



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 Homeowner

Symphony Village welcomes Joseph and Loretta Shanahan, 114 Concerto.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LIFESTYLE UPDATE

Upcoming Events

- 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**—12 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$7 per person (children under 3 are free). The menu includes: hot dogs, hamburgers, salads, and cookies. Sign up in the Activities Book and leave check in the black box on the counter.
- Tuesday, June 1 **Lifestyle Committee Meeting**, 7:15 p.m.
- Saturday, June 12 **Happy Hour** at 6 p.m. Bring your favorite appetizer or dessert.
- Thursday, June 17 **Bus Trip to National Harbor**--\$35 per person—Sign up in Activities Book.
- Sunday, June 13 **Church Hill Theater Production of 'Oliver'**—2 p.m. Matinee
- Tuesday, June 22 **Lunch Bunch**, (Restaurant to be announced).
- Thursday, June 24 **Ladies' Happy Hour** at 5:30 p.m. Bring \$5, which provides you with dinner and a beverage.



Need a petsitter? See ad for **Happy Tails Petsitting**.

OUTREACH UPDATE

Calling All Artisans!

SV Outreach is looking for all interested parties who would like to participate in an Artisan's "Extravaganza" to be held here at Symphony Village in October. If we have enough interest, all details regarding booth, fees, and date will be available in June for planning purposes. Some areas of expertise would be: jewelry, carvings, paintings (oil, water color, etc.), quilts, knitted articles, sewn articles, baby goods, watches, pottery, and other ceramics....you get the idea. Please email lorettaquigley@yahoo.com if you would like to participate and sell your wares at this event!

Do You Have What It Takes To Help Me



Interested in guiding boys in making positive choices in their lives? Want to give a little time and get a lot in return? We are looking for caring and supportive adult males to be a part of a pilot mentoring program at

✚ Stevensville Middle School

✚ Sudlersville Middle School

Make a difference for our at-risk youth. Mentoring helps youth to make better decisions that affect their lives.

Mentoring empowers youth to fulfill their dreams. If you have what it takes, please call Jacki Carter at 410-758-6677 or email (jcarter@qac.org). *A Community Partnership for Children and Families, DMR Community Mentoring, and the Queen Anne's County Public Schools*

PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

MEET THE SV MANAGEMENT TEAM

by Karin Larsen

Getting to know more about Laura and Dennis was fun! Do you think you know everything about this duo? Let's see after reading all about Dennis this month and all about Laura in the June *Libretto*. (This writer acknowledges the information for Dennis and Laura was provided by and written by Laura Wright.)

MEET DENNIS

Professional Info: Dennis began regional property management in 1985 in Montgomery County, managing 6 properties. In 1990, he began HOA/Condominium Management, managing up to 13 properties, including commercial buildings. Then in 1996, Dennis, his wife Robin, and son Pete made a major life change and moved to an island off the coast of New Brunswick, Canada, called "Grand Manan." Dennis and Robin purchased an 11-bedroom lodge called "Shorecrest Lodge" that included a full service 40-seat restaurant, which they ran for 7 years. The lodge catered to bird watchers, whale watchers, and naturalists and required 24/7 maintenance such as making up the bedrooms, booking group tours, marketing, devising a website, and accounting. Additionally, there was cooking and cleaning the restaurant, not to mention hosting the guests. After 9/11, the tourism industry bottomed out and Dennis saw the writing on the wall. Dennis and Robin sold the business and decided to move back to Maryland. Since their daughter Rachel

was settled in Chestertown, they also found a home there--where they still live today. Almost four years ago Dennis found the position he currently holds at Symphony Village.

