



LIBRETTO

Symphony Village's Newsletter

January 2013

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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.

Welcome to the Neighborhood!



Lynn Bingel and Theresa Beatty
614 Harmony Way

Edward and Kathleen Sullivan
622 Harmony Way

Anne and Al Rowland
819 Harmony Way

Margo Wagner
135 Opera Court

BOARD MEETINGS

Mark Your Calendars – 2013 HOA Board Meetings

The Homeowners Association Board meeting schedule has been announced for 2013:

Friday, **February 22**, 10 a.m.

Friday, **April 26**, 10 a.m.

Friday, **July 26**, 10 a.m.

Friday, **October 25**, 10 a.m.

Annual HOA Meeting – Wednesday, **December 4**, 6 p.m.

All meetings are held in the Clubhouse Concert Hall.

Congratulations to Dennis Sesplankis, our SV Community Manager, for being named “Legum and Norman’s 2012 Manager of the Year.”

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LIFESTYLE – *Chris Pariseau, Chair*

JANUARY

- **Happy Hour** – Saturday, January 19, 6 p.m.—Bring an appetizer or dessert.
- **Ladies’ Happy Hour** –Thursday, January 24, 5:30 p.m.—Bring \$5 for dinner and a drink. Sign up in the Activities Book.

FEBRUARY

- (Note: No Happy Hour on Friday, February 1.)
- **Super Bowl Tailgate Party** – Sunday, February 3, 6 p.m.—This is not your normal happy hour. Bring something to share with everyone at this **SUPER BOWL TAILGATING EXTRAVAGANZA**. Have you ever tailgated at a football



event? There is always plenty of food, and each person tries to impress other tailgaters—the sky's the limit as to what you can bring. We hope everyone has a good time cheering on their favorite team. So come to the Clubhouse, share some food, and have a heck of a good time.

- **Valentine's Day Happy Hour** – Saturday, February 16, 6 p.m.—Bring an appetizer or dessert.
- **Ladies' Happy Hour** – Thursday, February 28, 5:30 p.m.—Bring \$5 for dinner and a drink. Sign up in the Activities Book.
- **Lifestyle Committee Meeting** – 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, February 6 – **All residents are welcome.**

HAPPY HOUR HOSTS: If you can host a Happy Hour, please sign up in the Activities Book. The duties are simple – just set out paper plates, napkins, and plastic ware. At 8 p.m., start cleaning up. Some people may stay late. (The host's duties end after cleaning up at 8 p.m. Any questions about the duties, call Ed Sullivan at 410-758-1557.

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

OUTREACH – *Carlene Cooke, President*

4th Annual SV Card and Game Party

***"Holidays are over; time to think about the 4th Annual Card and Game Party."
Thursday, January 31, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.***

This annual event benefits the programs of SV Outreach program. The price is a \$30 per person donation (80% is tax deductible). This includes morning coffee, tea, lunch, and door prizes. There will also be a 50/50 raffle and a quilt raffle. Decide on your game and reserve your table on the sign-up sheets in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse – look under "Outreach." The deadline for signup is Friday, January 25. Payment is due when you sign up. Please make checks payable to SVOPI (SV Outreach Program, Inc.). We are only limited to whatever card and table games you and your friends like to play. Bring your own supplies for your game (e.g., bridge, canasta, hand & foot, scrabble, mahjongg, etc.)



MEN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!!

Need help organizing a table? Contact Lauren Rose at 443-262-8238 or swartz.lauren@gmail.com. Other questions? Contact Lauren or Carlene Cooke at 443-262-8146 or carlene.cooke@gmail.com.

Neighbor to Neighbor – *Eleanor Strietman, Chair, N2N*

I hope it's not too late to make a few New Year's predictions. First of all, I predict that there will be a lot of happiness and joy in Symphony Village. I hope each of us receives an overly abundant share.

My second prediction is that there will be trials and sadness in Symphony Village, as well. Troubles and sorrows will come. My hope is that they will be few and of little consequence.

Fortunately, we Villagers have a constant whether we're experiencing happiness or troubles – Neighbor to Neighbor. The Street Captains (and all the folks who volunteer to help them) will be ready to offer congratulations in happy times and to give help and support when problems arise. All you need to do is

call your Captain. Share life's little (and big!) joys; we always like to hear good news. If you or a neighbor need a hand, don't hesitate to ask for assistance; we really do want to help.

The names of the current Street Captains are posted on the SV Website; go to the "Neighbor to Neighbor" listing under "Activities/Groups." On behalf of all the members of Neighbor to Neighbor, I wish you and yours a very Happy (if slightly belated!) New Year!

