



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 UPDATE

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, April 17, **Happy Hour** at 6 p.m. Bring your favorite appetizer or dessert.
- Thursday, April 22, **Ladies' Happy Hour** at 5:30 p.m. Bring \$5, which provides you with dinner and a beverage.
- Thursday, April 29, **Lunch Bunch**, (Restaurant to be announced).
- Tuesday, May 4, **Lifestyle Committee Meeting**, at 7:15 p.m.
- Saturday, May 8, **Cinco de Mayo Happy Hour** at 6 p.m. Bring your favorite appetizer or dessert.
- Thursday, May 27, **Ladies' Happy Hour** at 5:30 p.m. Bring \$5, which provides you with dinner and a beverage.
- Monday, May 31, **Memorial Day Picnic**.



OUTREACH UPDATE

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, **May 5, at 7:15 p.m.** at the Clubhouse. We will discuss which projects and programs we will be supporting in the coming budget year. We'll also discuss fundraising ideas. If you'd like to put in your "two cents worth," please join us. It's never too late to become a part of Outreach! For information, please call Loretta Quigley at 410-758-6775 or email her at lorettaquigley@yahoo.com.

Neighbor to Neighbor

By now, I hope that you've had a chance to review our list of Street Captains on the SV Website or have requested and received a new printed brochure from either your Street Captain or from Laura. Sadly, I now have to tell you that Karen King has resigned as a Street Captain for Sonata Way. Karen did a great job, and we will miss having her as a member of Neighbor to Neighbor.

We have been busy discussing ways to improve the scheduling of meals, transportation, pet care, etc., to make it easier for the Street Captains and more organized for the providers. To that end, we are finalizing our community-wide list of volunteer meal preparers. If you have not yet volunteered to be on the list and would like to be included, please contact your Street Captain. If you have already signed up, thank you VERY much. In a few weeks we plan to send out test emails to make certain that all of the addresses are correct. In addition, we will soon have a new scheduling form available for use by the Street Captains, thanks to Nancie Cameron. This will help us as we care for each other. – Eleanor Strietman



**Need someone to help with your Taxes ?
See the ads for Bob Eck and Bob Butler.**

OPERATIONS UPDATE

Project Clean Stream

A call went out last week for volunteers to participate in a “Cleanup and Restoration Day” for streams and watersheds throughout the Eastern Shore. SVers heard the call, and eight hardy souls, dressed in boots, hats, gloves, and their oldest clothes showed up to clean up the stream behind Overture Way. I know they worked hard because I could see the pile of debris “growing” on the community path near the bridge. However, the laughing and shouting going on made me wonder how grownups could have so much fun getting dirty while digging in the mud to retrieve mystery pieces of junk. I'm listing their names and attaching a picture so you can **thank** them the next time you see them. You also might want to ask them about the interesting treasures they uncovered—anybody need a bar stool? – B. Stoltz



(Pictured are Mary Drake, Ed Smith, George Drake, Pat Scheirer, Betty McAtee, Bill Ridgeway, Cass Smith, and Ray Scopel.)

Rain Gardens

With the warm April weather, some of your rain garden plants are poking their heads through the soil. What are they? How can I tell them from weeds? These are questions that are often asked. Here is a suggestion. First, clear away dead branches and twigs from last year. If you are not sure, scrape at the plant with your thumbnail. If green shows through, it is a live plant so don't pull it. Most of your plants were installed in groups. If a number of plants breaking through the soil look similar, most likely they belong in the rain garden. Patience is important. Many plants are still dormant and will begin growing again in May.

It is time to spread a layer of mulch over the garden—1 ½ to 2 inches will do. This will also smother new weeds. Please begin watering if the hot weather continues. Those residents who received Rain Garden signs last fall should now display them in their gardens. To receive a sign, email Cass Smith at casssmith@aol.com. **Happy gardening! – Cass Smith**

PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

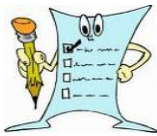
Internet or Website Help

If you would like to have help with your email, accessing the website, downloading photos, etc., Bob Rose (443-262-8238) has offered to help.

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



Thank you for sending in your surveys. The Committee is studying the results. One idea that will be implemented soon is to put a binder with a hard copy of the *Libretto* on the front desk at the Clubhouse for residents to sit and read and then return.

All Are Welcome

Everyone is welcome to attend our next Publications and Communications meeting on Wednesday, May 5, at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse Conference Room.

File of Life

Residents are encouraged to get a File of Life to put on their refrigerator. The File allows people to record the medical information necessary for EMTs to know should they be called. To get one, bring \$1.50 to the Clubhouse and purchase one from Laura or get one from Kathy Gauthier, 410-758-1743.

