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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!



William & Michelle Jackson
212 Overture Way

DECEMBER 2023 SV HOA BOD

BILL RIDGWAY, OUTGOING PRESIDENT

At our Annual Meeting, the Association elected new board members Dave Mason, Steve Nelson, and Carol Peed, who join current members Nancy Emerick and Janet Leister. The following report was prepared for that meeting.

President's Report for the Annual Meeting on December 6, 2023

Welcome to our 2023 Annual Meeting. Thanks to my fellow residents for your attention, committee members for their impressive work this year and my fellow HOA members for their time and dedication to the community. We are also fortunate to have a very capable management team from ProCom with Rebecca, Julia and Nick working on site.

Our community and Association benefit tremendously from the initiative and leadership of committee members as well as neighbors who serve in other ways. You help the HOA manage facilities while keeping costs in line. You enhance our quality of life by planning events that bring us together as well as offering us opportunities to serve charitable causes in our community. All our committees need your support, and we urge you to volunteer to join them next year.

To recap the past year, we remain well within our current budget and in a position to go forward into 2024 with no fee increases. We have transitioned all invested Certificates of Deposit and Money Market Funds to Fidelity

Investments. We were recently reimbursed by the Town of Centreville for a 2018 EDU payment (\$12,369.60) made to secure a permit for the Clubhouse expansion project.

We completed an updated reserve study by Miller Dodson. Operations also led us in completing major infrastructure projects, including parking lot asphalt resurfacing with curbing and drain repairs, replacement of about 140 damaged sidewalk blocks, and stormwater pond inlet restoration. We added and replaced fitness equipment and made incremental improvements to our Concert Hall audio system.

Landscape and Irrigation initiatives included a completed vegetative buffer garden with grant funding by the Chesapeake Bay Trust, new plantings along Bravo Boulevard, major tree pruning, and irrigation system upgrades -- some completed with some in progress.

We also responded to unplanned facility maintenance issues including failure and replacement of the indoor pool evaporation coil, water leaks above the gym ceiling and elsewhere, and recurring maintenance issues with the Clubhouse fire suppression sprinkler system.

Some tasks were not finished by this Board and remain worthy of consideration in the next year. We did not complete updates to the Terms of Reference document, or an Architectural Requirements review. It may be in the Association's interest next year to get rebids on the larger maintenance contracts and revisit the topic of third-party residential inspections. Finally, turf maintenance always has its challenges, but it has been difficult to find a cost-effective solution for swale areas with advanced turf erosion.

We welcome the participation of our talented residents with our new Board to lead us forward. Thanks for the opportunity to be of service.

ARTISANS GUILD

SUE CANFIELD & KATHY McMANUS, CO-CHAIRS

Juanda Rogers taught a class on Sea Glass Ornaments recently and the group created some beautiful items (see photo). Juanda is a great instructor and always makes it fun!

Our current show **Artist's Choice** will be in the Concert Hall until early February. If you haven't had a chance to view it, please come out to support your talented neighbors. Maybe, you'll even find a Christmas gift or two!

Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. are set aside to paint, create, and share. All mediums are welcome and it's open to all.

We meet on the third Thursday of the month at 3:30 p.m. in the Concert Hall. If you'd like to join the Artisans Guild, please sign up for the committee in the Wall Street room. Our next meeting is **Thursday, December 14**.

From L to R - Millie Richards, Carol Saltiel, Sue Canfield, Nancy Meringolo, Sharon Roe, Juanda Rogers, Jo Kirchner, Marcella Hilgartner, and Lois Monetti.