History and Description of SV Outreach Program

The Symphony Village Outreach Program, Inc., is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization created by the residents of SV to provide volunteer services and financial support to charitable and civic organizations in Queen Anne's County. The Neighbor to Neighbor and Caregivers Support Group programs also fall under the umbrella of the Outreach Program. Outreach celebrated its 6th anniversary in 2012.

Through its fund raising efforts, such as the SV Village House Tour, SV Village Cookbook, annual Artisans' Fair, annual Card and Game Party, BINGO, and other events, the Program has been able to provide financial support to a number of organizations in Queen Anne's County, including:

Hospice of Queen Anne's County	Wounded Warrior Project
Chesterweye	QAC Art Council
Shore Health Emergency & Urgent Care	QAC Historical Society
Chesapeake Victories	Department of Social Services Food Pantry
Our Haven Shelter	QAC-EMS Training.

In December, Outreach conducted its first Holiday House Tour, which was very successful and provided 14 needy families in Queen Anne's County with Christmas food baskets.



IS BACK on the 2nd Friday of each month!

We always welcome new members. For information, please contact the current President, Carlene Cooke, 443-262-8146 or carlene.cooke@gmail.com.

PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS – Carol Hodges, Chair

Directory Entries

It is now possible to add three letters after a phone number in the listing to indicate whose number this is—i.e. 443-735-0112 **CAR**, meaning Carol's number. Email the Webmaster with any changes you wish to make—go to "Contact" page of our Website. Also, please check to see whether your entry is correct.

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 our 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 new residents moving in, please contact our Welcome Committee Chairman, Mary Drake at 410-758-8266 or Joan Hennessey at 410-758-4872. Also, if you sell or rent your house, please give Dennis information regarding the new residents.

Website

If any SV 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.” You will then be able to post any questions, comments, or even a personal advertisement. Another useful group is “Residents of Centreville.”

All Are Welcome

The next P & C meeting is in the Clubhouse Grand Ballroom on Monday, February 4, at 2 p.m. **Everyone is welcome to attend.**

SNEAKERS – Linda Farrar, President

History and Description of SV Sneakers



In 2004, under the leadership of Linda Farrar, some residents of the first three streets in Symphony Village (100–166 Symphony Way, Sonata Way, and 100 block Harmony Way) established “SV Sneakers.” Sneakers is now a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization named **Symphony Sneakers of Centreville, MD, Inc.** Its focus is giving aid to public school children and their families in and around the town of Centreville. These children and their families are identified by the school guidance counselors. In order to ensure confidentiality, the identity of these children and their families remains anonymous to Sneakers. Through its fund raising efforts, such as the **Annual Silent Auction, Golf Outing, Card/Game Party,** and the **Santa Giving Tree,** Sneakers has been able to purchase school supplies/clothing/backpacks, and provide food baskets. Another important service Sneakers provides is the **Book-Give-Away Program.** Several times during the school year, Sneakers distributes free books to students in the Centreville elementary schools. Sneakers also awards scholarships to graduating Queen Anne’s County High School seniors each year and provides scholarships to the middle school outdoor education program. For further information (*and to find out how Sneakers got its name*), please contact the President of Sneakers, Linda Farrar, at 410-758-8744 or bfarrarjr@atlanticbb.net. Meetings are generally held on the third Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. at the Symphony Village Clubhouse.

All Symphony Village residents are welcome to participate. We are always looking for new members.

Holiday Gift Tree



Sneakers would like to thank the residents of the Symphony Village community for their generosity with the 2012 Clubhouse Santa Giving Tree. With your support, we were able to provide over 100 gifts this past holiday season and ensured that each child was given a coat, a pair of shoes, jeans, a sweatshirt, and one or two special requests such as toys, books, games, etc. We also were able to supplement the Kennard School students’ food drive, which resulted in 30 families receiving food baskets. Thank you again for your caring and your support.

Trivia

by Karin Anne Larsen

- 1. Where and when was the first New Year holiday observed?*
- 2. In which city and state is a pine cone dropped during the countdown of New Year’s Eve?*
- 3. Within the ancient Roman calendar, what month and day did the New Year begin?*
- 4. What does Hogmanay have to do with the New Year?*
- 5. In which U. S. city is the New Year countdown done using an elevator as countdown object?*

CLUBS AND CLASSES

BIKE CLUB – *Lloyd McAtee, Chair*

The SV biking group continued the tradition of riding on January 1st so they had bragging rights to say “they had ridden everyday this year.” Tradition also includes wonderful refreshments prepared by Nancie Cameron at the Clubhouse after the ride.



“Hurry Up, the hot chocolate is ready.”