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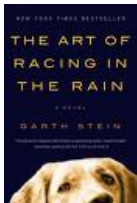
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Want Lawn Service?  See the True Green ad.

CLUBS AND CLASSES

The Reading For Fun Book Club

The Book Club met on March 16 in the Clubhouse to discuss the book *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett, recommended by Dorthea Turek. On a scale of 1 to 10, this book received a rating of 8.55. This was the second highest rating of books read by the club! Joan Hennessey provided a delicious apricot tart with coffee for dessert. A very animated discussion made this one of our most interesting meetings, which was also our best-attended meeting. Betty Moulis selected *The Art of Racing in the Rain* for our next meeting, to be held on April 20. The group also voted to collect one dollar per meeting to be used for purchasing extra copies of books that are difficult to obtain at the library.



These books will then be donated to the Symphony Village Library. Incidentally, Book Club members will be integrating about 100 new books into the existing library during the next few weeks. Due to limited space, this will require the culling of some volumes. The Club is preparing a proposal to solve our storage problem. This proposal will be submitted to management in May. All residents are invited to submit ideas for book display and storage. Please email your suggestions to jhennessey@atlanticbb.net. Pleasant reading!

The Gazebo Garden Club

The last Garden Club meeting was held on Saturday, April 10. Most of the 20 beds have been cleaned up, and plans were made to plant more crocuses and daffodils in the sparse areas in the fall. All daffodils were fertilized and all obnoxious weeds have been sprayed. The killdeer are once again nesting in the flower beds. Welcome back! The purple martin advance scouts arrived on April 3 and were observed again on April 5. The rest of the flocking martins usually arrive within two weeks. All residents are welcome to sit in the gazebo and watch these amazing birds zooming and diving in search of flying insects, or just enjoy their antics. A single martin is reputed to eat as many as 2,000 mosquitoes in a single day! Incidentally, the veggie gardeners are already at work. There are now 10 of them. Spring crops, including radishes, kale, spinach, and beets have already been planted. Tomatoes, squash, and other crops will have to wait until about May 1. One gardener is planning to plant asparagus. An armed guard will be needed there! **Happy Gardening!**



Need shelves, chair rail, or any custom carpentry? See the ads for G & M Construction and Rob's Custom Carpentry.

Symphony Village Bird Club

Due to the SV Garage Sale, we've postponed the Bird Club trip to Millstream Park until Saturday, April 24. It's not too late to sign up in the Activities Book or give Linda Blume a call on 410-758-3194 to let her know you're attending. Watch the Activities Book for an activity in May.

The ruby-throated hummingbirds will return in mid to late April. A reminder: the nectar mix is 4 parts water to 1 part sugar.

As you plan your garden this year, don't forget an extra parsley plant for the Eastern Black Swallowtail butterfly caterpillars.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Thank You. During my recent surgery, my Symphony Village "family" remembered me and cheered me up in so many ways. My heartfelt thanks to all those who sent e-cards, get well cards, and flowers as well as all the cheerful "welcome backs" on a daily basis. I am truly honored and blessed to be working for and with such a wonderful group of people. You will always be in my thoughts and prayers of thanksgiving. You mean the world to me!

God Bless all of you!
Dennis Sesplankis



Dear Friends and Neighbors of Symphony Village,



I cannot begin to thank you enough for all the lovely cards and kind messages of sympathy and support that I have received following the passing of my dear husband, John. He was an accomplished electrical engineer who truly loved his job working for the Navy; he never met a submarine he did not like! For me he was the love of my life and a terrific Dad to our two girls and finally a devoted "papa" to our grandchildren, Noah and Madeline. Your encouragement, wonderful donations to St. Jude's Hospital in his memory, and your offers of help to me will not be forgotten. I thank you all again and appreciate being a part of Symphony Village.

Sincerely, Judy K. Fisher

Dear residents of "Symphony Village"

I wish to thank **all** of the workers who supported me in on my run for a seat on the Town Council. I would also like to thank all of you who went out of your way to get absentee ballots and for those who trekked to the firehouse to vote. I would like to especially thank Cyndi Bourke as my campaign manager for her tireless efforts to get me elected. "We came close." "Congratulations to Frank Ogens for his victory and for running a clean campaign. "Good luck to you Frank." —Jack Dedrick

Afternoon Tea at Wright's Chance

The Queen Anne's County Historical Society will hold an afternoon tea at Wright's Chance in Centreville (next door to the library) on Tuesday, **April 27**, at 2 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person, and attendance is limited to 20 people. Please sign up in the Activities Book and give your check for \$15 made out to the Queen Anne's County Historical Society to Laura (or put the check in the black box on her counter) no later than Friday, **April 23**. For more information, contact Doris Pullman at 410-758-1578 or Ellen Norman at 410-758-3047.

