



# *LIBRETTO*

## **Symphony Village's Newsletter**

December 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!***



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### **Presenting the New HOA Board of Directors**

**Dave Peterson** and **Claudia McGurk** were elected to the two board seats up for reelection this year at the annual Homeowners Association Meeting on December 3. The new Board met following the public meeting and elected 2014 officers: **Mark Somerville**, President; **Claudia McGurk**, Vice President; **Alan Ettman**, Treasurer; **Dave Peterson**, Secretary; and **Jeffery Caruso**, Member at Large. They also set the 2014 meeting schedule as listed below:

#### **HOA Board of Directors Meetings**

Friday, January 31, 10 a.m.

Friday, April 25, 10 a.m.

Friday, July 25, 6 p.m.

Friday, October 31, 10 a.m.

Annual HOA Meeting and Election: Wednesday, December 3, 6 p.m.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### LIFESTYLE COMMITTEE--Donna Donaldson & Chris Pariseau, Co-Chairs

- **Ladies' Happy Hour** – Please sign up at the SV Clubhouse for Ladies' Happy Hour, December 19, at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 payable at the door. Optional Holiday Chinese Raffle Gift Exchange---Bring a wrapped fun gift---the kind of gift that keeps you laughing (cost should not exceed \$10 or re-gift if you like)!
- **Holiday Happy Hour**—Saturday, December 21, from 6 to 9 p.m.— *Doo-Wop Holiday Celebration with DJ Tim Sullivan, “The Godfather of New England Doo Wop,” playing 45 rpm records of the Doo-Wop era. “Dress-up” for the holiday and get ready to “Dance Down” to music from the 50s and 60s!! Bring an appetizer or dessert to share, perhaps with a holiday theme. Entry is just \$5 per person and we’re gonna have a ball!!*
- **Lifestyle Committee Meeting**—Monday, January 6, at 7 p.m. at the Clubhouse  
**We are looking for new members. Come and join a fun-loving bunch and bring your ideas with you.**
- **Lunch Bunch**—*Everyone is welcome* to attend the next Lunch Bunch scheduled for Thursday, January 9, at 12:30 p.m. at Annie’s Paramount Steak and Seafood House at 500 Kent Narrows Way, North, Grasonville. Please sign up in the Activities Book at the SV Clubhouse. If you need a ride or have a question, please call Bea Trotta at 410-758-0332 or Marge Strano at 410-758-2511.  

- **Wine Tasting Event**—Saturday, January 18, 6 to 8 p.m. **Cassinelli Vineyards** will be hosting a wine-tasting event at the Clubhouse in the Concert Hall. \$7 per person—you get to keep your glass. Please sign up at the Clubhouse and pay in advance.  

- **Happy New Year Party Time**— Come ring in the coming *New Year* with your neighbors at the Clubhouse on December 31 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A DJ will provide music. Bring a snack or dessert to share. Everyone gets a free glass of champagne. \$10 per person.  

- **Special Trip**  
**Kinky Boots** - From Grammy Award-winning pop icon Cyndi Lauper and four-time Tony Award winner Harvey Fierstein comes the new musical *KINKY BOOTS*, directed and choreographed by Tony Award winner Jerry Mitchell. Price: \$199 Per Person. Depart April 30 at 7:15 a.m. and return the same day at approximately 8:30 p.m. Sign up in the Activities Book.  


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**OUTREACH – Carlene Cooke, President**

**Neighbor to Neighbor**

I am very pleased to announce that we have two new Street Captains. Rosalie (Rosie) Lewis has volunteered to serve as a Street Captain for the 600/700 block of Harmony Way. Pat Kindle will be working with Bev Linkins on behalf of their neighbors on Sonata Way.

On behalf of Neighbor to Neighbor, please accept my wishes that your holidays will be happy days and that 2014 will be an especially good year for you and your loved ones.

*Eleanor Strietman*

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## Outreach's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Food Drive



Assisting in food delivery were, left to right, Scott Page, Rosemary Page, Bob Offerman, Steve Quigley, John DiLaura, Dave Peterson, Larry Hodges, Teri Nudo, Bob Ciesielski, Lloyd McAtee, Loretta Quigley, Heather Andrews (Nurturing Program Coordinator for QAC Social Services), and Linda Blume.