Pictured: Nancie Cameron, Joe Shanahan, Mike Norris, Bill Rowley, Steve Quigley, Lloyd McAtee, Tom Baker, Andy Cowley, Bob & Mary Ciesielski, and Don Cameron



GAZEBO and VICTORY GARDENS – *Jack Hennessey*

Gazebo Garden

Most Gazebo gardeners are inactive during the winter months. However, a few of us have kept busy. We retrieved the Christmas decorations from Duke and Shirley Clark’s garage, where they were stored over the summer. After five years of use, the tree was getting pretty ratty, so we decided to toss it. In its place, we used the purple martin house as a centerpiece for our Christmas Gazebo decorations. Don Downey and Jack installed 15 strings of lights around the structure. It must have been well done, because we received many favorable comments. Three strings of lights failed and were replaced during the season. On January 7, Ray Caffiero and Jack took down the lights and stored them for next year.

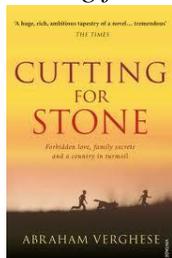
Our American flags were getting pretty ragged, so we took them to the American Legion for burning. We bought new flags and will install them at the appropriate time. We will have a tool-cleaning time early in the spring. Management has authorized us to buy another storage bench for the next season. Several residents have used the Gazebo for picnic lunches during the warm weather. Jack has started saving egg shells to pulverize for use by the purple martins. We look forward to their arrival early in the spring.

Victory Garden

We bet you thought we were hibernating during the start of winter. Think again! This is the season for planning. We obtained permission from the tenant farmer to have our Victory Garden again this year. Our mowing group graciously agreed to mow the whole garden area, which was overgrown with weeds. Then Dave Peterson tilled the whole area with his Troy-Built tiller. He will till it again in time for the traditional planting of peas and potatoes on St. Patrick’s Day. The snowbird Caffieros will still be in Florida, and miss this early planting. We also plan to cover the whole garden with Preen before any planting. This works well to control weed growth in the garden. All gardeners will be assessed a fee to cover this and other generic expenses.

READING FOR FUN BOOK CLUB – Jack Hennessey

The Book Club did not meet in December because all members were busy with Christmas and Hanukkah activities. However, most members were able to squeeze in some reading time for the January selection, *Cutting for Stone*, recommended by Joan Hennessey. This lengthy novel (over 600 pages), is



author/physician Abraham Verghese's first novel. The setting is primarily in Ethiopia, but it moves back and forth between there and New York City. The primary characters are twin brothers, Marion and Shiva Stone, born of a secret union between a beautiful Indian nun and a British surgeon. Orphaned by their mother's death and their father's disappearance, the brothers come of age as Ethiopia hovers on the brink of revolution. This book is an unforgettable story of love and betrayal, medicine and ordinary miracles, and two brothers whose lives are forever intertwined.

The members of the Club will meet at the Clubhouse on January 15 to discuss this novel. Joan will provide light refreshments. All interested residents are invited to attend. This would be a great time to join the Book Club for 2013. We have many exciting books scheduled. **Y'all come!**

SHOREMAN SOFTBALL TEAM – Joe Shanahan

The holidays have come and gone, and now we begin our New Year's Resolution, which is always the same: "Stop eating desserts and get in shape." Well, we can help with the get in shape part. Our spring and summer schedule is out, and we will be starting our practices on Monday, March 18. Now is the time to dust off your mitt, get the moths out of your sneakers, and get down to the gym to exercise. We still need players, so if you're interested, please call Coach John Meyer at 443-262-8684.



Our 1st home game will be a double-header on Wednesday, April 24, at Batts Park in Stevensville. Put that date on your calendar and come out to root for the home team – (time to be announced). But above all, remember – Softball is not for sissies.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

ZINIO (NEW)

by Linda Blume

The Queen Anne's County Free Library has added a new service called ZINIO, the world's largest newsstand. The Eastern Shore service provides full digital copies of over 150 popular magazines – for free. Magazines available include *Consumer Reports*, *Country Living*, *Field and Stream*, *Martha Stewart Living*, and *Newsweek*. To access the service, go to [QAC Free Library](#) and click on ZINIO. You will be asked to enter your Library card number. You are then directed to ZINIO – first time users will follow the instructions to create a new account, and repeat users will be asked for their login and password. A new user will be sent an email, which is then used to activate the account. Once logged in and presented with a screen on which to choose the magazine you wish to view, there are options to enter a keyword or title or genre to help you find just what you are looking for. You can also search alphabetically by title.



When I accessed ZINIO from my home computer, I had to have patience – the different screens took up to several minutes to appear and then to be processed. Those with newer computers and/or operating systems may not experience the slowness.

