



# **LIBRETTO**

## **Symphony Village's Newsletter**

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

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **LIFESTYLE UPDATE**

##### **APRIL**

- Movie Night, Friday, April 20 at 7 p.m. (Movie to be announced)
- Garage Sale, Saturday, April 21 (\$5 per house to participate – Sign up at the Clubhouse. Deadline for sign up is April 19)
- Happy Hour, Saturday, April 21, 6 p.m. (Bring your favorite appetizer or dessert)
- Ladies Happy Hour, Thursday, April 26, 5:30 p.m. (Bring \$5, which provides you with dinner and a beverage)
- Game Night, Friday, April 27, 7 p.m.

##### **MAY**

- Bus trip to New York City – Tuesday, May 1 (See the 9/11 Memorial, Ellis Island, and New York City's famous Mulberry Street, Little Italy. ⇒ Dinner is on your own. Cost is \$95 per person. Sign up at the Clubhouse. Deadline for sign up and payment is April 27.)
- Lunch Bunch, Thursday, May 3 (River House at The Easton Club – Sign up at the Clubhouse)
- Centreville Elementary School, Cubby Chorale, Thursday, May 3, 10 a.m. (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders singing performance at the Clubhouse – All are welcome)
- Cinco De Mayo Happy Hour, Friday, May 4, 6 p.m. (Bring an appetizer or dessert; Mexican-type food is encouraged; we will have music and margaritas)
- Lifestyle Committee Meeting, Wednesday, May 9, 7:15 p.m. (All residents are welcome)
- Atlantic City Bus Trip, Saturday, May 19 (Sign up at the Clubhouse. Deadline for sign up and payment is May 1)



##### Other Upcoming Events

- Memorial Day Picnic, Sunday, May 27, Noon to 4 p.m.
- Radio City Music Hall Holiday Show Bus Trip to New York City, Friday, Nov. 30 (Sign up and pay at the Clubhouse; \$150 per person)

## **OPERATIONS UPDATE**

As you know, we had a presentation of the Irrigation Plan for 2012 on April 3 that addressed the Maryland Department of the Environment's requirement that we stay within our permitted water usage of 12 million gallons. For those who were unable to attend, a summary of the presentation was written by Mike Molster, Complete Landscaping.

Regards,  
Ed Frey-Chair Operations Committee

### **Summary of Irrigation Presentation**



The summary explains the background of the irrigation system and how it works, the permitted water usage and the history of the usage, the turf and bed needs during the year, identifies waste in the system, explains the watering plan goals, and the watering plan results expected. Please go to the Resources page on the SV Website

<http://symphonyvillage.net/storage/ref-docs/2012%20Symphony%20Village%20Irrigation%20Presentation.pdf>  
for the complete document.

### **Lawn Watering Tips**

At the April 3 meeting, Complete Landscaping handed out an information sheet on Lawn Watering Tips. Please refer to it on the Resources page on the SV Website or at <http://symphonyvillage.net/storage/ref-docs/Lawn.Watering.Tips.pdf>.

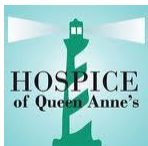
## **OUTREACH UPDATE**

### **Neighbor to Neighbor**

Although the SV Prayer Chain is no longer sponsored by Neighbor to Neighbor, many of the Street Captains are members of the expanded Chain. Prayer Chain members are folks who have promised to stop and pray whenever they receive a prayer request. Prayer requests are confidential, and Prayer Chain members are to abide by this condition. Anyone in the Village may join the Chain by completing the "Prayer Chain Subscription Form" on the "Directories" page of the SV Website. Likewise, anyone may request prayers by contacting their Street Captain or by sending an email to Helen Schultz ([grandma@shultzzy.org](mailto:grandma@shultzzy.org)). Please remember, however, that before submitting a prayer request, you **MUST** receive permission to do so from the individual or family concerned. It is best to ask for specific wording for the request. Above all, we must respect the privacy of our friends and neighbors. Thank you.

Eleanor Strietman  
Chair, Neighbor to Neighbor

### **Outreach Service Project**



Outreach will collect items on Hospice of Queen Anne's Wish List on **Monday, April 16, through Sunday, April 22**. The focus is on items for Camp New Dawn, a camping experience for children and youths who have experienced the loss of a loved one. The complete Wish List was published in the [March Libretto](#), and a copy is in the Outreach tab of the Activities Book at the Clubhouse. Eight homes

are serving as drop-off locations, and they also were in the March *Libretto* and are listed in the Activities Book. If you have any questions, please call Linda Blume, 410-758-3194. Thank you for your generous support! – *Linda Blume*

### **Holiday House Tour**

A Holiday House Tour is planned for Sunday, December 9, from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.....and Outreach needs you IF.....



