



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.



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COMMITTEE REPORTS

LIFESTYLE

NOVEMBER

- **Ladies Happy Hour** – 5:30 p.m. Thursday, November 15 – The cost is \$5 for dinner and a beverage. Please sign up in the Activities Book. **(Outreach will end the sale of SV Name Tags at this LHH (\$10 per name tag). See all the details in the Daily Bulletin.)**
- **Happy Hour** – 6 p.m. Saturday, November 17– **Special Karaoke Happy Hour** – Bring your favorite appetizer or dessert. We will charge \$1 at the door for the karaoke.
- **Centreville Elementary School, Cubby Chorale** – 10 a.m. Wednesday, November 28, first and second graders are coming to the SV Clubhouse to sing for us. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.
- **Radio City Music Hall Holiday Show Bus Trip to NYC** – Friday, November 30. Sign up at the Clubhouse and pay \$150 per person. Deadline for sign up and payment is **November 16.**



DECEMBER

- **Williamsburg Trip** – Leaving Sunday, December 2.
- **Lifestyle Committee Meeting** – 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, December 5 – All residents are welcome.
- **Lunch Bunch** – 12:30 p.m. Thursday, December 6 – Join us for lunch at the Tidewater Inn and enjoy the holiday decorations. Sign up in the Activities Book.
- **Happy Hour** – 6 p.m. Friday, December 7 – Bring an appetizer or dessert as your price of admission.

- **Holiday Party** – 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, **December 15** – This event will be catered by Doc’s Riverside Grille. **Dance music will be provided by DJ Bo** from Doc’s. The sign-up sheet will be in the Activities Book in the Clubhouse and will include menu details and cost.
- **Ladies Happy Hour** – 5:30 p.m. Thursday, December 20 – The cost is \$5 for dinner and a beverage. Please sign up in the Activities Book.
- **New Year’s Eve Party** – Monday, December 31 – This event will be catered by Adam’s Ribs with music provided by Davis DeeJay. The sign-up sheet will be in the Activities Book around November 16 with the menu details and cost.



UPCOMING EVENT:

Million Dollar Quartet – Saturday, **January 5**, at the Kennedy Center – The bus departs at 11:30 a.m. from the Clubhouse. **(PLEASE NOTE THE NEW DATE.)**

TO ALL RESIDENTS: If you enjoy planning parties, picnics, and overall social events, please consider signing up for the 2013 Lifestyle Committee.

OUTREACH

Holiday House Tour



Catch the holiday spirit at Outreach’s Holiday House Tour on **Sunday, December 9**, from 5 – 7:30 p.m. Eleven residents will welcome you into their homes to enjoy their holiday decorations. There will be decorated trees, special collections, lots of glitter, and three train gardens sure to delight children of all ages. Cookies and hot chocolate will be available at the Clubhouse from 6 - 8 p.m. The Tour is open to residents of Symphony Village and their guests. Donations are \$5 per person in advance and \$7 at the door. Children under 6 are free. Registration forms are available at the Clubhouse or on-line at “Holiday House Tour Signup” on the [Daily Bulletin](#) web page. Checks should be made payable to SVOPI. On December 9, come to the Clubhouse to pick up your hangtag and program with map, then look for the homes with luminaries lining their sidewalks. Proceeds from this event will benefit Queen Anne’s County Social Services Adopt-a-Family program.

Check Presentation To Chesapeake Victories, Inc.

Outreach’s Nancie Cameron and Linda Blume, with photographer Brenda Stoltz, went to Chesapeake Victories, Inc., on November 10 to present Elaine and Mike Dow a check for \$2,000 – the proceeds of the 3rd Annual Artisan’s Fair. The stars of the afternoon were thoroughbreds Dakota and Slicorice, the two horses currently in residence who were given a second chance at life after the racetrack. A third horse was due to arrive four days after our visit to join the family, and his arrival was much anticipated. Discussion flowed about the horses, many incredible therapeutic riding success stories, the farm, and the history of the property. Elaine and Mike thanked Outreach so much for all their good work and for the donation – and Outreach **thanks all of you**, the residents of SV, without whom the donation would not have been possible.



(Pictured: Elaine Dow, Nancie, Linda, “Dakota,” Mike Dow)

Hallowe'en Party

About 45 children and grandparents enjoyed a fun Hallowe'en party on October 27. The children were so cute in their costumes, and everyone had a great time doing crafts, playing games, and having a "trick or treat" parade! We want to thank the people who helped us make this such a fun day. Pat Scheirer once again did a great job as the "Tattoo Artist." Bob Farrar took the cute pictures with Jim Cooke as his helper; and the following persons helped with the games, crafts, and snack: Rochelle Ray, Eleanor Strietman, Juana Ridgeway, Mary Lewis, Marge Strano, Doug Cooke, Sue Peterson, Pat Kindle, Amy Marotta, Teri Nudo, Marilyn and Ed Williams, Susan Donnelly, Bea Trotta, Jennifer Donnelly, and Alexandra Heyn. Also, a big thanks to Willie DiLaura for helping with setup and decorating, and to Chris Collins for donating decorations and prizes! Last, but not least, thanks also to the residents who came up and participated in our "trick or treat" parade!



Outreach Food Drive Results



Great News! We Made Our Goal !

Our goal was 2104 items (one more than last year) and we collected 2276 items this year.

Thank you to all of our wonderful neighbors who contributed to our annual food drive effort this past week to assist Centreville residents in need through Social Services. **Special thanks to our “drop-off houses”:** Sue and Dave Peterson, Linda Blume, Carol and Larry Hodges, Joan and Jack Hennessey, BJ McClieb and Geoff Young, Carlene and Jim Cooke, Mary and Bob Ciesielski, Rosemary and Scott Page, Betty and Lloyd McAtee, and Teri and Jerry Nudo. **And a big thank you to our drivers:** Dave Peterson and Bob Offerman and to all of

our helpers behind the scenes who continue to make this activity a smooth one every year! Many people will be helped by your generosity. – *Loretta Quigley*

Neighbor to Neighbor

When troubles come – and they do – it’s comforting to know that help with meals, transportation, etc., are only a phone call away. Neighbor to Neighbor Street Captains are prepared to arrange for short-term assistance allowing you time to recover or make your own longer-term arrangements. In order for this process to work, however, Street Captains need to know when and where help is needed. If you need assistance (or if you know of a neighbor in need), please call your Captain, whose name can be found on the SV Website. – *Eleanor Strietman*

SAVE THE DATE Fourth Annual Card and Game Party

Thursday, January 31, 2013. We will have more details for next *Libretto*. – *Carlene*

PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS – *Carol Hodges*

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. You can print the ad rates from the website or pick up a rate list from Nancy at the Clubhouse.

Supporting our advertisers helps keep our HOA dues from increasing.

New Residents

If you see anyone new moving in, please contact our Welcoming Committee Chairman, Mary Drake, at 410-758-8266 or Joan Hennessey at 410-758-4872. Also, if you sell or rent your house, please let Dennis or Nancy know the information and encourage the new residents to visit with them.

Photo Directory

Please send pictures for the photo directory to Charlene Smallwood Brown at gsmallw594@aol.com or George Drake at georgeandmarydrake@atlanticbb.net. The goal is to have photos of all of the residents in the photo directory.

Website

If any group would like its own web page, contact John Schultz at 443-262-9181.

Symphony Village Facebook Page

If you have a Facebook page, type “Symphony Village Group” in the Search box and Click on it. Select “Add Friend.” (Someone else can also add you as a friend.) You will then be able to post any questions or comments or even a personal advertisement. Another useful group is Residents of Centreville.

Computer Help

Need help setting up a Facebook page, accessing the SV Website, adding favorites, etc.? Sign up in the Activities Book or on the Daily Bulletin page.



All Are Welcome

Everyone is welcome to attend the P & C meeting on Monday, December 3, at 2 p.m.

SNEAKERS – Linda Farrar

Silent Auction

THANK YOU – THANK YOU – THANK YOU

The 8th Annual Sneakers Silent Auction was a festive night for all of the more than 250 persons who attended and enjoyed the auction and the delicious food and drink. The Clubhouse bustled with activity. A favorite this year was the introduction of a restaurant raffle, which was greatly supported. We are sending a massive “Thank You” to our extremely generous residents, neighbors, educators, and local merchants who helped make this year’s auction such an overwhelming success, both through their donation of items and money, as well as their generous bidding on the auction items. Based on preliminary accounting, we received a profit in excess of \$10,000 which will go directly to our charity programs. We cannot say enough to all of you who helped with the auction items, the food and preparations, and your financial contributions. Again, a resounding thank you; and we look forward to seeing you next year on Saturday, November 2, 2013, same time/same place. (Rich Ryan, Tom Scull, and Dave Peterson)



Holiday Gift Tree

As you enter the Clubhouse, you will notice our gift tree with tags attached. These are for the items requested by needy families in the Centreville schools, via the schools’ guidance counselors. We are asking you to select one or more of these items, purchase and wrap them, and return the gifts to the Clubhouse by Monday, December 10, so the families can pick them up before the holidays. There is a sheet at the base of the tree that explains how to prepare them.



Book Giveaways



Reminder – We have scheduled the following book giveaways:

Centreville, Thursday, November 15

Kennard, Friday, December 14

Please sign up in the Activities Book if you can help.

Food Separation

Once again, we will be helping Kennard Elementary separate the canned goods that their students have collected. We separate by type of food, after checking the expiration dates, and place them in containers for the families in need to pick them up for the winter holiday break. Sneakers usually supplements the

baskets to ensure that basic items are provided. The separation is scheduled for Monday, December 17. Please sign up in the Activities Book if you can help.

CLUBS AND CLASSES

BIRD CLUB – *Linda Blume*

A small contingent of the Bird Club traveled to Pickering Creek Audubon Center earlier this month. After days and days of rain and clouds and generally gloomy weather, the sunshine felt fantastic. Our walk began slowly with very few birds being spotted, but eventually we saw more and more. A member of the Talbot County Bird Club was extraordinary at identifying birds on the wing as well as flitting quickly through the brush. A few birds did sit still long enough for us to see them with our binoculars. I think the highlight was seeing several ruby-crowned kinglets – my first sighting. We also saw 21 other kinds of birds, including bald eagles, bluebirds, and lots of white-throated sparrows. Our next trip will be on Saturday, December 1, to attend the 50th Anniversary Celebration and Open House at Eastern Neck NWR in Rock Hall. The day's schedule of events will be posted on [Eastern Neck NWR](#), and we'll then decide what specific events to attend. A sign-up sheet will go into the Activities Book when the schedule is announced.



GAZEBO and VICTORY GARDEN

Gazebo Garden – *Jack Hennessey*

Many residents found the Gazebo Garden a pleasant place to have lunch. The warm spell in early November was a good opportunity to weed and get rid of unwanted plants. We are happy to report that Don Downey, one of our major workers in the past, has a respite from his travels and will be able to help with our cleanup. We will be providing spare crepe myrtle bushes to two residents who have requested them. We have had a few problems this year. One of our sprinklers disappeared, some hornets made a nest in one of our benches, and our water supply was cut off and the pipes drained. Since we still had flowers growing, Jack had to carry buckets of water to save the flowers. This was all eliminated when we had our first major frost on November 5 that killed all of the remaining flowers. We expect to fill 8 or 10 plastic bags with weeds, which Steve Guy will use for his compost pile. Good idea Steve!

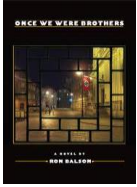
Victory Garden – *Jack Hennessey*

There is not much activity in the Victory Garden, which is pretty much covered with weeds. Jack has a few radishes, beets, and leaf lettuce growing; and Richard has a lot of arugula. The farmer has harvested his soy beans and will soon be cultivating. If the timing is right, he will plow our area, as well as his own area for winter wheat. All gardeners are requested to remove all cages, fences, stakes, and stones to make cultivating easy. Dave Peterson hopes to till our area before Thanksgiving. He will till it again in time for the St. Patrick's Day planting of peas, cabbage, and potatoes. Overall, we had a very successful garden year in 2012. We did have one problem. There was a large hornets' nest in a tree on the path to the garden, and Pat Murphy got stung three times on the head. Jack got a can of hornet spray with a 20-foot spray reach and eliminated the problem.



READING FOR FUN BOOK CLUB – *Jack Hennessey*

The Book Club met on October 15 to discuss the book *The Cellist of Sarajevo* by Steven Galloway. This book was recommended by Jack Hennessey. It also happens to be the annual selection by the One Maryland-One Book Program, to be read by all Marylanders for 2012. This program is spearheaded by



the Enoch Pratt Free Library. In addition to the cellist, the story follows the lives of three others: a baker, a young father, and especially a female sniper. One day a shell lands in a bread line and kills 22 people. The cellist vows to sit where the shell fell and play Albinoni's Adagio once a day for the 22 people killed. The sniper is assigned to protect the cellist. All residents are encouraged to read this thrilling tale! The Centreville library has many copies of this book. Jack provided pumpkin dip and ginger snaps (made by Joan) for dessert.

The book for our November 20 meeting is *Once We Were Brothers* by Ronald H. Balson. This book was recommended by Lee Ettman. *Once We Were Brothers* is the compelling tale of two boys and a family that struggles to survive in war-torn Poland. Sixty years later, a wealthy Chicago philanthropist is accused of being a former Nazi SS Officer. This book is a fast-paced thriller and well worth reading!

TENNIS CLUB – *Larry Miller*

Fall is here, a good time to play tennis without the heat. The fall schedule for SV tennis is 10 a.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. See you on the courts.



Trivia

by Karin Anne Larsen

1. How many days did the Pilgrims' first Thanksgiving in 1621 last?
2. According to evolutionists, how many millions of years ago did the first turkey roam the Americas?
3. What did American Indians use wild turkey feathers for?
4. Which gender is the turkey if you hear it gobble?
5. Who shared the 1621 Thanksgiving harvest feast celebration?
6. What dance is named after the turkey?
7. What do we call turkey babies?
8. What does "talk turkey" mean?
9. What NFL football team has played football on Thanksgiving since 1934?
10. Which state is the top turkey producing state in America?
11. Which state grows the most pumpkins in America?
12. Which US department store was the first to sponsor a parade in celebration of Thanksgiving?

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Thank you, Sandy!



Hurricane "Sandy" came calling last night. She howled and she rained, but she left us unscathed. We were safe, warm, and dry. Our house was not damaged. The only ill effect was the loss of electricity. For that we were thankful. Thankful that we had no power??? Well...yes! Within an hour or so of our sudden plunge into darkness, our backdoor neighbor called to invite us to a hot breakfast the next morning. Other neighbors (with power!) called with offers of freezer space and hot showers. Still another powered neighbor drove to our house (none of us had phone service) with an open dinner invitation. Lucky to lose our power? Absolutely! Our neighbors' responses to our temporary loss of electrical power reminded us, once again, of the power of friendship...a power that abounds in Symphony Village. (And...thank you, as well, to the men and women of Delmarva Power who worked to restore our electrical service.) – *"Anonymous"*

Correct Operation of the Clubhouse's Main Front Door

As you all know, the main entrance to the Clubhouse has an ADA Compliant Door. This door is controlled from the outside with a "key card." When entering the building, it is mandatory that no one stand in front of the door while someone else is using their key card to activate opening. The door simply will not open if someone is standing in the way. Also, when entering, do not linger in the door opening – the automatic recycling mechanism cannot work when someone is standing in the opening. Also mandatory, do not pull on the door handle to "hasten" the door's opening – you will cause damage to the mechanism. When exiting the building, you can use the automatic door opener touch pad to the left of the doorway *or* you can gently push on either the right hand or the left hand door to open that door (this is contrary to rumor – the left door, when exiting, can be pushed gently by hand to open without causing damage to the mechanism). The complete set of operating instructions provided by the Superior Door Company is posted on the SV Website at <http://symphonyvillage.net/s/door-ops.pdf>.

VILLAGE CHAIN-- GANG Survives Another Season

The Symphony Village Chain Gang recently completed its fourth season working the sidelines at all the Queen Anne's County High School football games. For the most part, the weather cooperated, with only a few cold rainy games. The 16 members of the Chain Gang have become extremely skilled in dropping the sticks and running to avoid getting hit by the players. No matter if it is a Freshmen, Junior Varsity, or Varsity game, watching the different coaching techniques of the visiting teams is interesting. We continue to have the best seats in the stadium.

Kneeling: **Dave Peterson, Front Row: Tom Scull, Diane Briggs, Kevin Caico, Ira Ehrenfeld, Dominic Mancinelli, Tom Kisker**
Back Row: **Mike King, Dennis Marchi, Skip Kornmeyer, Bob Offerman, Ron Dillon, Norm DiCarlantonio, Rich Ryan, Bob Farrar – Missing (but not forgotten): Paul Blair**



American Legion Jeff Davis Post 18 News

SV residents are cordially invited to participate in the following events:

- **December Friday Night Dinners** (the November schedule is in the October *Libretto*):
Friday, **November 30:** Ladies Auxiliary Famous Cheese Steak Subs, chips, and dessert, \$10
Friday, **December 7:** No Dinner - Centreville Christmas Parade
Friday, **December 14:** Deer Feast
Friday, **December 21:** To Be Announced.
Friday, **December 28:** To Be Announced.

- **Football:** If you like to watch your football with a crowd, come to American Legion Jeff Davis Post 18:
 Sunday, **November 18:** Ravens vs. Pittsburgh at 8:30 p.m.
 Sunday, **November 25:** Ravens at 4:05 p.m.
 Sunday, **December 2:** Ravens at 4:15 p.m.
 Sunday, **December 9:** Ravens vs. Redskins at 1 p.m.
 Sunday, **December 16:** Ravens at 1 p.m.
- **Karaoke:** Friday, **December 14:** 7:30 p.m.
 For more information on any events, call the Post at 410-758-3584.



Coffee and Doughnuts

Come join the Symphony Village Sales Team for Coffee and Doughnuts. Saturday, November 17, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Sales Office.



NEW Homeowner Referral:

“The Gift That Keeps On Giving”

Friends make great neighbors; don’t miss out on this amazing opportunity. When you refer a friend who buys at Symphony Village, you and your friend receive a:

FREE Samsung 50” LED HDTV! Now thru December 31

Contact the Symphony Village Sales Center today at 410-758-8516 or dlake@carusohomes.com.

