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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.



HOMEOWNERS'ASSOCIATION

2012 HOA Board Meetings*

April 27 at 10 a.m.
July 27 at 10 a.m.
October 26 at 10 a.m.
December Annual Meeting (Date to be announced.)

*All meetings will be held in the Clubhouse.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LIEBSTYLE

MARCH

- Movie Night, Friday, March 16, at 7 p.m. Showing *The Quiet Man*.
- St. Patrick's Day Happy Hour, Saturday, March 17, at 6 p.m. Bring an appetizer or dessert. (An Irish appetizer or dessert is encouraged.) We will also have Irish music.



- Ladies Happy Hour Thursday, March 22, at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$5, which provides you with dinner and a beverage.
- Game Night, Friday, March 30, at 7 p.m.

APRIL

- Lunch Bunch Wednesday, April 4, at Martini's Restaurant Sign up at the Clubhouse.
- Lifestyle Committee Meeting Wednesday, April 4, at 7:15 p.m. All residents are invited.
- Happy Hour Friday, April 6, at 6 p.m. Bring your favorite appetizer or dessert.
- Movie Night Friday, April 20, at 7 p.m.
- Spring Garage Sale Saturday, April 21 (\$5 to participate) Sign up at the Clubhouse.

- Happy Hour Saturday, April 21, at 6 p.m. Bring your favorite appetizer or dessert.
- Ladies Happy Hour Thursday, April 26, at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$5, which provides you with dinner and a beverage.

Other Upcoming Events:

- * May 1 Bus trip to New York City to see the 9/11 Memorial, Ellis Island, and New York City's famous Mulberry Street Little Italy. Cost is \$95 per person, which includes a bagel breakfast on the bus. Dinner is on your own. Sign up at the Clubhouse.
- * May 19 Atlantic City bus trip. Cost is \$35 per person and will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sign up in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse.
- * The Memorial Day Picnic committee will be formed in April. All residents on Opera, Orchestra, and Encore will be invited to the kickoff meeting to form a committee and establish a chairperson, and to start the planning phase.
- * **April 18 New York City Show**, *Nice Work if You Can Get It*, with Matthew Broderick (See the Activities Book in the Clubhouse for more information.)

Valentine Happy Hour



Over 100 SV residents joined in the revelry at the Clubhouse for our Valentine Happy Hour. Doc's Riverside Grille prepared a very tasty menu: a tossed green salad, potato salad, chicken salad, sliced prime beef au jus, and brownie a la mode for dessert. Doc's owner, Bo, also provided music that got folks up and dancing the entire evening. SV credo for a good time – great food, great music, and dancing! Was this a fun night or what? These pictures say it all. Go to our Website to see more pictures and to our Picture Directory to discover "who's who?" A big **Thanks**"

to Lee Ettman and her helpers for organizing this very special Valentine Happy Hour.



OUTREACH

House Tour??

The Outreach Committee is looking into possibly having a House Tour in the spring of 2013. Toward that end, we need help with the different facets of the event. If you would like to put your house on the Tour, or are interested in being the House Tour chairperson or Tour Home coordinator, or would like to help with marketing, ticket sales, designing the brochure, or helping in general, please call **Carlene Cooke** at 443-262-8146 or email her (carlene.cooke@gmail.com).

Neighbor to Neighbor

Please join with me in welcoming Linda Gardner back to Neighbor to Neighbor. Linda will join Nancie Cameron and BJ McClaeb as a Street Captain for the 800 block of Harmony Way. Please remember that if you aren't sure who is serving as a Street Captain for your street or block, you can always find that information on the <u>SV Website</u>. Look for the "Neighbor to Neighbor" link under "Activities/Groups." – *Eleanor Strietman*

Outreach Service Project



Outreach's spring service project will be to collect items on Hospice of Queen Anne's Wish List. The focus this year will be items for Camp New Dawn, a two-day camp in which youth (ages 7-18) can freely express their feelings about the loss of a loved one. Children (ages 4-6) may participate in a one-day camp. Collection will take place Monday, April 16, through Sunday, April 22. Delivery to Hospice will

be on Monday, April 23.

Nancie Cameron coordinated the Wish List with Hospice. The following items are on the Wish List specifically for **Camp New Dawn**:

Individually bagged snacks (fruit snacks, cookies, crackers, etc.)

Items for feel good bags (campers each get a feel good bag to take home - these

bags are typically filled with pencils, stickers, candy, etc.)

100% fruit juice boxes

Sugar free water flavoring (Crystal Light, Wylers, etc.)

Paper goods: paper plates, napkins, tissues, plastic ware, and paper cups

Art supplies:

Markers Construction paper Crayons Colored sand

Glue sticks Paint (for spin art/other art projects)

Hospice also included items specifically for the **Hospice Center** itself:

Hair brushes Petroleum-free lip balm

Travel-size deodorant

Bars of soap (full-size)

Body lotion

Hand sanitizer (counter-size bottles)

Vaseline
Powder
Cornstarch
Dry shampoo

Hand soap (counter-size bottles)

The following homes will be **collection sites**:

| Linda Blume | 224 Orchestra | Teri Nudo | 106 Harmony |
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| Marilyn Williams | 246 Concerto | Lauren Rose | 218 Harmony |
| Eleanor Strietman | 235 Opera | Nancie Cameron | 826 Harmony |
| Beth Dewhirst | 301 Overture | Joan Hennessey | 146 Sonata |

Anyone who wishes to drop off items at my house <u>before</u> April 16 is welcome to do so. If you see a good sale, make a purchase, and don't want to store items until April 16; just bring them to my house – I'll gladly do the storing. – *Linda Blume*

PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

Website Help

The P & C Committee needs a volunteer with experience creating websites to help maintain parts of our SV Website. For more information, please call Carol Hodges at 410-758-0591 or the Webmaster, John Schultz, at 443-262-9181.