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in the 5th Annual Food Drive sponsored by your Outreach Committee. **Two Thousand and Thirteen (2,013)** food items were delivered to Social Services on Monday, November 18, in time for Thanksgiving distribution. No fewer than four area churches will distribute the food through their food pantries. Even though we fell short of last year's total, this food will help so many and is a wonderful gift from our community. Thank you to the Nudos, Petersons, Hodges, Hennesseys, DiLauras, Cookes, Ciesielskis, Pages, McAtees, and Linda Blume who generously gave their houses for collections and to special pick-up people Dave Peterson and Bob Offerman. It did take a village to accomplish this task! We look forward to more of our neighbors joining in next year!

**Loretta Quigley, Event Chair**



## **Announcing...**

### **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Symphony Village Card and Game Party To Benefit the Programs of SV Outreach**

**On Thursday, January 30, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse**

The price is a \$35 donation per person, of which 80% is tax deductible, and which includes morning coffee and tea, lunch, 50/50 raffle, raffle items, and door prizes.

Decide your game and reserve your table on the sign-up sheets available beginning December 16 at the Clubhouse in the Activities Book under *Outreach*. Deadline for signup is Friday, January 24. Payment is due at sign-up. Please make all checks payable to SVOPI, or SV Outreach Program, Inc.

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If you need help organizing a table, please contact Lauren Rose at 443-262-8238. Other questions, please contact either Lauren or Carlene Cooke at 443-262-8146.

If you cannot attend the event but would like to support the activities of the Outreach Programs with a donation, please bring a check to Nancy in the Clubhouse, or mail to SVOPI, PO Box 642, Centreville, Maryland 21617.

## **PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS** – *Carol Hodges, Chair*

### **Daily Bulletin—Refresh to Get the Latest News!**

Most readers have placed an icon on the Desktop that takes them directly to the **Daily Bulletin**. Some of you may just leave it open and never close the tab. When you leave it open, new posts may not show up until you refresh your screen. **Remember to refresh the screen.** Computer icons may differ from computer to computer; however, they are similar in appearance.



### **Reading Online**

The committee encourages residents to read the *Libretto* online and check the **Daily Bulletin** regularly. If you are having trouble with either, contact Carol Hodges at 410-758-0591 to arrange to have a member of the committee help you.

### **Gallery**

Take a few minutes to explore the [Gallery](#) on the Website to see what your fellow residents have been up to in the past few years. Any photos that you would like to contribute would be welcomed. Please submit your photographs to John Schultz.

### **Index**

Want to know what restaurants have been reviewed, what residents have been featured in an article, what tips have been given, etc.? Go to the [Index](#) on the Website. The Index will name the issue of the *Libretto* to check. To find these issues check out the [Libretto Archives](#).

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### **SNEAKERS** – Linda Farrar, President

#### Santa Giving Tree

All the Santa Giving Tree ornaments have been chosen because of your generosity and caring, Symphony Village residents have ensured that six Centreville families, with a total of 16 children, will have a happier holiday.



#### New Date for Cubby Choir

The Cubby Choir from Centreville Elementary will be performing to thank the residents of Symphony Village for their generous support throughout the year. They will perform at the SV Clubhouse on Tuesday, December 17, at 10 a.m. All residents are welcome to come and enjoy the cheerful voices of the Cubby Choir.

#### Book Giveaway

There will be an all-school book giveaway at the Kennard School on Wednesday, December 18, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Sign-up sheets are in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse. If you can donate an hour of your time on Wednesday, we would greatly appreciate it.

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### Silent Auction

We are happy to report that proceeds from the Sneakers November Silent Auction amounted to more than \$13,000. We could not have realized these results without your on-going support. Sneakers will share these proceeds with Centreville students throughout the school year. A big "THANK YOU" to the Symphony Village residents!

### Next Meeting

The next Sneakers meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 18, at 3 p.m. at the Clubhouse. New members are always welcome.