Pumpkin Carving Contest Results



These pumpkins were on display at the SV Sales Office the week before Halloween, and SV neighbors voted on which they thought was the “**BADdest Pumpkin.**” The happy winner of the \$100 Gift Card from Doc’s Riverside Grille went to **Mike King** of Sonata Way. The pumpkins in the picture were carved by (left to right) Steve Guy, Jim Cooke, and Mike King.

Holiday Decorating Contest

Symphony Village Models and Sales Center will be getting into the holiday spirit! Local businesses will decorate our Sales Center and Model Homes. Come in and tour the beautifully decorated homes; then vote on who did the best job. After the New Year, the sales staff will count the votes; the decorator who did the best holiday job will win a prize from the Symphony Village sales team. All items in the homes will be available for purchase at the decorator’s store. Participating stores: Country Peddler, Island Flowers, and Eastridge Nursery.

**The SV Sales Office is an official drop-off place for “Toys For Tots.”
 Bring your toys in any time after Thanksgiving.**



Rehearsals have been ongoing for the Queen Anne's Chorale as it prepares for its very popular "*Annual*

Holiday Concert" on December 1. The Chorale will collaborate with the "Capital Ringers," a Handbell Choir directed by Linda Simms, to present a sparkling mix of holiday selections themed around "bells"! This will be a fun-filled musical and visual program with the audience singing familiar Christmas carols and actually playing bells along with the two groups. There will be **one** performance only: **Date: Saturday, December 1, 7 p.m.**

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

Cost of tickets: \$15 for adults, children through high school are admitted free. The concert venue is handicapped accessible. A reception will follow the concert.

For more information, call 410-822-2484 or visit www.qachorale.org or contact Kathryn Marchi at 410-758-3183 or marchi-wre@mrisc.com

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Sombrero Mexican Kitchen By Karin Anne Larsen



Bienvenidos! Sombrero Mexican Kitchen welcomes you with great food, service, and ambiance. Do you enjoy dining in a clean, bright, and cheerful atmosphere while eating freshly prepared foods? If you like fresh veggies, homemade sauces, and hand-rolled burritos served by friendly staff, then come say hello to Gennaro DiBenedetto (owner of Carmine's NY Pizza Kitchen). He and Mexican native, Martin Hernandez Zarate (recognizable from Carmine's) joined forces in 2012 to open Sombrero Mexican Kitchen. Their goal is to provide customers zesty and flavorful

tastes of Mexico in a casual eatery where patrons can feel "right at home in our casa."

My *Café Don Juan* along with my delicious "Loco Lunch" deal of a *Steak Bonita Fajita*, actually did give me that warm homey feeling. The presentation of skirt steak marinated in fresh citrus, Mexican seasoning, grilled with green peppers and onion was delightful – so was the equally tasty *Carnita Gordita*, tender slow roasted pork and pickled red onions with Mexican rice and black beans, sampled by my lunch mate. On a return visit for dinner, two of us tried the *Chile Relleno*, hand-battered fresh poblano pepper stuffed with Mexican cheeses, topped with fresh tomato sauce and sour cream, and *Shrimp Tacos* consisting of mango-habanero shrimp grilled with a creamy shredded cabbage mix with fresh cilantro and queso fresco. Do try a refreshing margarita shaken with Sombrero's own sour mix of fresh squeezed limes added to a choice of 20 unique tequilas with your dinner.

Please don't miss the tantalizing desserts Sombrero's offers. Try the *Sopapillas*, *Fried Ice Cream*, or the *Tres Leches Cake* (a super moist vanilla milk cake with a light cream frosting). The *Xango* fried cheese

cake burrito served with vanilla ice cream and garnished with strawberries is delicious. Also, this kitchen features weekly specials, Sombrero “Loco Lunch” deals, and choices of *appetizers, escalades, burritos, quesadillas, enchiladas, fajitas*, and many other Mexican favorites. So neighbor, come and get into a Sombrero mood by dancing to live Mariachi music on Thursday nights amid the colorful tiles, fun memorabilia, and, of course, sombreros!

Sombrero Mexican Restaurant is located at 1227 Shopping Center Road, Stevensville, MD. 21666. The telephone number is 410-604-1234. Their website is www.sombreromexicankitchen.com.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Even More Special Chicken Salad

From the Kitchen of Janet O'Connor

2 cups small-cubed, rotisserie chicken (combination of white and dark meat)
½ cup chopped dried fruit (cranberries, golden raisins, etc.) or
1 cup seedless green grapes halved
½ cup (2 oz.) finely chopped Swiss cheese
½ cup sliced celery
3 tablespoons sliced green onions
½ cup sour cream
¼ cup mayonnaise
¼ cup toasted sliced almonds
Combine all ingredients. Refrigerate.
Best flavor when made 8 hours ahead of serving.
Serve on potato rolls, in wraps, or in cream puffs. Serves 4-6.



LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

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 website for you.

Lights on the Bay



Don't miss this spectacular 2-mile scenic drive along the Chesapeake Bay at Sandy Point State Park with approximately 70 animated and stationary displays illuminating the roadway. Lights on the Bay takes place **Saturday, November 17** through **Tuesday, January 1**, 5 – 10 p.m., weather permitting. You will marvel at the Maryland-themed favorites, along with the new Winter Penguin Village and Toy Land displays. See [Lights on the Bay](#) for special events throughout the show.

The cost is \$14 per car, and the event benefits the Anne Arundel Medical Center.

Kent Narrows Holiday Boat Parade



The Kent Narrows Holiday Boat Parade will take place on **Saturday, November 17**, 6 – 8 p.m., on the north side of the Kent Narrows channel. There will be prizes for top boats, including Best of Parade. For more information, call 410-827-9501. ([QAC Tourism](#))

Events at Adkins Arboretum



A summary of the myriad programs at Adkins Arboretum will be included in Local Events, rather than complete details. These programs will be offered at Adkins Arboretum in Ridgely in the coming month:

[Soup 'n Walk](#): **Saturday, November 17**;

[2 for 1 Tuesday](#): **Tuesday, November 20 and 27, December 4, 11, and 18**;

[Creating a Holiday Wildlife Tree](#): **Saturday, December 1**;

[Holiday Decorating Workshop](#): **Saturday, December 1**;

[Holiday Wreath Sale](#): **Saturday, December 1**;

['Tis the Season](#): **Saturday, December 8**; and

[Build a Wave Hill Chair](#): **Saturday, December 15**.

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

Holiday Craft/Vendor Fair



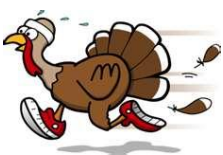
Chesapeake Cats and Dogs will hold a Holiday Craft/Vendor Fair on **Saturday, November 17**, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., at the Kent Island Elks Lodge #2576 (2525 Romancoke Road). There will be over 20 crafters and vendors, a bake sale, raffles, food, and door prizes every 30 minutes. ([Kent Island On-Line](#))

Country Breakfast



The Goodwill Fire Company in Centreville will hold an all-you-can-eat Country Breakfast on **Sunday, November 18**, 7:30 – 11:30 a.m. ([Shore Update](#))

The Great Turkey Chase at Queenstown Harbor



The Kent Island Running Group and The Brick Company's Queenstown Harbor will hold The Great Turkey Chase on **Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 22**. There will be a five-mile run and a two-mile run/walk. Both events will follow paved cart paths that offer an abundance of wildlife and views of the Chester River. Festive turkey attire is encouraged. Registration begins at 7 a.m., and the race at 8 a.m. Non-perishable food items will also be collected on race day for donation to the Maryland Food Bank. Register for the race at [Kent Island Running Group](#). (*Star Democrat*, September 19, 2012)

Annual Holiday Gift Boutique and Printmaking Exposed: Techniques and Tools



Kent Island Federation of Arts will hold their annual Holiday Gift Boutique plus Printmaking Exposed: Techniques and Tools on **November 23 – December 22**, at the KIFA Gallery (405 Main Street) in Stevensville. The event will run Wednesday – Saturday, 1 – 4 p.m., plus a Men's Shopping Night on Wednesday, December 12, 6 p.m. ([KIFA](#))

Craft Bazaar



Kent Island Elks Lodge #2576 in Stevensville (2525 Romancoke Road) will hold a Craft Bazaar on **Saturday, November 24**, 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. ([Kent Island On-Line](#))

Christmas Variety Show and Dinner



The Sudlersville Senior Center (605 Foxxtown Drive) in Sudlersville will host a Christmas Variety Show and Dinner on **Thursday, November 29**, 5 – 9 p.m. Tickets are \$12. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., dinner is served at 5:30 p.m., and the show begins at 6:30 p.m. For tickets, call 410-438-3159. ([Shore Update](#))

Annual Festival of Trains



The Queen Anne's Railroad Society and the Museum of Eastern Shore Life present a Festival of Trains on **December 1-2** and **8-9**, noon – 5 p.m., at the old Kent Narrows Outlets in Chester. There will be operating layouts in all scales from “Z” to “G.” Personnel from the Queen Anne's Railroad Society and from The National Capital Trackers Railroad Club will set up and operate the trains. Santa will visit on both Sundays for photos. Admission is free; donations accepted.