Sorry

The Committee is sorry that some of you had trouble last month with the virus. A decision has been made to switch to a different server with more security support. This will take a month or two to happen as the Website is rather large.

Advertisers

Thanks for encouraging companies to advertise with us.

Libretto

Should you need to check out past *Librettos*, you will find the last year's *Librettos* in a binder in the Wall Street Room. It is a great place to look for past advertisers. You can also find them in the Archives on the Website on the News and Events Page.

All Are Welcome

Everyone is welcome to attend the P & C meeting on Monday, April 2, at 2 p.m.

CLUBS and CLASSES

GAZEBO and VICTORY GARDEN CLUBS

Spring is sprung, the grass is ris, Do you wonder where the flowers is?

<u>Gazebo Garden</u>: The crocuses have bloomed, and a few daffodils have blossomed. We had a very successful first meeting under our new leader, Steve Guy. All 20 beds in the Gazebo Garden now have caretakers.



Hooray! However, Steve has agreed to tend three beds, and two residents are each caring for two beds. It would be helpful if some other residents would step forward to be caretakers for some of the beds. Please contact Steve or Jack if you are willing to help. No experience required! We will teach you the ropes!

Several members have already started weeding their beds and are planting new flowers. We have ordered two loads of mulch, and Don Downey has volunteered to assist anyone who needs help with mulching their bed. Don has also repaired our garden cart, and trash bags are available in the gazebo for disposing of weeds. Jack will haul the trash away. Jack will still take care of the large pavilion flower bed. Steve will notify all caretakers by email or phone about the next meeting.

<u>Victory Garden</u>: Dave Peterson has gotten the tiller repaired and will till the Victory Garden in time for the traditional St. Patrick's Day planting. Peas, potatoes, and spinach are early favorites. Right now all we have are lots of stones, but we will have lots of tomatoes and eggplant to share during the season! — *Jack Hennessey*

QUILT CLUB

The Symphony Village Quilt Club has been busy this year making children's quilts for "**Project** Linus," a charity organization which gives quilts to sick children. We completed 10 quilts and plan



to make more this spring. Our next charity project will be pillowcases for "One Million Pillowcases Challenge." We had a great time together working on the quilts. – Betty Gingerich

Pictured left to right: Sue Peterson, Betty Gingerich, Marilyn Williams, Carlene Cooke, Shirley Clark, Mary Abremski, and Pat Kindle. Not pictured Karen King, Peggy Dedrick, and Andrea Parham.

TCHEN

READING FOR FUN BOOK CLUB

The Reading for Fun Book Club met on February 21 at the Clubhouse to discuss the book *The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom. This book was recommended by Lee Ettman, who led the discussion and also provided a delicious lemon cake and coffee for dessert.

The story tells of an orphaned Irish immigrant, Lavinia, who has no memory of her past. She is put to work as an indentured servant, working with slaves in the Kitchen House on a Virginia tobacco plantation. The book relates much of the harsh treatment of slaves by their masters. Lavinia eventually becomes Mistress of the big house, and struggles to help the slaves by whom she was raised. On a scale of 1 to 10, this book received a rating of 7.92.

Pat Loiacano has selected *House of Riverton* by Kate Morton as the book for our March 20 meeting. Grace, a former servant in the house, is interviewed by an actress who has been chosen to play the part of Grace in a forthcoming movie about the mansion. Grace recalls many of the festive affairs and often startling events which occurred at the mansion. Numerous interesting characters are introduced throughout the story, which is a recommended read.

All Symphony Village residents are invited to sit in on the discussions, to share in the dessert, and to join the Book Club. *–Jack Hennessey*

SINGLES

Save the dates!

Toby's – We will meet at the Clubhouse on Sunday, March 25, at 9 a.m. to carpool.

Brunch at the Clubhouse – Sunday, April 29 **Longwood Gardens** – May 20 or 27



SNEAKERS



Dr. Seuss Day in February was a great success. Our volunteers went to two schools, Kennard and Centreville Elementary. Eight volunteers were at Centreville. Each volunteer read a book to three classes at the school, and a book was given to each child in the class. This was the first time we were involved in a book giveaway at this school. The volunteers really enjoyed participating in Dr. Seuss Day, and we were delighted to see many new volunteers join us in this very rewarding activity.

There were 13 volunteers at Kennard. At this book giveaway, each student in the school chose a book and read a page from that book to a volunteer to be sure the child was on the correct reading level for that book. The students and the volunteers always enjoy this giveaway.

There will be two more giveaways – Pastries for Parents on Thursday and Friday, May 3 and 4, from 7:30 - 9 a.m. Our last giveaway for the school year will be on Monday, June 4, in the morning. We welcome all volunteers for these events.

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, April 18, at 3 p.m. Linda Farrar will preside.