## **CLUBS AND CLASSES**

### **READING FOR FUN BOOK CLUB - Jack Hennessey**

The Book Club met on November 19 to discuss the book, *The House Girl*, by Tara Conklin. Pat Loiacano, who also provided snacks and beverage for dessert, recommended this book. The novel is one of overlapping contemporary and historical fictions--in this case, the life of a young New York lawyer, Lina, and a young slave, Josephine with secret talents in 19<sup>th</sup> century Virginia. The slave, 17-year-old Josephine, cares for her dying mistress Lu Anne, who taught the girl to read and to paint. In 2004, Lu Anne's art is highly praised, but some critics think that the art is really the work of Josephine. Lina is assigned the task of unraveling the mystery. Read this interesting novel to see how the story ends. On a scale of 1 to 10, this book was rated 7.2, making it recommended reading.

The Book Club is taking a holiday recess in December. Our next meeting will be on January 21 in the Clubhouse. All residents are invited to sit in on the meeting, and perhaps some will join the club.

### **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

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## **Bird Club**--Linda Blume



There is at least one Cooper's hawk that has considered my patio with its bird feeders prime hunting territory for the past few weeks. I see a hawk often, but I have not seen it catch anything. But the hawk's presence probably explains why I see so few birds at the feeders. One

bird I do see throughout the day is the dark-eyed junco (pictured). There are usually three or four pecking under the bird feeders for seeds (I've never seen one perch on any of the feeders) unless the hawk is there as well. Juncos are also known as "snowbirds" since they appear on the East coast as winter sets in and retreat northward each spring.

Juncos are recognized by their dark slate-gray head and upper body parts and by the bright white tail feathers they flash in flight. Juncos are primarily seedeaters, and at bird feeders, they seem to prefer millet to sunflower seeds. If you have mixed seed in your feeders, you will probably see dark-eyed juncos even when a hungry hawk is in the area.

A business card for Katrina Bauer, LMT. The card has a yellow background with a blue border. It features a stylized graphic of a person's head and shoulders in the background. The text on the card reads: "Katrina Bauer, LMT", "Licensed Massage Therapist", "MD State License # M04464", "Over 15 years experience providing conscientious care for your unique physical condition.", "443.262.2820", "katrinabauerlmt@gmail.com", and "Muscles have memories, let's make them good ones!".

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## **GARDEN CLUB**—Jack Hennessey



The approval of the installation of a purple martin house behind 143 Opera Court has been received. Dan Battista and Jack will do the installation as

soon as weather permits. In case you haven't noticed, the gazebo Christmas lights have been installed. Weather permitting, there will be a special lighting ceremony and sing-along at 5:15 p.m. on Friday, December

20, at the gazebo. The new American flags that have been purchased will be installed for this

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occasion, then stored until springtime. All residents are welcome to participate. One more resident has agreed to take over a flowerbed at the gazebo. We still need three more individuals (or teams) to participate as caretakers. If you are interested, contact Steve Guy or Jack.

Congratulations to Dave Peterson, our chief gardener, on his election to the HOA Board of Directors. We hope that he will use his influence to recruit two more members for the Victory Garden. We plan to till the garden in time for spring planting, hopefully on St. Patrick's Day.

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--Anita Dell



## **QUILTING NEWS**

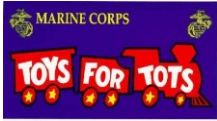
The Symphony Village Quilters held their annual Christmas lunch and party on December 3. All had a very good time! Pictured are the quilters with the quilts made over the spring and summer for Project Linus, a group that provides blankets to children in the hospitals. If you like to sew or quilt and would be interested in joining the group, the next meeting is Tuesday, January 7, at the Clubhouse! (Shirley Clark, Carlene Cooke, Amy Marotta, Joan Hennessey, Cindy Backer, Karen King, Courtney Pilgrim, Marilyn Williams, Lauren Rose, Pat Kendall, Peggy Dedrick, Linda Farrar, Dottie Mazzochi, Betty Gingrich.)

## **Trivia**

*by Karin Anne Larsen*

1. What comes after “eight maids a-milking” in the song *The Twelve Days of Christmas*?
2. Who created Rudolph in the late 1930s for a holiday promotion?
3. Who was the first U.S. President to decorate the White House Christmas tree?
4. Name the Christmas movie where you hear the quote, “Teacher says every time a bell rings an Angel gets its wings.”
5. Name the Christmas movie where you hear the quote, “Fog as thick as peanut butter”?