Queen Anne's Chorale Annual Holiday Concert: “Ring in the Season”



The Queen Anne's Chorale will collaborate with the Capital Ringers to present “Ring in the Season,” a sparkling mix of holiday selections on **Saturday, December 1**, 7 – 8:30 p.m., at the Todd Performing Arts Center at Chesapeake College. This is a fun-filled musical program, guaranteed to put you and your family in the holiday spirit. Tickets are \$15 for adults, and children through high school are admitted free. ([QAC Tourism](#))

Old-Fashioned Christmas



The historic Sudlersville Train Station Museum (101 S. Linden Street) will hold an Old-Fashioned Christmas on **Saturday, December 1**, and **Saturday, December 8**, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. The day will feature a running model train layout and refreshments. The museum also displays artifacts of the Town of Sudlersville and the surrounding area, railroad history, and memorabilia of notable former resident, National Baseball Hall of Fame's Jimmie Foxx. ([QAC Tourism](#))

Bird Hike



There will be a Bird Hike on **Saturday, December 1**, 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., at the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center in Grasonville. The theme will be “Roaming For Raptors.” The cost is \$7 for non-members, and free for members. Pre-registration is necessary – call 410-827-6694. ([Bird Hike](#))

2nd Annual Saturday with Santa at CBEC



The Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center (CBEC) in Grasonville will hold Saturday with Santa on **Saturday, December 1**, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. A guided nature hike begins at 9 a.m. for the whole family to collect greenery and pine cones for crafts. At 10 a.m., a local artist will lead adults in making greenery arrangements, while children make pine cone Christmas trees and beaded ornaments. Santa arrives at 11 a.m. for story time, holiday carols, and pictures. There will be hot cocoa, coffee, and treats for all. There will be a silent auction and gift items for sale throughout the day, including locally grown poinsettias and gift memberships to CBEC. Tickets are \$8 for members, \$10 for non-members, and children ages 2 and under no charge. The ticket price includes guided hike, crafts, pictures with Santa, and treats. Reservations are encouraged by **November 24** – contact Katey Nelson at knelson@bayrestoration.org or call 410-827-6694. All proceeds go to support CBEC's education programs. ([Saturday with Santa](#))

Holiday Bonanza



The Bay Country Moose Lodge in Grasonville will hold a Holiday Bonanza on **Sunday, December 2**, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Over 50 craft and direct sales vendors will be present, and there will be pictures with Santa. ([Shore Update](#))

2nd Annual Queen Anne's County 4-H Park Board Toy Show and Sale



The Toy Show and Sale will take place on **Friday, December 7**, 6 – 9 p.m., at the 4-H Park in Centreville. There will be vendors with various toys and crafts for public view and sale. The event benefits the QAC 4-H Park Board. For more information, call 443-298-0263. ([QAC Tourism](#))

Town of Centreville Christmas Parade



The annual Christmas Parade will take place on **Friday, December 7**, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Once again this year, the parade's theme will be Toys for Tots. There will be a new parade route this year: the parade leaves from QAC High School; proceeds on Railroad Avenue, taking a left onto Kidwell Avenue; proceeds on Kidwell Avenue, taking a right onto Commerce Street; proceeds on Commerce Street, taking a right onto Turpins Lane; proceeds on Turpins Lane, taking a right onto Banjo Lane; proceeds on Banjo Lane, taking a left onto E. Water Street; and continues on Railroad Avenue to the high school, where the parade will disband. The rain/snow date is Friday, December 14. ([Town of Centreville](#))

2nd Annual "KIFA's Got Talent" Fundraiser



The Kent Island Federation of Arts (KIFA) will hold a fundraiser on **Friday, December 7**, 6 -11 p.m., at the Kentmorr Restaurant in Stevensville. Six community leaders will pair up with six KIFA professional artists to produce a piece of art over a 2½ month period. The finished works of art will be auctioned off at the fundraiser. Tickets are \$35 per person or \$60 per couple, and may be purchased by calling 410-643-7424 or on-line at [Tickets](#). ([KIFA](#))

Christmas Bazaar



Our Mother of Sorrows Parish in Centreville will hold their Christmas Bazaar on **Saturday, December 8**, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., in Corbaley Hall. There will be many craft vendors, a silent auction, Secret Santa, a white elephant room, and pictures with Santa. Also enjoy chicken and dumplings, crab soup, and other items for breakfast and lunch. ([QAC Tourism](#))

16th Annual "Heck with the Malls!"