- You enjoy decorating your home for the holidays,
- Have Christmas decorations that are family heirlooms,
- Collect Santas, Snowmen, etc.....
- **AND would like to share these with your neighbors!**

If you would like to have your home included on the Holiday House Tour, please call Willie DiLaura at **443-262-8062** or email [jwdilaura@yahoo.com](mailto:jwdilaura@yahoo.com) and join in the fun!

### **Wall Art Festival**



Do you work in a medium that hangs on a wall?  
Do you work in glass, watercolor, wood, fiber, oil, acrylic, quilting, macramé, photography, clay, wreaths, weaving, metal, or even mounted taxidermy? Another “wall art” medium? **Then we want you!**

Outreach is looking for about 25 artisans to display and sell their work at the Wall Art Festival on **Saturday, September 22**, 4 – 8 p.m., at the Clubhouse. The booth fee is \$25, and you keep all monies from your sales. If you would like to participate or have questions, please contact Loretta Quigley (410-758-6775, [lorettaquigley@yahoo.com](mailto:lorettaquigley@yahoo.com)) or Linda Gardner (410-758-0646, [lrgdsg@yahoo.com](mailto:lrgdsg@yahoo.com)).

Not able to participate as an artisan? Save the date and plan on attending. Details to be announced, but it promises to be a fun evening!

## **PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE**

### **Website Help**

The committee needs to have someone with experience creating websites to volunteer to help in maintaining parts of the SV Website. For more information, please call Carol Hodges at 410-758-0591 or the Webmaster, John Schultz at 443-262-9181.

### **Advertisers**

Thanks for encouraging companies to advertise with us.

### **Website Feedback**

The committee would like suggestions on things that need to be added to the new SV Website. Please call John Schultz or Carol Hodges or talk to any member of the committee.

### **Libretto Index**

Linda Blume had created an index of items of interest in the old *Librettos*. It is located on the new *Libretto* page on the SV Website.

### **All Are Welcome**

Everyone is welcome to attend the P & C meeting on Monday, May 7, at 2 p.m.

# CLUBS AND CLASSES

## SYMPHONY VILLAGE BIRD CLUB

### Field Trip

A small contingent of the SV Bird Club traveled to Pickering Creek on March 31 for a bird banding discussion and demonstration. The day began on a high note when we saw two bald eagles perched in the top of a tall tree on Taylor Mill Road just before Route 213. One or both eagles are often seen perching there – look for them when you drive out.

At Pickering Creek, volunteers based at the Ward Museum began by describing why birds are banded and how birds are banded. Each band was described as a bird's social security number, completely unique. A record was set recently when a bird banded in 1956 was re-captured – that's 56 years being banded plus an estimated six years old at the time of banding. Wow! There is data on over 60 million banded birds at the Bird Banding Laboratory in Laurel, Maryland, where data from the United States, Canada, and parts of Mexico can be researched.

Four mist nets had been set up along Pickering Creek trails that morning. The first time we checked the nets – nothing. Wasn't looking good. We adjourned to the Welcome Center for more discussion. We checked the nets again – still nothing. It wasn't looking any better. So we went on a short bird walk and saw tree swallows, sparrows, coots, red-winged blackbirds, a bald eagle, bluebirds, starlings, a chickadee, juncos, and vultures. We even noticed a nesting box for native solitary bees – who knew solitary bee nesting boxes even existed? Back to the reason we were there – will the third time be the charm?



Yes! One little sparrow is lightly snagged in a net. Gently, ever so gently, the bird's legs, then wings were detached from the gossamer netting, and the bird was placed in a catch bag for the short walk back to the Welcome Center where the banding would be done.

The bird was identified as a dull morph white-throated sparrow. Its leg was banded and the number recorded on the

banding log; its wing was measured and recorded, as was its tail length. Time for a weigh-in: the bird was placed head first into a painted toilet tissue tube glued to a square of cardboard, weighed head-down on the scale, and the weight recorded. When carried to the open door, it quickly flew to a nearby evergreen, maybe reflecting on what had just happened.



Watch the Activities Book for upcoming Bird Club activities. If you are not receiving my SV Bird Club email and would like to, just let me know!

– *Linda Blume*

## THE READING FOR FUN BOOK CLUB

The Reading for Fun Book Club met on March 20 at the Clubhouse to discuss the book *The House at Riverton* by Kate Morton. This book was recommended by Pat Loiacono, who also provided dessert of chocolate chip and macadamia nut cookies with peach tea. 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!



Jack Hennessey recommended *Dreams of Joy* by Lisa See for our April 17 meeting. The story centers on two Chinese sisters who grow up in Los Angeles, but travel to China during Chairman Mao's regime; Joy to find happiness in the agricultural communes set up under Mao, and Pearl to save her sister from the perils of such a life. The sisters soon learn that dreams do not come true. If this story sounds interesting, it is recommended that you first read

*Shanghai Girls*, which is a prequel to this book.