(Answers on the last page.)



## *Thank You!*

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*--Juana Ridgway*

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## **NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**

### Christmas Train Layout



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Overture Way (410-758-3102). Please call before coming and we will try to accommodate your needs. Santa’s helper (aka Kay) will have cookie treats for all good girls and boys.

### Queen Anne’s Chorale “Open” Rehearsal



On **Monday, January 6**, the Queen Anne’s Chorale will begin rehearsals for its spring concert, “Pirates, Plus!” These rehearsals are held regularly on Monday evenings from 7-9 p.m. at the Centreville United Methodist Church (608 Church Hill Road, Route 213) in Centreville. This will also be an “open” rehearsal for new member recruitment, and prospective singers should arrive at 6:30 p.m. for registration. No audition is required, and singers of all levels and parts are invited to attend. Music will be provided and a short reception will follow this rehearsal. It is important to note that no new

singers will be accepted for this semester after this "open" rehearsal. The spring concert will be on Saturday, April 26, at the Todd Performing Arts Center at Chesapeake College in Wye Mills. For more information, contact Kathryn Marchi, 410-758-3183.

## SYMPHONY VILLAGE CHAIN GANG



The Symphony Village Chain Gang completed its 5<sup>th</sup> year working the sidelines at all the Queen Anne's High School home football games. While it continues to be the "best seats in the house," working the sidelines is not for the faint of heart. This year we had a game that was postponed because we didn't have "enough rain"

in the forecast. Those that ended up working the game had to dispose of some of their shoes because of the mud and rain. Only a few members had to have remedial training to learn when to drop the sticks and run. The stalwart crew of 16 villagers is always treated well by the Athletic Staff at Queen Anne's, including preferred parking and shuttle service to the sidelines. The picture was taken at the end of the season potluck supper.

### Gathering Interest: SV Bluebird Trail

Do you enjoy watching bluebirds? Would you like to see more bluebirds in Symphony Village? A group of residents has begun discussion about the possibility of establishing a bluebird trail here. A bluebird trail is a series of nest boxes that are monitored regularly to deter competing species and predators to help ensure breeding success. Are you interested in finding out more? Contact Betty McAtee, 410-758-2443.



### American Legion Jeff Davis Post 18 News

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

- Friday Night Dinners  
**Friday, December 20:** Oyster Dinner
- Ravens Football at the Post
  - **Monday, December 16--**Ravens vs. Lions, 8:40 p.m.
  - **Sunday, December 22--**Ravens vs. Patriots, 8:30 p.m.
  - **Sunday, December 29--**Ravens vs. Bengals, 1 p.m.



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

## Hospice of Queen Anne's News

Hospice of Queen Anne's is beginning Phase III of its **Paving the Way for Hope** project. Support Hospice of Queen Anne's by donating a brick in memory or in honor of a loved one. Bricks will be displayed in a standalone island at the entrance of the Hospice Center.

**To donate**, please fill out a [Brick Order Form](#), or contact Kendra Leager, [kleager@hospiceofqueenannes.org](mailto:kleager@hospiceofqueenannes.org), 443-262-4106. The ordering deadline is January 31.

Hospice of Queen Anne's will hold a **Winter Grief Support Group** January 21 – March 25, with afternoon and evening sessions available. For more information or to register, contact Rhonda Knotts, [rknotts@hospiceofqueenannes.org](mailto:rknotts@hospiceofqueenannes.org), 443-262-4109.

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## RESTAURANT REVIEW



*By Karin Anne Larsen*

Georgie, Owner Scott Cook's son, must be very proud that his father named a new restaurant after him. A newcomer in Centreville, Georgie's Seafood and Grill opened in May 2013, and Scott is determined to serve hearty and meticulously prepared food at reasonable prices. Cook's sincere determination translates to a restaurant where "eating the absolute best for less" shows in an excellent menu, great cooking, and friendly service.

Blown away on our first visit to Georgie's, my husband Bruce and I ordered the *Baby Back BBQ Ribs*. Not only were the ribs actually "fall off the bone" delicious, juicy, and succulent, but some of the best ribs around. The *Crunchy Fries and Homemade Coleslaw*, in generous portions, are delightfully good. One cannot ignore the lightly sweet, hot, and homemade *Zucchini Bread*. Talk about comforting. Another colorful and light dish that is both flavorful and elegantly presented is the *Fried Tempura Oysters*. Also try the *Authentic Greek Salad* or any of the other salads at Georgie's. They are all delicious!