CENTREVILLE LIBRARY – “Lunchtime Speaker Series”

"Something About Maryland" is a new Lunchtime Speaker Series at the Centreville Branch of the Queen Anne's County Free Library. Join the library staff for these new and exciting programs on the following dates from 12:10 to 12:50 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room (bring a lunch to eat while you learn – dessert will be provided by the Library):

Thursday, January 31 – Bess Trout of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation will speak on “The State of the Bay.” The State of the Bay Report is a comprehensive measure of the Bay's health. The 2012 report shows progress, but much more needs to be done to save our national treasure.

Wednesday, February 20 - Tanner Sparks of the Maryland State Archives speaks on the “Legacy of Slavery in Maryland.”

Thursday, March 21 - Jean Higgins, photographer, potter, and artist presents a five-year photographic study of Alpha the Red Fox and her cubs.

For more information, contact Kim Baklarz, Assistant Director, QAC Free Library, at 410-758-0980.

NEWSLETTERS

To subscribe to the Town of Centreville Newsletter, go to www.townofcentreville.org and click on “Email Updates” and fill out the form. This will get you the monthly newsletter of the town’s activities.

To subscribe to the Centreville Library’s email announcements, go to <http://www.quan.lib.md.us/> and Sign Up for “Email Updates.”



NEW Homeowner Referral: “The Gift That Keeps On Giving.”

Friends make great neighbors. When you refer a friend who buys at Symphony Village, you will receive ONE YEAR of FREE Homeowners’ Association fees.

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

Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Coffee and Doughnuts



Come join the Symphony Village Sales Team for Coffee and Doughnuts on Saturday, February 9, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Sales Office.

Classic Car Show

Coming soon will be a Classic Car Show at the Sales Office. Call Rachel Smith at the Sales Center (410-758-8516) for more details.

Holiday Decorating Contest

The Vivaldi won the “Best Decorated Model Home” contest by 21 votes. Eastridge Gardens is the proud winning decorator, and they are looking forward to decorating a home again next year.



POWER FAILURES HELPFUL HINTS – Bob Offerman

Emergency Lighting

Be sure to have a couple of reliable flashlights handy. Old school flashlights consume batteries after a couple of hours, but the new LED flashlights are *much* brighter and will run *far* longer than their predecessors.

Examples of full size flashlights (D cells), all about \$30, include:

- [Maglite ST3D016](#) – 3D batteries
- [Maglite ST2D096](#) – 2D batteries
- You can also convert a conventional Maglite to LED by replacing the original bulb for about half the price of a new flashlight. See <http://www.batteryjunction.com/maglite-ledupgrades.html>

An example of a compact flashlight, about \$25, is:

- [TerraLux LightStar 300](#) – 2AA batteries

Also consider an LED lantern to light an entire room, about \$26, such as:

- [Rayovac Sportsman Extreme LED Lantern](#)

Make sure to purchase a flashlight that uses standard size (C, D, AA, and AAA) batteries. For super-extended life consider higher priced lithium batteries in these sizes – they also have a “shelf life” of many years. Do not purchase a flashlight that uses special batteries such as CR123. These batteries can be hard to purchase locally.

Emergency Heating

Many homeowners have gas fireplaces in their homes. Most, if not all, of these fireplaces will work during a power outage. Although the auxiliary fireplace circulator blowers will not work during an outage, the fire will still provide some heat.

The fireplaces come in two varieties, depending on whether they have a pilot light.

Pilot light (millivolt control) fireplaces - do not require any external electricity to operate. Power comes from a small device (thermopile) that is heated by the pilot light flame. When heated, the thermopile generates a tiny current that is sufficient to operate the special gas control valve.

Electronic ignition (no pilot light) fireplaces - requires house power for normal operation. . During a power outage, backup power is provided by a battery pack (usually 2 or 4 batteries) typically located near the controls at bottom of fireplace, or behind the wall switch.

This picture illustrates the description in the last paragraph of the above article, i.e., “Electronic ignition (no pilot light) fireplaces.”

Note: In this fireplace model, the **battery pack case** is located near the controls behind the grill cover at the bottom of the fireplace. For safety reasons, the battery pack case was pulled out away from the fire logs before the batteries were inserted and the fireplace switch turned on. When power is restored, always remove the batteries before returning the battery pack case to its original location next to the controls.– *Brenda Stoltz*



Volunteer Opportunity: Storytime on Wheels

by Linda Blume



Are you a retired teacher? Do you enjoy reading to under-school-age children? Do you enjoy working with under-school-age children? Then the Queen Anne's County Free Library's Storytime on Wheels may be a perfect volunteer match for you. For only two hours a month (average), you can bring a free reading program into a licensed Queen Anne's County child day care home with minimal preparation on your part.