Personal Info: Dennis was born and raised in Arbutus, Maryland (the same town as former Governor Ehrlich). His mother was a homemaker and his father was a chemist for Lever Brothers. His parents just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Dennis attended the University of Baltimore during which time he worked at a nursing home, working his way up from washing dishes to Human Resources (personnel management). Dennis married his wife Robin while still in college, and they have been married for 39 years. During the time that Dennis and Robin lived in Grand Manan, their son Pete met his current wife and ended up staying there. Pete and his wife have two children. Pete recently became a permanent resident of Canada and is working on Canadian citizenship. Dennis' second child Rachel attended college, married, and settled in Chestertown. Rachel has three children and works for Kent County Board of Education. Dennis loves the outdoors (especially in Canada), hiking, chopping wood, and building fires. He also likes football, historic shows, his new Chevy Equinox, movies, and gardening. He loved his (now deceased) dog Maggie so much that he can't bear to have another dog.

Libretto Hard Copy

A hard copy of the current month *Libretto* will be made available for you to read while relaxing at the Clubhouse. There is also a file of the last 12 months of the *Libretto* for reference when needed.

Computer Help

If you need help accessing the website, uploading pictures, reading email, etc., call Bob Rose. He would be glad to help.

All Are Welcome

Everyone is welcome to attend our next Publications and Communications meeting on Wednesday, June 2, 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.

Advertisers

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Supporting our advertisers helps keep our HOA dues from increasing.



Need your windows washed or your house cleaned? See the ad for **An Angel's Touch.**

SNEAKERS UPDATE

- ❖ **Book-Giveaway and Volunteer Breakfast** – June 8, 8 a.m. Please note – for the convenience of Symphony Village volunteers, Kennard Elementary has scheduled a volunteer thank-you breakfast at 8 a.m. and the end of the year book-giveaway for the same morning – Tuesday, June 8. Sign-up sheets for attending the breakfast and helping at the book giveaway are in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse.
- ❖ **Kennard Depot**—We need volunteers for the Positive Behavior Depot at Kennard Elementary on Friday, May 28, and Wednesday, June 9. We help the students select items as “rewards” for their positive behavior tickets. We need support from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. each of those days. Please call Linda Farrar on 410-758-8744 if you can help either of these days.
- ❖ **Sneakers Auction**—As an advance notice, the annual Silent Auction will be on Saturday, November 13. Please put this on your calendars.
- ❖ **Chess Night**—Thanks to all who helped with Kennard’s annual “Chess Night” held at the Clubhouse on Wednesday, May 12.
- ❖ **Scholarships**—We are in contact with Queen Anne’s High School counselors to identify recipients for the scholarships we will be awarding this year.
- ❖ **Next Meeting**—All Symphony Village residents are invited to our next meeting. In an attempt to make it more convenient for everybody, our next meeting will be Wednesday afternoon, May 19, at 3 p.m. in the Clubhouse.



Need air-conditioning service? See **Steele’s or Kudo’s** ad at the end.

CLUBS AND CLASSES

Goodwill Fire Company Chief to Speak at SV – Thursday, May 20, 7 p.m.

The SV CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) invites the residents of SV to a presentation by Fire Chief R. Nathan Powell, IV from the Centreville Goodwill Fire Company, Inc. Chief Powell will present the structure of the fire department and the EMT/paramedics, staffing, response alerts and times, equipment, training, funding, and will entertain questions. The presentation starts promptly in the Clubhouse Grand Concert Hall at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 20, and will be followed by the regular CERT team’s meeting.

The Reading For Fun Book Club

The Reading for Fun Book Club met at the Clubhouse to review the book *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova, recommended by Pat Kindle. The story tells how Alice, a Harvard scientist, lapses into early onset Alzheimer’s at the age of fifty. It is a sad and very moving novel. Every member of

the book club had stories to tell about how someone close to them developed Alzheimer's disease. The book is written from the perspective of a person who actually had the disease. Genova did extensive medical research to provide accurate details regarding the development of Alzheimer's. On a scale of 1 to 10, the book received a rating of 8.0. The book for our May 18 meeting is *The Art of Racing in the Rain*, by Garth Stein, selected by Betty Moulis. The story is written from the perspective of a dog, who believes he will be reincarnated as a man. Incidentally, our attendance has picked up since many of our residents have returned from Florida vacations.

The Gazebo Garden Club

It appears that due to vacations and work schedules, it is impossible to schedule a meeting that all members can attend. In spite of this, a meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 20, at 5 p.m., at the gazebo. The purpose of this meeting is to ensure that the Gazebo Garden is in tip-top shape for the Memorial Day celebration. American flags will be ordered for placement symmetrically around the gazebo. Nineteen of the 20 beds now have volunteer caretakers. One more caretaker is needed to help maintain the twentieth bed (call Jack on 758-4872). Once again, the killdeer are nesting in one of the beds. Some predator apparently destroyed the last nest. The gazebo purple martin house has full occupancy. All residents are invited to sit in the gazebo and watch the amazing antics of the martins. The best time to observe them is around 7 a.m. or 7:30 p.m. One more resident has requested the installation of a martin house near their property. This will be financed by the resident and installed by the Garden Club. The four faucets near the garden have finally been repaired. This should facilitate the maintenance of the flowerbeds during the hot summer months.

The veggie gardeners have been hard at work! Special thanks to Dave Peterson, who provided a tiller and has done most of the tilling. A few tools are left at the garden for use by the farmers. Numerous vegetables, mostly tomatoes, peppers and squash, have been planted already. Some spinach, lettuce and arugula have already been harvested. In a few more weeks tomatoes and squash will be coming out of our ears, but unfortunately, no ears of corn!



Want to go out for breakfast, lunch, or dinner? See the ad for **Mrs. B's Restaurant.**

Symphony Village Bird Club

The birders ventured to Millstream Park early on Saturday morning, April 24, for their first field trip of the year. Sunshine and no wind made for a perfect morning to spot birds and other wildlife. It took three people to positively identify a white-throated sparrow, a cute little brown bird with alternating black and white stripes on its head and a small yellow spot between the eyes. The group wavered on the identity of a black bird and finally voted on a boat-tailed grackle. A pair of mallard ducks swam along the stream enjoying the balmy day. Other easily identified birds included seagull, mockingbird, robin, cardinals (male and female), tufted titmouse, American goldfinch, a red-bellied woodpecker, the chatty red-winged blackbird, a squawking blue jay, and soaring overhead, a cooper's hawk. We heard several other bird calls that sounded familiar, but we couldn't identify the songsters!



A special treat to our morning walk was spotted scooting through the water with a mission in mind. It turned out to be a big 'ol fat muskrat swimming up and down the stream munching on vegetation that floated by. At first we thought it might be a beaver since there was beaver information posted at one of the bridges, but since we could see neither a dam nor a big wide flat tail, we concluded it was most likely a muskrat!

After watching the activities of birds, squirrels, and muskrat, we called it a morning and headed home. We discussed our next trip and agreed it would be nice to stay within range of SV and see what's around the pond at the end of Taylor Mill Road. Check the Activities Book for a day and date for the next birding expedition. (Nancie Cameron)

Hummingbirds

The first ruby-throated hummingbirds, males, were seen in SV on April 30. The males return before the females, just as the males are the first to leave in the fall.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Please Water Your Trees and Rain Gardens!

The April showers did not come and so it falls to Symphony Village residents to bring supplemental water to the newly planted trees in the community. Please fill the treegator bags, which have been installed on all the new street trees twice a week until a one-inch rainstorm arrives. Then water at least once a week through the summer. It's up to us to protect our investment!

Water your rain gardens, too. You will reap the benefits with many beautiful flowers and butterflies now until fall.

What's With Those Boxes At the Ponds?

That's the question from many residents regarding the installation of tan monitor boxes most recently at Pond 2. According to Professor Ken Staver, of the University of Maryland Wye Research Center, "We are attempting to monitor the volume of water and concentration of nutrients leaving the ponds," and to, "...evaluate how effective the new designs are" in treating storm water. Our ponds will be compared to unmodified ponds in Northbrook. The monitoring instruments are housed in the boxes, and Mr. Staver hopes to conclude the research project in about one year. "It is a great opportunity to learn about new techniques for managing storm water, and we appreciate your (residents) cooperation," he added.

Thank You



Dear Friends of Symphony Village -- Allen, Robert, and I wish to "Thank You" all for your prayers and concern for Allen. Even though he is home and walking Rufus, he still has a long way to go before he will be his normal, healthy self. Everyone has been so thoughtful and kind that we know moving here was all part of God's plan for us. Fondly, Marion Beck

Six Birthday Gals

Birthday gals and invited guests gathered on April 29 to celebrate six March and April birthdays on the 800 block of Harmony Way and on Orchestra Place. A rousing good time was had by all.



BJ McClaeb, Anita Morris, Jean Morais, Linda Gardner, Ellen Norman, and Barbara Locke

Humor in Symphony Village

A Senior Moment A resident finished sewing a button back onto her robe and reached for scissors to cut the thread. She then noticed that the needle was no longer on the end of the thread. She spent a good 5 minutes searching for it – it wasn't on the robe, it wasn't on her clothing, it wasn't on the chair cushion, it wasn't under the chair cushion. She even got down on the floor (no longer an easy feat!) and searched on the rug. Nothing! She gave up. Where else was there to search? She cut the thread and began to put the sewing supplies away. And there was the needle – right there in the pin cushion!



Another Senior Moment A resident was in her car driving to the MD Inspection Station. She heard a *beep*. She wondered where it had come from – in over 10 years, her car had never made that noise before. It happened again – *Beep!* At the Inspection Station, the car passed so the beep couldn't be too important. As she drove home, the *beeping* continued every 5-10 minutes. The resident continued to wonder, "What on earth...?" She took the car's Owner's Manual inside when she got home to read it to solve the mystery of the car's repeated beeping. But as she studied the Owner's Manual, she heard the *beep* again! But the car was in the garage! The culprit was soon identified – her cell phone was *beeping* to tell her its battery was low.



Pet Humor

Dinner was finished and the kitchen tidied. I went upstairs to turn on the computer; Murphy stayed downstairs. I hadn't been up there long when I heard a *crash* downstairs. I listened, but didn't hear anything else so I didn't get up. In a few minutes, I heard a commotion of some sort – again from downstairs. I looked over the railing and saw that Murphy was into *something*. I went downstairs. There was Murphy, surrounded by bits of cardboard, munching happily on a now newly "opened" box of dog biscuits. I had left that new box



on the floor of the pantry to have it handy when the already opened box was empty. I had left the pantry door open, but Murphy has never done anything like this before. Now, not only had Murphy gotten himself a large snack, but I had to empty the biscuits in the new box into the old box since the new box was no longer usable as a “biscuit container.” Judging from the look he gave me, if Murphy could talk, I think it might have been along the line of, “Don’t look at me like that! This is entirely your fault. You left the pantry door open.” (Ellen Norman)

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

RESTAURANT REVIEW

By Karin Larsen

Harry’s at the Goldsborough House

Harry’s is a special place where the food, atmosphere, and service never disappoint. Where else can you relax in a beautiful, yet comfy Art Deco dining room, in an historic and beautiful home



where the gracious host owners/chef cooks the most sumptuous made-to-order dinners? Only Harry’s seeks to ensure you are wowed. The friendly staff will ensure you are happy sitting on the sunporch watching the pond with lush gardens, or relaxing in front of the fireplace, or enjoying the 1930s antique infused bar, sampling beers from around the globe. Harry, himself, may be serving you in this beautifully styled bar complete with Cognacs from Delamain to Louis XIII and the “driest Martini on the shore.”

Opening in 1991, in the small town of Greensboro, this stylish building stands out with its large purple and black Victorian design. Over the years, we have appreciated the brilliant dishes prepared by the owner/chef. My husband Bruce’s favorites are the grilled fillet mignon, the charbroiled lamb chops with English mint sauce, and the mixed grill of duck breast, quail, Surry sausage and shrimp, but not all at once! My own favorite dish is pistachio crusted orange roughy, made with honey and ginger. The salads are special. One to try is the grilled Asian pears, Montrachet and candied pecans on blackberry vin. with greens, roasted beets, walnuts, cranberries, feta, and Vidalia vinaigrette. Also taste the sultry blend of flavors in the Louisiana gumbo and the delicate and creamy sweet cream of crab soup.

For a finale at Harry’s, try our two favorite desserts--“Amaretto in a Cloud” and the “Hot Fudge Ice Cream Puff.” Don’t take my word about how perfect Harry’s is. Drive about 15 miles, the same distance more or less to Kent Island, and after you are dazzled by your visit, don’t forget to browse in the shop filled with art, food, and gifts.

116 W Sunset Ave

Greensboro, MD.

410-482-6758

Trivia Questions

- Spencer Tracy and Elizabeth Taylor star in which 1950 film?
- What singer becomes the first to concurrently have a number one record on the pop, R&B, and country charts?
- What famous heist is known as the “crime of the century” around 1959?

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

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

LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

20th Annual Cruisin’ Ocean City

Cruise on down to Ocean City on **May 20-23** to join in the celebration of the Cruisin’ Ocean City Car Show. More than 3,000 hot rods, customs, classics, and trick trucks will take over the streets. Lots of car shows and vendors will be at the Convention Center parking lot and at the Inlet parking lot. Several more car shows will take place at various business locations in Ocean City and West Ocean City. Hours are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; and Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission is \$10; children under 14 are admitted free of charge with an adult. For all the details, visit www.cruisinoceancity.com.

3rd Annual Garden Affair



Hands on interactive exhibits promoting environmental stewardship will be featured at the Garden Affair in Centreville on **May 22**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., rain or shine. Family fun activities will include face painting and scavenger hunts. There will also be a plant sale. The event will be held at the Centreville Library and Wright’s Chance, and it is sponsored by the Queen Anne’s County Master Gardeners. For more details, visit www.extension.umd.edu/local/queenannes/qacmg/MGProjects.

Antique Aircraft Fly-In

Come watch several hundred antique aircraft fly over Horn Point in Cambridge on **May 22** at the Horn Point Aerodrome, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. The rain date is May 23. For all the details, see www.tourdorchester.org.

Kitchen and Garden Tour

This tour will be hosted by the Historical Society of Talbot County and the National Association of the Colonial Dames of America on **May 22**, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., in Easton. The tour will feature eight homes and two Inns within walking distance of each other. The tour starts at the Historical Society Auditorium, and guests will return to the Historical Society garden for tea after the tour. The cost is \$20 in advance or \$25 on the day of the event. There will be a raffle for a set of Noritake China for 12. For more information, contact the Historical Society at 410-822-0773 or go to www.eastonmd.org

Chesapeake Bay Blues Festival

Come to experience blues music at its best on **May 22-23** at Sandy Point State Park in Annapolis. Gates open at 10:30 a.m., and music begins at 11 a.m. and continues until 8 p.m. Pre-sale tickets are \$50 one day and \$70 two days. At the gate, tickets are \$65 and \$115. Children under 10 are admitted free of charge with a paying adult. Food and beverage vendors will be present. This year's beneficiaries include Special Olympics, We Care, Camp Face, and Special Love. For all the details, go to www.bayblues.org.

Spring Family Canoe Trip

Paddle down beautiful Pickering Creek on **May 23**, 1 – 3 p.m., with two naturalists to point out the plant and animal life. We'll look for amazing birds like the Great Blue Heron, Bald Eagles, and Ospreys and possibly an endangered Delmarva Fox Squirrel on the shore. Canoes, paddles, and personal flotation devices will be provided. Cost is \$10 adult and \$5 child. Meet at the Main Office at Pickering Creek Audubon Center in Easton. For more information, see www.pickeringcreek.org.

Matapeake Clubhouse and Beach



Matapeake in Stevensville offers beach goers a free public beach on the Chesapeake Bay. The Clubhouse Café is open the Friday before Memorial Day (**May 28**) through Labor Day (September 6), 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily, and it serves casual moderately priced meals to the public. The beach is open year round from 9 a.m. to sunset with free parking. Other amenities include a lighted fishing pier (fee for use) and boat ramp, public restrooms, and a wooded trail leading to an area of the beach where dogs can swim. For directions and more information, visit www.parksnrec.org.

Annapolis Nautical Flea Market

Browse for that special nautical treasure at the Annapolis Nautical Flea Market on **May 29-30** at the Navy Marine Corps Stadium. Hours are Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person, and parking is \$5. For more information, see www.usboat.com.

Blue Angels Demonstration Cruise

Cruise from the Annapolis City Dock on **May 25-26**, 1 – 3 p.m., to watch the Blue Angels perform over the Severn River. May 25 is the practice day, and May 26 is the show day. The cost is \$45 adult, \$30 ages 3-11, and children 2 and under sail free of charge. For information, go to www.watermarkjourney.com.

Chestertown Tea Party Festival

Celebrate colonial resistance to British rule at the Chestertown Tea Party Festival on **May 28-31** in Chestertown. For all the details and a complete schedule of events, go to www.chestertownteparty.org.



Need insurance? See ads for **Ed Smith Ins, Erie Insurance, and Allstate.**

22nd Annual Sneaker Creeper Foot Race

This foot race is for children ages 2-11. It takes place on **May 28**, 6 – 8 p.m., at Washington College's Roy Kirby Stadium in Chestertown. Pre-registered runners receive a participant ribbon and a t-shirt. Each age group and gender will run separately with one-mile run at 6 p.m. followed by the 75-yard dash, ¼ mile, and ½ mile. The entry fee is \$10 before race day and \$15 on the day of the race. Proceeds will help pay for the renovation of the Garnett Elementary School Playground. For more information, go to www.sneakercreeper.org.

26th Annual Oxford Fine Arts Show

This is a juried show and sale of original oils, watercolors, mixed media, and photography with additional three-dimensional works that include bronze, alabaster, and metals. It takes place on **May 28-30** at the Oxford Community Center. Over 40 artists are expected. Hours are Friday 6 - 8 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; and Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person with children under 12 admitted free of charge. Thirty percent of all sales benefit the Oxford Community Center Programs. For more information, call 410-226-5904 or visit www.oxfordcc.org.

Centreville Memorial Day Parade



The Parade will take place on **May 29**. The parade begins at 11 a.m. at the Queen Anne's County High School, proceeds on Kidwell Avenue to Commerce, then north on Commerce to Broadway to the Board of Education offices on Chesterfield Avenue.

Horseshoe Crab and Shorebird Festival

This festival celebrates Delaware's age-old relationship with horseshoe crabs and migratory shorebirds. It takes place on **May 29**, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., at Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge and Milton Memorial Park in Milton, Delaware. There will be wildlife exhibits, arts and crafts, games, train rides, vendors, great food, entertainment, and more. A shuttle will run between Memorial Park and Prime Hook. Visit www.ecodelaware.com for more information.

Spring Arts and Crafts Show

The Ocean City Convention Center is the site of the Spring Arts and Crafts Show on **May 29-30**. The show will feature vendors displaying garden accessories, jewelry, candles, floral arrangements, woodcrafts, and homemade items. Plants will also be on sale. Hours are Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. For more information, go to www.ococean.com.

31st Annual Ridgely Strawberry Festival

Enjoy strawberry shortcake, chicken barbecue, draft beer, a parade, music, crafts, games, and amusements at the family-friendly Strawberry Festival on **May 30**, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., at Martin Sutton Park in Ridgely. For a schedule of events and all the details, go to www.ridgelylions.org.

18th Annual Soft Shell Spring Fair

There will be seafood, arts and crafts, entertainment, children's activities, and more at the Soft Shell Spring Fair in Crisfield at the City Dock on **May 30**, noon – 5 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, go to www.crisfieldchamber.com.

Guided Canoe Trip

Join Park Staff for an educational and entertaining guided canoe trip up Tuckahoe Creek on **May 30**. The trip will depart from the lakefront boathouse at Tuckahoe State Park in Queen Anne at 6 p.m. Reservations are required. Cost is \$6 adults, \$4 children age 14 and under. To register, call the park at 410-820-1668. For more information, go to www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/eastern/tuckahoe.html.

Ocean City Restaurant Week

Restaurants throughout Ocean City will offer three-course meals for \$30 and two-course meals for \$20 on **May 31 – June 6**. For all the details, visit www.oceancityrestaurantweek.com.

Flower Show “It’s a Classic”

The Queen Anne’s County Garden Club welcomes the public on **June 2** to enjoy the beauty and interest of its themed Flower Show in Centreville at the United Methodist Church. Amateur flower designers and gardeners are invited to participate by submitting entries in flower design and horticultural classes. For more information, go to www.discoverqueenannes.com.

Centreville Alive!

Centreville will host an evening of family fun and music on **June 5**. The Block Party on Water Street will be held 6 – 9 p.m. and is free of charge. Tucker House and Wright’s Chance will also be open (5 – 7 p.m.) and as always, admission to these historic houses is free.

Hooked on Fishing Youth Fishing Derby

Join together with area businesses, organizations, and volunteers to teach children (ages 15 and under) how to fish – not just for the sport of it, but for the family values it can instill. The derby will take place on **June 5**, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at Turner’s Creek Park in Kennedyville (Kent County). There will be prizes for casting, biggest fish of the day, biggest fish in a species, and biggest fish in each age division. Free lunch and goodie bag to all registered children. Rod and reel give-away to the first 75 to pre-register and arrive by 10 a.m. the day of the event. Bait will be provided. Cost is \$7 if registered by May 28, \$9 if registered after May 28. For more information and to register call 410-778-2083. For more details, visit www.kentparksandrec.org.

Youth Fishing Derby

A fishing derby for ages 5-16 will be held at Martinak State Park (137 Deep Shore Road in Denton) on **June 5**, 9 a.m. – noon. There will be fishing, food, prize drawings, an award ceremony, and lots of fun! Cost is \$3 if you pre-register and \$5 on the day of the event. An adult must accompany any child under the age of 7. To register, call Caroline County Recreation and Parks on 410-479-8120. For more information, visit www.carolinerecreation.org.

13th Annual Wings and Wheels for Sight

This is a family-friendly day filled with cars, planes, rides, bikes, food, fun, games, and much more. Come out and join us on **June 5**, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., at the Bay Bridge Airport in Stevensville. It is sponsored by two local Lions Clubs to benefit the Wilmer Eye Clinic. Admission is \$10 per car. For details, visit www.kentisland.cc.



Need physical therapy? See ad for **Bayside Physical Therapy**.

8th Annual Youth Fishing Derby

Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge will host a fishing derby on **June 5**, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., for youths age 15 and under, at Hog Range Pond. There will be prizes for fishing and frog races for entertainment. For more information, go to www.fws.gov/blackwater.

3rd Annual Chesapeake Bay Wine Festival

The wine festival will take place **June 5-6** at the Terrapin Nature Area in Stevensville, noon – 6 p.m. daily. There will be food, wine, artisans, and entertainment. For details, ticket options, and prices, visit www.chesapeakebaywinefestival.org.

Ocean City Air Show

Military jet demonstrations, parachute teams, civilian aerobatic performers and formation flying teams will once again soar over the beaches and boardwalk of Ocean City on **June 5-6**. The U. S. Air Force Thunderbirds will be back. Viewing from the beach is free. For a complete schedule of events, list of performers, etc., go to www.ocairshow.com.

Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse Tours



On these trips leaving from the Annapolis Maritime Museum, a tour boat will take you to the Thomas Point Lighthouse, an 1875 icon of the Bay and a National Historic Landmark. Trips are scheduled on **June 6**, June 19, July 11, July 31, and August 15. There are three trips each day – 9 a.m., noon, and 3 p.m. Cost is \$70 per person and reservations are required. For the other dates and more details, go to www.amaritime.org.