MEET THE PSOs

by Karin Larsen

How many SV residents know what PSOs are? For those who don't, PSO stand for Pool Service Operators. These volunteer residents help implement proper pool and hot tub/spa requirements that are set by Queen Anne's County Department of Health Services.

Before we meet the current group, did you know that our volunteers must receive two days of training and pass a test before they receive a Queen Anne's County Pool/Spa Operator certification? They are required to have this certification in order to be a PSO.

Let's meet the PSOs! They are John DiLaura, Harriet Goodmuth, George Hughes, Lloyd McAtee, Doris Pullman, Tom and Mary Scull, and Marilyn Williams. These eight SV folks work with PSOs Dennis Sesplankis and Laura Wright to ensure the pool contains optimum and proper chemical levels according to county requirements. Marilyn Williams and Lloyd McAtee have been part of this group since 2006. They help coordinate the volunteers who take readings three times per day. Thanks to this group, our indoor and outdoor pools continue working properly and safely.

We covered the "who," and the "what," but what about the "how"? Armed with chemistry charts and measurement tools, the PSOs check pH levels, obtain readings, and monitor water samples. Should a serious safety issue develop over a weekend, the volunteer in charge, at his or her discretion, may contact the current pool management company, Anchor Aquatics, for assistance.



The PSOs provided their enthusiasm and knowledge to answer questions about this volunteer group. These folks feel that their group is composed of the right number of trained volunteers to keep our pools and hot tub/spa safe so that we don't have to "hire" operators to do what they do! **Thanks PSOs; now we SVers can safely swim our hearts out!**

Humor in Symphony Village

This is a David and Goliath story. My two cats are siblings Chloe (a petite 10 pounds) and Chance (a robust 21 pounds). Chloe defends herself on a regular basis since Chance likes to corner her. However, one recent morning, Chloe defended a thing. Chance got onto the "doggy steps" where Chloe sits every day to look out on the backyard. When he got on them, Chloe leaped off my lap and sat on the floor glaring at Chance. He soon got down and crept toward her. Eyeballs were locked to eyeballs. As Chance passed by Chloe, she whacked him on the head with her paw. Chance paused for an instant then kept walking and hasn't gotten on the steps again. (Linda Blume)



Note: *Do you have a humorous story involving people or pets? Please share!
Contact Carol Hodges (758-0591) or Linda Blume (758-3194).*

Need to power wash your house? See ad for [Construction & Consulting Assoc.](#)

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Centreville Sauté

by Karin Larsen

Opening a new restaurant is a challenging endeavor. Bob Brown, owner of the newest restaurant in Centreville, is up for the challenge. He has been in business since he was 13 years old with such experiences as working for Marriott, the Tilghman Island Inn, and Legal Spirits in Easton. When he made up his mind to create a unique culinary experience, he called Jeremy Urlick to be the Top Chef. Chef Urlick, trained in Ireland, spent eight years as Chef of the Pintail Café Sado until last year, and was Anne's County," to name a few Martha Stewarts's Sous Chef on Food Network, and was Living magazine.



(Pictured are: Executive Chef Jeremy Urlick and owner Bob Brown)

Entering the warm, woodsy, and rustic main dining room downstairs, I was warmly greeted by Kayla, who seated me at the table and was my server. The main dining room seats 56 and is decorated with colorful stained glass chandeliers. Also on the main floor is a private dining room for 20. Upstairs, serving casual fare, has seating for 48, a large bar, and a spacious sun-lit dining room. There is also outside dining for 15 in a recently remodeled section.

Popusas, a Guatemalan dish of masa dough pancakes with pickled vegetables was my chosen lunch special. The flavor was delicate and lightly seasoned with a peppery flavor that I liked. I heard that the Po-Boy Sandwich which can be ordered with either shrimp, oyster, or rockfish was really enjoyed by folks at a table nearby. The lunch menu ranged from \$6 to \$12. The dinner menu featured seafood, beef and chicken dishes, pastas, and a kid's menu for your grandchildren to love. Mac and cheese, chicken tenders, and pasta with butter and parmesan sauce are some of entrees.

The menu is varied with a sophisticated flair. From rockfish fillet with an asparagus pesto and shallot beurre blanc sauce, to sautéed pepper crusted tuna with wasabi aioli, braised pork shank, and sautéed salmon steak. Chef Urlick says, "Everything is always prepared fresh. There is very little stored food in the freezer at this restaurant because we prefer to use fresh food." These folks really mean fresh, such as tomatoes from Hummingbird Farms, not frozen food added to cook fresh dishes. When you stop by, don't forget to try the many appetizers and salads on the menu and the desserts provided fresh daily from The Small Town Bakery nearby.