Most day care providers cannot bring their charges to the library for traditional storytime, so Storytime on Wheels takes storytime to the day care homes. After two hours of training, a new volunteer is paired with one or two (volunteer's choice) QAC day care providers. The library has 37 individual "kits" composed of up to a dozen books plus poems, finger plays, miscellaneous possible activities, and one giveaway item for each child at each visit. Each visit is approximately 30 minutes.

I joined Storytime on Wheels in October and have visited one day care home twice since training. The preparation for a visit takes less than an hour – all you have to do is select several books and activities that you will use on a visit. I've used the "Zoo" kit and the "New Favorites" kit. January 15 will be "Weather." It really couldn't be easier to be a volunteer. The kits are picked up from and returned to the Centreville library. At my second visit, the children welcomed "the library lady" by singing *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer*. I'm enjoying Storytime on Wheels and you might, too.

I'd be happy to tell you more or answer questions. If you would like to contact the library directly, call Ethelyn Davis at 410-758-0980.



American Legion Jeff Davis Post 18 News

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

- January & February Friday Night Dinners
Friday, January 18: Marine Corps League's Hearty Steak Dinner, 5 – 7:30 p.m.
Friday, January 25: Turkey Dinner & Trimmings, 5 – 7:30 p.m., Downstairs Lounge
Friday, February 1: Fried Catfish Dinner
Friday, February 8: To Be Announced
Friday, February 15: Fried Oyster Dinner
Friday, February 22: Marine Corps League's Prime Rib Dinner
- Jason Morton & Bret Wilmer Acoustic Country/Rock Music: **Saturday, January 19,** 7-10 p.m.
- Chili Cook Off Contest: **Saturday, February 9,** judging 3 – 4 p.m., tasting 4 p.m.

For more information on any events, call the Post at 410-758-3584 or go to [Jeff Davis Post 18](#).

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

"Chicken Old Ladies on a Bus"

From the Kitchen of Linda Blume

2 pounds meaty chicken pieces
1/3 cup orange marmalade
1/3 cup barbecue sauce
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
2 tablespoons lemon juice

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
Place foil in a 13" x 9" baking pan.
Skin the chicken and place in the baking pan.
Combine orange marmalade, barbeque sauce, Worcester sauce, and lemon juice. Pour over chicken.
Bake, uncovered, for 45 minutes, spooning sauce over chicken every 15 minutes.
Increase oven temperature to 400 degrees.
Cook, uncovered, an additional 15 minutes.

RESTAURANT REVIEW *By Karin Anne Larsen*



Shells Yes! Crab Cake Company Restaurant & Bar

Calling all crab lovers! Celebrate the winter season by eating delicious seafood in a casual crab-friendly atmosphere where a talented and classically French trained Chef John H. Payne serves Chesapeake style cuisine with as many of the freshest local ingredients as possible. Opening their business in 2012, the Paynes, John and Christina, can state that they are the first restaurant in the county to be awarded the title of “True Blue Certified.” This is an award Maryland gives to a restaurant committing to use at least 75% Maryland crab meat. They use the “farm to table” method of not cooking with pre-made or frozen foods but instead selecting from Eastern Shore picking houses and local farmers in order to provide recipes with local, seasonal ingredients. Intent on success, Chef John worked in his family’s restaurant, cooked at Walt Disney’s Epcot, graduated from Hyde Park’s Culinary Institute of America, was Sous Chef at the Marriott International in Harbor Place, and was Executive Chef at Stone’s Throw Restaurant in Washington, D.C. This led to winning awards in culinary competitions and launching the sales of seafood, crab cakes and soups all over Maryland, D.C., and Virginia at farmers’ markets. Gaining a following for their crab products helped them launch their new restaurant on Kent Island.

Three favorites of mine are the **Jumbo Lump Crab Cake**, which is 100% fresh, never frozen, at least 95% crab meat, and always made from local crab; the **Old Bay Spiced Shrimp**; and the **Scallop** entrées. If you’re really hungry, try some delicious **Crab Chowder** and **Maryland Crab** soup. Don’t overlook the comforting **Maryland Crab Dip** (a rich blend of cream cheese, sour cream, local lump crab meat, and seasonings) and the **Crab and Corn Hummus** (homemade hummus blended with fresh corn and local lump blue crab meat, seasoned with Old Bay). Four visits to this restaurant and a shell has never been found in the crab cakes! Oh, did I mention that the homemade desserts are heavenly, especially the **New England Apple Pie**, which is the Chef’s own family recipe. Finally, you can relax a little because the prices are reasonable when compared to other local restaurants.

Believe it or not, Shells Yes serves lunch and dinner 365 days a year! They are rich with all kinds of daily specials. Some of these are the 50¢ Oyster Night on Mondays, half- price Bottled Wine Night on Tuesdays, \$5 Burger Night on Wednesdays, and 25¢ Wing Night on Thursdays. This crab cake company also offers on-line ordering and shipping, seasonal waterfront dining, game time specials and live entertainment.

So, Villagers, if you want to eat well, dine in a casual restaurant with a staff that treats you well, and you don’t mind paper-lined tables, then pay a visit to Shells Yes! If you check out this marina restaurant, you can find out how the Payne duo chose the name for their restaurant, and you can test my hypothesis that this restaurant serves some of the tastiest crab and seafood dishes around!

Shells Yes! Crab Cake Company is located at Castle Harbor Marina at 205A Tackle Circle in Chester, MD 21619 (lower level restaurant facing the Marina). Phone is 443-249-3113. Email: info@shellsyes.com Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 11a.m. to Closing; Saturday & Sunday 8 a.m. to Close. There is a brunch menu, kids menu and wine menu available.

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.

3rd Annual “Small Works: Exhibition and Raffle”



The Queen Anne’s County Arts Council presents a fundraiser, “Small Works: Exhibition and Raffle,” from **January 18 – February 23** at the Centre for the Arts (206 S. Commerce Street) in Centreville. Porcelain, clay, oils, watercolors, jewelry, textiles, mixed media, and photography will be on display and part of the raffle experience. Art lovers may purchase raffle tickets, choose their favorite works of art, and put their raffle tickets in the box designated for each piece of work. Raffle tickets will be drawn on February 23 at the Centre for the Arts during the final “Small Works” event, a gala with culinary treats. Raffle tickets are \$5 per ticket or \$30 for 7 tickets, and remain on sale through the closing of the exhibit. There will also be a variety of classes offered during the exhibition:

Introduction to Hand Appliqué Quilting: Wednesday, January 16

Cheers! A History of Beers and a Tasting: Friday, January 25 (Pre-register by January 18)

Decorate Deliciously – Cupcakes: Wednesday, January 30 (Pre-register by January 23)

The Art of Penjing: Saturday, February 2

Basic Beading: Anklet: Saturday, February 2 (Pre-register by January 25)

Painting Flowers on Glass: Friday, February 8 (Pre-register by February 1)

Crumpton for Dummies: Monday, February 11 (Pre-register by January 27)

Go to [QAC Arts Council](#) for more information and to register for any of the classes.

Friday Nights in Caroline



The Caroline County Center of the Arts and the Caroline County Public Library partner to offer [Friday Nites in Caroline](#), October – March. The performances take place at various venues in the county and are free. The early 2013 schedule has been announced:

Saturday, January 19, 7 p.m. - Ferko String Band ([Ferko String Band](#))

(Note change to Saturday night.)

Friday, February 8, 7 p.m. - Todd Groves and the University of Delaware Trio ([Todd Groves Music](#))

Friday, February 15, 7 p.m. - Celebrating the History of Negro League Baseball ([Negro League Baseball](#))

Friday, February 22, 7 p.m. - University of Maryland Eastern Shore Faculty Jazz ([UMES Band](#))

Friday, March 1, 7 p.m. - The Armed Forces Band ([Army Bands](#))

Friday, March 8, 7 p.m. - Mary Shaver Band ([Mary Shaver Band](#))

Friday, March 22, 7 p.m. - Ellen Cherry ([Ellen Cherry](#))

Bosom Buddies Ball



This year’s [Bosom Buddies Ball](#), “A Touch of the Islands,” will be held on **Saturday, January 19**, 7 – 11 p.m., at the Chesapeake Bay Beach Club in Stevensville. This is an elegant black tie event benefiting the Bosom Buddies Charities, and it will feature gourmet dining, a live band, lots of dancing, and an auction. ([Chesapeake Taste](#))

Dr. Martin Luther King Birthday Celebration



The Birthday Celebration will take place on **Monday, January 21**, 1 – 3 p.m., at the Todd Performing Arts Center at Chesapeake College. The program will have a speaker, singing groups, and praise dancers. For more information, call 410-758-1498. ([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:

2 for 1 Tuesdays: Tuesday, January 22 and 29, February 4 and 11;

[Winter Fun for Families: Sunday, January 20;](#)

[First Saturday Guided Walks: Saturday, February 2;](#) and

[Wild Wild Weather: Friday, February 15.](#)

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

17th Annual Maryland State Police Polar Bear Plunge



The [Polar Bear Plunge](#) will take place on **Saturday, January 26**, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., at Sandy Point State Park in Annapolis. The Plunge raises funds for Special Olympics Maryland and the thousands of children and adults who experience the life-changing benefits of the organization's programs. Plungers raise a minimum of \$50 in pledges.