Expanding one's food repertoire includes trying the *Filet Au Poivre*. The filet medallions in a peppercorn sauce tasted both hearty and robust. Also try the mouthwatering taste of the *Sautéed Scallops* cooked with white wine, garlic, and butter sauce. A proven classic, the *Stuffed Shrimp*, topped with Imperial Sauce and baked golden brown, did not disappoint. In fact, we continue experiencing different gourmet dishes when we go to Georgie's. The *Salmon Cakes* proved very tasty, as was the *Homemade Mac & Cheese*. The pasta dishes also stand out. Try the *Blackened Shrimp & Crab* over fettuccine with Alfredo sauce, or the *Baked Ziti* dish made with Bolognese meat sauce with mozzarella. All of these dishes are served with one side item and a small house salad.

Light as air and unbeatably decadent, is the *Mississippi Mud Pie*. Just think of an Oreo crusted bottom with coffee ice cream topped with fudge and whipped cream and order an *Apple Caramel Pie a la Mode* to go with it. Okay, maybe one dessert is enough for two. In the world of food and restaurant choices, there is now a Georgie's Seafood and Grill to enchant you. The Cook family feels each "customer is and always is our first priority" and the Cooks" say, "they will provide exceptional service, superior food, and reasonable prices to keep our customers returning again and again." So Villagers, do you dare to give this newcomer a try? Just avoid your kitchen and take the short drive down the road to delight in freshly prepared food in a friendly and casual setting.

**Georgie's Seafood and Grill is located at 2640 Centreville Road (Rt. 213 N) in Centreville. Telephone is 410-758-3600. Hours are Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The Bar is opened Thursday, Friday, and Saturday until 1 p.m. Small Plate menu is available. Call for information on the Seafood Carry-out. Happy Hours are weekdays; 4 to 7 p.m. and complimentary appetizers are served.**



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## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Recipe of the Month - December 2013 - **Potato Chip Cookies**

*From the Kitchen of Joan Hennessey, Courtesy of Lynn Hirschauer*

2 sticks butter, softened  
 1/2 cup sugar  
 1 3/4 cup flour  
 3/4 cup potato chips, coarsely crushed  
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
 1 cup confectioner's sugar, sifted

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.  
 Cream the butter and sugar, beating until light and fluffy.  
 Add the flour, potato chips, and vanilla and beat well.  
 Drop dough by rounded teaspoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheets.  
 Bake for 10 to 12 minutes or until the edges are lightly browned.  
 Cool 5 minutes on cookie sheets; remove to wire racks.  
 When cookies are cool, roll each in confectioner's sugar.  
 Makes about 4 dozen.



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## LOCAL EVENTS



### Centreville Winter Farmers' Market and Holiday Artisan's Shop

Winter  
Market

Centreville Main Street will sponsor the Centreville Winter Farmers' Market and Holiday Artisan's Shop from **Friday, November 29 – Saturday, December 28**, three days a week. Traditional farmers, value-added producers, and craft artisans will offer their wares for sale in a storefront located at 114B Water Street. The Market and Artisan's Shop will be open Wednesdays and Fridays, 3 – 7 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. ([Shore Update](#))

Caroline County: **Eagle Line Railroad: Model Railroad Display: December 3 – January 5:**  
Ridgely: [Eagle Line Railroad](#)

Anne Arundel County: **"A Midsummer Night's Dream": December 6-22:** Annapolis Shakespeare Company, Annapolis: [Annapolis Shakespeare Company](#)

Talbot County: **Easton High School Choral Concert: Tuesday, December 17, 7 - 8 p.m.:**  
Easton High School, (723 Mecklenburg Avenue) Auditorium, Easton

### "S'mores & Stories" Under the Stars

The Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center (600 Discovery Lane) in Grasonville presents "S'mores and Stories" once a month. Upcoming programs are:



