastic and boiled eggs will be hidden including specially marked prize eggs. The event is open to children age 10 and under, and starts at 1 p.m. at the Cherry Lane Picnic Area. For information, call 410-820-1668 or go to

[www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/eastern/tuckahoe.html](http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/eastern/tuckahoe.html).

### **Beyond the Grass Ceiling**

Adkins Arboretum will host this walk on **April 10**, 1 – 2:30 p.m. Americans spend much money, energy, and time in pursuit of the perfect front yard lawn. But there is life beyond a green monoculture. Learn how Nancy Bearbaire created a beautiful, biologically diverse, and socially acceptable front landscape with native plants. Now four years old, the garden abounds with birds, butterflies, and other pollinators. This lawn



alternative provides ideas for your own yard. Pre-registration is required and the cost is \$15 for members, \$18 for non-members. Register by calling 410-634-2847, extension 0, or go to [www.adkinsarboretum.org](http://www.adkinsarboretum.org) and click on “events calendar” for this date.

### **Celebrating the Return of the Osprey**



There will be a day of activities on **April 10** at the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center that will celebrate the return of the ospreys to our area. Activities include presentations, photography, book signing, and children’s activities focusing on the osprey. There will be a boat trip in Kent Narrows and surrounding areas to observe nest building progress. The boat trip is limited to 15 people and the cost is \$45. For information, call 410-827-6694 or [www.bayrestoration.org](http://www.bayrestoration.org).

### **Spring Into Nature Walk**

A guided walk will take place on **April 11**, 10 a.m. – noon, at the Pickering Creek Audubon Center in Easton. A walk through the woods will search for signs of spring. See mayapple, bloodroot, and jack-in-the-pulpit blooming. Hear the trills of migratory birds high up in the trees. After the walk, enjoy a cup of tea and a seat next to the creek. Binoculars and field guides will be provided, or bring your own. The cost is \$5 adult, children free. Meet at the Main Office. For more information, see [www.pickeringcreek.org](http://www.pickeringcreek.org).

### **Continuing Activities:**

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**RECIPE OF THE MONTH**  
**Blueberry Cream Cheese Pound Cake**  
From the Kitchen of Dorthea Turek

1 8-ounce package cream cheese, softened	1 package instant vanilla pudding (3 ounce)
½ cup vegetable oil	4 eggs
1 package yellow cake mix (18 ounce)	2 teaspoons vanilla extract
	2 cups blueberries (frozen or fresh)

- Preheat to 325 degrees. Grease a 9-inch tube pan well. You can use a bundt pan but I have more luck with a tube pan.
- Combine cream cheese, oil, and eggs in a bowl and beat until smooth. Add cake mix, pudding mix, and vanilla at medium speed until blended. Fold in berries with spoon and not mixer. Spoon batter in prepared pan.
- Bake 60 minutes or until a wooden toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool cake in pan on wire rack 20 minutes. Remove from pan and cool completely. May sprinkle powdered sugar on cake or glaze.
- Glaze: Combine 1 cup powdered sugar and 1 tablespoon milk, mix until smooth, and put on cake.



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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

As you all probably know by now there will be an election for the Centreville Town Council April 5, 2010. After careful thought and consideration, I have decided to run for this office.

My decision was not an easy one to make. I talked to many Centreville Citizens that reside in



Symphony Village and outside of Symphony Village to help me make this important decision.

Consistently, each Centreville resident I talked to voiced a concern of the lack of oversight of the town manager and the lack of fiscal responsibility on the part of the council as well as the town manager. Citizens reported attending the budget meetings but did not feel their voices were being heard. For example, after one elderly woman spoke about the financial difficulties she was having and she tearfully urged the council

not to raise her taxes, Town Council Chairperson responded, "We are all in the same boat." We need to be very aware that our citizens are going through extreme financial hardships and to act accordingly. The town government must hear the desperate pleas of the community...cut spending and avoid increasing taxes!

Other municipalities are meeting difficult economic challenges by severely reducing spending. For our town to survive these extraordinary economic times the council must make drastic changes. It is no longer acceptable to present a budget to the citizens of Centreville that reflects an increase in spending or little or no reduction of spending from the previous year. The voice of the citizens of Centreville must be heard....**cut spending**. The town government needs to adhere to a rigid budget that is fiscally responsible and they must absolutely stop making budgetary amendments throughout the year so they can spend more.

Being a longtime business person I understand the importance of fiscal responsibility. I also clearly understand that managers need to be held accountable to administration. It is time that the town council has a wake up call and exert their oversight of the town manager. The council members must regain the confidence of the citizens. The council members need to be committed to make drastic changes in the way town business is conducted so the hardship will not fall on our already financially struggling citizens.

One of the other town council candidates said that it is time for the **town** to reclaim the council seat. I might reside in Symphony Village but am also a member of this town ready to meet the challenges of serving as a member of the town council. I am quite committed to work hard for all the citizens of Centreville. I believe I have the fiscal and management background to be a valuable member of the town council. I will be relentless in reducing spending and holding the town manager accountable.

I am asking for your support so I can be elected to the town council. If elected, I will work hard to see that these needed changes are made for the welfare of all of our Centreville citizens. I will not waiver on my commitments!

Jack Dedrick



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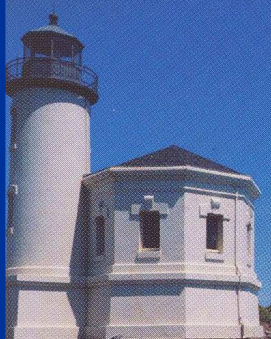
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