Crochet A Hat and Scarf



The QAC Arts Council will present this class on **Saturday, January 26**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., at the Centre for the Arts (206 S. Commerce Street) in Centreville. Students will start with basic crochet stitches and techniques for creating a scarf. A few extra techniques will be taught for the hat. Either can be customized in the colors and patterns you chose. There is a \$10 materials fee due to the instructor on the day of the class. The class cost is \$30 for Arts Council members, and \$40 for non-members. The deadline to sign up is **Friday, January 18.**

([QAC Arts Council](#))

Metal Jewelry Workshop



The QAC Arts Council will present this workshop on **Sunday, January 27**, 1 – 3 p.m., at Wye River Designs (4300 Main Street) in Grasonville. Working with metal has changed to include a number of new finishes and styles. Learn to use patinas, alcohol inks, lacquers, and nail polish to color and embellish your new or old metal jewelry. With new colorant, you can take metal charms, pendants, and chains to a whole new level. Learn how to stamp words onto metal pendants, how to rivet, and also to create beautiful jewelry pendants. Materials will be provided by the instructor. The cost is \$45 for Arts Council members, and \$60 for non-members. The deadline to sign up is **Friday, January 18.** ([QAC Arts Council](#))

CBEC's "Environmentally Speaking" Series Kick Off



The Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center (600 Discovery Lane) in Grasonville will begin its "Environmentally Speaking" series on **Thursday, January 31**, 7 – 8:30 p.m. Washington College's Dr. Wayne Bell will speak on the impact of humans on the Bay throughout history. Programs will be monthly through May. The cost for each session is \$10 per person, \$8 for CBEC members. For more information, call 410-827-6694. ([QAC Tourism](#))

The Real Extreme Couponing



Caroline Parks and Recreation will hold a class, “The Real Extreme Couponing,” on **Thursday, January 31**, 6 – 8 p.m., at Ridgely Elementary School. Come learn how to make your money go farther at the store. Learn to find and get the most from coupons, secrets to finding websites for coupons and freebies, and fun facts from your favorite stores. The cost is \$5 per person. Pre-register on-line at [Caroline Recreation](#) or call 410-479-8120.

New Orleans Comes to the Shore



The Midnight Caller by Horton Foote and *Twenty Seven Wagons Full of Cotton* by Tennessee Williams will be performed on **Saturday, February 2**, 8 p.m., and on **Sunday, February 3**, 2 p.m., at the Church Hill Theatre in Church Hill. Call 410-758-1331 for more information. ([What's Up Magazine](#))

Saturday Make and Take Appalachian Basket Project



Caroline Parks and Recreation will conduct two classes in Appalachian Basket weaving. Made of natural reeds and sea grass with no glue, tacks, or staples, these unique baskets are bound together with weaving and packing techniques. All material will be supplied. The market basket is a rectangular basket made with a tie-on woven of natural reed and dipped in a choice of color or dye. The Easter basket has a Williamsburg handle, pastel-colored reed, and ribbons. The market basket will be made on **Saturday, February 2**, and the multi-colored Easter basket will be made on **Saturday, March 9**. Both classes are at the Fretterd Community Center (107 South Fourth Street) in Denton, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Since the class goes through lunch you may bring a lunch, or order a basket class-special from Salad Star that day. The cost is \$45 per person. Pre-register on-line at [Caroline Recreation](#) or call 410-479-8120.

Create Amigurumi!



The QAC Arts Council will present this class on **Saturday, February 2**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., at the Centre for the Arts (206 S. Commerce Street) in Centreville. Amigurumi is a trend developed in Japan that has spread throughout the world. “Ami” means to knit or crochet and ‘nuigurumi’ is a stuffed doll. These are most often small animals that include a variety of facial expressions found in Anime. Learn the basic forms after learning crochet basics, which are then customized to an animal of your choice. Students may bring their own yarn and crochet hooks or purchase them from the instructor on the day of the class for \$10. The class cost is \$30 for Arts Council members, and \$40 for non-members. The deadline to sign up is **Friday, February 1**. ([QAC Arts Council](#))

14th Annual Art Competition: Discovering the Native Landscapes of Maryland’s Eastern Shore



Adkins Arboretum will hold the art competition **February 4 – March 29**. The show exhibits works by mid-Atlantic artists that showcase the Eastern Shore’s native landscapes. The Arboretum’s grounds and Visitors Center are open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for students ages 6-18, and free for children 5 and under. Admission is free for Arboretum members. On Tuesdays, two visitors are admitted for the price of one. ([QAC Tourism](#))