All Symphony Village residents are invited to attend the April 17 meeting in the Clubhouse to join in the discussions as well as to share in the promised delicious dessert and beverage.

## GAZEBO AND VICTORY GARDENS



We hope that many of you have enjoyed the beautiful daffodil display at the **Gazebo Garden**. There are 16 different varieties of daffodils! Unfortunately, only one tulip has survived of the many that we planted. The soil is too wet, and most of the bulbs have rotted. We have learned not to plant tulips!

All of the 20 beds have been weeded and mulched, and are ready for new spring plantings. Steve Guy will allocate a portion of our garden fund for each plot. Some plot owners may supplement these funds to beautify their plots. We still would like to find additional volunteers to help with the 20 beds.

We are happy to report that the purple martins have returned in full force. They are a joy to watch! The killdeer have also returned to nest in our garden, as well as a pair of mourning doves.

Dave Peterson did a great job of tilling the entire **Victory Garden**. We figure that most residents are old enough to recognize this name! Many of the early spring crops have been planted--peas, radishes, spinach, and onions. A couple of experimental tomatoes have been planted, but our large crop will have to wait for warm weather. Our thanks to Diane Briggs, who has agreed to let us use her water supply again this year. Our local snowbirds, Judy and Ray Caffiero, are due to return by April 23.

## TENNIS SCHEDULE

Spring is here, and it is time to play tennis at Symphony Village. The SV tennis schedule is 10 a.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. If you are aware of new tennis players in the community, please invite them to join the fun. See you on the courts.



## SINGLES

The Singles had a lovely time at Toby's Dinner Theatre on March 25. The performance was exceptional. As always, when we get together, we have a great time. Our next planned event is April 29 and that will be a 1 p.m. Brunch at the Clubhouse. Please bring a dish to share. We are rescheduling the trip to Longwood Gardens--date is undetermined.

### TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. What is the name of the religious theme park in Orlando, Florida?
2. Which famous star had a small role as Dodge City's blacksmith on the popular TV show *Gunslinger*?
3. Which plant grows naturally on a thin strip of 100-mile swampy coastland in the Carolinas and nowhere else in the whole world?
4. What was the favorite food of the "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles"?
5. What is the name of Donald Duck's sister?

## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

### Thank you from the Scully's



The family of Jack Scully would like to thank our neighbors and friends of Symphony Village for all the love and support they shared with us both before and during that very sad time. The many cards of sympathy and Mass Cards were overwhelming. A special thanks to those who made and served dishes at the reception. I feel that living in Symphony Village is a blessing and that the people who live here make it that way. The Scully's

### Thank you from Skip Kornmeyer

On March 17 more than 250 people attended the 'Celebration of Life' for Maryanne. Many of them were you—our friends, and neighbors.



Our sons, Keith and Erik, along with Maryanne's sisters, Claire, Margaret, Veronica, her brother Mark, and I thank you for the love and support. Because of you, the day's atmosphere matched the weather – it was simply beautiful and it was, indeed, a Celebration. Thank you for sharing your memories and stories with us. We found them so comforting.

A special "Thank You" to the people who set up, maintained and cleaned up, making the event seamless and worry-free for our family: BJ, Debbie, Dottie, Roberta, Joan, Nancie, Kay, Claudia, Carol, Linda, Anita, Sue, Pooh, Doris, Geoff, Ira, Dave, Paul, Ron, Jim, Frank, Scott, Richard, Alan, Larry, Tom, and Jack.

This is the second time in eighteen months that this community came together and assisted me and my family in our time of need. Thank you for all that you have done.

Kindest regards,  
Skip

### **War of 1812 Committee Fundraiser: Terror on the Chesapeake**

The Queen Anne's County War of 1812 Committee announces their second fundraiser to raise money to purchase commemorative signs to mark War of 1812 historic sites within the county. Signage will include the 1812 War Monument that will mark the site at Slippery Hill in Grasonville where a small band of QAC men stood and faced down more than 300 British soldiers. On **Friday, April 27**, 7 – 9:30 p.m., author Christopher T. George, *Terror on the Chesapeake: the War of 1812 on the Bay*, will speak at the Chesapeake Bay Exploration Center in Grasonville. Admission is \$20 per person.



### **Cubby Chorale at the Clubhouse**

Centreville Elementary School 1st and 2nd graders will be coming to Symphony Village to sing on Thursday, May 3, at 10 a.m. Their group is called the 'Cubby Chorale', and all residents are welcome to attend. Anyone interested in baking cookies for this event, please contact Jinny Guy at 443-262-8685.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual “Defying the Odds” Flying Pig Roast**



This annual fundraiser for [Crossroads Community Inc.](#) will take place on **Saturday, May 5**, 4 – 7 p.m., at Piney Point Farm on the Chester River in Centreville. Tickets are \$55 per person, \$100 per couple. At the event, pulled pork with all the fixin's will be served with a full bar. There will be live and silent auctions as well as music by bluegrass group Bay Country Gentlemen. To purchase tickets, go to [Tickets](#). Crossroads provides mental health recovery services for Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot Counties. ([QAC Tourism](#))

### **Goodwill Fire Company Cash Bash**



The Goodwill Fire Company will hold a Cash Bash on **Saturday, May 19**, noon – 6 p.m. There will be 145 cash prize drawings (one every 2 ½ minutes) with prizes ranging from \$125 to \$3,000. The final drawing for the top \$10,000 prize will take place at 6 p.m. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold – for \$100 each. A ticket holder is entitled to bring one guest with additional guests \$30 each if 16 or older, \$10 for under age 16. There will be free food and beverages throughout the event. Winners are responsible for all state and federal taxes that may apply. For tickets, contact John J. Cvach (443-262-8009, [jcvach@cvachfinancial.com](mailto:jcvach@cvachfinancial.com)) or a Goodwill Fire Company member.

### **Spring Has Sprung! Time to Check Your Dryer Vent!**

As birds begin to choose nesting sites, it is time to check the outside cover over your clothes dryer vent. If the cover is the least bit ajar, you may have starlings or robins deciding it is the perfect nesting site. **You don't want that to happen – what a mess!** To prevent the possibility,



cover the vent with plastic mesh or chicken wire. Make sure the mesh openings are large enough for excess lint to fly out and away from the house.

If you already have your dryer vent covered, check it often to make sure there isn't a buildup of lint that has not made it all the way to the great outdoors. There could be serious consequences if this opening is clogged.

### **Energy Saving Ceiling Light** by Bob Offerman

In our Gershwin, we have one ceiling light that is used several hours each day – the one over the kitchen sink. It would be nice to replace that 65 watt energy hog with something that consumes much less electricity... as long as it doesn't look like an industrial light.

I've been waiting to replace it until an LED replacement was available that had the same "color" as conventional incandescent flood lights.



Well, it's here – a 10.5 watt LED floodlight that seems brighter than its 65 equivalent watt rating, and has similar "warmth". The latest version only draws 9.5 watts. It is dimmable. The box is marked as "CREE 65 watt equivalent ecosmart 499 485". It's sometimes referred to a "CR 6". Price is about \$35 each, available online at Amazon.com or EBay; also Home Depot and others.

Installation is easy – instructions are on the box. The trick is to remove the old trim by unhooking the two springs that hold it up, and then to remove the support bracket by removing its thumbscrew.

We don't use our ceiling lights enough to justify replacing all of them, but replacing the lamp over the sink will be worth it. At an electric rate of \$.10, it'll take about 6300 hours for the lamp to pay for itself, followed by another 29,000 hours of expected lamp life. At 6 hours of use per day, the lamp will last about 16 years and will have paid for itself after the first 3 years. And electric rates are bound to rise, making it even more attractive in the future.

## **RESTAURANT REVIEW**

*By Karin Larsen*

### **Maria's Sicilian Ristorante and Café**



Unless you crave seeing spectacular and active volcanoes of the central Mediterranean while you're savoring Sicilian cuisine, just take yourself to *Maria's Sicilian Ristorante and Café* to savor the cooking of Chef Jose at this decades old restaurant in historic downtown Annapolis. Owner Maria still visits tables and greets guests at her charming restaurant, as she and Proprietor Charlie Priola, preside over this romantic and cozy Annapolis fixture.



Maria's offers lunch with a "pre-fixe" or a full lunch menu of authentic Sicilian cuisine. Some delicious choices are the *Linguini Alla Vongole* of fresh clams sautéed in garlic, olive oil, and white wine. I love the *Quattro Stagioni*, a brick oven pizza consisting of artichoke hearts, green peppers, mushrooms, prosciutto, and tomato sauce topped with mozzarella.

The dinner menu abounds with choices of meat, chicken, veal, fish, and a broad choice of pasta dishes. Yummy choices are the *Antipasti Caldi*, and hot and cold appetizers such as the *Mozzarella Carrozza* consisting of mozzarella cheese wrapped in Italian bread, then fried and topped with anchovy cream sauce. You just have to try their *Zuppe* from their dinner menu and my choice is the *Stracciattella* or Sicilian wedding soup. Next, I recommend the *Pollo Gamberi Mona Lisa* consisting of chicken and shrimp sautéed in olive oil and white wine then tossed with broccoli, asparagus, mushrooms and peas in a Romano cheese cream sauce served over risotto. Some sweet choices to complete your experience are Maria's *Cassata* cake, *Creamsicle Cheesecake* or a fresh *Cannoli*.

So if you still like white tablecloths, excellent service, and culinary influences of Spain, North Africa, and Greece, then try the deeply delicious flavors of Maria's. Watch out, you may soon wonder where Maria hid the Volcanoes!

Maria's Sicilian Ristorante and Café is located at 12 Market Space, Annapolis, MD. 21401. The telephone number is 410-268-2112. Via computer, [www.mariasannapolis.com](http://www.mariasannapolis.com) is full of information. Lunch prices range from \$5-\$17. Dinner pricing seems typical of most fine dining at Annapolis restaurants.

## RECIPES

### Key Lime Pie (low calorie low fat)

From the kitchen of Dorthea Turek

- 1 reduced fat graham cracker crust
- 1 pkg. sugar-free lime flavor gelatin
- ¼ cup boiling water
- 2 containers (6 oz.) key lime pie flavor light yogurt
- 1 tub (8 oz.) fat-free whipped topping, thawed

- In large, heat-resistant bowl, dissolve gelatin in boiling water.
- Stir in yogurt with a wire whisk.
- Fold in whipped topping with wooden spoon.
- Spread in crust. Refrigerate overnight.
- Garnish with a slice of fresh lime

Servings 8, each 145 calories.

*The Senior Citizen Cook-off took place at the Kent Island Senior Center on March 13. I won second place in the dessert category with my low fat-low calorie Key Lime Pie. This is the recipe. Dorthea Turek*



## PERSONAL ADS

**FOR SALE:** Prijon 16'1" Seayak Sea Kayak in very good condition. Beginner to advanced paddlers, stable, paddler weight 110–225 lb. \$800.

<http://www.crystalriverkayakcompany.com/prijon.html>. George Drake, 410-758-8266

**WANTED:** Kayak, 11 to 13 feet long, stable, large cockpit for paddler and dog. Mary Drake, 410-758-8266.

**FOR SALE:** 2 new Dell High-Capacity Black Print Cartridges for Dell V505 Printer – \$14 each, or 2 for \$22; 1 new Dell High-Capacity Color Print Cartridge for Dell V505 Printer - \$15. Charlene Smallwood Brown, 410-758-6930.

## LOCAL NEWS & 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 [SV Website](#), and we will put a hard copy of the complete list in the Libretto Binder that is located in the Clubhouse. Also, if you do not have a computer, Nancy at the Clubhouse will print a hard copy of the complete list of Local Events from the SV Website for you.

### Exhibit: Photographic Images by Coleman Sellers



Photographer Coleman Sellers brings his love of landscapes and Eastern Shore flora and fauna to his vibrant and compelling images on exhibit at the Chesapeake Bay Exploration Center **April 5** through the **end of June**. Boats, cows, corn, and even farm equipment are brought to life through large prints that combine Sellers' knack for composition and his use of strong compelling color schemes. The work of local carver Alex Johnson will also be on display. Johnson is known for his recreations of local landmarks – lighthouses, buildings, and familiar architectural edifices. ([QAC Tourism](#))

### Events at Adkins Arboretum



It has been suggested that a summary of the myriad programs at Adkins Arboretum be included in Local Events rather than complete details. To that end, these programs will be offered at Adkins Arboretum in Ridgely in the coming month:

[Garden of Giants](#): **Tuesday, April 17** and again on **Thursday, April 19**

[Compost Cake](#): **Tuesday, April 24** and again on **Thursday, April 26**

[An Arboretum Campout](#): **Saturday, April 28** through **Sunday, April 29**

[Spring Beauties](#): **Tuesday, May 1** and again on **Thursday, May 3**

[Cloud Magic](#): **Tuesday, May 8** and again on **Thursday, May 10**

[Adkins Arboretum Free Admission Day](#): **Friday, May 11**

[Second Saturday Guided Walk](#): **Saturday, May 12**

[Talkin' About Tadpoles](#): **Tuesday, May 15** and again on **Thursday, May 17**

Click on the event title to go to the website for all the details and to register.

### **Bay Bridge Boat Show**



The largest spring boat show north of Palm Beach will take place on **April 19-22** at the Bay Bridge Marina in Stevensville. Hours are Thursday, noon – 6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; and Sunday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. General one-day admission is \$12 adults, \$4 children ages 7-12, free children ages 6 and under; two-day combination ticket is \$19. Parking is \$2. For all the details, including a schedule of events, go to [Bay Bridge Boat Show](#).

### **Flock to Queen Anne’s County for Birding on Maryland’s Eastern Shore**



The Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center and Queen Anne’s County Tourism present “Flock to Queen Anne’s County for Birding on Maryland’s Eastern Shore” on **April 20-22**. Experience nine different birding experiences over three days. The featured events include lectures on ospreys, owls, a birding photography lecture, birding hikes, banding demonstrations, an owl prowl, and more. Sign up for all nine birding experiences for \$90 (pre-registration is required). Or come to two events open to the public: an osprey lecture on **April 20** and an owl lecture on **April 21**; each is \$5 per person; seating is limited and pre-registration is recommended. To register, call 410-604-2100. For additional details, look at each day on the [CBEC Calendar](#). ([QAC Tourism](#))

### **“A Musical Menagerie”**



The Queen Anne’s Chorale presents their spring concert, “A Musical Menagerie,” on **Saturday, April 21**, 7 – 9 p.m., at the Todd Performing Arts Center at Chesapeake College. This family-oriented fun-filled program about animals will feature balloon artist Steve Gambrill. Tickets are \$15 adults, free for children through high school. ([QAC Tourism](#))

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual AL’s Run: Al Cantello Jr. Scholarship Fundraiser**



This event raises funds for the [Al Cantello Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund](#) that awards scholarships to Kent Island High seniors who plan to continue their lacrosse careers in college. The 5-mile run will be held on **Saturday, April 21**, 8 a.m. – noon, beginning at the Island Athletic Club and using the Cross Island Trail. To register for the event, go to [Registration](#). The donation is \$25 per runner. ([Shore Update](#))

### **Show: County Roads**



Thirty artists of the Artist Roundtable, QAC, have been working, filming, painting, and designing for the past six months to present an artistic view of Route 18 to QAC residents. On **Tuesday, April 24**, 10 – 11 a.m., there will be a presentation by Dr. Paul Placek, historian and author, on the endeavor. The talk will be held at the QAC Public Library in Stevensville. ([QAC Tourism](#))

### **Kent Island Elks 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament**



The Queenstown Harbor Golf Course will host this golf tournament on **Tuesday, April 24**. The cost is \$125 per player or \$500 per foursome. There will be prizes awarded for first, second, and third places, and there will be a hole-in-one \$20,000 contest. The cost includes continental breakfast, lunch, and dinner catered by Smokehouse Grill at the golf course.

Monies raised provide scholarships for high school seniors going on to college. For more information and to register, call 610-643-2221. ([Shore Update](#))

### **Chesapeake Hoots**



Explore the forests and marshes of the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center on **Thursday, April 26**, 7 – 9 p.m. Search for resident owls, rails, and other denizens of the dark on this guided hike through fields, forests, and wetlands. ([QAC Tourism](#))

### **Delmarva Birding Weekend**



This year's Delmarva Birding Weekend takes place **April 26-29**. It is a unique opportunity for wildlife enthusiasts to visit the region so rich in bird species, both local and migratory. There are dozens of trips and birding activities to choose from taking place across Delaware and Eastern Shore counties, including Queen Anne's. All the details and registration materials will be found at [Delmarva Birding Weekend](#).

### **Maryland State Championship at Pintail Point**



Pintail Point in Queenstown will host the [Maryland State Championship](#) Sporting Clays Tournament on **April 28-29**, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Events on Saturday will be the 50 Target Preliminary and the 50-Target Sub-gauge, and on Sunday, the 100-Target Main Event. ([QAC Tourism](#))

### **Pecometh Day**



Bring the whole family to Camp Pecometh in Centreville on **Saturday, April 28**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., for Pecometh Day. Activities include open house tours, games, music, hayrides, food, and exhibits. All activities are free. ([QAC Tourism](#))

### **Marsh Madness: Charity 5K Trail Run and Kids Fun Run**



The Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center (CBEC) in Grasonville will host [Marsh Madness](#) on **Saturday, April 28**, 9:30 a.m. – noon. The 5K trail run/walk goes over varying flat terrain on the trails of CBEC through meadows, marshland, and a mature pine forest with views of creeks and bays along the way. The Kids Fun Run will be 1/3 mile over varying flat terrain. The entry fee is \$25. You can pre-register ([Registration](#)) or register on the day of the event beginning at 9 a.m. Pre-registration is highly recommended. Proceeds will be distributed between Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Queen Anne's and Kent Counties and the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center. First, second, and third place finishers for both male and female categories will get to stand on the podium and receive medallions. All Fun Run participants will receive ribbons.



### **Remember the Wounded Ride Send-Off**



Scot King is a former Marine Corporal resuming a 48-state bicycle trek across America to raise awareness and funds for our military personnel wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan and their families. The 2012 portion of his [Remember the Wounded Ride](#) begins on **Saturday, April 28**, at Kent Island Elks Lodge #2576. Everyone is encouraged to attend the send-off between 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. to honor our veterans and our troops. The first leg of the six-month journey goes from Stevensville to Washington, DC (44.05 miles) on April 28. Scot's ride is in its second year of two. There will be an "American Heroes" book-signing on **Tuesday, April 24**, 6:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge. A fundraiser dinner, including a formal cocktail hour and reception, will take place on **Thursday, April 26**, 6 – 10 p.m. Please call 410-643-2221 to pre-register for the dinner; a \$20 donation is requested. ([Shore Update](#))

### **Rabies Clinic**



Queen Anne's County Animal Services in Queenstown will hold a [Rabies Clinic](#) on **Saturday, April 28**, 10 a.m. – noon. The cost is \$5 per animal. Please make sure that dogs are on a leash (maximum 6' in length) and that cats are in carriers. ([QAC Animal Services](#))

### **Basket Bingo and Silent Auction**



There will be Basket Bingo and a silent auction on **Sunday, April 29**, to benefit the Child Abuse Response and Evaluation (C.A.R.E.) Center, Queen Anne's County's child advocacy center. For more information, call 410-758-8056. ([QAC Tourism](#))

### **49<sup>th</sup> Annual Open Judged Show**



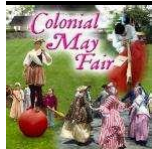
The Kent Island Federation of Arts in Stevensville presents an open judged art exhibit in all mediums except photography on **May 2 – 26**. The opening reception is on Thursday, May 10, 5 – 7 p.m., no charge. ([QAC Tourism](#))

### **Wright's Chance Open House**



Wright's Chance, a restored 18<sup>th</sup> century Plantation House in Centreville, will be open to the public on **Saturday, May 5**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., free of charge. Docents will lead tours of the house. For information, call 410-758-3010 or email [info@qachistory.org](mailto:info@qachistory.org).

### **Colonial May Fair**



This year's Colonial May Fair will be held on **Saturday, May 5**, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., at Old Wye Church in Wye Mills. There will be colonial crafts, games, music, May Pole, rides, blessing of the animals, and food. A plant sale is a large part of the fair. ([Maryland Tourism](#))

### **Plants for the Pets**



Chesapeake Cats and Dogs will hold their third annual plant sale on **Saturday, May 5**, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., at their adoption center in Stevensville (300A Island Professional Park). Annuals, perennials, herbs, house plants, hanging baskets, and much more will be for sale. All proceeds help rescued animals in their care. ([Shore Update](#))



## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Day



Animal Shelter. The event is free. Additional details will be posted on [Youth Day](#). ([QAC Tourism](#))

Pintail Point in Queenstown will host Youth Day on **Saturday, May 5**. There will be fly tying, retriever dog demonstrations, putt-putt, fishing, sporting clays, and much more. Door prizes, contests, and lunch will be available. Dog and cat food donations will be accepted to benefit the QAC

## American Cancer Society Relay for Life – Queen Anne’s County



Join us on **May 5 and 6** for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life to raise funds to fight back against cancer. Teams camp out around the track at the 4H Park in Centreville. Members of each team take turns walking around the track for the duration of the event. Food, games, and activities provide entertainment and fundraising opportunities. This is a family-friendly event for the entire community. The event begins at 4 p.m. on Saturday and runs through 11 a.m. on Sunday. The event begins with a Survivor Lap and includes a Luminaria Ceremony after dark, and a Fight Back Ceremony. See [Queen Anne's Relay for Life](#) for details. ([QAC Tourism](#))

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wye-Tri Adventure Race



The [Wye-Tri Adventure Race](#) takes place on **Saturday, May 5** at the Wye Island Natural Resources Management Area, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. The Adventure Race is designed in triathlon format and will consist of three segments: a 2 mile trail run, a .75 mile paddle, and a 6.5 mile mountain bike ride. A limited number of kayaks will be available for rental. The race is open to anyone 14 years of age or older. The cost is \$15 per person. Pre-registration is required – call Ranger Callahan at 410-827-7577. ([QAC Tourism](#))

## Masonic Open House



The Masonic Temple in Centreville (408 Railroad Avenue) will be open on **Saturday, May 5**, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., for the public to become acquainted with Freemasonry. For more information, call 443-262-9188. The event is sponsored by Centreville Lodge No. 180, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. ([QAC Tourism](#))

## Kirwan House Yard Sale/Flea Market



The Kent Island Heritage Society will sponsor a yard sale and flea market on the grounds of historic Kirwan House in Stevensville on **Saturday, May 5**, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. ([QAC Tourism](#))

## QAC Historic Sites Open House



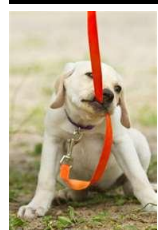
Historic Sites in Queen Anne’s County open their doors the **first Saturday** of every month **May – October**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Call (410-758-2502) or go to [Historic Sites Consortium of Queen Anne's County](#) to obtain a Heritage Guide to all the QAC sites.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Chesapeake Bay Wine Festival**