This will be my final *Libretto* Article as I will not be Covenants Committee (CC) Chair in 2024. So along with holiday greetings, I wanted to leave you with just a couple of reminders:

1. Once again, with regards to decorations, wreaths, garland, etc. One important reminder...
DON'T COVER UP YOUR HOUSE NUMBER!
First Responders need to see your house number clearly, should the need arise.
2. As I mentioned at the last Board of Directors meeting, we now have a “Digital” version of the Exterior Modification Form posted just above the “Manual” version on the SV Website Home Page. If you do wish to utilize this electronic form, please remember that your detailed project description information, required supplemental documents, neighbor acknowledgements of your project to be completed, and all other information contained in the manual version **IS THE SAME!** If you need some assistance when filling out the form for the first time, please don’t hesitate to contact the HOA management team for assistance.
3. As I stated above, I will not be the chair for the CC in 2024. **I WANT TO THANK ALL** the many, many SV residents for being so diligent in reading the SV Architectural Requirements prior to submitting their EMFs. This made the work of the CC so much easier to ensure compliance with the Architectural Requirements, while assisting SV residents to fulfill their well-planned personal enhancements to their homes. ***Please continue your due diligence in 2024!***
4. And lastly, if you wish to help maintain the aesthetic value of our wonderful village as a volunteer in 2024, please consider becoming a part of this very important committee.



***HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE COVENANTS COMMITTEE
AND A BLESSED, HAPPY, AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!***

LANDSCAPE AND IRRIGATION—AUTUMN ACTION

BETTY MCATEE

THE WINTER GARDEN



The start of a New Year brings incentives to rethink or resolve. So....it’s never too early to think ahead and plan any additions/changes in your garden. It’s important to know what annuals, perennials, shrubs, etc. are best for each growing season (spring, summer, and fall). But, what about winter??

Even though most all flora are dormant in winter, there are many opportunities to provide eye-catching beauty to your yard, even when snow covered. Some plants bloom in winter, like **Lenten rose** (*Hellebores orientalis*) with multi-colored blooms. A drab winter landscape will brighten with the **twig dogwood** (*Cornus sericea*) after the leaves have fallen, leaving red, orange, or yellow stems. **Winter jasmine** (*Jasminum nudiflorum*) reminds you of forsythia with its splash of yellow blossoms along the stems. The native **witch hazel** (*Hamamelis virginiana*) will show orange/copper flowers in winter.



Other winter interest favorites are the dried flower seed heads of **purple coneflower** (*Echinacea purpurea*), **hydrangea**, and **black-eyed susan** (*Rudbeckia hirta*). Ornamental grasses like **little bluestem** (*Schizachyrium scoparium*), **switchgrass** (*Panicum virgatum*), and **Japanese forest grass** (*Hakonechloa macra*) provide graceful movement in the yard on those breezy days. Some grasses (like sedges) and ferns are evergreen throughout the coldest months.



Finally, why not brighten up a barren corner of

the yard with native berry-producing shrubs like **beautyberry** (*Callicarpa americana*), **winterberry** (*Ilex verticillata*), or **chokeberry** (*Aronia arbutifolia*) which produce purple or red berries, welcomed by local avian winter residents. One SV resident has a beautiful winterberry shrub that “pops” in their rain garden.

The winter garden can have amazing powers of rejuvenation and serve to energize those gray, chilly days from late November through March. It’s sure cure for those “winter blahs.”



LIFESTYLE COMMITTEE

MARYJO KEEFE & VINNY VOLPICELLI, CO-CHAIRS
MARIE BOSSIE, CORRESPONDENT

The Lifestyle Committee members have had a very busy year organizing & providing great fun events. We hope you have taken the time to participate in or have attended at least one of the events. We hope you took these opportunities to meet new neighbors or reconnect with old ones. The Clubhouse and outdoors have been decorated beautifully. Take a minute and check it out if you haven’t seen it yet. The Lifestyle Committee is looking for additional residents to join us this coming year to help plan events for 2024. Come to January’s meeting and see what we’re all about.

- **Healthy Lifestyles --Carolyn Harty---Wednesdays at 10 a.m.** in the Concert Hall. **This program will resume on January 3, 2024**, if there is sufficient interest. Let Carolyn know if you’re interested at mdgalonthemove@yahoo.com.
- **Holiday Decorating:** The Clubhouse decorations were completed mid-November. Carol Peed and Mary Colling-Officer gathered many elves and completed the task with Nick’s help in two days. The tree in the reception area looks amazing, as well as do all the other trees and decorations throughout the Clubhouse. What a transformation. It looks quite festive. Don’t miss it.

Thanks also to Dave Peterson and his team for decorating all the outside trees and shrubs. Looks like a beautiful winter wonderland, currently without snow.

- **Movie night—Saturday, November 25**, Randy Officer presented *The Miracle Club*. There was lots of positive feedback from those who attended.
- **Night of Lights and Soup Night---Tuesday, November 28**. What a spectacular event! Thanks to Karen Patterson and Amy Landen for organizing this special night. The decorating committee did a fantastic job preparing the Concert Hall and Card Room for the festivities. The desserts started to arrive at 1 p.m., followed by the soups at 3 p.m. Everything looked and smelled so yummy. The evening started at 5:30 p.m. with delicious hot chocolate donated and served by Ed & Cindy Beres, as well as scrumptious pumpkin muffins home baked by one of our volunteers. The holiday lights were turned on inside and outside, and we enjoyed our annual visit from Santa. Members of the QA Chorale led us all in singing Christmas carols. Then the doors to the Concert Hall opened and 180 plus attendees enjoyed salad, bread and butter, as many soups as they cared to taste, and wonderful desserts. A special thanks to all 27 residents who made their delicious soups and 30 plus residents who provided delicious desserts. Thanks to all the volunteers who stepped up and helped serve the soups, salad, bread, beverages, and desserts throughout the course of the evening.



Jennie Jacobs, Reggie Farrare, Debbie Buss, and Rosemary Rosenberger



Doug Peed, Carol Peed, Gretchen Burton, Anita Dell, and Sue Liberto



Upcoming Events

- **Movie Night:** Randy is skipping movie night on December 30, but will start 2024 on **Saturday, January 27, 2024**, presenting “*Oppenheimer*.” Mark your calendar.

- **Holiday Social Hour: December 16, 6 – 8 p.m.** Fourth quarter birthdays will be celebrated along with Christmas carols will be sung. Dress in your holiday finest and join your neighbors for a fun social evening. Don't forget to bring your special appetizer or dessert.
- **House Decorating contest:** Our annual Home decorating contest will be held the week of December 17. So decorate the outside of your home and add to the festivities for all to see and appreciate. There will be first, second, and third prizes awarded. Judges will be independent individuals, not residents of the community. No sign-up required. The winners will be announced by December 22, and winners recognized on New Year's Eve.
- **New Year's Eve Party: December 31, 9:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.** Our favorite DJ, Eddie Hittman returns with great music, dancing, and Karaoke. A champagne toast will be provided at midnight. Bring snacks to share. Cost--\$5 per person. Sign-up sheets can be found in the Wall Street Room. Join us to ring in the New Year.

Mark your calendar: Pat Fox will be providing a session on UFOs on **Friday, March 22**, at the Clubhouse.

Thanks to all who signed up to host the Friday and Saturday Night Social Hours during 2023. It was really appreciated. The next Saturday Social hour is our holiday social on December 16. Email Helen Fitzgerald, coordinator, at helen6289@gmail.com with any questions.

Sign-up sheets for hosting 2024 Social Hours will be available soon. Please consider hosting one time. It's fun and you get to meet a lot of neighbors.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS from all the members of the Lifestyle Committee.

OPERATIONS

JOE SIKES, CHAIR; FRED KURST, VICE-CHAIR

The Operations Committee is responsible for aiding the HOA Board of Directors (BOD) and the General Manager (GM) regarding management and operation of community common property. We share this responsibility with the Landscape and Irrigation Committee and focus on such things as the Clubhouse, swimming pools, and sidewalks.

The Operations Committee has completed a very busy year including major sidewalk and parking lot projects. Just this month the compressor for the fire suppression system died and my operations team, the plumbers, worked closely with the General Manager to find the best solution. This compressor is well known to residents since it noisily kicks on in the Card Room on 2 - 3 minute intervals. We are hoping the new system will come on less frequently with a reduced noise level. We are also looking at ways to add sound attenuation in the pump room.

The Committee is also looking forward to using funding for neighborhood benches in the 2024 SV budget. In anticipation, we have started to research benches, similar to those near the tennis courts. We hope to propose a purchase following our January meeting.

There is no Operations meeting in December as we close out the year and await BOD turnover. We will meet at **10 a.m. on Thursday, January 18**, to elect officers and kick off 2024. As usual, the meeting will be hybrid and all residents are welcome to attend either in person or virtually.

OUTREACH—SYMPHONY VILLAGE OUTREACH PROGRAM, INC.

JOANN WALKER, PRESIDENT



We are so amazed and grateful for the generous support of our amazing Symphony Village residents. This month we gave over \$6,000 in Acme and Food Lion gift cards to the Department of Social Services. These will be given to needy families during the holidays and throughout the year. Thank you for your wonderful support.

Also through your response to our Giving Tree, 34 children identified by the QAC school counselors will receive gifts of shoes, clothing and toys. Twenty-nine of them also received new warm coats. The money donated has been used to purchase gifts for the tags not taken from the tree and the balance will be used for food cards to supplement the food baskets each family will receive from Rose Clark and her Christmas angels.

This year through your support of our activities, Outreach has donated over \$14,000 to 20 agencies and programs in Queen Anne's County., \$9,000 of which went to programs that feed and shelter those in need. We are so fortunate to live so comfortably in this community; and it is a real eye opener to visit these agencies that minister to people in need.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

If giving to those less fortunate warms your heart, Outreach is the committee for you. Please stop by a meeting and see what we're all about. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, January 24 at 3 p.m.** in the Concert Hall. We would love to have new people join us. Many hands make light work.

Outreach Committee wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Outreach Food Drive: A Huge Success!

The recent conclusion of the 15th Annual Outreach Food Drive gives all SV residents one more reason to be proud and happy to be your neighbor! **The campaign raised \$6,275** for our partner, Social Services, to distribute to clients in QAC.

Many of the counselors and workers in the Social Services family were present on "Giving Tuesday" when Outreach did the hand-off!



Loretta Quigley, Event Chair; Carol Peed, Outreach Treasurer; Joann Walker, Outreach President; Susan Coppage, Director, QACDSS; Jone Taylor, Nurturing Coordinator, QACDSS.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

LUNCH BUNCH—DECEMBER 7

BEA TROTTA & MARGE STRANO

Our Symphony Village neighbors enjoyed the last Lunch Bunch of the year at the Narrows Restaurant on December 7. Thank you to all of the SV neighbors who participated throughout the year.

We are taking a winter break from this activity and hope to have our first 2024 Lunch Bunch in April. Look for an announcement in the March *Libretto*.

Bea and I are always open to suggestions and ideas, new and old, to improve the Lunch Bunch experience. We recently received a suggestion to schedule lunch at the [Suicide Bridge Restaurant](#) located on the Choptank River in Hurlock. Click on the name of the restaurant above to go to the website. The location is both beautiful and scenic. The menu is extensive and includes entrees, dinners, sandwiches, and much more. Please give us a call or send an email with your thoughts, suggestions, and ideas. You can call or email Marge at 609-221-6378 (mbestrano@gmail.com) or Bea at 610-217-4754 (bptrotta@gmail.com). We look forward to hearing from you. Have a Happy New Year!

Winter Weather on Maryland's Eastern Shore



The Eastern Shore of Maryland experiences a complex interaction of atmospheric forces, geographic features, and coastal dynamics during the winter season. Understanding these interconnected phenomena enhances our appreciation of both the beauty and challenges that accompany this time of year. Furthermore, it empowers us to proactively prepare for and effectively respond to winter weather events. Average winter weather conditions in Queen Anne’s County are shown in the following table:

Queen Anne’s County Weather Averages						
Month	High(°F)	Low(°F)	Wind	Dry Days	Rain	Snow
December	46°	31°	9 mph	23	4.7”	1.9”
January	42°	27°	10 mph	22	3.3”	5.3”
February	46°	29°	10 mph	18	3.7”	5.7”


Located between the Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic Ocean, the Eastern Shore often experiences a milder winter climate compared to the state's western regions. This is primarily due to the moderating influence of the Chesapeake Bay, which acts as a massive heat reservoir, releasing warmth into the atmosphere during the colder months.

The jet stream, a ribbon of strong winds encircling the globe, dictates the winter weather patterns on the Eastern Shore. When it dips southward, it brings frigid Arctic air masses and periods of icy temperatures and snowfall. Conversely, a northward shift of the jet stream delivers milder air, resulting in warmer winter days and occasional snowmelt.

Winter storms, often accompanied by heavy precipitation and strong winds, can significantly impact the Eastern Shore. As cold air masses from the north encounter warm, moist air over the Atlantic Ocean, powerful storms can develop, bringing rain, snow, and coastal flooding. These storms can disrupt transportation, damage infrastructure, and pose threats to coastal communities.



Winter on Maryland's Eastern Shore is a unique blend of coastal and continental influences, resulting in a distinct weather pattern, and by understanding the interplay of these influences, we gain a deeper appreciation for the region’s unique winter climate. This knowledge empowers us to prepare for and respond effectively to winter weather events.



ACTIVE SHOOTER


HOW TO BE PREPARED

CERT Speaker Series


PRESENTED BY SHERIFF HOFMANN

DATE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15
TIME: 5:30PM
LOCATION: CLUBHOUSE – CONCERT HALL
REGISTER: SIGN-UP AT THE WALL STREET ROOM


An active shooter is an individual engaged in attempting to kill people in a confined space or populated area. Active shooters typically use firearms and have no pattern to their selection of victims.



**Prepare
NOW**



**Survive
DURING**

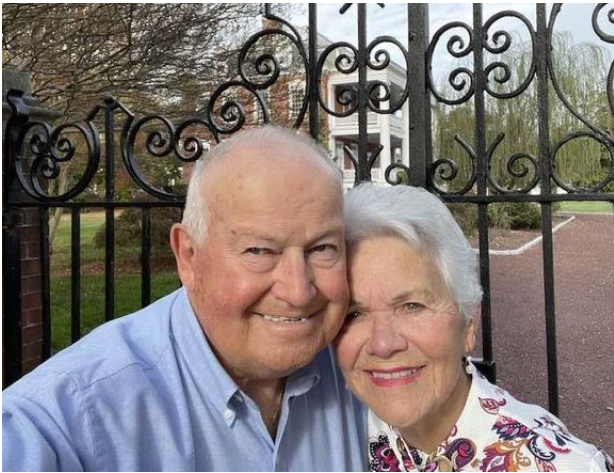


**Be Safe
AFTER**

D. Wells Hooper

NEIGHBOR OF NOTE

BONNIE GRIFFITH DOSS



Bonnie was born and raised in Maryland. From an early age, being quiet and shy, she enjoyed expressing herself through drawing and painting. In elementary school through high school she enjoyed drawing with pencil and pastels, and for several years took part in Board of Education art shows. In high school art classes, she was encouraged to paint with oil. After high school, while working at Westinghouse, she took several classes from A.A. County Continuing Education.

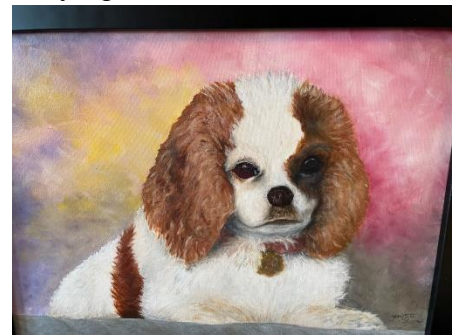
In 1961, she married Gordon Griffith, a Maryland State Trooper, carpenter and farmer. They built their own home on the farm, raised tobacco, and had draft horses. In 1967 she became a stay-at-home mom for their three children. In those years at home, she started painting again when time allowed.