Exhibit: “The Human Form Show: The Body in Art”



The Kent Island Federation of Arts (405 Main Street) in Stevensville will host an exhibit and open-judged show, “The Human Form Show: The Body in Art,” from **February 6 to March 2**. ([KIFA Exhibits](#))

Dance Party: A Night in Rio



The QAC Arts Council will host this dance party on **Saturday, February 9**, at the Centre for the Arts (206 S. Commerce Street) in Centreville. There will be an Early Bird Samba lesson at 7:15 p.m., followed by the dance party at 8:15 p.m. The cost is \$10 for Arts Council members, and \$12 for non-members. ([QAC Arts Council](#))

Life Drawing Studio



The Kent Island Federation of Arts (405 Main Street) in Stevensville will hold a Life Drawing Studio on **Tuesday, February 12**, 1 – 4 p.m. This will be an open studio with a live model with a 3-hour sustained pose. The cost is \$20 for members, and \$25 for non-members. Pre-registration is required – call 410-643-7424. ([KIFA Classes](#))

Afternoon Tea in a Winter Wonderland



The QAC Arts Council will hold an Afternoon Tea on **Saturday, February 16**, 2 – 4 p.m., at the Centre for the Arts (206 S. Commerce Street) in Centreville. It will be an afternoon of tea and traditional high tea finger foods. Enjoy making an occasion card with Creative Memories consultant Cathy Downes and wear your favorite hat (or create something new) for a chance to win the creative hat contest. Admission is \$25 for Arts Council members, and \$30 for non-members. Two raffle tickets are included in the price of admission. Advance sales will be through **Friday, February 8**, only. Seating is limited. ([QAC Arts Council](#))

10th Annual Hospice of Queen Anne’s Gala



The Hospice Gala will be held on **Friday, February 22**, at Annie’s Paramount Steak and Seafood House (500 Kent Narrows Way) in Grasonville, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m. This black tie optional event begins with cocktails and hors d’oeuvres, followed by a gourmet, seated dinner with lobster tail and petite filet and dancing to the live music of the entertaining *Retrospect*. Tickets are \$150 per person and may be purchased at [Hospice Gala](#).

Bus Trip: 2013 Philadelphia Flower Show



Queen Anne’s County Parks and Recreation will sponsor a trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show on **Friday, March 8**. This year’s theme is “Brilliant!,” and will be a celebration of the landscapes and gardens of Great Britain. There will be acres of lush gardens to explore. The cost of \$65 per person, and includes motor coach transportation and admission. The deadline to register for the trip is **Friday, February 8**. Call 410-758-0848 for more information and to register. The program number is #703002. ([QAC Parks and Rec](#))

Trip: Cherry Blossom Cruise and Brunch



Queen Anne's County Parks and Recreation will sponsor a trip to Washington, DC, on **Saturday, March 30**. Spend the day sightseeing on the Potomac on a two-hour Odyssey Cruise. Enjoy a brunch buffet with live entertainment while gazing at the nation's most spectacular cherry blossom display. The cost of \$105 per person includes motor coach transportation, lunch, and the cruise. The deadline to register for the trip is **Friday, January 25**. Call 410-758-0848 for more information and to register. The program number is #703004. ([QAC Parks and Rec](#))

REMINDER: Go to the [SV Website](#) to see all 50 Local Events and 12 Events Outside the Four-County Area.

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1. Ancient Babylon about 4,000 years ago.
2. Flagstaff, Arizona
3. March 1
4. The celebration of the New Year in the Scottish manner.
5. Seattle, Washington



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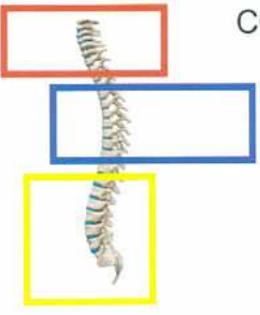
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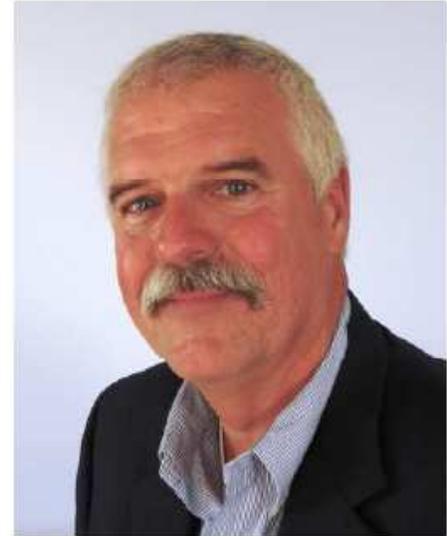
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