- **Wednesday, December 18, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.:** "Winter Wonder"
- **Wednesday, January 8, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.:** "Winter Birds." Meet in the Pavilion to the right of the parking area. The cost is \$3 for members, \$5 non-members, and free to children less than 2 years of age. Reservations are encouraged – call 410-827-6694 or email [knelson@bayrestoration.org](mailto:knelson@bayrestoration.org). ("[S'mores and Stories](#)")



Kent County: **Chester River Chorale Messiah Sing-In**: Thursday, December 19, 8 p.m.: Garfield Center for the Arts at the Prince Theatre, Chestertown: [Kent Tourism: Sing-In](#)

Talbot County: **“It’s A Wonderful Life”**: December 19-22, 27-28: Avalon Theatre, Easton: [Avalon Theatre](#)

Anne Arundel County: **Annapolis Symphony Orchestra Holiday Pops Concert “Christmas in Annapolis”**: Friday, December 20: Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, Annapolis: [Holiday Concert](#)

Baltimore City: **The Nutcracker with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and Baltimore School for the Arts**: December 20-22: Modell Performing Arts Center at the Lyric, Baltimore: [The Nutcracker](#)

Worcester County: **Chase Away the Holiday Blues – Get Bluegrass!** Friday, December 20: Old Snow Hill Fire Hall, Snow Hill: [Get Bluegrass!](#)

Anne Arundel County: **The Nutcracker at Maryland Hall**: December 21 and 22: Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, Annapolis: [The Nutcracker](#)

Caroline County: **Hillsboro’s Luminary Tour**: Saturday, December 21, 5-8 p.m.: Main Street to Church Street, Hillsboro: [Caroline Tourism](#)

Dorchester County: **33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Luminaria Spectacle**: Saturday, December 21: Vienna: [Maryland Tourism - Luminaria](#)

Worcester County: **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Penguin Swim**: Wednesday, January 1: [Penguin Swim](#)

### **“Artist Challenge: Art Created in 51”**

**51**

Kent Island Federation of Arts (405 Main Street) in Stevensville presents an “Artist Challenge: Art Created in 51” on **January 3 – February 1**. The exhibit is in honor of KIFA’s 51<sup>st</sup> birthday and will exhibit items painted in 51 strokes, photographs of 51 items, jewelry with 51 beads, etc. Gallery hours are Wednesday – Saturday, 1 - 4 p.m. ([KIFA Exhibits](#))

### **Lecture: Watermen and the Bay**



The Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center (CBEC) (600 Discovery Lane) in Grasonville presents Will Hemsley speaking on Watermen and the Bay on **Wednesday, January 15, 7 – 8:30 p.m.** Mr. Hemsley is a painter and filmmaker living and working on the Eastern Shore. He comes from a family of watermen and will share his insights on the watermen community through excerpts from his film and slides of his paintings. The cost is \$8 for CBEC members and \$10 for non-members.

Advanced registration is encouraged: email [jwink@bayrestoration.org](mailto:jwink@bayrestoration.org) or call 410-827-6694. ([QAC Tourism](#))

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**QUOTE FOR DECEMBER**

*The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart.*

*--Helen Keller*

**SEVENTH ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S DAY BIKE RIDE**

“I’ve Ridden My Bike Every Day This Year” Mark your calendars for the 7th annual New Year’s Day cycling event "I’ve ridden my bike every day this year." All Symphony Village bike riders are encouraged to meet at the Clubhouse at 10 a.m. on January 1, 2014 and ride for as long as weather permit. Some cycle a few hundred feet and others have been known to ride for as much as five to ten miles within Symphony Village. Following the ride, all participants traditionally gather in the Clubhouse for hot chocolate and pastries served by Nancie Cameron. Each year it seems some bikers are more eager to return to the Clubhouse for Nancie’s delicious treats than rack up mileage and “bragging rights” for the New Year. Come join the camaraderie on New Year’s Day. NOTE: Helmets are required. (If you need a helmet, call Lloyd McAtee at 410-758-2443).



**Pictured at right: Joe Shannahan, Bill Rowley, Steve Quigley, Lloyd McAtee, Tom Baker, Andy Cowly, Bob & Mary Ciselski, and Don Cameron**

**Trivia Answers:**

- 1. Nine ladies dancing
- 2. Montgomery Ward
- 3. President Franklin Pierce
- 4. It’s a Wonderful Life
- 5. Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer