



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.



BOARD MEETINGS

Mark Your Calendars – 2013 HOA Board Meetings

The Homeowners Association Board meeting schedule 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.

A QUOTEABLE QUOTE

"Go out into the world today and love the people you meet. Let your presence light new light in the hearts of people." – Mother Teresa

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LIFESTYLE – Chris Pariseau and Donna Donaldson, Co-chairs

- **Valentine's 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.
- **Happy Hour** – Friday, March 1, 6 p.m. – Bring an appetizer or dessert.
- **Lifestyle Committee Meeting** – Wednesday, March 6, 7:15 p.m. – **All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.**
- **St. Patrick's Day Happy Hour** – Saturday, March 16, 6 p.m. – More information to follow.
- **Trip to Kennedy Center** – Saturday, June 15, 1:30 p.m. – *Anything Goes* – Sign up and pay no later than May 15. For more information see the [Daily Bulletin](#).

I hope everyone had a good time at the Super Bowl Tailgate event. There was plenty of food and appetizers and snacks. Delicious!!! What made the party exciting was the fact that the Ravens won and are now Super Bowl champions. I want to thank everyone who cooked and made the event worthwhile. The Lifestyle Committee has several new members, but we are always looking for others to help plan, participate, or come to share ideas. We are planning the usual events – the large community picnics on Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day. **Note these changes: Harmony will host Memorial Day; Overture, Orchestra, and Sonata will host July 4th; and Encore, Opera, and Symphony will host Labor Day (same old streets, new responsibilities).**

Stay tuned for announcements of upcoming events.

We are also planning some new events. Be on the lookout for news about a fall Navy football game – and, we are exploring the possibility of musical concerts from area colleges for the community. In fact, you can mark your calendars now for a concert on Sunday, March 24details will be coming out shortly. Make sure you check the Daily Bulletin for updated information on events and activities.

If you have an idea that you would like to share with us, please don't hesitate to let us know. So on behalf of all the members of the Lifestyle Committee, we want to invite you to participate in your community. We are looking forward to the upcoming year. Chris and Donna

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

OUTREACH – Carlene Cooke, Chair

Neighbor to Neighbor – Eleanor Strietman, Chair, N2N

As happens at the beginning of every year, Neighbor to Neighbor has some old business to report. The past year was very busy. Our Street Captains sent a total of 125 cards to neighbors offering everything from get-well wishes and sympathy to congratulations for big and little joys. The Captains coordinated the preparation and delivery of 103 meals. Captains visited neighbors 62 times and provided general assistance twice. The Captains processed one request for the loan of medical equipment and suggested that one resident consider joining the Caregivers' Support Group. We passed along 24 Prayer Chain requests. We made 12 donations to various charities in memory of residents and entered a page into the Memorial Book in memory of one resident.

The “busyness” of the past year was coordinated on Overture Way, in part, by Captains Phyllis Hoffman and Karin Larsen. Both Karin and Phyllis recently resigned as Street Captains. Likewise, Carole Walsh has resigned as a Symphony Way Street Captain. Please join with me in thanking these three ladies for their service to their neighbors.

Card and Game Party



The Fourth Annual Card and Game Party on January 31 was a tremendous success. The Outreach Committee would like to thank the residents of Symphony Village and their friends for again supporting this event. It was a wonderful day of good food, good times playing the different games, fun door prizes and raffle items, and sharing good times with each other.

Lauren Rose and Carlene Cooke headed up the Card Party part of the event; Linda Blume ran the raffles, and Nancie Cameron and her team:

Dorothy Hamm, Amy Marotta, Teri Nudo, Bea Trotta, Marge Strano, Linda Gardner, Mary Jo Barnes, Marjorie Pierce, Barbara Locke, Patty Parks, Anita Dell, Margo Wagner, Roberta Ahmed, Rosemary Page, and Mary Ciesielski provided nice snacks in the morning and a delicious lunch. An added treat this year were bags of “card suit” sugar cookies for each participant provided by Willie DiLaura.



Marjorie Pierce, Barbara Locke, Amy Marotta, Margo Wagner, Nancie Cameron, Shirley Clark

A big “thank you” also goes to Doc’s Riverside Grill, Draper Brothers Liquors, Edwards Pharmacy, and Queenstown Premium Outlets for sponsoring the event with raffle and door prizes, and to Al Wayson (an Artisans’ Fair participant), plus our own Cindy Backer, Linda Blume, Sandee Love, and Teri Nudo for contributing handmade raffle items and door prizes. More thanks go to all the Outreach Committee members who contributed items for the raffle, the door prize drawings, and the table goody bags.

Proceeds from this event go to help the different non-profit organizations in Queen Anne’s County that Outreach supports. Thank you!

2nd Annual Camp New Dawn Supply Drive



[Hospice of Queen Anne's](#) holds Camp New Dawn every year in August. At the three-day overnight camp, youth ages 7-18 can freely express their feelings at the loss of a loved one. Children ages 4-6 may participate in a one-day camp. The program is open to all children who are grieving, regardless of whether Hospice was directly involved in caring for the loved one or not. SVers who have volunteered their time have found Camp New Dawn to be a remarkable experience. Re-read their moving accounts in the [January 2009 Libretto](#), the [September 2011 Libretto](#), and the [July 2012 Libretto](#).

Outreach has begun a Supply Drive to collect items to donate to Hospice for use at this year’s Camp New Dawn. There is a collection box at the Clubhouse to begin collecting items as Villagers attend Village events. There will be a two-week window in May when items may be dropped off at collection houses throughout SV. These collection houses will be listed in a future *Libretto*, as well as a complete list of suggested items. That list of suggested items is already posted on the collection box at the Clubhouse and on the Clubhouse Bulletin Board. Outreach thanks you in advance for your generosity!

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



Is on the 2nd Friday of each month!!

Check the Daily Bulletin for the dates.

PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS – Carol Hodges, Chair

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 home page 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 give

Dennis or Nancy information regarding the new residents and encourage the new residents to contact Dennis to get information regarding the Clubhouse, etc.

Directory Entries

It is now possible to add 3 letters after a telephone number in the listing to indicate who this number belongs to—i.e. 443-735-0112 CAR, meaning Carol's number. Email the webmaster (Go to Contact page of the Website) with any changes you wish to make. Also, please check to see if your entry is correct.

Comments, Suggestions, Questions, Etc.

If you have comments, suggestions, questions, etc., regarding the *Libretto*, the Daily Bulletin, or the SV Website, please send them to P&C Chair, Carol Hodges, lhodges@atlanticbb.net, or call 410-758-0591.

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 at the Clubhouse in the Grand Ballroom on Monday, March 4, at 2 p.m.

SNEAKERS – Bea Trotta

Sneakers of Centreville will again be participating in **Read Across America - Dr. Seuss Day 2013** to be held at Centreville Elementary School on Friday, March 1, at 9 a.m. Volunteers are needed to read to students in the kindergarten, first grade, and second grade classes. If you are interested in participating in this fun-filled morning, please call Judy Brown at 410-758-3444 or email her at judybrown23@gmail.com. You can also sign-up at the Clubhouse if you are interested in this most enjoyable activity.

The next Sneakers meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 17, at 3 p.m. in the Clubhouse. We are always seeking new members.

CLUBS AND CLASSES

GAZEBO and VICTORY GARDENS – Jack Hennessey

Gazebo Garden



We are lucky that we are not in Boston! We have had an easy winter so far, and we are looking forward to spring. In fact, we have seven primroses blooming in our front yard! Sam's Club has put out their spring merchandise, and we hope to buy a third seat/storage bench for the gazebo. We will be cleaning out the storage boxes and also oiling the garden tools the week of February 8.

Some bad news—Jack Hennessey has been diagnosed with congestive heart failure and ordered to avoid any strenuous work. Steve Guy will be heading up the Gazebo Garden work. There are 20 garden plots, and we hope to have one gardener (or team) per plot. All residents are invited

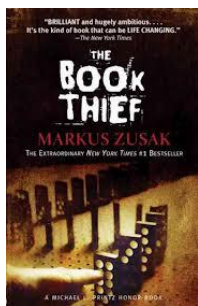
to attend a meeting in the Clubhouse at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 27, to make plans for the coming year. We hope to recruit enough gardeners so that each plot has a sponsor. PLEASE HELP!

Several residents have donated egg shells to Jack to be pulverized and made available to the purple martins for their nesting season.