This restaurant deserves a chance to wow diners. The prior restaurant, Hillside, has been totally remodeled and replaced in every way by a talented team determined to succeed in challenging times. Bob and Jeremy are determined to serve the most delicious fresh dishes while also seeking a balance between casual diners and more discriminating gourmet type diners, mixed with the upstairs casual and bar fare dining. This restaurant is striving to please SV residents, and they are open for our dining pleasure!

Trivia Questions

- What did Napoleon, Titian, and Lizzie Borden have in common?
- What English Earl had both a coat style and a furniture style named for him?
- Who was billed as “The Human Mop” when he joined his family’s comic acrobatic vaudeville act at age 3?

(Answers are at the end of the *Libretto*.)

LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

Local Playwrights and SV Bassist Bite the “Big Apple”

Earl Lewin of Chestertown, MD, and Dick Durham of Church Hill, MD, will see their musical *Celluloid* on stage at The Tank Theatre, 354 West 45th Street, New York City, for six performances May 13—16.



Celluloid, book and lyrics by Earl Lewin, is the story of a Philadelphia filmmaker pursuing his dream in the late 1970s. The show is alive with an upbeat musical score composed by award winning jazz pianist/composer/arranger Dick Durham and includes show tunes, ballads, and jazz. It offers finger snapping, introspective, off the wall and romantic moments that will get you thinking and leave you laughing. The show is directed by Earl Lewin and accompanied by The Dick Durham Trio live with our own bassist Bob Offerman of Symphony Village.

Performances are May 13—16 at 7 p.m., with matinees May 15 and 16 at 3 p.m. For additional details, visit the show’s website at www.celluloidthemusical.com.

Note: A bus trip is being planned for the 3 p.m. matinee on Saturday, May 15. The bus will depart Chestertown at 9:30 a.m., returning around 8 p.m. that evening. The cost of the trip, including theatre ticket, bus trip, fees, and return meal is \$75 per person. For further information contact Betsy Sener Durham at 410-758-8178.

Need an electrician? See [Motorhead Electric ad](#).

Thank You from Social Services

During the fall and winter months, many folks collected stickers from the local Acme. Much like the old Green Stamps, these stickers could be exchanged for cookware. Laura collected any extra stamps that SVers didn’t need or want; these were, in turn, given to Social Services. According to Nancy Roe, Human Services Worker, the stickers we collected along with those turned in by parishioners of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church were used to acquire nine pans. Grateful clients of Social Services will use the new cookware. On behalf of Social Services, Ms. Roe said, “Thank you...very much.”

Repainting? See ad for [Ron Weisman and Danny](#).

Need crown molding or some remodeling? See ads for
Danny Schultz, Andrew Harper Enterprises, and George Peugh

Queen Anne County Senior Summit
Friday May 14th at
QAC 4H Park ~ Open to the Public

Plan to attend the “Senior Summit” to be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the 4-H Park on Route 18. There will truly be something for everyone. Have your hearing checked for free. Learn more about the three major medical providers in this area – Anne Arundel Medical Center, Chester River Hospital Center, and Shore Health Systems. Try a free dance class or just listen to music provided by the Jones Boys beginning at 11:30 a.m. Chat with a nutritionist, a pharmacist, or a pain management specialist. Try your luck at a Fun Wheel. Learn more about animals from “Scales and Tales” or laugh at the antics of a clown. If you wish, adopt a pet; adoptable animals will be available. Would you like a part-time job? Visit the mini job fair. Pick up information about vacations, financial services, and home modifications. (If you own a business and would like to participate in the Summit, please call Betty Robinson at the Department of Aging as soon as possible. Her number is 410-758-0848.) Get gardening advice from a Master Gardener. You can have your cholesterol checked (\$5 charge) or have a full lipid panel screening (\$10 charge). Please note: If you want to have either of these tests done, you must fast for 14 hours prior to the test. Yes, there will be food! For \$11, you can have coffee and doughnuts in the morning, unlimited ice tea and lemonade, and a delicious chicken lunch complete with ice cream for dessert. (If you do not purchase a lunch ticket, a donation would be appreciated if you help yourself to a cup of coffee or a doughnut.) This will be a wonderful event!



Who can do my landscaping?
See [Natural Grounds](#), [Solidago Landscapes](#) and [MVP Irrigation](#) ads.

