



LIBRETTO

Symphony Village's Newsletter

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

New Homeowners: Nick and Carolyn Mancinelli—713 Harmony Way

Thank you Allen Beck



Over 250 neighbors gathered for a Jimmy Buffet Pool Party this past Saturday (August 7) which was also a Surprise Party — “**Allen Beck Appreciation Day.**” Since Allen moved to Symphony Village a few years ago, he has used his cooking and catering talents to prepare and serve countless dishes and desserts for countless SV parties. As a matter of fact, Allen not only prepared food for his own Surprise Party, he and “his committee” planned a party that turned out to be full of many surprises: water volley ball games, piñata games, water balloon fights, great dance music, and an unusual bathing suit contest. (Be sure to ask BJ McClueb and Carol Walsh where they bought their “stylish” bathing suits.)

Thanks, Allen; you are a wonderful neighbor and very much appreciated by a community that loves to eat good food and have fun.



SV Tennis Team Victory!

Saturday, July 31, was a beautiful day for tennis and for spectators. Everyone enjoyed the friendly competition among the players from Prospect Bay Country Club and Symphony Village. Our SV teams won three of the four matches, with the fourth match being determined by a tie breaker. Support from the spectators was appreciated. Symphony Village tennis players are always looking for additional players, so break out the racket, enjoy the tennis, and benefit from the exercise.

Note: For more pictures from **Allen Beck Appreciation Day** as well as the **July 31 SV Tennis Team Victory**, visit the Gallery on our SV Website, <http://villagehoa.org/hoa/gallery/index.html>.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LIFESTYLE UPDATE

Lifestyle Upcoming Events

- Saturday, August 21, **Happy Hour**, 6 p.m.
Bring your favorite appetizer or dessert.
- Tuesday, August 24, **Lunch Bunch** at Brique in Centreville at 12:30 p.m.
Sign up in the Activities Book.
- Thursday, August 26, **Ladies' Happy Hour** at 5:30 p.m. Bring \$5, which provides you with dinner and a beverage.
- Monday, September 6, **Labor Day Picnic**. More information later.
- Tuesday, September 7, **Lifestyle Committee Meeting** at 7:15 p.m.
From Lee Ettman (committee co-chair): On behalf of all our members we would like to extend a special invitation for all new residents to join us at this meeting. This will be an opportunity to welcome you and have you become familiar with who we are and what our role is in the community. We look forward to meeting you and hearing your thoughts and suggestions.
- Wednesday, September 29, **Crab Feast** at 5:30 p.m. The crab feast at the Jetty Restaurant & Dock Bar is back by popular demand. The cost of \$25 covers the crabs, fried chicken, garden salad, sodas, tax, and gratuity. Please sign up in the Activities Book by September 25.



*Want to try a new restaurant?
See the ad for [Brique](#).*

OUTREACH UPDATE

Name Tag Distribution Schedule

The name tags have arrived and will be handed out in the Clubhouse lobby on the following dates:

Tuesday, August 17, 2 – 4 p.m.

Wednesday, August 18, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Please plan to pick up your name tags at one of these times. If any of your friends or neighbors will be unable to get to the lobby in person and if they would like you to pick up their name tags, that will be OK.

*Who can do my landscaping?
See [Solidago Landscapes](#) and [MVP Irrigation](#) ads*

Artisan's Extravaganza Update



With over twenty villagers interested in selling their wares, we are happy to ask you all to “save the date” October 23 from 8:30 a.m. to noon for our first SVOPI¹ artisan’s sale. It will be about 8 weeks before the gift-giving holiday season and a perfect time to stock up on some unusual and interesting items made by your neighbors in SV. It will be held in the social hall of the Clubhouse with a cake/bake sale and coffee bar in the card room. There is still room for anyone “on the fence.”

Small table (card table size) donation to SVOPI is \$10. Large table (5-6 feet) donation is \$20. (Yes, you can have more than one table.) If you have signed up, we need to know which table size you will need and whether or not you will bring your own table so we can plan. **Please contact event chair Linda Gardner at 410-758-0646 with table info or any questions, or email her at lrgdsg@yahoo.com.**

Annual Food Drive

Our second annual Food Drive will occur the first weekend in November. Details will be forthcoming in September. Start watching for sales. We collected 1482 items last year and our goal for this year is 2000 items. If you’d like to be a “collection location,” please call Loretta Quigley at 410-758-6775. Think of how good we can make others feel through this service project!

Board News

The Outreach Executive Board met August 3 to prepare the budget for the remainder of 2010 and for the calendar year 2011. Marilyn Williams, treasurer, will handle disbursements to the groups with whom Outreach partners in charitable endeavors. Outreach will welcome its new president, Carlene Cooke, at the September 22 meeting at the Clubhouse. Anyone interested in membership or hearing what is on the agenda is urged to join the group. The meeting begins at 7:15 p.m.

*. Need house cleaned, windows washed, or siding power washed?
See ad for [Angel Touch Cleaning Service](#).*

PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Articles For Libretto

Please send all articles for the *Libretto* to **all three**:

Brenda Kelly -- stoltz1958@yahoo.com

Pat Scheirer -- patscheirer@gmail.com

Carol Hodges -- lhodges@atlanticbb.net.

This will ensure that, if one of us is away, the committee will still receive your article.

¹ SV Outreach Program, Inc.

All Are Welcome

Everyone is welcome to attend our next Publications and Communications meeting on Wednesday, September 1, at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse Conference Room.

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. Several have already benefited from this assistance.

Advertisers

Please support our advertisers. At the end of the newsletter you will find their ads.

Also, if you have good service from someone, encourage the company to advertise. Print out the ad rates from the website or pick one up from Laura at the Clubhouse.

Remember, income from our advertisers helps keep our HOA dues from increasing.

SNEAKERS UPDATE

Sneakers Auction—Save the Date—Saturday, November 13

We are working toward our Annual Silent Auction, to be held Saturday, November 13. This will enable us to continue to give back to our neighborhood schools. Please consider donating items for the auction, such as tickets for events, vacation properties, items for gala baskets, one of a kind art items, handmade crafts, and/or services such as baking items (dessert a month, etc.). We also need empty baskets that can be filled. Please contact Helena Joy or Linda Farrar with ideas, suggestions, questions, or to volunteer to help with the auction.



Book Giveaways



We will be contacting Kennard Elementary to determine the dates for the 2010-2011 school year book distributions, and will post the schedule when the dates have been finalized. We can always use help both for the all-school giveaways and the “Pastries for Parents.”

Next Meeting

All Symphony Village residents are invited to our next meeting, which will be Wednesday afternoon, August 18, at 3 p.m. in the Clubhouse.

CLUBS AND CLASSES

The “Gazebo Gang” Symphony Village Garden Club

Several residents have expressed their pleasure at sitting in the gazebo, enjoying the flowers, and watching the purple martins doing their amazing aerial acrobatics. If you haven’t had an opportunity to watch, you have only a few days left. Last year, the purple

martins left for Argentina around August 15. If you are lucky, you may also see the rare and beautiful hummingbird moths that frequent the garden.

The best time to watch the martins is about 7 a.m. or 7:30 p.m. You may have noticed that the mounting pole for the martin house has been slightly bent due to the heavy winds that have accompanied our recent storms. We will wait until the martins leave before we correct the problem. Two of our gardeners have had to resign due to other commitments, so we are looking for some more volunteers. Call Jack at 410-758-4872 if you are willing to volunteer. And now that there is a promise of cooler weather, we hope the “keepers of the beds” will weed and deadhead again. We have had some beautiful gladiolus, black-eyed Susans, and large hibiscus during July and August. In the fall, we will be planting some more daffodils to enjoy in the spring.

Our auxiliary vegetable garden has been a huge success. Our ten gardeners have harvested numerous zucchinis, squash, cucumbers, and tomatoes. These have been shared with many residents, as well as with our local Hospice kitchen. However, the veggies belong to the ten member gardeners who do all of the planting and weeding. Only members are permitted to harvest the garden produce. Due to lack of rain, the water pressure from the well has been very low, and we have been requested not to use this water source. However, Diane Briggs has come to the rescue! She has allowed us to connect our hose to her outdoor faucet when water is needed. In turn, if her quarterly water bill exceeds the \$140 charge, the veggie gardeners will pay for the excess.

Happy Gardening!

Note: Bragging Rights for a “rogue gardener.”
John Stoltz grew his first watermelon (46 lbs.),
on his son’s farm. It’s a lot lighter nearly empty.



Symphony Village Bird Club

Goldfinches: If you’re lazy (like me) and let your basil develop flower stalks, you may be treated to goldfinches clinging on the stalks to eat the seeds as they mature. The bright yellow and black of the birds against the dark green of the basil is quite striking.



Outing: The Bird Club will gather at the end of Taylor Mill Road (where the bridge is out) on Wednesday, **September 29** at 7:30 a.m. to see what birds we can see. Sign up in the Activities Book if you can join us.

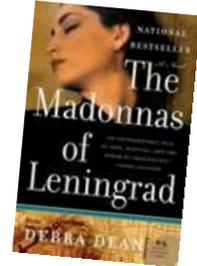
Picnic: The Bird Club will picnic on Wednesday, **October 13**, at noon, at the Picnic Pavilion, to “talk birds”. A picnic lunch will be provided. Please sign up in the Activities Book by October 8 so we can plan accordingly. Point of contact for Bird Club activities is Linda Blume, 410-758-3194.

Need a real estate agent? See the ad for [Janice Duty](#).

Reading For Fun Book Club

The Reading for Fun Book Club met on July 20 to discuss the book *The Postmistress* was authored by Sarah Blake and recommended by Lee Ettman. The story revolves around the life of a postmistress in a small New England town during World War II. However, the Book Club agreed that the story is centered more on a woman war correspondent reporting from war-torn Europe to the people of the U.S. On a scale of 1 to 10, this book received a rating of 7.3. (Books receiving a rating below 6.0 would not be recommended reading by the Book Club.)

Pat Loiacono has selected *The Madonnas of Leningrad* by Debra Dean for our August 17 meeting. Once again, the setting for this book is World War II. It is based on the Nazi invasion of Russia, specifically at Leningrad. All residents are invited to attend the meeting at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Y'all Come!



Line Dancing in the Village



Line dancing classes will be held every Wednesday from September 1 through October 6 from 6 until 7:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse. (Note: No class on September 29.) The cost for the 5-week class will be \$20 or \$5 per session. Betty Hull, who teaches classes for Chesapeake College at Senior Centers throughout the community, will be the instructor. Sign up in the Activities Book.

Sign Language Class



Starting September 13, there will be a sign language class offered at the Clubhouse on Monday mornings at 10 a.m. What a great way to keep our minds young. It will also enable us to communicate with the instructors, Phyllis & Dan Krpata, who are residents. Sign up in the Activities Book. Try to sign up in August.

Fishing Club

ATTENTION FISHERMEN and FISHERWOMEN

The first meeting of this new **Fishing Club** is Thursday, August 26, at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse Conference Room. Sign up in the Activities Book. Tentative plans have already been made to go out on Captain John Sharpe's boat (the "Miss Molly") approximately four times a year. Captain Sharpe will be present at this first meeting to discuss scheduling of the charters. For more information, call Pete Abbott (410-758-2071).



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Lyme Disease & Rabies - Presentation by QAC Health Department

Presentation: **Thursday, August 19 at 2 p.m.** in the Grand Concert Hall.

Lyme Disease is prevalent on the Eastern Shore, Maryland, in general, and across the U.S. A good number of Symphony Villagers have had or are suffering from this disease. Come and hear a short presentation by a nurse from the Queen Anne's County Health Department regarding what the disease is, where it comes from, how you get it, its symptoms, diagnosis, cures, and where Maryland stands on this disease.

Rabies is also a concern to our residents if they are bitten by a rabid dog or other wild animal. Another nurse from QAC Health Department will brief us on current treatment in the event of a bite.

Don't miss these timely, informative presentations. Following the presentations, SV CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) members will hold their periodic meeting. All attendees at the presentation are invited to join us for the meeting.

*Need insurance?
See the ad for Erie Insurance*

Symphony Village Butterflies

by *Linda Blume*

There are butterflies throughout Symphony Village this summer. Here are four of the larger ones that you probably see on a regular basis. All are 2.5 to 3 inches in size.



Tiger Swallowtail



Zebra Swallowtail



Eastern Black Swallowtail



Monarch

How Does Your Garden Grow?

There will be a presentation followed by a gardening *question and answer (Q&A)* period in mid-October at the Clubhouse. Watch for the date! Residents should log their gardening questions/issues/concerns on sheets in the Activities Book by mid-September. These questions will be the focus of the Q&A portion of the program. All the details will be in September's *Libretto*. For more information, contact Cass Smith or Betty McAtee.





NEW TRASH & RECYCLING SCHEDULE **SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING**

Beginning **September 8**, both trash and recycling collection will take place on **Wednesdays**. Single stream recycling will be initiated. This means that you will be allowed to put all your recyclables together in one or more containers for pickup, without having to sort them. The town will provide each customer with a **green 18-gallon recycling bin**. You may designate your own container by clearly marking it as **“RECYCLING.”**

Dates to remember:

- **August 30** - Last Monday trash pickup.
- **August 31** - Last Tuesday recycling pickup for current recycling customers.
- Beginning **Tuesday, August 31**, new recycling bins will be delivered to customers who are NOT in the current recycling program.
- **September 1 and September 6** - **No trash pickup.**
- **September 7** - **No recycling.**
- **September 8** - **Wednesday trash and recycling pickup begins.**

The Town of Centreville will be sending you information about the new program. In the meantime, check the **Bulletin Board** on our **SV Website** for more details, or call Tara Lewis at Bates Trucking, 301-733-2069.

PET CARE CO-OP



Life for SV residents is filled with day trips, weekend excursions, and extended vacations. For pet owners, this means having to ask neighbors to watch our pets, paying high fees to have a service come to our home, or take our animals to a kennel. Cats are usually stressed in kennels and some dogs aren't fond of them either.

Pat Kindle and Mary Drake are wondering if there are any pet owners in SV who would be willing to discuss forming a pet-sitting co-op. In a co-op, pet owners take turns caring for each other's pets. Having a group of trusted people that you can call on rather than relying on one or two people should reduce the stress of having to recruit a neighbor to care for your pet and will reduce the amount of money you spend for pet care if you are now using a pet service. If you are interested in being part of a pet care co-op, call Mary Drake (410-758-8266) or Pat Kindle (410-758-3999). Given enough responses, we will have a meeting to determine how the pet co-op will function.

QUEEN FOR A DAY



On Saturday, September 25, “**Harmony on the Bay**” Women’s **Barbershop Chorus** presents “Queen for a Day” Luncheon/Fundraiser to be held at Christ Episcopal Church Parish on Romancoke Road in Stevensville, Maryland. This newly chartered Sweet Adelines International chorus is the only one located in Queen Anne’s County.

This group of women preserves singing a capella in four-part harmony as it was when the organization was founded in 1945. Today there are 30,000 members of Sweet Adelines International. Members extend over five continents and belong to nearly 600 chapters and 1,200 quartets around the world. We not only welcome singers to join us, but would love your support. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Doors open at 11:30 a.m., so come and shop at our vendors’ tables. Vendors include O’My Chocolate, jewelry from the Cookie Lee Collection, hand-made purses by Sharon Roe and Donna DiToto, jewelry by CASA, and Crafts by Roxie Newman. Tickets are \$25. This includes a complete lunch, a 50/50 raffle, plenty of door prizes, and entertainment by the chorus along with quartets. A lucky lady will also be awarded “The Queen for a Day” grand prize when her name is drawn. This winner will be the recipient of prizes from many of the local merchants and chorus members. This includes dinner for two at a local restaurant and other great prizes!

Tickets are now on sale. For more information, call **Suzy Wishard at 410-758-1092** or **Karin Larsen at 410-758-5331** or email us for tickets—we are in the SV Directory. Tables of eight are being reserved. Do not miss out on the most fun event of the year on the Eastern Shore! A portion of the proceeds will benefit Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Queen Anne’s County.

EASTERN CICADA KILLER WASP

by Linda Blume



Have you seen what appears to be a large bee or wasp buzzing around your flowers (and you!) as you garden? I saw this insect for the first time this year on my patio, and I wondered what in the world it was and more importantly, did it sting? My sister helped with the identification – it is the Eastern Cicada Killer Wasp. She has lots of them in North Carolina and told me the name. I looked it up on the web. Although cicada killers are large (1 – 2 inches body length plus wing span), female cicada killer wasps are not aggressive and rarely sting unless they are grasped roughly, stepped upon with bare feet, or caught in clothing. Males aggressively defend their perching areas on nesting sites against rival males, but they have no sting. Such close inspection of people by the wasps may appear to be an attack, but male and female cicada killers don’t land on people and attempt to sting. This ground-burrowing wasp may be found in well-drained, sandy soils to loose clay in bare or grass-covered banks as well as next to raised sidewalks, driveways, and patio slabs. Cicada killers may also nest in planters, window boxes, flower beds, or under shrubs, ground cover, etc. The female digs a burrow then an underground nest chamber. She then captures 1-2 cicadas, paralyzing them with a sting, and brings them to the nest; when the eggs hatch, the

cicadas serve as food for the grubs. After reading this information, I identified the newly dug burrow just off my patio pavers as the nest of a cicada killer. For more information, go to www.wikipedia.org.

QUEEN ANNE'S CHORALE CONCERT SCHEDULE (2010)

- Weekly Monday rehearsals begin on September 13 from 7—9 p.m. at Centreville United Methodist Church, Centreville.
- The September 13 rehearsal, as well as the January 3, 2011 rehearsal, will be an “**Open House**” for new singers. NO audition is held and singers of all parts are welcome. Music will be provided. This special rehearsal will be from 6:30 - 9 p.m. and includes a short reception.
- “**Holiday Pops**” Concert Sunday, December 5, at 4 p.m. at Todd Performing Arts Center, Chesapeake College, Wye Mills, Maryland.



TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. In 1967 Herman Tarnover created what diet?
2. In 1969, Mike Collins stood by while his two companions did what?
3. In the sixties, which pain reliever numbed headaches?

*Need service on your AC?
See ad for Steele's (not Red Steel).*

RESTAURANT REVIEW

BRIDGES ON KENT NARROWS RESTAURANT, BAR, and DOCK

By Karin Larsen

Bridges on Kent Narrows Restaurant, Bar, and Dock is located right on the waterway



also known as Kent Narrows. To the locals around here it is known simply as the Narrows, a waterway that connects the Chester River with the Eastern Bay and also separates Kent Island from the Delmarva Peninsula. In 1826, a causeway was built across it but it was removed in 1876 when the channel was dredged. This channel still continues to be dredged regularly, so I guess all of the boaters are happy about that! Bridges is unique among all of the water-view restaurants on Kent Island because of its newness and clear angle of seeing the Narrows. The high wood ceilings and upscale nautical atmosphere with an open grill visible to diners, creates an open and warm space.

We were greeted by a friendly staff and seated by the window. As we were escorted to the table, we saw that Bridges offers plenty of seating both inside and on the outside deck area, not far from an attractive indoor bar. Dazzled by the view, we finally studied the menu and ordered the Crispy Fried Calamari to start off. Yummy and fresh, it was deliciously flash fried and served with jalapeno lime mayo and Vietnamese Chili dipping sauce. The Bridges House Salad was delicious with baby mixed greens tossed with feta cheese, cucumbers, tomatoes, and red onions in shallot vinaigrette. Bruce tried the Bridges Caesar with house-made garlic herb croutons. He is a little picky about lettuce with stems, but other than that, it was a good salad. Next, I tried the Seared Sesame Tuna Tower as my entree. This was really delicious. The tuna was seared very rare and layered with wonton crisps over an Asian noodle salad with wasabi cream and hoisin sauce. Visually, it was a beautifully plated dish and tasted fabulous. Bruce ordered the Bridges Angus Burger with shoestring potatoes. This was a delicious 8-ounce burger that he wanted with cheese, and it was perfectly cooked and tasty. We enjoyed our food and watched the boats docking nearby and really didn't want to leave, so we ordered a cheesecake "Dulce de Leche" with caramel sauce and toasted pecans to share with coffee. This dessert was creamy and sweet, and we really started to enjoy the sunset with our freshly brewed coffees.

The menu offers a great choice of salads, seafood appetizers, pizzas, and pastas. The main dishes range from local rockfish and soft-shell crabs to curried lamb shank, chicken, and pork dishes. Overall, we enjoyed our food, the service, the atmosphere, and especially the scenic views!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Dog Walkers Needed – Caroline County Humane Society

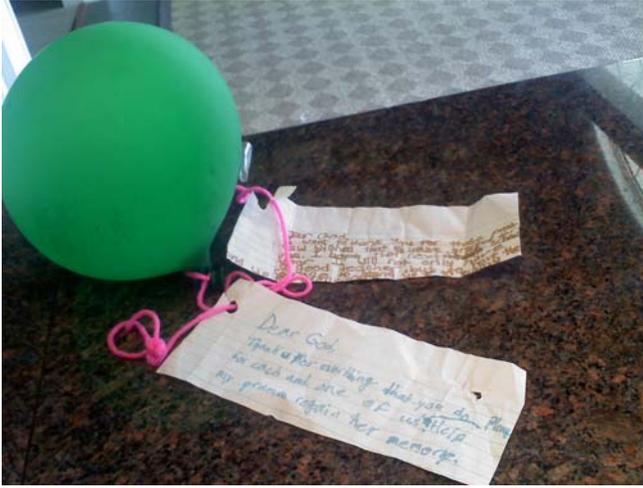


Amanda Showell Cook, our SV dance instructor and avid dog lover, sends a heartfelt plea for help to all SV dog lovers. Amanda recently began volunteering at Caroline County Humane Society walking dogs and was appalled by their lack of volunteers. At this time, they have just three or four volunteers, and that is not enough to give two walks a day to each dog.

When dogs are constantly kept in a kennel without activity or companionship, they become lethargic and frequently become depressed. As a consequence, they do not present well to people who are looking for a dog to adopt. Help a dog by calling the Caroline County Humane Society and volunteering. The Humane Society is located in nearby Ridgely. **Caroline County Humane Society, Inc.:** 407 West Bell Street, Ridgely, MD, 21660 **Phone:** 410-820-1600 **Fax:** 410-820-1110 **Email:** info@carolinehumane.org.

Mystery Balloon

Jack Hennessey was up at the garden and found a helium balloon with two little notes attached. The notes said, “Dear God, Thank you for everything that you do. Please



[pray] for each and one of us. Help my grama regain her memory.” And, “Dear God, I want to thank you for those past few wishes that you’ve granted for me. I hope that next school year I will not only have a good teacher, but to have the courage to stand up to Sammy and up for Molly.”

One theory is that it might have been the little children’s camp at Hospice that may have released the balloons. Any ideas? What do you think?

Need pet care?

See the ads for Dandyland Pet Care Center and Happy Tails Petsitting.

LOCAL EVENTS

By Linda Blume

QAC Free Plant Clinics



The Queen Anne’s County Master Gardeners will sponsor free plant clinics **August 18, September 1 and September 15** at the Centreville Farmer’s Market (9 a.m. – noon). The goal is to provide information to home gardeners. Master gardeners will look at samples of ailing plants to make a diagnosis, give recommendations, answer questions, and provide printed information on a variety of gardening subjects. (www.queenannes.umd.edu)

20th Annual Annapolis Art Walk



The Art Walk will take place on **August 19**, 5 – 9 p.m., in downtown Annapolis. More than 20 galleries are participating in this annual event, hosting new art exhibits and featuring artists demonstrating their

skills in various media. For more information, go to www.artinannapolis.com.

Ole Time Fish Fry



An ole time Fish Fry will be held on **August 20**, 3 – 7 p.m., at Wesley Chapel in Rock Hall. This will be a traditional Eastern shore fish fry with the fish cooked on an open fire. For more information, go to www.rockhallmd.com.

Caroline Summerfest



This festival will take place on **August 20-21** in Denton (Market Street and Crouse Park). This is a free arts and entertainment celebration with music, interactive arts for children, crafts, food, street performers, and river cruises. Hours are Friday, 5 – 10 p.m., and Saturday, 2 – 10 p.m. For all the details, go to www.carolinesummerfest.com.

13th Annual Choptank “Rivah” Run



Martinak State Park in Denton is the site of the Choptank “Rivah” Run, part of Caroline Summerfest, on **August 21** beginning at 9 a.m. This is a fun, 2-mile paddling event for children and adults. Registration fee on the day of the event is \$15 per person. Prizes will be awarded in the Poker Run. See www.carolinesummerfest.com for all the details.

“18th and 19th Century Clothing” Exhibit

The QAC Historical Society will present an exhibit of 18th and 19th century clothing on **August 21**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., at Wright’s Chance and Tucker House in downtown Centreville. Admission to the exhibit is \$3 per person.



Millington Day



The Millington Day celebration on **August 21**, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., will feature a classic car show, a motorcycle show, a corn hole tournament, a horseshoe tournament, food, crafts, and live music. For details, call 410-928-3880 or visit www.millingtonmd.us/news.htm.

Annapalooza



Three stages, dozens of performers and local headliner talent come together for this all day outdoor festival on **August 28** celebrating the region's extraordinary music and arts scene. The event takes place at the Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds in Crownsville, 11 a.m. – 10 p.m. Admission is \$20. For more information, go to www.annapalooza.org.

34th Annual Maryland Renaissance Festival



The Maryland Renaissance Festival begins on **August 28-29** and continues weekends through October 24 in Crownsville. This 16th century English festival has something for everyone. For all the details, visit www.rennfest.com.

Public Paddles



Sultana Projects' trained staff will conduct Public Paddles on **August 28**, 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. You will explore the new Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Water Trail as well as adjacent water trails on the Chester River. Canoes are provided; bring a day pack. The fee is \$30 for adults, \$15 for children ages 8 - 12, and children under 8 may not participate. Meet at Riley's Mill on the Chester River. Advance reservations are recommended and may be obtained by calling 410-778-5954.

Monty Alexander Jazz Festival



Chesapeake Chamber Music will host the Monty Alexander Jazz Festival on **September 3-4**, at the Avalon Theatre in Easton. The Grace Kelly Quintet will perform at 8 p.m. on September 3, and the Monty Alexander Trio will perform at 8 p.m. on September 4. Purchase tickets on-line at www.chesapeakechambermusic.net/jazz or call 410-819-0380.

4th Annual Rock Hall Car Show



The car show will take place on **September 4**, beginning at 10 a.m., at Bayside Landing and Park in Rock Hall. Besides lots of cars, there will be food, a DJ, trolley rides, and much more.

Guided Canoe Trip



Join Park Staff for an educational and entertaining guided canoe trip up Tuckahoe Creek on **September 4**. 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.

Labor Day Show and Sale



The St. Michael's Art League will conduct a Show and Sale on **September 4-5**, on the lawn of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in St. Michaels. The event will showcase original art (framed and unframed), holiday cards, and posters. The proceeds go toward the Art League's projects and scholarship fund. Hours are 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Saturday, and noon – 5 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call 410-745-8048.

43rd Annual Maryland Seafood Festival



The Festival will be held this year on **September 10-12** at Sandy Point State Park in Annapolis. Hours are Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m. – 9 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. General admission is \$10. For all the details, visit www.mdseafoodfestival.com.

Need custom compound medication? See ad for [Edward's Pharmacy](#).

Hospice of Queen Anne's Sunset Celebration and Auction



This year's event will take place on **September 11**, 5 – 9 p.m., in Queenstown. Tickets are \$50 per person, and the money raised supports several of Hospice's unfunded programs including the Bereavement Summer Camp for children, the Adult Bereavement Program, and the new Bridges Program. For the details, go to www.hospiceofqueenannes.com.

Our Haven Shelter 5K and 10K Races



Our Haven Shelter in Chester will hold 5K and 10K races and walks on **September 11** as a fundraiser. The Shelter is a non-profit organization and is Queen Anne's County's only cold weather shelter; they are working toward providing year-round services. The races are situated on the Cross Island Trail and wind through beautiful habitat. Registration begins at 7 a.m., with the 5K race/walk at 8 a.m., the 10K race/walk at 8:30 a.m., and the Kids Fun Run at 9 a.m. There are awards for the top three finishers in 14 different age groups. For all the details and registration information, go to www.run4shelter.net.

Art in the Park



Fountain Park in Chestertown is the site for this year's Art in the Park on **September 11**, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Over 45 artists and crafters will display and sell their wares. For more information, go to www.chestertownartinthepark.com.

Outlaw Days

Outlaw Days at the Tuckahoe Equestrian Center located in Tuckahoe State Park near Ridgely on **September 11-12** is a return to the days of our wild west. Families return yearly to enjoy the western shows in Tuckahoe City- a street of an old western town. Hours are 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. both days. An admission is adults, \$7; children ages 5-12, \$3; and children 4 and under are admitted free of charge. For more information, see www.discoverqueenannes.com.



Fall Plant Sale

Adkins Arboretum in Ridgely will hold their annual Fall Native Plant Sale on **September 11**, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. For information, go to www.adkinsarboretum.org.

Corsica Watershed Awareness Day

The fifth annual Corsica Watershed Awareness Day—a free family event will be held noon to 4 p.m. at Bloomfield Farm on Route 213, just north of Centreville, MD. This

event combines environmental education with tours of the historic farmhouse, a variety of tasty food offerings, hayrides, a straw maze, pumpkin painting, pony rides, face painting and creative crafts activities for children. New this year is a "fishmobile," "Get Hooked on Fishing," tree planting, and a one-mile family "Fun Run" at 11:30 a.m. The bluegrass group Chester River Runoff will be playing during this event. Free trees will be given to the first one hundred families. Also, there will be a raffle for a kayak and related accessories. 410-758-0835 www.corsicariverconservancy.org

Queen Anne's County Historical Society



Save the Date: The QAC Historical Society will have their 50th Anniversary celebration on Sunday, **September 19**. There will be food, music, and a small silent auction.

Rally for the Cure Breast Cancer Awareness



A "Rally for the Cure Breast Cancer Awareness" fundraising event will be held on **September 20**, at Prospect Bay Country Club for Mah Jongg game players (\$50) and lady golfers (\$70). Each entry fee includes a \$20 donation to Rally for the Cure, light breakfast and lunch, a one-year magazine subscription, a Rally visor, a Rally signature pink ribbon pin, chances to win prizes and more. Details and registration forms are at the SV Clubhouse. Sign up deadline is no later than **September 4**. For additional information contact Cindy Bogner (cindy_bogner@msn.com or 703-655-6505)

4th Annual "Return of the Geese" Bicycle Ride



There are three rides mapped out for this adventure in Kent County on **September 26**: 62 miles, 50 miles, and 15 miles. All rides start at the Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company. Register prior to **September 20** and the fee is \$25; registration after September 20 is \$30. For more information, phone 410-639-7636.

Continuing Activities:

Creepy Crawlers I and II for children ages 1-5: monthly, www.bayrestoration.org

Guided Nature Walks: Saturdays, www.adkinsarboretum.org

Thursdays in the Park: August 26, Chesapeake Exploration Center, www.discoverqueenannes.com

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

Museum of Eastern Shore Life: first Saturday of the month, 1 – 4 p.m,
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Activities Outside the Four-County Area:



Wings N Wheels: August 21: Cambridge: 410-221-8009 or
www.dorchesterchamber.org/calendarofevents.html

63rd Annual National Hard Crab Derby and Fair: September 3-5:
Crisfield: www.crisfieldchamber.com/events.htm



51st Annual Skipjack Race and Festival: September 5-6:
Deal Island: www.webauthority.net/lions.htm

32nd Annual Bethany Beach Boardwalk Arts Festival:
September 11: Bethany Beach:
www.bethany-fenwick.org/artsfest2010.htm



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RECIPE OF THE MONTH STUFFED ZUCCHINI

from the kitchen of Ruth Murphy

1 ½ to 2 medium zucchini
1 ½ cup fresh bread crumbs
¾ cup grated cheddar cheese, divided
½ cup minced onions
2 T. parsley
1 ½ tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. pepper
2 eggs, beaten
2 T. butter



- Cover with water and cook zucchini whole with 1 teaspoon salt, 5 to 7 minutes.
- Heat oven to 350 degrees.
- Remove squash pulp from shells, chop.
- Combine squash pulp with remaining ingredients except butter and ¼ cup cheese.
- Spoon mixture into zucchini shells.
- Place butter and reserved cheese on top.
- Bake for 35 minutes or until browned.

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