



LIBRETTO

Symphony Village's Newsletter

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

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HOA Board of Directors – Process for Obtaining Bids & Contacting Government Officials

1. Procurement Procedures – At the Board of Directors meeting held on January 30, the Board adopted the Symphony Village Homeowners Association Procurement Procedures. These procedures will be added to the Terms of Reference as Appendix C. The Terms of Reference can be found on the Website under “Governing Documents” on the “Official Documents” page accessed from the [HOA Board](#) page.

The procurement procedures point out that only the Board of Directors may obligate or spend HOA funds, with the exception of the General Manager, who has authority to approve contracts or expenditures of \$3,000 or less. However, unless it is an emergency situation, the General Manager will advise the Board before proceeding with any purchases over \$3,000. All HOA Committees must obtain approval from the Board before moving forward with any project.

The General Manager is the point of contact for the HOA when bidding out contracts with all outside vendors. This is for both internal and control purposes and to ensure uniformity in obtaining bids.

2. Contacting Government Officials – From time to time it is necessary for the Homeowners Association to contact Officials of the Town of Centreville, such as when dealing with the landscaping of the Storm Water Management Ponds. The HOA is limited as to what can be done to these ponds and, before doing any work on them, it must be approved by the Town. The HOA's General Manager is familiar with the responsible Town Manager and what can and what cannot be done around the ponds. The General Manager is the only individual who may contact Town Officials on behalf of the HOA.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

SV Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs

<p>Budget & Finance: Larry Cordrey, Chair Tom Love, Vice-Chair</p> <p>Lifestyle: Vinny Volpicelli, Chair Carolyn Harty & Margo Wagner, Vice-Chairs</p>	<p>Covenants: Chris Pariseau, Chair Irene Hoffman, Vice-Chair</p> <p>Operations: Ed Frey, Chair Dominic Mancinelli, Vice-Chair</p>
<p>Publications & Communications: Carol Hodges, Chair Linda Blume, Vice-Chair</p>	

LIFESTYLE COMMITTEE – Vinny Volpicelli, Chair;

- **2nd Annual Trivia Team Contest** – Sunday, February 15, from 2 – 5 p.m.
Teams will be created that day – Come join us and give that brain a workout!
Donna Donaldson will be hosting. Please feel free to bring light snacks. Come on out and make Alex Trebek proud! Note: There is NO sign-up sheet.
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- **Happy Hour*** – Saturday, February 21, at 6 p.m.
***HAPPY HOUR Name Resurrected: The consensus is we go back to Happy Hour! Sorry for the failed social engineering! The Lifestyle Committee prides itself on listening to suggestions of the residents.**
 - **Ladies Happy Hour** – Thursday, February 26, at 5:30 p.m. \$5 for dinner—\$1 for drink du jour. Sign up in the Activities Book no later than February 24 so the hostesses are able to prepare sufficiently.
 - **Robert Post Comedy Theatre** – Saturday, February 28, at 7 p.m. Chesapeake College, Todd Performing Arts Center. While the \$20 discounted tickets have already been purchased in bulk for SV residents who signed up and paid by the January 30 deadline, you can call the College to see if seats are still available (410-827-5867). Tell them you are from Symphony Village and ask to be seated in rows assigned to us.
 - **Lifestyle Committee Meeting** – Monday, March 2, at 7 p.m. We meet on the first Monday of every month and welcome new members at any time!
 - **Lunch Bunch** – Thursday, March 5, at 12:30 p.m. at the **In Japan** restaurant located at **101 Marboro Avenue, Easton**. Please remember to sign up in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse. If you need a ride or have a question, please call Marge Strano at 410-758-2511 or Bea Trotta at 410-758-0332. Join us for a wonderful luncheon experience and great company!
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- **Happy Hour** – Friday, March 6, at 6 p.m. The Shoremen, our SV softball team, are hosting. Be sure to stop by and meet the players.
 - **Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre** – Saturday, March 21, at 6 p.m. Chesapeake College, Todd Performing Arts Center. Our discounted tickets are \$40, and the purchase deadline has been extended to March 1. Sign up in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse ASAP.
 - **SV Spring Yard Sale** – Saturday, April 11, from 8 a.m. to noon –You can go longer if you still have stuff. The cost is \$5. These sales get wide coverage and buyers turn out from Centreville and beyond. Contact Vinny if you plan to participate (volpi1958@yahoo.com).

Trips to Broadway Musicals:

The Lifestyle Committee has been coordinating three trips to New York Broadway shows for 2015. Hurry and sign up in the Activities Book – these shows are sure to sell out.

- **April 29: "On The Town"** - Orchestra seating, round trip transportation, bagel breakfast - \$185 per person. **SIGN UP AND PAYMENT IN FULL NO LATER THAN FEB 20.**

- **June 24:** "Aladdin" - Orchestra seating, round trip transportation, bagel breakfast - \$180 per person. **SIGN UP AND PAYMENT IN FULL NO LATER THAN MARCH 1.**
- **September 9:** "Beautiful: The Carole King Music" (Best recording nominated for Grammy, 2015) – Orchestra seating, round trip transportation, **SOLD OUT** breakfast - \$165 per person.

Events in the Planning Stage :

- Group Trip to Suicide Bridge Restaurant for Paddle Boat ride and a meal in Hurlock, MD
- Painting Party for SV Residents at Queen Anne’s County Centre for the Arts – downtown Centreville

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OUTREACH – Bea Trotta, Chair

Pre-registration for 5th Annual Artisans’ Fair



As announced in last month’s *Libretto*, the 5th Annual Artisans’ Fair will be held on **Saturday, September 19**, in the Clubhouse. Outreach wants to open participation to SV residents before opening it to non-SV artisans. If you plan to participate, please let Linda Blume know (410-758-3194) as soon as possible. A Registration Form (including all fees) will be emailed to you when it is available in late February. To assure your spot, please complete the Registration Form and return it with payment to the Clubhouse no later than **April 1**. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Blume, Loretta Quigley (410-758-6775), or Linda Gardner (410-758-0646).

6th Annual Card and Game Party

Can you believe we had the Sixth Annual Card and Game Party on January 29? Every year we have such a wonderful time and think it cannot be better; and yet, it always is. This year was no exception. The weather was great, and everyone had fun playing cards and games and visiting with friends. We were served a wonderful lunch as well as morning goodies, and there were



very nice raffle items to bid on as well as unique door prizes. The Outreach Committee would like to thank the residents of Symphony Village and their friends for supporting this event!! Also thanks to our friends from Kent Island, Prospect Bay, and the Western Shore for joining us. We could not have this event without you!

We could not have such fun without the help of the committee; so many thanks to the following: Lauren Rose and Carlene Cooke for heading up the Card Party part of the event; Linda Blume with help from Sandee Love for running registration; Cindy Backer for chairing the door prizes and with help from Willie DiLaura running the raffles; Nancie Cameron and her fantastic team, Bea Trotta, Linda Gardner, Barbara Locke, Patty Parks, Margo Wagner, Courtney Pilgrim, Elaine Shenkle, Marge Strano, Sue Canfield, Terri O'Connell, Eileen Rowley, Pat Fox, Barbara Rosdail, DeAnn Cheyne, Brenda Stoltz, Sandee Love, and Lauren Swartz for providing nice snacks in the morning and a very delicious lunch. And thank you to Willie DiLaura for providing bags of "card suit" sugar cookies for each participant and Linda Blume for making cross stitch bookmarks for favors.



A big "thank you" also goes to those who contributed raffle items: the Symphony Village Quilting Group* for the lovely quilt, won by guest Helen Brannon ; Teri Nudo for the ceramic plate, won by Symphony Village resident Cindy Bogner; and Betty Hernan for the gift certificates to Chili's Restaurant, won by Symphony Village resident Shirley Clark. The 50/50 raffle winner was Symphony Village resident Lee Ettman.

The Outreach Committee would also like to thank Sheehy Lexus of Annapolis for being a sponsor of this event and making it possible (along with your support) for us to give a very nice donation to our beneficiary this year, **Rebuilding Together of Queen Anne's County**. It is a good feeling knowing that with our help someone in the area will get a nice "home redo." Thank you!!

**The members of the Quilting Group who worked on the raffle quilt in some way were: Cindy Backer, Shirley Clark, Carlene Cooke, Peggy Detrick, Linda Farrar, Betty Gingerich, Joan Hennessey, Pat Kindle, Karen King, Mary Lewis, Amy Marotta, Sue Peterson, Courtney Pilgrim, and Lauren Rose.*

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PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS – Carol Hodges, Chair

TRIO Google Group (New Name!!)

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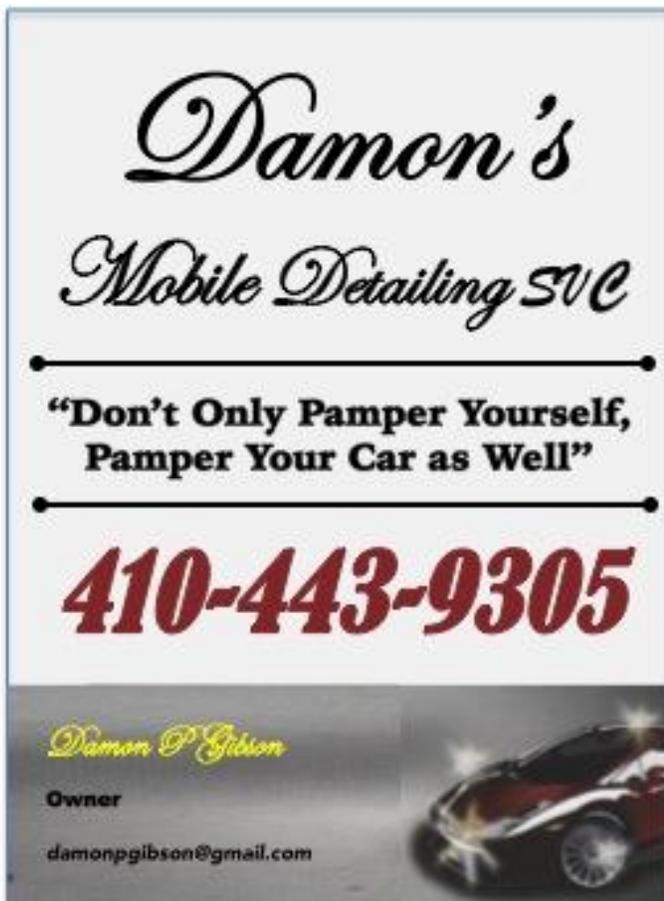
If you need help choosing your setting or receiving TRIO, contact James Arnts at 410-758-0348, Carol Hodges at 410-758-0591, George Drake at 410-758-8266; or better yet, send an email to jimarnts@gmail.com.

Restaurant Reviews

Thanks to Howie and Pat Fox for their restaurant review this month. The editors of the *Libretto* would love to get your restaurant reviews. If you're not sure what has been reviewed, go to the *Libretto* Index on the [Libretto](#) page.

Photos on the Website

Many of you have noticed the photos that are posted on the right of the [Daily Bulletin](#) page of the Website. There are many, many more posted on the [Gallery](#) page. These photos date back almost to the opening of Symphony Village. Enjoy.

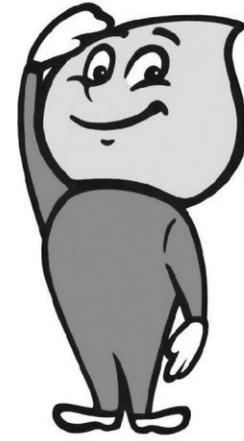


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SNEAKERS – *Linda Farrar, President*

Centreville Middle School BOOK GIVEAWAY

Sneakers is awarding Scholastic Book Gift Certificates to the Centreville Middle School students who are participating in the Pastries for Parents activity on Friday, **February 20**. It is through your generosity that we are able to make this donation to the Centreville Middle School students.