TRAVEL ARTICLE

(Trip to “**Antarctica**” March *Libretto* continued. . .)

by Carol and Ray Stevens

We left Ushuaia, Argentina, February 23 in the early afternoon. The ship cruised up the Beagle Channel offering us the view of the Chilean Glaciers and the fjords along the way to Punta Arenas, Chile, and to cruise the Magellan Straits. This is one of the most beautiful 280 miles in the world! We hardly wanted to go inside and eat dinner! In Punta Arenas we took a road tour to see the Magellanic Penguins. What a sight to behold. For three hours we walked among the penguins. I was on the camera all the time. Hopefully, I will have a few great pictures to remember this wonderful trip. I know I will never forget the cold. It was warm in Punta Arenas— in the low 40s. On the coast, the wind was over 40 miles an hour, wind adjusted temperature in the low teens. I thought my fingers and ears would fall off!



After leaving Punta Arenas, we had a three-day-at-sea trip, smooth waves, blue sky, and warming temperatures. Soon we arrived in Montevideo, Uruguay, for a visit to the countryside and city highlights. After an enjoyable day ashore, we sailed off to Buenos Aires. In BA, we took in all the major sites: tango area, tombs, and interesting city buildings. We bid our friends farewell, and the ship departed BA for Montevideo where we walked and saw the city sights up close and picked out gifts for the grandkids. The Star departed dock, and we had four days at sea to reach Stanley in the Falkland Islands.



During our sail to the Islands, I was able to arrange a trip to see the King Penguins at Volunteer Point which is located about 80 miles outside of Port Stanley. Our arrival at Stanley was preceded by three days of heavy rains and high winds. The ship's captain and the guide I hired to take us emailed and did not think we would be able to dock due to wind and weather. Luck was with us; we docked and left in a 4x4 Toyota Range Cruiser. The road was gravel for about 60 miles, the last 20 miles was like the marsh along the Chesapeake Bay! Our Convoy had 22 vehicles, the trip took three hours, and almost every truck were stuck in the mud at least one or two times! We were bounced out of our seat every minute or so as the vehicle hit a bog or a hard ridge. What a trip. Carol and I now know what a true off road adventure is really like! When we reached Volunteer Point, the rain turned to a light mist, and the King Penguins are without a doubt one of the most beautiful animals that we have ever seen. Once you see our pictures, I'm sure you will agree! We thought the trip to see the King Penguins was rough; the return trip took three hours and 50 minutes--more vehicles stuck in the mud than our tour operator had ever seen in his 25 years of doing this trip! We were on the last tender to reach the ship!



We arrived in Ushuaia on February 24 and toured the road to the End of the World, which is the end of the Pan American Highway at the famous Terra De Fuego National Park in the beautiful mountains around the city of Ushuaia, Argentina. The ship was to sail at 4 p.m.; but, during our trip to the Falkland Islands, the British started drilling the first commercial oil well in the Islands. The Argentine government wanted a tax for every ship visiting the Falklands and would not let the Star sail unless the new tax was paid. The ship sailed at 6 a.m. in the morning! The locals in both the Falklands and in Argentina are concerned a new conflict may be coming over the oil issue. Due to the delayed sailing, the ship did not go to Punta Arenas. Instead the ship went to the Holanda, Italia, Francia, and the Alemania Glaciers. This was an unexpected and beautiful section of the Beagle Channel that is normally transited at night. These six Glaciers are normally not seen by travelers on this trip around the tip of South America. The following morning at 6 a.m. the ship arrived at the Amalia Glacier on the Nelson Straits, a massive glacier that is never seen by cruise ships—an outstanding sight to see!

On February 27, 2010, the massive 8.8 earthquake hit about 150 miles from the Star's location. Since we were in 3,000 feet of water, the immediate effect was less than a foot increase in wave height; the major changes would come later. The next port was questionable due to the quake, but the ship arrived in Puerto Montt, Chile, on schedule. Our tour was to visit the Lake District. Our day trip included a side trip to Esmeralda Lake, a crystal clear blue water glacier lake—then on to Petrohue Falls, a beautiful rock formation with fast running water. A wonderful German

lunch—salmon, of course! Back to town, and the Star sailed for our final port—Valparaiso, Chile.

In the evening of the February 28, the information about the earth quake started to spread among the ship passengers. We were informed the Port of Valparaiso had been hit by a tsunami and had been damaged and that the Star may not be able to dock. However, the Star continued sailing towards Valparaiso.

On the evening of March 1, the Captain made an update on the status of Valparaiso, saying the Port was now open and flights were going out of Santiago Airport. All passengers would leave the ship as scheduled.

Note: Click on <http://villagehoa.org/hoa/documents/LibrettoMarchandAprilAntarcticaTrip.pdf> to read the rest of Carol and Ray’s harrowing experiences during their trip home—lost passport, right flight to “wrong” airport, scheduling and re-scheduling of departures, visit to the US Embassy and Police Station in Argentina, threat of robbery, and more . . .

Need a car serviced or repaired? See ad for [Winegardner Auto](#).

LOCAL FARMERS’ MARKETS

Centreville Farmers’ Market: Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. – p.m.; May 1 – October 30; located on Lawyer’s Row in the center of town.



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Ridgely Farmers’ Market: Fridays, 4 – 7 p.m.; May 21 – September 10; average of 14 vendors; located at the Railroad Memorial Park (Railroad Avenue and Center Avenue) in Ridgely. (www.ridgelymd.org/html_docs/public_announcements.html)

Denton’s Main Street Farmers’ Market: Wednesdays, 3 – 6 p.m.; April 14 – October 13; located on the Courthouse Green (Market and Second Streets).

Denton St. Luke’s Farmers’ Market: Tuesdays, 8 a.m. – noon; June 1 – October 5; located at St. Luke’s United Methodist Church parking lot at Franklin Street and 5th Avenue in Denton.

Easton Farmers’ Market: Saturdays, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.; May 1 – December 18; average of 30 vendors; located in the Town Parking Lot off North Harrison Street (behind the Goodwill store). (www.eastonfarmersmarket.com)

Chestertown Farmers’ Market: Saturdays, 9 a.m. – noon; April 3 – December 18; averages more than 18 vendors; located on Park Row at Fountain Park between Cross Street and Spring Avenue. The Artisan’s Market takes place the same dates and times as the Farmers’ Market and is held in Fountain Park. (www.chestertown.com)

Need prescription sunglasses? See ad for [Optical Galleria](#).

LOCAL EVENTS

7th Annual Pork in the Park

The event will be held this year on **April 16-18** at Winterplace Park in Salisbury. There will be the Kansas City National Barbecue Cook-off, craft vendors, entertainment, amusement rides, a beer festival, food vendors, and more. Hours are Friday, 4 – 10 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.–10 p.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission is \$2 per person; children under 12 are admitted at no charge. Parking is free. For all the details and a daily schedule, visit www.porkinthepark.org.

15th Annual Chesapeake Home and Garden Spring Expo

There will be over 100 vendors at this year's Spring Expo on **April 17-18** at the Hog Neck Community Center on Route 50 near Easton. There will also be rides for the children, tools for sale, plants and shrubs, door prizes, and much more. Hours are Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 per family or \$3 per person.

Spring Nature Walk

Naturalist Shirley Bailey will lead a nature walk on **April 17** at the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge in Cambridge. During the 2-hour walk, you'll learn to identify various birds, plants, trees, insects, and other wildlife in the area. Meet at the Visitor Center at 10 a.m. There is no fee or advanced registration required. For more information, visit www.fws.gov/blackwater.

Bay Bridge Boat Show

The Boat Show will take place on **April 22-25** at the Bay Bridge Marina in Stevensville. From portable car-top boats to trailer-able fishing and ski boats, to luxurious motor yachts and more, the Boat Show has it all. The event features new and brokered boats, marine accessories and services, seminars, and much more. Hours are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. One-day tickets are \$12 adults and \$4 children ages 7-12; two-day tickets are \$19 all ages. Children ages 6 and under are admitted at no charge when accompanied by an adult. For all the different ticket combinations, and for all the details, go to www.usboat.com.

“Harold and the Purple Crayon”

Enchantment Theatre brings the classic book series to life on stage with life size puppets, masks, magic, and music on **April 22** at Chesapeake College, the Todd Performing Arts Center, at 7 p.m. Come along with Harold on a wild ride as he jets off to Mars, joins a circus, and meets a king in an enchanted garden. Admission is \$12 children and adults. For details, go to www.chesapeake.edu.

Delmarva Birding Weekend

This year's weekend is **April 22-25** at venues all over Delmarva. A complete schedule of events, trips, and presentations will be found at www.delmarvabirdingweekend.org.

Need handicap accessories? See ad for [Edward's Pharmacy](#).

WineFest at St. Michael's

This festival will take place on **April 23-25** throughout St. Michaels and will be a celebration of The Chesapeake Bay. The festival will support the charitable needs of the community.

WineFest includes wines from eight countries, Maryland wines, Chesapeake Bay foods and International food tastings, music, art exhibits, and more. Hours are noon – 4 p.m. on Friday, and 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Saturday. Brunches and tastings will be available at several hotels and restaurants on an individual choice basis. Tickets range from \$35 to \$55 – for all the details and to purchase tickets, go to www.winefestatstmichaels.com.