The Chesapeake Bay Wine Festival will take place on **May 5 and 6** at the Bay Bridge Marina in Stevensville. This annual event features local and international wines, craft beer, local food, artisans, crafters, scenic views, and live entertainment. This is a tented event, so come rain or shine. For all the details, go to [Chesapeake Bay Wine Festival](#). ([QAC Tourism](#))

### **Yappy Tails on Trails Dog Day**



The Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center in Grasonville will hold Yappy Tails on Trails Dog Day on **Saturday, May 5**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Treat your dog to a day of fun – exploring the center and eating treats. Prove your pooch is a winner with the costume and agility contests. There will also be demonstrations of training, agility, and search and rescue, plus a pet photo station and vendors. Local pet adoption agencies will be onsite with loveable pooches in need of good homes. ([Yappy Tails on Trails](#))

### **Hospice of Queen Anne's Golf Tournament**



The annual Golf Tournament will take place on **Monday, May 7**, at the Prospect Bay Country Club in Grasonville. Enjoy a day of play, networking with business associates and friends, and at the same time, support Hospice of Queen Anne's. The 9-holes option (tee time at 9 a.m.) includes green fees, carts, continental breakfast, and lunch; the 18-holes option (tee time at 1 p.m.) includes green fees, carts, lunch, and dinner. For all the details, go to [Golf Tournament](#). ([QAC Tourism](#))

### **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Summit**



The Senior Summit will take place on **Friday, May 11**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., at the 4-H Park in Centreville. Vendors will provide information about their services, programs, and products that are geared toward the older generation. Lunch will be available for a fee, and there will also be entertainment, door prizes, and popular give-a-ways. Free. ([QAC Tourism](#))

### **Alice in Wonderland**



Step back through the looking glass where excitement and fun go hand-in-hand with adventure and friendship on **Friday, May 11**, 7 – 9:30 p.m., at the Todd Performing Arts Center at Chesapeake College. This sparkling musical production of Lewis Carroll's enchanting classic is filled with terrific sets and special effects. All tickets are \$8. Order tickets at [Tickets](#). ([QAC Tourism](#))

### **5<sup>th</sup> Annual "A Garden Affair"**



The QAC Master Gardeners hold "A Garden Affair" on **Saturday, May 12**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., on the grounds of the Centreville Public Library and historic Wright's Chance. There will be hands-on interactive exhibits promoting environmental stewardship and free family-fun activities including face painting, door prizes, and scavenger hunts. There will also be a plant sale. ([QAC Tourism](#))

### **Wright's Chance Open House**



Wright's Chance, a restored 18<sup>th</sup> century Plantation House, will be open to the public, free of charge, during the Queen Anne's County Master Gardener's "A Garden Affair" on **Saturday, May 12**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Docents will lead tours of the house. For more information, call 410-758-3010 or email

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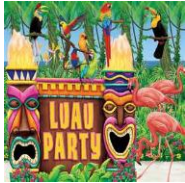
***MUST REGISTER FOR THIS TRIP NO LATER THAN APRIL 20:***

### **Trip: American Girl Place in New York City**



QAC Recreation and Parks will sponsor a trip to American Girl Place in New York City on **Saturday, May 12**. You'll find all your grandchildren's favorite characters, plus outfits, accessories, and furniture. The cost is \$90 and includes transportation and lunch at the American Girl Café. For all the details, go to [American Girl Trip](#). Register no later than April 20 at [Registration](#). This trip is program number 403004.

### **Summer Kick-Off Luau Dance Party**



The QAC Centre for the Arts will host a Luau Dance Party on **Saturday, May 12**, 8 – 10:30 p.m. There will be an early-bird salsa lesson at 7:15 p.m. Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt and celebrate the start of summer. The event is presented by world class dancer and instructor Amanda Showell. The cost is \$10 members, \$12 non-members.

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### **Second Sunday Coffee House – Jazz and Folk Music**



Second Sunday Coffee House will be held on **Sunday, May 13**, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Centerville. Joe Holt will be featured. ([QAC Tourism](#))

### **At Your Pleasure – A Spring Cocktail Party**



The Kent Island Federation of Arts will hold a fundraising cocktail party on **Saturday, May 19**, 6:30 – 10 p.m., in the waterfront gardens of Fred Beane on Cox Creek. The evening includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, and beer and wine (BYOB liquor). Tickets are \$40 per person and **must be purchased in advance**. Purchase tickets at [Spring Cocktail Party](#).

**REMINDER:** Go to the [SV Website](#) to see all 113 Local Events, 18 Continuing Events, and 48 Events Outside the Four-County Area.

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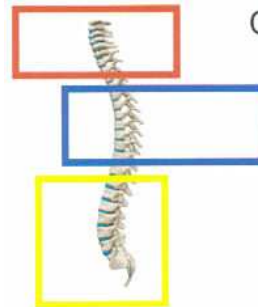
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