Sneakers 11th ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY to save the date of **November 7, 2015**, for Sneakers upcoming 11th Annual Silent Auction to be held at the Clubhouse. This event is a fun-filled evening for all, and we are looking forward to seeing you there.

Next Meeting

The next Sneakers meeting will be held Wednesday, **March 18**, at 3 p.m. in the Clubhouse. We are always looking for new members.

CLUBS

BIRD CLUB – *Linda Blume*

Six members attended the “Great Horned Owls” lecture at the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center last month – very informative, very entertaining, and the slides were wonderful. We may attend the fourth lecture in the series, “Bird Migration,” on **Wednesday, April 22**, if there is interest.



We will attend the [15th Annual Eagle Festival](#) at Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge on **Saturday, March 14**. The festival celebrates birds of prey with live bird programs, guest speakers, eagle prowls and refuge tours, and children's activities. Watch for the sign-up sheet in the Activities Book.

Last month I asked for sightings in your yards, and you certainly have more variety than I've seen at my feeders: wrens, tufted titmice, white-breasted and red-breasted nuthatches, mourning doves, cardinals, bluebirds, woodpeckers, chickadees, Cooper's hawks, juncos, mockingbirds, and even a wayward killdeer.

GARDEN CLUB – *Jack Hennessey*

Most Important: All residents who have expressed an interest in having a plot in the **Victory Garden** (the vegetable garden) please confirm your interest for the 2015 season by calling or e-mailing Jack Hennessey, at 410-758-4872 or jhennessey@atlanticbb.net.

Two sightings of Red Tailed hawks have been made – one at the **Victory Garden** and another at the **Gazebo Garden** (the flower garden). Also, Eleanor Strietman reported seeing a Cooper's hawk in her backyard. Many snow birds, gold finches, and house finches feed regularly at the Gazebo feeders and at local feeders. We continue to provide sunflower seeds and thistle for our beautiful song birds. Several residents have been saving egg shells for me to provide “calcium” for the purple martins, who will be arriving about the time of our March report (weather permitting). We now have all the shells we need. On February 21, we will be trimming the overgrown bushes at the Gazebo. Call Jack if you can help.

By the time our March *Libretto* is published, Dave Peterson will have tilled the **Victory Garden**. It is traditional to plant peas, spinach, and other spring crops by St. Patrick's Day. We will label plots for responding residents. Lastly, we need a few more gardeners to each sponsor one of the 20 plots in the Gazebo Garden. We are looking forward to the arrival of the purple martins!

READING FOR FUN BOOK CLUB – *Jack Hennessey*

At our January 20 meeting, we discussed the book *Lisette's List*, written by Susan Vreeland and recommended by Lee Ettman. The story tells how Lisette tries to find many paintings by Pissarro, Chagal, and others which had been hidden to save them from the Nazis during WWII. If you are an art lover, you will enjoy this book. This book was rated 6.1 on a scale of 1 to 10. Lee provided wonderful cookies and a beverage for the members. The selection for our February 19 meeting is *The Boys in the Boat*, recommended by Mary Jo Keefe. The boys are the eight oarsmen and the coxswain of the Washington College sculling crew, who won the gold medal at the 1936 Olympics in Nazi Germany. The emotional heart of the story lies with one rower, Joe Krantz, a teenager without family or prospects, who rows not for glory, but to regain his shattered self image. The crew is assembled by an enigmatic coach and mentored by an eccentric British boat builder. The popularity of this book is attested to by the fact that I was number 12 on the waiting list for the book at the Talbot County Library.



All residents are invited to sit in on the discussions, share the dessert, and join the Book Club.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE – *Joe Shanahan*

Our home team, The Shoremen, is kicking off the new year of play by hosting the first **Happy Hour in March**. This will be on **Friday, March 6, at 6 p.m.** Please come to the Clubhouse and meet some of the new members of our team (as well as the old, no pun intended) and hear about our home schedule. We are always recruiting, so if you might be interested in getting a lot of exercise and having fun, please speak to any of our team players. They will be hard to miss. Hope to see you there.



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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Pevnar Wellness Clinic



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- All patients with no previous history of pneumococcal vaccine (PCV13 or PPSV23).
- A one-time dose of Pevnar followed by a one-time dose of Pneumovax 6-12 months later.
- All adults who have received Pneumovax at least one year previously.

Pneumococcal disease is caused by infection with Streptococcus pneumonia bacteria. These bacteria can be spread from person-to-person through close contact. Pneumococcal disease can lead to severe health problems, including pneumonia, blood infections, and meningitis. About 4,000 adults still die each year because of pneumococcal infections, with the majority coming from the over 65 age group.

The PREVNAR CLINIC will be held at the Clubhouse, Wednesday, **March 18, 9 a.m. to noon** and **1:30 to 3:30 p.m.** This clinic is brought to you by **EDWARDS PHARMACY** and administered by their new Personal Community Pharmacist, **Tony Loiacono** of Symphony Village.

IF You Are Interested, You Must Do The Following:

Sign up in the Clubhouse at the Reception Desk. The vaccine is covered by Medicare and will be administered free of charge, but an accurate count is a must. This Clinic is for Medicare patients only. Others who are 65 and older and have coverage other than Medicare can obtain the vaccine directly at Edwards Pharmacy, their own medical office, or another pharmacy of their choice.

As always, please consult with your physician with regard to your personal health care needs.

The Village Propane Consumer Group



A group has formed in Symphony Village whose stated purpose is to get for all residents the best propane price and service. The name of the group is The Village Propane Consumer Group (TVPCG). As of February 14, the group had 194 homes on its roster. The TVPCG is represented by a committee of volunteers called The Village Propane Consumer Committee (TVPCC): Chairman, Paul Epp; Secretary, Larry Rayner; and members Steve Harty, Bob Offerman, Randy Officer, Jim Roe, and Sonny Sollars. In February, the Committee will survey the following propane suppliers: Tri-Gas, Callahan, Sharp, Southern States, Alger Oil, Peninsula Oil Propane, and Poor's Propane Gas. Suburban Propane has attended a meeting with Paul Epp, and the TVPCC is waiting for a response from them. The Committee will communicate the results of the survey and their recommendations via email to members of the Group.

The Committee invites all Villagers to join the group; you can do so by emailing Paul Epp and asking to be included.

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TRIVIA

1. When was Washington's Birthday first made a federal holiday?
2. On what date was the holiday celebrated?
3. When was the holiday moved to the third Monday in February?
4. What legislation moved the holiday to the third Monday?
5. Is Presidents' Day a federal holiday?

Wanna Be a Docent?



There are a number of historic homes in Centreville. Arguably, two of the most historically significant are Tucker House and Wright's Chance. Tucker House was built on the second lot sold when the new town of Centreville was laid out in 1794. It is unclear exactly when Wright's Chance was built, but it was referred to in a 1744 survey as an "old dwelling." Both homes are on Commerce Street near the library and are owned by the Queen Anne's



County Historical Society. On the first Saturdays of May through September, historic sites throughout Queen Anne's County – including Tucker House and Wright's Chance – are open for visitors. Docents are people who act as guides and are needed to staff the houses from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Open House Saturdays. They lead informal tours and answer questions. Being a docent is a great way to meet new people and to help them (and yourself) understand and appreciate our history. "That sounds like fun," you may be thinking, but you might be hesitant to volunteer because you've never done anything like this before. Not to worry! Docents receive basic training and are provided with information about each house and its furnishings. The Village's own Ellen Norman, a trained and experienced docent, will conduct a docent training session at the library on Thursday, April 16, from 10 a.m. to noon. Call Ellen at 410-758-3047 to register. Also, please contact Membership Chairperson (and SV resident), Teri Nudo, if you would like to become a member of the Queen Anne's County Historical Society.

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Chorale. The concert is entitled "The Glory of Love" and explores the many moods of love, so appropriate for springtime. Robert Huntington, Artistic Director, has selected a variety of repertoire that includes Brahms' "Love Song Waltzes" and other popular and fanciful pieces.

Date: Saturday, April 18, at 7 p.m.

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

Tickets are \$15 for adults; children through high school are admitted free. Tickets can be purchased at the door or from a Chorale member. The venue is handicapped accessible. For more information please call **410-739-1910**, visit [Queen Ann's Chorale](http://QueenAnn'sChorale.com), or contact Kathryn Marchi at **410-758-3183** or marchi-wre@mrisc.com.

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American Legion Jeff Davis Post 18 News



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

- Friday Night Dinners:
Friday, February 20: Legion Riders' "Taste of Italy" Dinner
Friday, February 27: Oyster Dinner, \$15
 (Watch the **Daily Bulletin's** "Weekend Local Events" for dinners in March.)
- Chili Cook-Off: **Saturday, February 21:** 1 – 6:30 p.m.

For more information on any events, call the Post at 410-758-3584 or go to [Jeff Davis Post 18](http://JeffDavisPost18.com).

Volunteer Of The Month

Compass Regional Hospice chose Jack Walsh as Volunteer of the Month. Jack is a Symphony Village resident and patient care volunteer at Hospice who gives his time to patients receiving hospice care and to individuals who participate in Bridges, Compass Regional Hospice's non-medical support program that assists patients and families who are making decisions about when and how to move from curative to comfort care. Jack was nominated for this recognition by members of the Compass Regional Hospice staff who appreciate his flexibility and enthusiasm when meeting with patients and families. Courtney Williams, manager of volunteer and professional services, says, "Jack is always willing to lend a listening ear or a helping hand to patients and their families, and we are grateful to have him as part of our team." Congratulations, Jack!



Dining In

We enjoy good food and conversation in our homes. All are welcome, including singles and new neighbors. Attendance does not obligate you to host. The sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse.

This month Dining In will be held at the homes of Sandee & Tom Love and Joan & Jack Hennessy on Sunday, February 22, at 6 p.m. Please plan on attending. You'll like the opportunity to meet new friends and neighbors in this friendly, informal setting. These events are held on the fourth Sunday of every month. Call me, **Nancy Pashby**, at **443-262-8757** if you have any questions, and thanks to all for making Dining In a popular event.



RESTAURANT REVIEW

Suicide Bridge Restaurant

By Pat and Howie Fox



Well, we have discovered the best restaurant yet since we moved to Maryland a few months ago. Four of us went to Suicide Bridge Restaurant in Hurlock thanks to Dominick and Carolyn Mancinelli's recommendation. Hurlock is east of the Choptank River between Easton and

Cambridge and on Cabin Creek – a branch of the Choptank. It's a "long and winding" backcountry road to get there once you leave Route 50, but Dominick cheerfully drove on.

The food was excellent! We started with nice, yeasty rolls, and libations followed by different soups (cream of crab and French onion) and seared tuna. Three of us had a special of the day – meaty steamed lobsters cracked in the kitchen. They had little candle-fired platforms of melted butter for dipping. Howie – not being a seafood guy – had a terrific cut of filet mignon which was perfectly cooked. You have a choice of sides which from what we sampled were not your typical restaurant arrangements – the sweet potato casserole had pineapple in it and a blanket of toasted marshmallow topping. Their green beans were freshly made with pimentos, roasted slivered almonds, and a spicy mix that really made them more unique than the average.

Then we get to the dessert! I have never had an éclair like the ones they make on premises. They were huge and the chocolate icing had bits of Heath Bar in it. The cream filling was more pudding-like than the too sweet white icing often used. Advance warning – eat lighter or share the éclairs. They even bring you little boxes along with the dessert, since so many people probably have to take them home. A cute touch!

During the winter months the restaurant is quieter, but with their proximity to Easton and Cambridge they get more crowded in the warmer months. Regardless of the season, make a reservation. The restaurant also has two paddle wheel boats (or stern wheelers) moored at the dock. From May to early October, they have lunch and dinner excursions, Crab Feasts, and several on-board Murder Mystery dinners. The Lifestyle Committee will be looking into coordinating a paddle boat group event in warmer weather.

Now for the name – the actual Suicide Bridge is about 50 feet from the restaurant. You'd think from its name and reputation that it would be a towering structure; however, the bridge deck is only about 12 feet above the river! There is a history of the bridge on the back of the menu – I'll leave it to the reader to go there to enjoy a meal and find it out!

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Cream of Broccoli-Carrot-Cheese Soup

From The Kitchen of Nancie Cameron for The Outreach Card And Game Party

- ½ cup unsalted butter
- 1 onion, chopped
- ⅓ cup flour
- 4 cups whole milk
- 2 cups vegetable broth
- 4 heads broccoli, florets only, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 1 cup carrots, julienne
- ½ tsp. each nutmeg and garlic powder
- salt & pepper
- 12 oz. mild cheddar cheese, shredded (about 3 cups)
- 2 cups half-and-half



Directions:

1. In a large pot, melt butter over medium-low heat. Add the onions and cook 3-4 minutes until softened. Sprinkle flour over onions and stir to combine and cook for about 1 minute. Slowly whisk in milk and vegetable broth.
2. Add nutmeg, garlic powder, salt (to taste), lots of freshly ground pepper, broccoli, and carrots. Cover, reduce heat to low, and simmer for 20-30 minutes or until vegetables are tender. With an immersion blender, blend to desired "chunkiness" or smoothness.
3. Remove from the heat and stir in half-and-half and the cheese.

UPCOMING CENTREVILLE EVENTS

Discussion: "Preparing for Monarchs"



Jim Wilson will speak on **Monday, February 23**, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., on "Preparing for Monarchs" at the Centreville Branch of the QAC Public Library. How can you attract more monarchs to your yard? What can you plant to feed the caterpillars and butterflies? (Hint - Milkweed seeds will be provided so you can start your own plants.) Where do monarchs go in winter and when will they return? Bring your questions, and learn how to help monarch butterflies. No registration required.

Paint Brush Party



The QAC Arts Council will hold the next Paintbrush Party on **Saturday, February 28**, 6 – 9 p.m., at the Centre for the Arts in Centreville. While sipping wine and listening to music, participants are guided step-by-step to create their own version of the evening's featured painting. No art experience required. Party goers are provided with all the materials needed to complete a 16"x20" painting to take home. The cost is \$40 for Arts Council members and \$45 for non-members. Reserve a spot by calling 410-758-2520. Past events have sold out, so make your plans early.

Compass Regional Hospice Annual Gala



Compass Regional Hospice will hold its annual fundraising Gala on **Friday, March 6**, 6:30 p.m., at Annie's Paramount Steak and Seafood House (500 Kent Narrow Way North) in Stevensville. To reserve your tickets (\$200 per person) contact Kenda Leager, 443-262-4106, kleager@compassregionalhospice.org. ([Hospice Gala](#))

"I Cannot Wait a Whole Year Until Season 6" – Downton Abbey Tea Party



The Centreville Branch of the Queen Anne's Public Library will host a Downton Abbey Tea Party on **Saturday, March 7**, 4 – 6 p.m. Don your fancy dress and join us for a "cuppa" to discuss season 5 of Downton Abbey. The fun will include food and frolicking that Mr. Carson would not approve. It is also your chance to predict what will happen to your favorite characters in season 6. To keep Granny happy, please RSVP to 410-758-0980.

To see a list of tourism and local attraction websites, go to [Event Source Links](#) on the SV Website.

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. 1885
2. February 22
3. 1971
4. The Uniform Monday Holiday Act
5. No (It is a state holiday in many states and is a commonly accepted name for Washington's Birthday.)



Sunday, March 8