28th Annual Salisbury Festival

The festival will take place on **April 23-25** at Riverwalk Park and the downtown Salisbury area. There will be entertainment, a car show, a carnival, block party, food, children's activities, arts and crafts, and more. Hours are Friday, 4-11 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.; and Sunday noon – 5 p.m. The event is free, and parking is free in the downtown parking garage. For more information, visit www.salisburyarea.com.

40th Ward World Championship Wildfowl Carving Competition and Art Festival

This competition and festival will take place on **April 23-25** at the Ocean City Convention Center. There will be wildfowl carving competitions, an auction, seminars, and vendors will offer fine arts, crafts, carving, and art supplies. Hours are Friday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. A 3-day pass is \$18; a single-day pass is \$10 adults, \$8 seniors and students, children under 12 are admitted at no charge when accompanied by an adult; and the group rate for a group of 6 people or more is \$6 per person. More information and a \$2 off admission coupon will be found at www.wardmuseum.org.

16th Annual Maryland International Kite Exposition

This exposition will take place **April 23-25** in Ocean City on Atlantic Avenue. Throughout the festival, there will be exhibitions and demonstrations including stunt and power kite lessons, free children's games and activities, and much more. The festival will showcase some of the best kite flyers from around the world, and kites of all shapes and sizes will be on display. Hours are 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. For additional information, go to www.kiteloft.com.

Guided Bird Walks

Harry Armistead will lead a bird watching walk around Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge on **April 25** beginning at 8 a.m. at the Visitor Center. The walk will highlight migratory species and the returning spring nesters. Bring your binoculars and field guides, and dress appropriately. The walk lasts 3 to 4 hours. There is no fee or advanced registration required.

For more information, go to www.fws.gov/blackwater.

Another Bird Walk will be led by Terry Allen on **May 8**.

3rd Annual Chestertown Taste of the Town

This event will take place on **April 25**, noon – 3 p.m., at Wilmer Park in Chestertown. Sample creations from 15 of Chestertown's finest restaurants and caterers, including the beneficiary of the event, the Culinary Arts program of Kent County High School. Local beers and wines will also be featured. A \$10 Advance Pass gets you \$12 in tickets at the door. For details, go to www.tasteofchestertown.com.

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Amphibian and Reptile Search

Hike around Pickering Creek's wetlands and forests, looking and listening for springtime frogs, turtles, or maybe even snakes! The event takes place on **April 28** from 7 – 8:30 p.m. Grab a net and sweep it through the water to pull up some more amphibians and reptiles. Dip nets will be provided. Wear shoes that can get muddy. The cost is \$5 for adults and children admitted at no charge. For more information, go to www.pickeringcreek.org.

77th Annual Dover Days Festival

This year's festival will take place on **April 30 – May 2** at Legislative Mall (411 Legislative Avenue) in Dover. This is a great family festival with free admission and three days of fun including a parade, a costumed pet parade, an Amish quilt auction, maypole dancing, a car show, over 150 vendors, children's activities, and a lot more. Hours are Friday, 5 - 9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; and Sunday, noon – 5 p.m. For details, go to www.visitdover.com.

QAC Historic Sites Open House

Historic sites throughout Queen Anne's County throw open their doors, allowing visitors to step back in time beginning **May 1** and continuing on the first Saturday of every month through October. Call or stop by the visitor's center to pick up a free copy of the Heritage Explorer's Guide Map. Hours are 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. countywide and noon – 4 p.m. for the Kent Island sites. Call the Historic Sites Consortium of QAC at 410-758-3010, the visitor's center at 410-604-2100, or visit the website at www.historicqac.org for more information.

3rd Annual Ole Time Ridgely Days

If you want to attend a fun, family-friendly event, come to Ole Time Ridgely Days on **May 1**, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., at the Railroad Memorial Park (Railroad Avenue and Center Avenue) alongside the town's new Rails to Trails path. Enjoy a walk through the park along with children's activities, free fire engine rides, free horse and wagon rides, and more. The Caroline County Historical Society will have a display tent. Food will include 25 cent hot dogs, 25 cent ice cream, and 25 cent sodas (all only while they last). Local organizations will also offer food. The event will take place rain or shine, and proceeds will go toward purchase of a town clock. More information may be found at www.ridgelymd.org/html_docs/public_announcements.html.

Museum of Eastern Shore Life

The Museum of Eastern Shore Life will re-open for the season on **May 1**. The museum is located on the grounds of the 4-H Park in Centreville, and it will be open the first Saturday of every month through October, 1 – 4 p.m. Admission is free.

The First Sunday Arts Festival

Annapolis will host an Arts Festival the first Sunday of every month **May 2 – October 3** in the first block of West and Calvert Streets. This is a free outdoor festival featuring more than 100 local visual and performing artists. Hours are noon – 5 p.m. This is a family friendly event. Information may be found at www.goweststreet.com.

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Springfest 2010

Springfest will be held **May 6-9** at the Inlet Parking Lot in Ocean City. It celebrates the arrival of spring and the upcoming summer season. Days are filled with delicious food, live entertainment, arts and crafts, and so much more. Admission to the four-day event is free. All entertainment is free with the exception of the headline acts. For all the details including where to Park and Ride, visit www.ococean.com.

Birds of Prey Photo Shoot

Come photograph the Scales and Tales hawks, owls, and a bald eagle on **May 8**, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Cherry Lane area of Tuckahoe State Park in Queen Anne. The fee is \$10 per photographer, spectators free. For information, go to www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/eastern/tuckahoe.html.

Spring Native Plant Sale

Adkins Arboretum will hold its annual Spring Native Plant Sale on **May 8 and 9**, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Plants native to Delmarva will be on sale, and there will be guided walks through the Arboretum's woods. For information, go to www.adkinsarboretum.org.

Caroline Paddlefest

The first Caroline Paddlefest on the Choptank River will take place on **May 14-15**. Evening activities, music, and food are planned for both Greensboro and Denton on May 14. The following morning, canoes and kayaks will launch from the landing in Greensboro, and paddlers will make the 7.7 mile trip down the Choptank to Denton where a festival featuring water demonstrations, exhibits, games, live music, a Paddle Artwork Auction, and a barbecue will be held on the grounds of the Choptank River Yacht Club. The fee is \$15 for the paddle trip; the family-friendly festival in Denton is free. For more information, call 410-479-4638 or visit www.dentonmaryland.com.

Talbot County Garden Club's House and Garden Tour

The Talbot County Garden Club's House and Garden Tour, part of the Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage, will take place on **May 15** from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., rain or shine. See waterfront and historic homes and glorious gardens amid the natural beauty of the Eastern Shore. Advance tickets are \$30, and tickets are \$35 on the day of the tour. Box lunches will be available for \$15 and must be reserved by May 7. For more information, go to www.mhgp.org or contact the Historical Society of Talbot County at 410-822-0773.

Soup 'n Walk

Adkins Arboretum completes their Spring Soup 'n Walk program on **May 15**, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. During the walk entitled "Check Out the Beautiful View of Tuckahoe Creek and Beyond" with a docent naturalist, you'll look for mountain laurel, beech trees, tulip trees, black cherry tree blossoms, pink lady's slippers, Solomon's seal, and may apple fruit. The walk will be followed by a lunch of kale, apple, and lentil soup; wheatberry Waldorf salad with walnuts; dilly bread with salmon spread; and apple cake. 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 and click on "events calendar" for this date.

Kids on Campus at Chesapeake College

The Kids on Campus program includes many exciting educational opportunities that are planned for students entering grades 2-10 in the fall. The program runs **June 21 – August 6**, scheduled one week at a time. There are over 90 programs to choose from. Most programs are half day; but, if you combine two, it is a full day of fun. Before and after care is available. The brochure includes a complete schedule of all the offered programs as well as registration forms. Class sizes are limited, so register early (prior to **May 30** is suggested). To view the brochure and get a registration form, go to [www.chesapeake.edu/continuing ed/kidsoncampus](http://www.chesapeake.edu/continuing_ed/kidsoncampus). You can also call Chesapeake College at 410-822-5400, extension 300, or email them at kids@chesapeake.edu.

Continuing Activities:

Creepy Crawlers I and II for children ages 1-5; monthly; www.bayrestoration.org; and Guided Nature Walks; Saturdays; www.adkinsarboretum.org.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Bourbon Sauce With Hot Dogs Or Pork Spareribs

From the kitchen of Jan DiCarlantonio

¾ cup bourbon
1 ½ cups brown sugar
1 ½ cups ketchup
1 Tablespoon minced onion
(I use dry minced onions.)

OPTIONS:

2 pounds all-beef franks,
sliced diagonally in 1 inch pieces
OR
Pre-cooked pork spare ribs



- **Prepare sauce by mixing all ingredients.**
- **Bring to a boil and simmer slowly until sauce thickens.**
- **Add franks or ribs and heat through.**
- **Makes a great appetizer!**

Note: This also can be used as a BBQ sauce.



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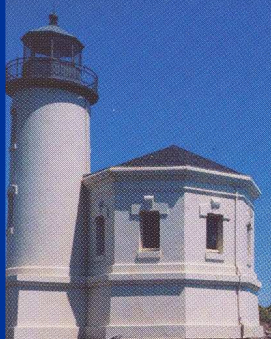
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