Victory Garden Dave Peterson is heading South, but he has promised to be back to till the victory garden in time for planting spring crops on St. Patrick's Day. HOORAY! We have purchased enough Preen weed killer to cover the entire garden. This will eliminate a lot of weeding during the growing season. Pat Murphy has moved to sunny Florida. We will miss him! We will have room for two more gardeners in the Victory Garden in 2013. Contact Jack Hennessey at 410-758-4872.

READING FOR FUN BOOK CLUB – Jack Hennessey

The Book Club met at the Clubhouse on January 15 to discuss the book *Cutting for Stone*, by Abraham Verghese, a medical doctor. He seems set on demonstrating his intimate knowledge of surgical procedures, much to the reader's dismay. He also gives lengthy descriptions of the game of cricket, which for the uninitiated, is another distraction. In spite of these, the story is interesting and exciting. The setting is primarily in Ethiopia during the time of Haile Selassie. Most club members are old enough to remember this as a time of revolution. The setting moves back and forth between Ethiopia and New York City. The primary characters are twin brothers, born to a beautiful Indian nun and a British surgeon. Orphaned by their mother's death in childbirth and their father's disappearance, the brothers come of age in the time of revolution. This book is an unforgettable story of love and betrayal, medicine, and ordinary miracles, and two brothers whose lives are forever entwined. It is interesting to note that the title for the book comes from the Hippocratic Oath still taken by doctors. In early Greek times, physicians were distinguished from surgeons. Physicians were instructed to leave surgery to surgeons. This book was recommended by Joan Hennessey, who provided a delicious homemade coconut custard pie and beverage for dessert.



The Book Club will meet on February 19, 7 p.m., in the Clubhouse to discuss the book *The Book Thief*, recommended by June Silverman. The story starts in Germany near the start of WWII. It details the adventures of a young girl, given up for adoption, and raised by her foster parents in Munich, over the course of the war. It is very interesting to see how she becomes the book thief, and how her stepfather becomes the most beloved person in her life.

All residents are invited to attend the meeting, to participate in the discussion, and to enjoy dessert and beverage. We are anxious to have some new blood in the club. Y'all come!

BIRD CLUB – Linda Blume



The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) will take place **February 15-18**. It is an annual 4-day event that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of where the birds are. Everyone is welcome — from beginning bird watchers to experts. It takes as little as 15 minutes on one day, or you can count for as long as you like each day of the event. Participants tally the number of individual birds of each species they see during their count period and enter these numbers on the GBBC website. Go to the website for all the details and to read

highlights from last year.

The [Eagle Cam](#) at Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge has been replaced and is now showing a bald eagle nest on the refuge in real time. When the new camera came on-line, they were surprised to see three eggs already in the nest, so hatch time can only be approximated to mid-February. After the disaster at the nest last year, hopefully this year's new family will thrive. For sure, it's fun to watch! The new [Osprey Cam](#) is not yet on-line as we go to press, but since the osprey don't return until mid-March, hopefully that camera will be fully functional by then.



Symphony Village Alarmers???

How would you like to be part of a team that distributes food and drink from a mobile canteen to Queen Anne's County Fire and Emergency Personnel during major fires or other emergencies? Sound interesting? Read on.

Personnel from the QAC Emergency Services (ES) presented an idea to our CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) hoping that Symphony Village residents would embrace a canteen project as something they would be proud to do to aid firefighters, EMTs, paramedics, police, and others during emergencies in QAC.



In a nutshell, the QAC ES and the QAC Fire Departments would provide a bus modified into a canteen vehicle and reimburse us for the cost of food and drink to stock the vehicle. SV would provide input to the plans and design of the interior of the canteen, and selection of the foods and drink that would be distributed. Once we have the plan and vehicle in place, SV would provide the manpower to respond to ES requests to send the canteen vehicle to multi-alarm fires/disasters. SV persons would serve emergency personnel with items such as canned soups, stew, hot dogs, sandwiches, coffee, tea, bottled water, Gatorade, or whatever, from the canteen.

Sound like a worthwhile project you would like to help with? We are looking for your interest in becoming one of the volunteers for the canteen project. If you have an interest in any part of this project, please contact Ron Dillon, CERT team leader for the project at 443-262-8362, rdillon30@aol.com today. Thank you – George Drake, SV CERT Coordinator.

CPR/AED/First Aid Training

Have you been thinking that it would be wise for you to know Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)? Have you wondered if you could operate the Automated External Defibrillators (AED) hanging on the wall at the Clubhouse if someone went into cardiac arrest? Have you thought it would be wonderful if many people in SV knew these simple procedures?

Now is your chance to take a free class at SV taught by personnel from the QAC Emergency Services Department. Basic first aid will also be included. Express your interest by contacting George Drake at 410-758-8266 or georgeandmarydrake@atlanticbb.net . Don't delay – classes are forming now.

CERT Training

Join the SV Team of 32 members certified in CERT (Community Emergency Response Team). To join, you need to attend classes at SV presented by the Emergency Services Department of QAC. The course includes classroom as well as practical exercises in Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety, Light Search and Rescue, First Aid, use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

(CPR), and other emergency preparedness subjects. Express your interest by contacting George Drake at 410-758-8266 or georgeandmarydrake@atlanticbb.net . Don't delay – classes are forming now.

Trivia by Karin Anne Larsen

1. Which state was admitted to the Union on February 14, 1859, as our 33rd state?
2. Who ordered the St. Valentine's Day Massacre?
3. Which gender purchases more Valentine's Day cards, men or women?
4. In which Shakespeare play is Valentine's Day mentioned and specifically which character mentions the holiday?
5. Is Valentine's Day the first or second most celebrated holiday around the world?
6. What is the most popular gift received on Valentine's Day besides greeting cards?

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Hospice of Queen Anne's - Grief Support Groups

"Losing a loved one to death can be one of the most painful experiences in life. You don't have to struggle through this time alone." ... from the Hospice Website

[Hospice of Queen Anne's](#) has a number of grief services and support groups that are available to anyone in Queen Anne's County, whether or not Hospice was directly involved in providing care for a loved one. Hospice holds adult grief support groups several times a year. There are three groups currently scheduled for the remainder of this year:

April 9 – June 11

June 18 – August 20

October 16 – December 16

Afternoon and evening sessions are available.

If you would like more information or if you would like to pre-register, contact Rhonda Knotts or Rebecca DeMattia at 443-262-4100. There is no charge.

Open Chess at the Library



There will be Open Chess at the Centreville Branch of the QAC Free Library on Tuesday afternoons (4 – 5:30 p.m.) in the library meeting room. The games are free and open to the public. Upcoming sessions will be on **February 26, March 5 and 12; April 2 and 9; and May 7 and 14**. No registration is necessary. Chess sets will be provided. Greg Acholonu, Chess Master from Annapolis, may make a few

cameos during the sessions. For information, contact Natalie Moon, KES Chess Club Leader, workitgirl1614@hotmail.com. (*The Update*, January 24, 2013)

American Legion Jeff Davis Post 18 News

Friday, February 15: Fried Oyster Dinner

Friday, February 22: Marine Corps League's Prime Rib Dinner

Saturday, February 23: Corn Hole Tournament, 11 a.m.

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



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. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Coffee and Doughnuts



Come join the Symphony Village Sales Team for Coffee and Doughnuts Saturday, March 9, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Sales Office. Bring your friends.

Protect Your Home - Whole House Surge Protector by Bob Offerman

Power outages and lightning strikes are two of the less endearing aspects of life on the Eastern Shore. They are also two major causes of power surges on our power, telephone, and cable TV services. In the last several years, surges on electric lines have caused a number of damaged TVs, heating/cooling systems, and appliance (washer/dryer) failures throughout Symphony Village. Damage is most likely to occur if the equipment is operating at time of the surge.

Damage can also be caused by surges entering the house through telephone or cable TV lines. These surges typically damage modems, TV sets, and telephone answering machines. Equipment may be damaged even if not operating.

A surge protector works by diverting electrical surges to ground. There are several types of surge protectors available. The two most common are point-of-use protectors and whole house protectors.



Almost all of us have small point-of-use suppressors (usually look like outlet strips) protecting our TV sets and computers. Many of them include protection for the telephone lines and cable TV feeds that are fed through them. If properly sized (minimum 1500 joules for electric feeds), they should provide protection from all but very severe surges. To play it safe, these protectors should be replaced every 4-5 years because they “wear out” electrically. (Some protectors have an indicator light that shows if they’re still working properly.) *These small protectors do not protect the*

other electrical equipment in your home such as heating/cooling, washer/dryer, water heaters, ranges, microwave ovens, etc.

The electrical system of your entire house can be protected with a whole house surge protector that is connected to the circuit breaker box in your garage. Because it is located at a point of entry into your home, it protects everything behind it inside the house.



After some research, the unit I selected was a Square D Surge breaker SDSB1175C. It can be flush mounted in the wall alongside the circuit breaker box, and attaches to the breaker box through a dedicated 20-amp dual circuit breaker. It has two green LED lamps that show the unit is functioning properly. It has replaceable parts if needed. It also has modules to protect incoming cable TV and telephone lines. These modules can be easily relocated to the Honeywell “smart box” where those wires come into the house. (In our Gershwin, it’s located under the burglar alarm in the laundry room.)

Although the list price is much higher, these units can be purchased online from Home Depot and Lowes for under \$250. Add in the cost of the required dual circuit breaker and the total parts cost is under \$300. That price does not include installation.

Important - Whole house surge protectors should only be installed by a qualified electrician because of the shock hazard involved.

Queen Anne's Chorale—Save the Date



Don't miss the Queen Anne's Chorale's 25th Anniversary Gala—"From Stage and Screen," Saturday, April 27, 7 p.m. at The Todd Performing Arts Center at Chesapeake College. Tickets are \$15 for adults, and children through high school are admitted free.

RESTAURANT REVIEW *By Karin Anne Larsen*

NEW CANTON RESTAURANT

Villagers, when your food energy is depleted, regain your balance by driving 15 minutes to "New Canton Restaurant" for healthy body and soul Chinese food. Under new ownership, new management, and a new chef for the last year, "New Canton Restaurant" offers an exciting spectrum of delicious food choices,



friendly service, and a calm atmosphere. In fact, it was the case recently when four of us sampled four tempting entrees that impressed our respective taste buds. To start with, the freshly prepared *Dim Sum* was scrumptious as were the *Hot and Sour* and *Egg Drop* soups. Next, we received huge hot platters of delectable *General Tso's Chicken*, delicious *Szechuan Beef*, and spicy *Szechuan Pork*, and *Chow Pa Chun*. The *Chow Pa Chun* consisted of duck, sliced roast chicken, jumbo shrimp, and roast pork combined with perfectly prepared vegetables, including mushrooms,

snow peas, and bamboo shoots. The four of us found the food incredibly palate pleasing. Based on prior visits, you may wish to sample the *Mayo Shrimp with Walnuts*, *Sesame Chicken*, and *Sweet and Sour Pork*. Hot Tea comes with the meal, as do homemade almond cookies for dessert. Additional positives are that the chef does not use MSG; there is a full service bar; and patrons are encouraged to request their favorite dishes if not on the menu. What more can you ask for? Yes, there are some Thai choices, a healthy choice menu, daily chef specials, and very reasonable pricing that won't empty your wallet. Oh, and you can call me if you can't find anyone to go with. I'll drive!

New Canton Restaurant is located at 8-9 Kent Towne Market, Chester, MD. Phone is 410-643-6688. Hours of Operation: Monday-Thursday 11 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. Friday & Saturday: 11 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. Sunday: 11:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Beef and Cheddar Pie

From the Kitchen of Linda Blume



1 ½ pound ground beef
1 cup finely chopped onion
½ tsp. dry mustard
½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper

¼ cup all-purpose flour
1 ½ cup extra sharp shredded cheddar cheese
2 crust refrigerated pie crust

- *Take pie crust out of the refrigerator.*
- *Preheat oven to 425 degrees.*
- *Cook ground beef and onion until both are done.*
- *Sprinkle dry mustard, salt, pepper, and flour onto beef mixture. Cook 3-4 minutes, stirring constantly.*

- Stir in cheddar, take off heat, and set aside to cool slightly.
- Fit one crust of dough into a 9" pie plate.
- Spoon in beef mixture.
- Top with second crust and crimp edges.
- Cut several vents into top of pie.
- Bake 20-30 minutes or until crust is golden brown.
- Let sit for 10 minutes before serving.

Note: Serve with a large green salad.

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 the [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.

17th Eastern Shore Regional Poetry Contest



This contest is open to Caroline, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot County residents of all ages. The poem(s) must be unpublished and be awarded no prizes or public acknowledgement. There is no minimum length; maximum length is 20 stanzas or 3 pages per entry. The poem(s) must be typed, and there is a limit of two entries per person. Judging categories are Seniors (60+), Adults (18-59), Students (grades 9-12), and Children and Youth (grades 1-8). Prizes are \$100 for first place, \$50 for second place, and \$25 for third place in each judging category. Deadline for submission is **Friday, March 1**; deliver poems to the Queen Anne's County Arts Council by noon or mail with postmark by March 1. For more information, all the rules, and submission guidelines, go to [QAC Arts Council](#), press Events and Opportunities, scroll down the list until you see MARCH 1, and press "poetryflyer2013."

Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament



The [Queen Anne-Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Company](#) (13512 First Avenue) in Queenstown will hold a Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament fundraiser on **Saturday, February 16**, and on **Saturday, March 16**. Doors open at 11 a.m., and the tournament begins at 1 p.m. The entry fee is \$75, with \$50 going to the prize pool. The fee includes beer and soda, and food will be available for purchase. There is prize money payout to all eight finalists. For information and to register, call Tom at 443-786-4532.

Last Chance Romance Dance



Scott Brady and the Texas Heart Band will perform at the Last Chance Romance Dance on **Sunday, February 17**, 1 – 6 p.m., at the Kent Island American Legion Hall (800 Romancoke Road) in Stevensville. For information, call 410-643-2728. ([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, February 19 and 26, March 5 and 12;

[Soup 'n Walk: Seeking Snow and Winter Warmth: Saturday, February 23;](#)

[Winter Tree ID: Learn Your Buds and Bark](#): **Sunday, February 24**;
[First Saturday Guided Walk](#): **Saturday, March 2**;
[Peatlands and Bog-Like Habitats of the Delmarva Peninsula](#): **Saturday, March 2**;
[Philadelphia Flower Show Bus Trip](#): **Wednesday, March 6**;

(Register by **Tuesday, February 26**)

[iNaturalist](#): **Sunday, March 10**;
[Geological Formations and Weather Patterns](#): **Friday, March 15**; and
[Herpetology Walk - Reptiles and Amphibians](#): **Saturday, March 16**.

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

Pet Adoption Day and Beaglemania!



Queen Anne's County Animal Services (201 Clay Drive) in Queenstown will hold a Pet Adoption Day and Beaglemania! on **Saturday, February 23**, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. There are a lot of beagles at the shelter that need forever homes – all different shapes, sizes, and ages. If you love beagles, there could be a special new friend waiting for you. Bring your own beagle and get a special gift. All adoptable cats, dogs, and more will be available for viewing. Rain or shine. For more information, call 410-758-3493. ([QAC Animal Services](#))

16th Annual Bay to Ocean Writers Conference



The Eastern Shore Writers' Association sponsors the Bay to Ocean Writers Conference on **Saturday, February 23**, at Chesapeake College in Wye Mills. The Writers' Association's mission is to inform, encourage, and inspire writers of all levels, from beginners to published authors. The Conference features workshops, presentations, and panel discussions on a wide variety of topics. Speakers include accomplished authors, poets, film writers, writing instructors, editors, and publishers. For all the details, go to [Bay to Ocean Writers Conference](#). ([Talbot Tourism](#))

11th Annual Book Café



Wye Parish will hold their Book Café on **March 1-3** and **March 8-10** at St. Luke's Chapel Parish Hall (Main and Dudley Streets) in Queenstown. Over 25,000 books (all sorted) will be offered for sale at up to 90% off the cover price. Look for history, fiction, biography, travel, military history, children's, nature, cooking, and much more. Hours are 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. each day. Refreshments will be served. ([QAC Tourism](#))

Queen Anne's County Agronomy Day



University of Maryland Extension presents Agronomy Day on **Friday, March 1**, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m., at the 4-H Park in Centreville. For a complete listing of the day's events, go to [Agronomy Day](#). ([Maryland Tourism](#))

Longaberger Basket Bingo

BASKET BINGO



Sudlersville Middle School will hold Longaberger Basket Bingo on **Friday, March 1**, at the Sudlersville Fire House. The doors open at 6 p.m., and bingo begins at 7 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person, and includes 20 games (9 faces per game), one door prize ticket, a silent auction, and two special games. Hot dogs, sloppy joes, snacks, sweets, and drinks will be available for purchase. All proceeds benefit the Sudlersville Middle School Band. For more information, call 410-708-1230 or 410-928-3398. (*The Shore Update*, January 30, 2013)

Intermediate Knitting: Lace Scarf



The QAC Arts Council will hold a class, Intermediate Knitting: Lace Scarf, on **Saturday, March 2**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Learn to read a written or charted pattern, and then make a basic lace pattern on a scarf. All “lace” stitches you need to know are covered to complete your project. You will need to bring 400 yards of fingering weight or sock weight yarn, size 5 knitting needles, and a yarn needle to class. A \$5 materials fee goes to the instructor at the start of class for additional supplies. The cost of the class is \$30 for Arts Council members and \$40 for non-members. You must register by **February 22**. To register, call 410-758-2520. The class will be held at the Queen Anne’s Center for the Arts (206 W. Commerce Street) in Centreville. (Go to [Arts Council](#), press “Classes,” then select “winter spring 2013 (2).”)

Jewelry Pendant Workshop



The QAC Arts Council will hold this workshop on **Sunday, March 3**, 1 – 4 p.m. Enjoy a fun and creative afternoon of jewelry making. Using different crafting techniques, make jewelry pendants from Friendly Plastic, Utee (ultra thick embossing powder using a melting pot), microwave-fused glass, and Sculpey clay. All materials will be provided by the instructor. The workshop will be held at Wye River Designs (4300 Main Street) in Grasonville. The cost of the workshop is \$45 for Arts Council members and \$60 for non-members. You must register by **February 22**. To register, call 410-758-2520. (Go to [Arts Council](#), press “Classes,” then select “winter spring 2013 (2).”)

Cherry Blossom Cruise and Brunch



Spend the day sightseeing on the Potomac on a two-hour Odyssey Cruise on **Saturday, March 3**. You will see the beauty of the cherry blossoms in bloom. Enjoy a delicious brunch buffet with live entertainment while gazing at the nation’s most spectacular cherry blossom display. Registration fee includes motor coach transportation, lunch, and admission. **Cost: \$105**. For more information and registration forms go to [QAC Parks & Rec](#). Deadline to sign up is **February 22**.

Exhibit: 22nd Annual March Student Showcase



The Kent Island Federation of Arts will hold their March Student Showcase exhibit on **March 6-30**. Students in Kent Island and Grasonville will exhibit their artwork. This is an invitational exhibit to local schools. ([KIFA](#))

Sea Glass Weekend



The Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center will host [Sea Glass Weekend](#) on **March 8 and 9**. Friday’s events include a Sea Glass Hunt at Matapeake and Terrapin Beaches (1 – 4 p.m.), a discussion on sea glass shards and origin (4 – 5 p.m.), and a presentation by photographer Celia Pearson (7 p.m.). On Saturday, the Sea Glass Fair will take place 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., and 20 vendors of sea glass jewelry, ornaments, crafts, and oddities will present their wares. For information or to pre-register for activities, call 410-604-2100 or email DBirch@qac.org. ([QAC Tourism](#))

Digital: Adobe “Lightroom”



The QAC Arts Council will host a class on Adobe “Lightroom” on two Saturdays, **March 9 and March 16**, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. each day. Develop your photography collection by learning to easily organize; improve and recover; search large collections; display, send,

and print digital image files; and more. The cost of the class is \$115 for Arts Council members and \$135 for non-members. The class will be held at the Queen Anne's Center for the Arts (206 W. Commerce Street) in Centreville. You must register by **March 1**. To register, call 410-758-2520. Install a "Lightroom" trial download (version 3 or 4) from Adobe on your laptop for use in class. Software details may be found at [B&H](#). (Go to [Arts Council](#), press "Classes," then select "winter spring 2013 (2).")

Intermediate Knitting: Fern Scarf



The QAC Arts Council will hold a class, Intermediate Knitting: Fern Scarf, on **Saturday, March 9**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Learn to read a written or charted pattern to create a fern-inspired motif on a scarf. You will need to bring 440 yards of fingering weight yarn, size 6 knitting needles, and a yarn needle. A \$5 materials fee goes to the instructor at the start of class for additional supplies. The cost of the class is \$30 for Arts Council members and \$40 for non-members. You must register by **March 1**. To register, call 410-758-2520. The class will be held at the Queen Anne's Center for the Arts (206 W. Commerce Street) in Centreville. (Go to [Arts Council](#), press "Classes," then select "winter spring 2013 (2).")

3rd Annual Get Pumped for Pets



Animal Resource Foundation will hold a fundraiser, Get Pumped for Pets 5K and 10K races, on **Sunday, March 10**, beginning at 9 a.m., on the Cross Island Trail near the old Kent Narrows Outlets in Chester. The fee for the 10K is \$40, and the fee for the 5K is \$30. Go to [Registration](#) to register by **March 7**. Call 410-643-8700 for more information. ([Tidewater Trader](#))

2nd Annual Mainstay Musical Afternoon: "Guys and Dolls"



[Community Mediation Upper Shore](#) (CMUS) will hold "Guys and Dolls," a musical fundraiser, on **Sunday, March 10**, 4 p.m., at The Mainstay (5753 Main Street) in Rock Hall. A hit group including Tom McHugh, Bill Matthews, Tom Anthony, and Sue Matthews will play jazz standards, blues from the 1940s, and good old sing-along hits. Tickets are \$25 per person. There is also a limited number of tickets for dinner at the Osprey Point Inn for \$40. For more information, call CMUS at 410-810-9188.

Life Drawing Studio



The Kent Island Federation of Arts (405 Main Street) in Stevensville will hold a Life Drawing Studio on **Tuesday, March 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](#))

Irish Bingo Night



The Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center (600 Discovery Lane) in Grasonville will hold [Irish Bingo Night](#) on **Friday, March 15**, 5:30 – 9:30 p.m. There will be bingo, door prizes, and food and drinks for sale. The cost is \$20 in advance (call 410-827-6694) and \$25 at the door. ([QAC Tourism](#))

Kawaii Scarves



The QAC Arts Council will hold a class, Kawaii Scarves, on **Saturday, March 16**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., at the Queen Anne's Center for the Arts (206 W. Commerce Street) in Centreville. You will make a scarf by designer Twinkie Chan from her book [20 Yummy Treats to Wear](#). Choose your design from a cupcake, toast, fruit, or sushi scarf. A copy of the book is included in the materials fee of \$15, due to the instructor at the start of the class. Registered students will receive a materials list with additional materials provided by

the instructor. The cost of the class is \$30 for Arts Council members and \$40 for non-members. You must register by **March 8**. To register, call 410-758-2520. (Go to [Arts Council](#), press “Classes,” then select “winter spring 2013 (2).”)

Dixie Power Trio Concert



The [Dixie Power Trio](#) will perform on **Saturday, March 16**, 7 p.m., at the Centre for the Arts (206 S. Commerce Street) in Centreville. The band melds country and rock and roll into a solid sound. This multi-instrumental band uses a wide range of instruments, including tuba, cornet, drum, banjo, and accordion. Tickets are \$25 for Arts Council members and \$30 for non-members.

Grasonville Senior Center Trips

Grasonville Senior Center has announced five day trips to the following destinations:

[“Noah” at Sight and Sound](#) in Lancaster, Pennsylvania: Thursday, April 18

[A Taste of Dorchester](#): Wine, Dine, & Cruise: Wednesday, June 12

[“Always, Patsy Cline”](#) in Annapolis: Thursday, June 20

[Sun Fest in Ocean City](#): Thursday, September 19

[Peddlers Village](#) in Pennsylvania: Thursday, October 10

There are also three overnight bus trips planned:

[Brandywine](#) Valley Gardens and Mansions: May 7-9

[Asheville, NC](#) and Biltmore Estate: June 24-27

[Smoky Mountain](#), NC Entertainer Tour: September 23-26

See the respective flier for complete trip information, cost, etc. For more information and to register for any of the trips, call the Grasonville Senior Center at 410-827-6010.

REMINDER: Go to the [SV Website](#) to see all 75 Local Events and 27 Events Outside the Four-County Area.

Trivia Answers

1. Oregon
2. Al Capone
3. Women purchase 85% of the Valentine’s Day Cards.
4. Hamlet is mentioned by Ophelia in Act IV, Scene 5.
5. It is the second most celebrated after New Year’s Day.
6. Candy, which edges out flowers.

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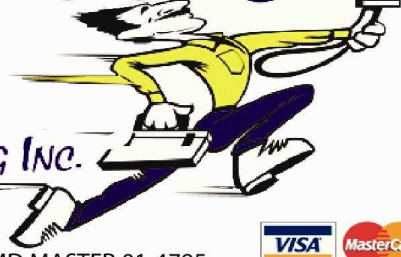
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