Thursdays in the Park

Free summer concerts at locations throughout the county resume on **June 10** at Millstream Park in Centreville. This is great entertainment that is family friendly and free of charge. The Chesapeake Community Band will play American standards and other tunes on June 10. The concerts take place rain or shine, but please call the QAC Arts Council (410-758-2520) in case of severe weather warnings.



29th Annual Bay and Music Festival

A great day of the region's best blues, rock and roll, rockabilly, and bluegrass will take place on **June 12** at the 4-H Park Centreville. There will be plenty of food, drink, and fun for the entire family. Gates open at 2 p.m. with the show taking place 3 - 10 p.m. Admission is \$16 in advance, \$20 at the gate, children under 12 are admitted free of charge. The event is sponsored by the Centreville Lions Club. For more information, go to www.pacificsol.com/baymusicfest.htm.

Youth Fishing Derby

QAC Parks and Recreation will host a youth fishing derby on **June 12** at Terrapin Nature Park Pond, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Children can try to catch the biggest fish, the smallest fish, and the most fish in their age group (5 and under, 6-10, and 11-16). Cost is \$7. There is a prize giveaway every half hour. For more information, go to www.parksnrec.org. The program number is 801001.



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Annapolis Arts and Crafts Festival

This is an outdoor festival featuring juried fine arts and crafts from over 200 artists including painters, photographers, printmakers, sculptors, nautical artists, plus craftsmen making furniture, jewelry, wearable art or working in glass, wood, clay, fabric, metal, or leather. There are activities for the whole family. It takes place on **June 12-13** at the Navy Marine Corps Stadium in Annapolis, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. daily. Admission is \$8 adults; \$5 seniors (65 and up); \$5 youth (ages 12-18); and children under 12 are admitted free of charge. For all the details, go to www.annapolisartsandcraftsfestival.com.

Gardens By the Sea



On **June 12-13**, the public is invited to enjoy a self-guided tour of fifteen beautiful private waterfront gardens on Kent Island and in nearby areas, including Queenstown. Enjoy all kinds of beautiful plants in unique seaside settings on the Bay and on the Chester River. Docents or guides will greet visitors at each garden and present special features that make the gardens unique. Tickets are \$20 per person in advance (good for two days) and \$25 on the day of the event. Order tickets early (by calling Kent Island Federation of Arts at 410-643-7424) and a map and guide to the gardens will be mailed to you. Visitors may also preorder a bag lunch for \$6. Tour hours are 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. For more information, go to www.kifa.us.

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 combine two and 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. 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;
Guided Nature Walk; Saturdays; www.adkinsarboretum.org;
Guided Nature Walk; May 22; www.fws.gov/blackwater;
Guided Bird Walk; May 23; www.fws.gov/blackwater;
QAC Historic Sites Open House; first Saturday of the month; www.historicqac.org;
First Sunday Arts Festival; first Sunday of the month; www.goweststreet.com; and
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LOCAL FARMERS' MARKETS

(Clip and save for future reference over the summer.)

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

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)

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1 cup butter, room temperature	2 cups of all-purpose flour
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2 tsp vanilla extract	1 cup chopped pecans
Pinch of salt	Extra powdered sugar



- ✓ Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
 - ✓ In a large bowl, mix and beat butter, powdered sugar, vanilla, and salt until light and fluffy.
 - ✓ Gradually add in flour and baking soda and beat until well blended.
 - ✓ Stir in the pecans.
 - ✓ Drop dough by teaspoonful, 1 ½ inches apart, on an ungreased baking sheet.
 - ✓ Bake for 13-15 minutes or until edges begin to brown lightly.
 - ✓ Remove the cookies from the sheets and cool on a rack.
 - ✓ While warm, sift powdered sugar, generously over tops of the cookies.
- Makes about 5 dozen (1-1/2 inch) cookies. Enjoy!

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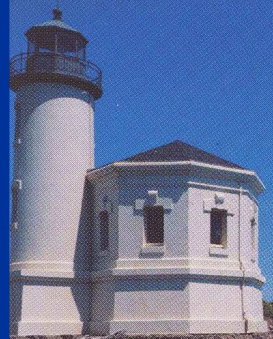
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