Centreville and the QAC Arts Council will hold "Heck with the Malls!" on **Saturday, December 8**, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. There will be unique art work and gifts, plus a town-wide open house. The Centre for the Arts and St. Paul's Church will host over 40 artists and artisans who will offer ceramics, wood carvings, fiber arts, home accessories, jewelry, cards, holiday decorations, home-made dog accessories and treats, wildlife art, photography, hand-bound books, shutter art, hand-crafted candles, and more for sale. Downtown merchants will have specials and refreshments for shoppers throughout the day. ([QAC Arts Council](#))

Historic Houses Open House



Wright's Chance, a restored 18th century Plantation House, and Tucker House, a restored 1792 home, will be open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., free of charge, during Centreville's "Heck with the Malls!" on **Saturday, December 8**. Docents will lead tours of the houses. ([QAC Tourism](#))

Holiday Celebration



Stevensville merchants will host a Holiday Celebration on **Saturday, December 8**, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Businesses will have open houses with eats and treats throughout the day, and some will have extended hours. The annual tree lighting will take place at 5:30 p.m. ([QAC Tourism](#))

Baltimore Symphony Orchestra – Handel’s Messiah



The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra will present Handel’s Messiah on **Saturday, December 8, 7:30 p.m.**, at the Todd Performing Arts Center at Chesapeake College. Concert artists of the Baltimore Symphonic Chorale will perform with guest soloists. Tickets are \$40 per person, \$10 for students. ([Chesapeake College Events](#))

Bird School



The Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center will hold Bird School on **Wednesday, December 12, 6 - 7:30 p.m.** The topic is “Bird Myths and Fables.” The cost is \$10 for non-members, and free for members. Pre-registration is necessary – call 410-827-6694. ([Bird School](#))

Twelve, Twelve, Twelve



The Kent Island Federation of Arts (KIFA) will hold Twelve, Twelve, Twelve (or Men’s Shopping Night) on **Wednesday, December 12, 4 – 8 p.m.** at the KIFA Gallery (405 Main Street) in Stevensville. Female advisors will be on hand to assist purchasers in choosing just the right gift. ([QAC Tourism](#))

Sleigh Ride Holiday Extravaganza



Enjoy a musical dance revue for the entire family on **Friday, December 14**, at the Todd Performing Arts Center at Chesapeake College. Have the time of your life immersed in the imagination and joy of this spectacular celebration. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children 10 years and under. Dinner will be offered before the show in the lobby – the cost for dinner and the show is \$35 per person. ([Chesapeake College Events](#))

Trip: “Brandywine Valley Gardens and Mansions, the du Pont Legacy”



The Grasonville Senior Center announces their spring trip “Brandywine Valley Gardens and Mansions, the du Pont Legacy,” which will take place **May 7-9, 2013**. This will be an unforgettable journey through the rolling hills of the Brandywine Valley landscape. Tour highlights include touring the George Read House, the Hagley Museum, Winterthur Museum and Gardens, Nemours Mansion, Brandywine River Museum, and Longwood Gardens. The cost is \$425 double occupancy, and \$525 single occupancy. For all the details, call the Senior Center at 410-827-6010 or email amartin@qac.org. This trip is expected to sell out.

Bus Trip: “Always.....Patsy Kline”



The Grasonville Senior Center will sponsor a day trip on **Thursday, June 20, 2013**, to see a matinee performance of “Always.....Patsy Kline” at the Children’s Theatre in Annapolis. Infinity Theatre, a professional New York Theatre Group, will perform. The cost is \$36 per person (deposit of \$20 due at sign up and balance due by June 7, 2013) and includes transportation and admission to the show. An envelope will be passed for the bus driver, and you will have lunch on your own at Cracker Barrel. Call the Senior Center at 410-827-6010 for more information and to sign up.

REMINDER:

Go to the [SV Website](#) to see all 110 Local Events & 34 Events Outside the 4-County Area.

Trivia Answers

1. Three days of bountiful meals, traditional Indian dancing, foot races, and contests
2. Ten million years
3. To stabilize arrows and adorn ceremonial dress
4. It's a male or "Tom" turkey. The female or "Hen" turkey makes a clicking noise.
5. The Plymouth colonists (Pilgrims) and the Wampanoag Indians
6. Turkey Trot
7. Chicks or poults
8. Straight talk
9. The Detroit Lions
10. Minnesota
11. Illinois
12. Gimbels, a Philadelphia department store, sponsored the first parade in 1920. Four years after Gimbels, Macy's Thanksgiving Parade became the standard kickoff for the shopping season.

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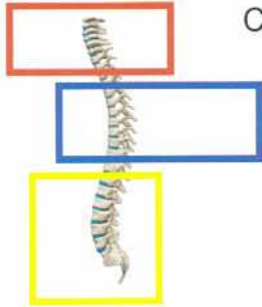


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