TENNIS

Tennis Time

The March winds will bring warmer temperatures so it's time for tennis and a meeting to discuss our 2012 activities. Let's meet Tuesday, March 20, at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse (banquet room). The main meeting topics are:



- 1) Schedule regular court times (Last year we scheduled tennis at 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and at 9 a.m. on Saturdays.)
- 2) Identify and invite additional Symphony Village tennis players.
- 3) Schedule spring dinner at a restaurant of choice.

I reserved the meeting room and will add the meeting to the daily calendar. See you on the courts and on March 20 at 7 p.m. – *Larry Miller* (443-262-8270 or <u>LARRYRMILLER@atlanticbb.net</u>)

RE A VOLUNTEER IN ACTION

HOSPICE PATIENT VOLUNTEER TRAINING CLASS



Hospice of Queen Anne's will be offering Patient Volunteer training to anyone interested in working with Hospice patients and their families. The training will take

place on April 10, 12, 17, and 20 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. each day at Hospice of Queen Anne's here in Centreville. This training is designed for the individual who has an interest in working directly with patients and their families. The comprehensive training covers topics including an overview of hospice, spiritual care, listening and communication, death and dying, family dynamics, and more. As a patient volunteer you will provide companionship for the patient by sitting with them, listening to them, sharing stories, reading to them, watching TV, playing cards, preparing a meal, writing a letter, or just holding their hand. Your time also allows family members to take a break from being a full-time caregiver and allowing them time to run errands, go for a walk, or simply take a nap. If you are interested in becoming a patient volunteer, please contact Jen Thomas at 443-262-4112 or jthomas@hospiceofqueenannes.org.

TRIVIA

By Karin Larsen

- 1. Who was the first test tube baby to be born, and where was the baby born?
- 2. Which disco genre group of the 1970s had a hit song with the lyrics: "Do a little dance, make a little love..."?
- 3. Who was the artist of the hugely popular song, "I Will Survive"?
- 4. What musical group had the most successful disco record of the 1970s which was aided by their soundtrack to the movie "Saturday Night Fever"?

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

My daughter and I wish to extend our appreciation to the residents of Symphony Village for the outpouring of support and kindness during

Paul's illness and after his Passing. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity and the caring of the people in Symphony Village, and we cannot thank you enough for all you have done for us. Paul truly enjoyed his time here, and we are fortunate to be part of such a wonderful community.

Bea and Melissa Trotta

Telephone Reassurance Service for County Seniors

Seniors living on their own can take advantage of a free telephone reassurance program offered by Queen Anne's County. The Area Agency on Aging is targeting the program toward seniors who may have limited contact with family and friends.

Phone calls are made Monday through Friday mornings. A short application is required but no fees. Volunteers are also sought to help make the daily calls. For more information, contact Maela Rider at 410-758-0848 or by email at Emrider@qac.org. (*Record Observer*, March 2, 2012)

Help For a Cold Bathroom

by Bob Offerman



Thank You!

A significant amount of heat is lost through the glass block windows in SV bathrooms, making them chilly compared to the rest of the house.

On a cold night, the difference in temperature between the windows and the adjacent outside wall is 8-9 degrees F. Since the surface area of the windows is large, this results in a significant heat loss.

An easy solution is to create your own "double pane" window by cutting a piece of clear 1/8 inch thick acrylic plastic to lay over the glass blocks, covering them to the inside edge of the window frame. I attached mine using 6 round head ¾ inch #10 screws with white Phillips heads.

The result is almost invisible and yields a window temperature that is only about 3 degrees F colder than the adjacent wall. The bathroom is noticeably warmer, especially in the morning.

To build mine, I purchased a 4x8 foot sheet of clear acrylic (Sku 4818 CTC) from Harbor Sales in Sudlersville for about \$70. This is enough to do the two bathroom windows in a Gershwin. The screws are available at Price and Gannon, and are called "window screws".

The acrylic is easy to cut and drill – just be sure to use a fine tooth (80-tooth) blade in your Skil saw. I also installed similar "double panes" in the semicircular windows in our solarium, with great results. If you're interested in doing the same, call Bob Offerman (410-758-2841) for directions on how to mark these pieces for cutting – note these windows are *not* semicircles, they're *elliptical*.

Carl Collins Shatters SV Bowling Average!

by George Drake

On February 15, the SV duckpin bowlers amazingly watched as Carl Collins almost continually knocked down 9 pins with his first ball and then got a spare with the second ball. He bowled mark after mark for a total in two games of 15 spares and one strike. This resulted in final scores of 159 and 155. Just think what those scores would have been if that tenth pin had only fallen down a few more times.

Congratulations Carl!

To say Carl "was in the groove" that day is an understatement! Honestly, no ball touched a gutter guard – they just curved into the pocket. Carl's scores were an exception for the SV afternoon duckpin bowlers. Most of us are real, real happy with a score of 100 (okay, so the other game is 80 something – so what?)

Why not join us? We meet at the SV Clubhouse parking lot to carpool to the Queen Anne's alleys in Kingstown. You get two games, shoe rental, pizza or hot dog, and a medium soda for only \$6 – now that's a bargain, and we have a lot of fun as well!

New Day & Time to meet for Bowling-Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. (See Daily Bulletin for details.)

Project Clean Stream 2012

Queen Anne Bowling Centre

As residents of the Chesapeake Bay/Corsica River watershed, Symphony Villagers can play important stewardship roles in maintaining the health and well being of the Bay and its tributaries. Many of us were attracted to this community because of the surrounding protected forest and streams which meander along the periphery of Symphony Village and flow into Mill Stream, which feeds into the Corsica River. Unfortunately, the Corsica River remains on Maryland's list of impaired polluted waterways under the Clean Water Act.



The Corsica River Conservancy is sponsoring its annual **Project Clean Stream** on **Saturday, April 14,** this year. Volunteers spend three hours from 9 a.m. -12 noon removing trash from streams

which feed into the Corsica River in addition to areas along the stream banks. One of those sites is at the Symphony Village bioswale/stream area.

If you are interested in participating in this fun and eco-fulfilling activity, please contact Betty McAtee at 410-758-2443.

Gunston School "Farm to Fork" 19th Annual Spring Auction

Silent Anction Symphony Village residents are cordially invited to attend Gunston School's "Farm to Fork: Gunston Celebrates Local Living" Spring Auction fundraiser on **Saturday**, **April 14**, 6 p.m., in the Gunston School Field House. There will be music and dancing, an iPad2 raffle, and food stations and bar. The silent auction features new iTouch automated bidding devices, distributed to each couple as they

enter. You can enter a maximum bid for each item (just like eBay), and you will be notified immediately when you have been outbid. Auction items will range from wine bottles and gift certificates to vacation getaways, themed packages, and more. A leader board will display real-time results, so that you can see current bids on all of the auction items. The result – a fun, interactive, social event that allows you to keep a watchful eye on your items. Attire is casual elegant; denim is welcome. Go to Spring Auction to purchase tickets, to view auction items, and to learn how to use BidPal before the event. This event will support faculty, students, and Gunston programs.

An Introduction to Our Native American Neighbors



It may never have come to the attention of many of us that we have within our area a number of Native American groups that actively keep their traditions alive. This is a resource we should explore. Fortunately Anne Nielsen, a master photographer who lives in Centreville, took on the project of locating and then photographing a number of such Native Americans who make their home on the lower portion of Maryland's eastern shore. Exhibitions of these photographs have always met with great acclaim. Using these photographs, with Ms. Nielsen's help and the cooperation of the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs, the Queen Anne's County Historical

Society is offering a presentation about our Native American neighbors and a review of the unique dual citizenship many Native Americans enjoy. A special invitation to attend has been extended to local Native American leaders so the audience will have the opportunity to hear directly from them. The presentation will take place on **Sunday, March 18**, 3 p.m., at St. Luke's Church (7208 Main Street) in Queenstown. The event is free and open to the public.

Centreville, Symphony Village, & the National Wildlife Federation

Do you enjoy watching the wildlife that visits your yard? Do you garden for wildlife? Do you have a Rain Garden? Your yard may already have all the requirements to have your home certified as a Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation.



Centreville has registered with the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) to work toward becoming a certified Community Habitat. Part of the community certification process involves certifying individual properties within the community as Wildlife Habitat. SV residents can help greatly with this effort by having your yard certified if you meet the basic requirements of providing food, water, cover, and places to raise young for wildlife.

The NWF Habitat Certification Application asks you to check off the categories of habitat that your yard provides. Limiting the list to items that SVers may already provide:

• FOOD: Minimum requirement is 3 items:

Plants: seeds, berries, nectar, nuts, fruits, pollen;

Supplemental Feeders: seeds, hummingbird, suet, butterfly;

• WATER SOURCES: Minimum requirement is 1 item:

Birdbath, shallow dish, rain garden, water garden/pond;

• PLACES FOR COVER: Minimum requirement is 2 items:

Evergreens, dense shrubs, ground cover, water garden/pond; and

• PLACES TO RAISE YOUNG: Minimum requirement is 2 items:

Nesting box, dense shrubs, host plant for caterpillars, water garden/pond, mature trees.

The cost to apply for certification is \$20. If your yard is certified, you will receive a certificate, a one-year membership to the NWF which includes a subscription to **National Wildlife** magazine, and a subscription to **Wildlife Online**.

Application is easy. Go to www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife and apply on-line, or contact Carol Hellmann or Linda Blume here in SV for a hard copy of the application form. Certifying your yard earns points toward Centreville's community certification.



In April, the <u>Queen Anne's Chorale</u> will present its annual spring gala entitled, "A Musical Menagerie." This family-oriented, fun-filled program about animals will feature a repertoire about familiar animals in our environment. Before the concert begins, balloon artist, Steve Gambrill, will

meet and treat guests in the lobby with his balloon animals.

Date: Saturday, April 21, 2012, 7 p.m.

Location: The Todd Performing Arts Center, Chesapeake College, Wye Mills, Maryland

Tickets for this concert are \$15 for adults; children through high school are admitted free.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or through Chorale members.

The venue is handicapped accessible.

For more information contact: Kathryn Marchi (410-758-3183 marchi-wre@mris.com)

Upcoming Dinners at Jeff Davis American Legion Post 18

Entrées have been announced for the Friday night dinners hosted by the American Legion:

Friday, March 16: Steak Friday, March 23: Turkey Friday, April 6: Shrimp Friday, April 13: Pit Beef Friday, April 20: Steak



Dinner is served 6 - 8 p.m. (or until the food runs out) and Villagers are cordially invited to attend.

RESTAURANT REVIEW by Karin Anne Larsen



COLOSSEUM PIZZA

Colosseum Pizza may not be located in the center of ancient Rome near the 2,000 year-old ancient Colosseum, but it reminds me of the delicious pizza I ate while in Rome and Venice. Salvatore Grande, owner/chef, from Naples, Italy, has owned and operated this "Italian Specialty" restaurant since 1993.

Mr. Grande creates each pizza from scratch and hand tosses it, just like they did in Italy.

Pizzas' available are *thin crust pizza* and *Sicilian pizza* which is thick and square. When you bite into these pizzas, you can taste fresh ingredients. The taste of the sauce, not too tangy or sweet, and the crispy crusts are two reasons I like the pizza here.

There are gourmet pizzas and Italian specialties. Some favorite subs that you may like are the *Meatball Parmigiana*, the *Sausage and Peppers*, and any of the *Steak and Cheese subs* with all the goodies such as mushrooms, green peppers, and fried onions. The side orders and salads are consistently good and don't forget to try the yummy *Garlic Knots*.

Some of my favorite orders are the *Pizza Roll*, consisting of pepperoni, sausage, green peppers, onions, mushrooms, sauce, and mozzarella. Also delicious is the *Baked Ziti*, the *Manicotti*, and the *Eggplant Parmigiana with Spaghetti*. If you're treating yourself to dessert, sample the *Italian Cannoli*. Sampling all of these choices will take a long time!

So, if you cannot get to the center of ancient Rome, simply leave SV, hop on your bicycle to North Commerce Street, and sample the fresh ingredients and homey cooking of Chef/Owner Salvatore Grande and family.

Colosseum Pizza is located at 112 North Commerce Street, Centreville, MD. 21617. The telephone number is 410-758-1800. Prices are reasonable.

RECIPE

Jelly Bean Nests

from Joan Hennessey

Chilling time: 2 hours

Preparation time: 30 minutes

2 cups miniature marshmallows

½ cup butter

1 6-ounce package (4 cups) chow mein noodles

Jelly beans

In 2-quart saucepan combine marshmallows and butter.

Cook over low heat, stirring occasionally, until melted (6 to 8 minutes).

Stir in noodles until very well coated.

With buttered fingers, press mixture on bottom and up sides of each cup of buttered 12-cup muffin pan.

Refrigerate at least 2 hours or until firm.

Remove from cups.

Fill with jelly beans. Makes 12 nests.

PERSONAL ADS

Ocean City Condo for Rent

2 bedroom 2 bath ocean front condo with pool - 88th Street (5th floor) - \$1500 wk Call Carol—410-758-1826 or 410-320-7050

LOCAL EVENTS

by Linda Blume

NOTE: There are too many Local Events this month to include all of them in the *Libretto*. The entire list appears on the SV Website, and we will put a hard copy of the complete list in the *Libretto* Binder that is located in the Wall Street room of the Clubhouse. Also, if you do not have a computer, Nancy at the Clubhouse can print a hard copy of the complete list of Local Events from the website for you.

Jazz Concert



The QAC Arts Council will sponsor a jazz concert on **Saturday**, **March 17**, 7 - 8:30p.m. Steve Abshire, Robert Redd, Chuck Redd, and Tommy Cecil are scheduled to perform. The after party includes great food and a chance to meet the artists. Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. (QAC Arts Council)

Corn Hole Tournament



The Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department will hold a Corn Hole Tournament on **Saturday**, **March 17**, beginning at noon. Pre-register if you want to put a team together for competition. If you don't play, come watch the teams compete, or come to just sit back and relax with food and beverages that will be available for purchase. There will also be a 50/50, a raffle, and a money wheel. All monies raised support the KIVFD. (KIVFD)

Guided Sea Glass Hunt



The Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center will host a Sea Glass Hunt on **Friday**, March 23, 1 - 6:30 p.m., on local, public beaches. Following the hunt, participants will have one-on-one time with Richard LaMotte and a boxed dinner. After dinner, participants will have reserved seating at Mr. LaMotte's lecture on

the History of Sea Glass. The cost is \$75 and includes a copy of Pure Sea Glass by Mr. LaMotte. Pre-registration is required – call 410-604-2100. (QAC Tourism)

Lecture: Unlocking the Secrets of Sea Glass



Sea glass expert Richard LaMotte will speak at the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center in Grasonville on **Friday**, **March 23**, 7 – 8 p.m. The cost is \$5, and preregistration is required – call 410-604-2100. (QAC Tourism)

Adorn Thyself: Jewelry Making and Bead Swap



The Kent Island Federation of Arts in Stevensville will hold a jewelry making and bead swap on **Friday**, **March 23**, 6 - 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$40 members, \$60 non-members. For all the details and a supply list, go to Adorn Thyself. To pre-register, go to KIFA Classes. (Taste of the Bay)

Sea Glass Swap



A Sea Glass Swap will take place on **Saturday**, **March 24**, noon – 4 p.m., at the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center in Grasonville. The event will include vendors selling sea glass art, jewelry, crafts, and other related items. There is no admission charge. (QAC Tourism)

Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department Wine Pairing Extravaganza



Come to the KIVFD on **Saturday**, **March 24**, 7 - 10 p.m., for this event, which will pair fine wines with dishes presented by local restaurants and caterers. There will be a complementary wine glass to the first 200 people through the door. Tickets are \$75 in advance, \$80 at the door. Proceeds benefit the Capital Campaign for the new station. For more information, go to Kent Island VFD. (QAC Tourism)

Chesapeake Cats and Dogs (CC&D) Craft and Vendor Fair



CC&D will hold their Craft and Vendor Fair on **Saturday**, **March 24**, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., at the Kent Island Elks Lodge #2576 in Stevensville. Over 20 crafters and vendors will be there as well as bake sales, raffles, food, adoptable animals, and door prizes every 30 minutes. CC&D is getting ready for kitten season, so you'll receive an additional door prize ticket if you bring something to help stock their "kitten nursery" (clumping cat litter, canned

kitten/cat food, cat treats, grocery gift cards). CC&D is a registered non-profit organization. (Kent Island On-Line)

Memories Keepsake Box



The Kent Island Federation of Arts presents a class "Memories Keepsake Box" on **Saturday**, **March 24**, 10 a.m. -3:30 p.m. Everyone needs that special little container to hold treasures. Participants will transform a simple paper-mache box into a special keepsake using several layering techniques. Paint, stamping, embossing, collage, decoupage, and polymer clay will be used to embellish the

box. No previous art or painting experience is required. The cost is \$60 members and \$80 non-members. For all the details and a list of supplies, go to Keepsake Box. To pre-register, go to KIFA Classes.

Painting Outside the Lines



The Kent Island Federation of Arts presents "Painting Outside the Lines" on **Monday**, **March 26**, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., with Jane Halliwell Green. Understanding the value of negative space in a painting can elevate your work to a new level of complexity and mystery. In this workshop, Ms. Green will review her color clock theory. Participants

will try their hands at a variety of designs focused around the negative space. Participants should be beyond the beginner state of painting. The cost is \$60 members and \$75 non-members. For all the details and a supply list, go to Painting outside the Lines. To pre-register, go to KIFA Classes.

Casino Day Trip



Queen Anne's County Parks and Recreation and QAC Department of Aging will cosponsor a Casino Day Trip on **Wednesday, March 28**, to Harrington Raceway and Casino. The motor coach will arrive at the casino at 10 a.m. and depart at 2 p.m. The cost is \$20 due at time of sign-up, and it includes transportation, \$15 coin bonus, and a

buffet lunch. For more details, go to <u>Casino Trip</u>. To reserve your place, call the Kent County Senior Center at 410-604-3801.

Season's Bounty Series: Spring Greens



Adkins Arboretum is holding a three-part series entitled "Season's Bounty," and the first in the series is <u>Spring Greens</u> on **Friday, March 30**, 10 a.m. – noon. As the cold of winter makes its reluctant exit and the palette of the landscape goes from dormant-brown to emergent-chartreuse, we often gravitate toward the fresh experience—being outside, renewing the garden, eating green

foods. In this first program, Elizabeth Beggins will help you explore avenues for revitalizing yourself and your menu as she discusses growing and preparing such spring delicacies as zesty mustard, nutty arugula, and elegant pac-choy, in addition to favorites such as lettuce and spinach. Tasting samples and starter seed kits are sure to put some spring in your step. Participants may register for any or all of the three presentations. The cost is \$15 one or \$35 all three in the series for members, and \$20 one or \$45 all three in the series for non-members. Pre-register at Registration.

Sea Glass Workshop for Kids



A Sea Glass Workshop designed for children in third to fifth grade will take place on **Saturday**, **March 31**, 10 a.m. – noon, at the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center in Grasonville. There will be a scavenger hunt, crafts, and games related to beach combing and sea glass. The cost is \$25. Pre-registration is required – call 410-604-2100. (QAC Tourism)

35th Anniversary Gala for the Queen Anne's County Arts Council



The Gala will be held on **Saturday**, **March 31**, 6:30 p.m., at the Chesapeake Bay Beach Club. Guitarist Paul Smith Reed will be the special guest and honoree. He will be named the Arts Council's 2012 "A Person of Note." Evening festivities include cocktails, dinner, dancing to the music of the Paul Reed Smith Band, and a silent auction. The dress is cocktail attire. Tickets are \$150 per person. You must RSVP by Friday, **March 23**. (QAC Arts Council)

Foraging



Adkins Arboretum presents "Foraging" on **Sunday**, **April 1**, at 1 p.m. and again at 3 p.m. Bill Schindler, Ph.D. returns to lead this hands-on workshop that will immerse participants in the exciting, sustainable, and nutritious world of foraging for wild plants. Participants will be taken into the field to learn how to identify, harvest, and prepare many of spring's wild edibles. The cost is \$15

members, \$20 non-members. Pre-register at Registration.

Functional Art: Sit on it, Fill it, Walk on it, Wear it – Useful Art of Our Times



The Kent Island Federation of Arts in Stevensville presents the exhibit "Functional Art: Sit on it, Fill it, Walk on it, Wear it – Useful Art of Our Times," **April 4–28**. Gallery Hours are Wednesday – Saturday, 1 – 4 p.m. Free of charge. (OAC Tourism)

The Swamp Monster at Home



Catherine Carter returns to Adkins Arboretum to read from her new book of poems, *The Swamp Monster at Home*, on **Wednesday**, **April 4**, 5-7 p.m. The program is free. Pre-register at Registration.

Sunset Walk



Join Nick Carter at Adkins Arboretum on **Thursday**, **April 5**, 6-8 p.m., for a walk along the paths that bisect the rich and unique native plant habitat of the Arboretum. The habitats you'll see include mature and young native forests, meadows, and wetland. The walk is free with admission to the Arboretum (non-members: \$5

adults, \$2 students ages 6-18). Pre-register at Registration.

Grist Mill Grinding Days



The Grist Mill in Wye Mills will open for the season on **Saturday**, **April** 7, 10 a.m. -4 p.m. Corn and wheat are ground on millstones that date back to the 1840s. Fresh ground corn and wheat flour will be available, as well as gluten-free buckwheat flour. The Grist Mill itself is open from mid-April to mid-November. Hours are Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m. -4 p.m.; and Sunday 1-4 p.m. A \$2 donation is requested. Grinding days

are the first and third Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and volunteers demonstrate the traditional stone grinding process. (Old Wye Mill)

Tuckahoe Easter Egg Hunt



The annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place at Tuckahoe State Park in Queen Anne (at the Cherry Lane Picnic Area) on **Saturday**, **April 7**, 1 – 4 p.m. Over 5,000 eggs are hidden for a full day of excitement. The event is open to all children under the age of 10. (QAC Tourism)

7th Annual Arbor Day Run



Join fellow runners and nature enthusiasts for the Arbor Day Run on **Saturday**, **April 7**, 8 – 10 a.m., at Adkins Arboretum. There will be a 5K Run, a 1 Mile Family Run/Walk, and a children's 100 yard dash. The cross-country course passes along the Arboretum's network of scenic forest and meadow paths. "Green" prizes will be awarded and refreshments provided. If you pre-register at <u>Registration</u>, the fee for the 5K is \$20 members, \$25 non-members; and the fee for the Family Fun Run is \$5 members, \$8 non-members. On the day of the event, the 5K is \$25 members, \$30 non-members; and

the Family Fun Run is \$7 members, \$10 non-members. No charge for children ages two and under.

How to Grow Lettuce and Herbs



The Queen Anne's County Master Gardeners present "How to Grow Lettuce and Herbs" on **Tuesday**, **April 10**, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., at the Sudlersville Memorial Library. The class is taught by University of Maryland Extension Master Gardener Volunteers. Free. (Kent Island On-Line)

"Equus," a drama by Peter Shaffer (for mature audiences)



Church Hill Theatre presents "Equus" **April 13 – April 29**. Ticket costs are: adults \$18, members \$15, and students \$10. (Church Hill Theatre)

Stroll For Strays



Chesapeake Cats and Dogs (CC&D) presents "Stroll for Strays" on **Saturday**, **April 14**, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., at Camp Wright on Kent Island. This is a dog walk with incentive prizes, vendors, food, giveaways, dog demos, micro-chipping, and lots

more. Pets are welcome but are not required. All proceeds go toward caring for the animals at CC&D. (Kent Island On-Line)

2nd Annual Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center Open House



CBEC in Grasonville will hold an Open House on **Saturday**, **April 14**, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. There will be a flea market as well as sale of rain barrels (*not legal in Symphony Village*), compost bins (*also not legal in SV*), and soaker hoses. (QAC Tourism)

Blooms for United Way



The annual Awards Banquet will be held on **Saturday**, **April 14**, 7-9 p.m., at the Prospect Bay Country Club in Grasonville. The banquet welcomes spring, welcomes the new board, and recognizes the United Way agencies. This is a fundraising event for the United Way. (QAC Tourism)

Native Plant Nursery Spring Opening Weekend



Adkins Arboretum Nursery opens on **April 14-15**, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Adkins offers the region's largest selection of native plants. There will be a wide selection of ornamental native plants for sale, including a large selection of flowering trees and shrubs, perennials, ferns, and grasses for spring planting.

Master Gardeners will be available to answer questions, and docents will lead guided walks. There will also be a used book sale of gardening and nature-themed books and magazines. Proceeds from the weekend benefit the Arboretum's education programs.

New York City Day Trip



QAC Parks and Recreation will sponsor a day trip to New York City on **Saturday**, **April 14**. Enjoy a day on your own in the Big Apple. The cost is \$65 per person. Children may attend if accompanied by an adult. The last day to register for the trip is

March 23. Register at Registration. The program number is 403003. (New York City Trip)

Country, Ballroom, and Latin Dance Party



The QAC Arts Council will hold a dance party on **Saturday**, **April 14**, 8 – 10:30 p.m. An early bird beginner country two-step lesson will be held at 7:15 p.m. Don't forget your cowboy boots, hat, and jeans as we mix in some country dance music with your favorite ballroom and Latin music. Singles and beginners are welcome and encouraged to attend. The cost is \$10 members, \$12 non-members. (QAC Arts Council)

Exhibit: Route 18: Country Road



The QAC Arts Council will sponsor an exhibit "Route 18: Country Road," **April 14** – **May 5**. This multi-media exhibit by members of A. R. T. East depicts the intersection of rural and business communities. Subjects include wildlife, architecture, farmlands, and more. (QAC Arts Council)

Bangle Bracelets



The Centre for the Arts in Centreville will hold a workshop "Bangle Bracelets" on **Saturday**, **April 14**, 10 a.m. -2 p.m. Make a faux bone, ivory, or wood tribal pattern bracelet with easy-to-use oven-baked clay and simple tools. Texture and embellish with beads, wire, small shells or stones. The cost is \$27 members, \$34 non-members.

Register by April 6. (Shore Update)

SIGN-UP FOR THIS TRIP NO LATER THAN MARCH 23:



Trip: Rainbow Dinner Theatre

QAC Parks and Recreation will sponsor a bus trip on **Tuesday, April 24**, to a buffet lunch and comedy show at the Rainbow Dinner Theatre in Paradise, Pennsylvania. You'll then have a guided farmhouse and property tour of an Amish Farm which tells the story of the Amish lifestyle today. The grounds include a blacksmith shop, a one-room schoolhouse, a smokehouse market, a windmill, a waterwheel, the village store featuring

Amish crafts and homemade goods, and an Amish barn with farm animals. The cost is \$83 per person and includes transportation, lunch, show, and Amish tour. A \$20 deposit is due at sign-up with the remainder **due by March 23**. Register on-line at <u>Registration</u>. For details, go to <u>Dinner Theatre Trip</u>.



Go to the <u>SV Website</u> to see all 82 Local Events, 19 Continuing Events, and 25 Events Outside the Four-County Area.

TRIVIA ANSWERS

- 1. Louise Joy Brown, born in England
- 2. K.C. and the Sunshine Band, with "Get Down Tonight"
- 3. Gloria Gaynor
- 4. Bee Gees

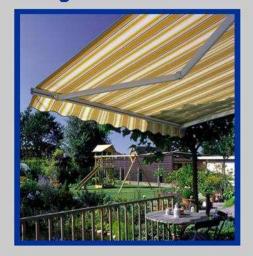
SPECIAL REMINDERS

- Clubhouse phone number for Nancy or Dennis: 410-758-8500
- Dennis Sesplankis' email: dsesplankis@legumnorman.com
- Nancy Griffith's email: symphonyclub@verizon.net.
- Warranty Office: 301-261-0277, ext. 135 (Katherine Zell)
- Trash Collection and Recycling: <u>Bates Trucking</u>, 301-733-2069
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Friday, March 30 5:30 - 8 p.m. Symphony Village Clubhouse Free food and drinks courtesy of Doc's Riverside Grille and Centreville Liquors

Here's What Symphony Village Residents are saying:

"As a member of Contreville's Planning Commission, I have seen Tim McCluskey demonstrate leadership every day of his term as town councilman. I want to keep Tim McCluskey on the town council because of his leadership.

innovation, work ethic, knowledge of town issues and florce dedication to moving the town forward with a responsible,

fiscally sound approach."
-- Carol Heilmann

"I endorse Tim McCluskey for re-election to the Centreville Town Council. Prior to his current term on the Town Council, I served with Tim on the Town's Planning & Zoning Commission where he was a great asset with his energy and drive. During Tim's Town Council term and current year as President. the town has begun to move forward." - Jim Cooke

"Do you have a question about something in the town of Centreville? Glorye and I did and Tim was quick to find our answer (about a handicapped parking space). Not only was the question answered but promptly researched and corrected." -- Andy & Glorya Cowley

"Under his leadership, and with the help of others. Tim was able to bring the revi-talization of the Centerville Wharf area to fruition. Centreville has recently been designated a "Main Street Community". It is vital that we have a person on our town council with Tim's experience to help lead this project forward. HE CARESIT -- Elien Norman

"Tim's energy, enthusiasm and genuine in-terest in working toward constructive and fair solutions for our town and community made a positive impression on us. Thank's so much for being there for us." -- Doug and Rose Anne Puls

RE-ELECT Tim McCluskey

Centreville Town Council

Monday, April 2 -- 12 - 7 p.m.

The Town Election is the day BEFORE the Maryland State Primary Election.

Polling Place: Goodwill Fire Company 212 Broadway



Goals:

- Continued Fiscal Discipline
- Keep Public Safety a Priority
- Economic Revitalization
- Improve Communication
- Protect and enhance the historic character of Centreville
- Establish Wharf area as local destination

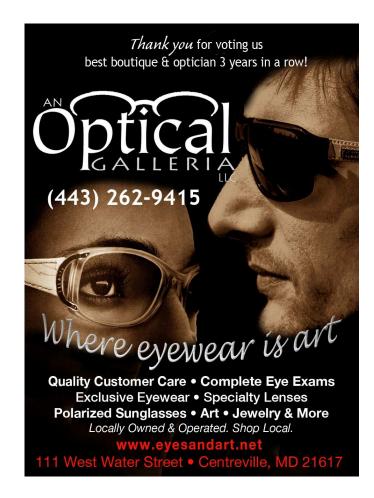
Experience:

- Centreville Town Council (2009-Present)
- Centreville Planning Commission (2007-2009, ex officio 2009-present)
- Downtown Centreville Business Owner (business owner, 17 yrs.)
- Founding member, Centreville
- Member, Centreville Masonic Lodge
- Bachelor's Degree University of Delaware, Lerner School of Business



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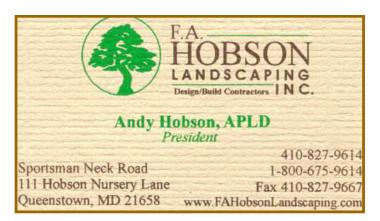












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