Painting fell by the wayside again when she went back to work at Industrial Engineering Co., Inc., and then Severna Park Racquetball Club as a bookkeeper. She retired in 1991 to help care for her parents.

After Gordon passed in 2001, she stayed busy with home projects and still did not paint until 2016 when she moved to Symphony Village. Here, she was encouraged to start painting, even trying her hand at watercolor. She enjoys the Thursday morning painting get togethers.

In 2021 she met and fell in love again after 22 years, and in July 2023 married Bernard Doss. A truly happy ending to this story. Plans are to continue painting when possible, but most important is to enjoy a new found love and partnership.

Bonnie is currently the Artist of the Show in the Concert Hall through February. Please take advantage of enjoying her fantastic skill. Here is a sample.



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

INSTITUTE FOR ADULT LEARNING (IAL)

CINDY BOGNER

The Institute for Adult Learning (IAL), a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide learning experiences and social events which enrich the lives of the age 50+ community in the Mid-Shore area, will hold a Showcase of Classes for the Spring 2024 semester on Saturday, January 6, at the Kennard Cultural Center, located at 410 Little Kidwell Avenue, Centreville, MD. Doors will open at 1:30 p.m., and the program will begin at 2 p.m.

The Showcase will provide an overview of over 40 courses to be offered during the spring semester (February 5 - May 15) in categories such as history and current events, brain, body and soul, environment and science, literature, arts and crafts, and culinary arts. All classes are held during the day, Monday through Friday, and range from one to six sessions. On Friday, December 15, the IAL website will be updated with class descriptions for the spring 2024 semester.

At the Showcase you will be able to meet with instructors, hear brief overviews of upcoming classes and trips, catch up with old friends and meet new people, enjoy beverages and hors d'oeuvres, and register for classes.

The membership fee of \$90 per person per semester entitles participants to sign up for an unlimited number of classes and participate in monthly happy hours and various field trips throughout the semester.

Attendees may join IAL at any time and enroll in classes either at the Showcase or on the IAL website after the event. You can fill out the registration form to enroll in classes at the Showcase. However, all registrations, paper or online, open at 4 p.m. the day of the Showcase.

For additional information, visit the IAL website at www.instituteforadultlearning.org.

Please feel free to contact Cindy Bogner (703-655-6505) or Steve Quigley (410-758-6775), who are SV residents and IAL Council/Board members, for additional clarifications.

WARM BREAD ANYONE?



There's nothing quite like it. Meet Anna Romaniuk who has been baking bread for many years and currently lives in Centreville. Simply place your order on her website <https://luckyheartshop.com/> and then pick it up from her walkup kitchen window at her home at 104 N. Liberty between 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Tuesdays. If you don't preorder, you can still go to her window and get bread during her open hours.

Anna was born in Ukraine, raised in Israel, and moved to Philadelphia with her parents in 2004. She moved to Centreville two years ago. She has sold her bread at the Centreville Farmers Market, and will be setting up on Saturdays at the market in Chestertown starting in January 2024. Anna is also an art student at The University of the Arts in Philadelphia so she keeps a very busy schedule. Sometimes her pick up time/date will change so be sure to check her Lucky Heart Bakery Facebook page. Enjoy!



CHARLOTTE GODFREY



ANTHONY'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT REVIEW

MARY COLLING-OFFICER

Hidden gem found in Oxford! The new Anthony's Italian restaurant is true to its name with delicious, authentic, Italian cuisine.

The decor was inviting and the staff friendly and attentive. We started with two appetizers that were to die for: Eggplant Rustica...a tower of crispy, fried eggplant, mozzarella cheese, and sliced tomatoes sitting on a bed of delicious marinara sauce with a balsamic vinegar reduction. The other appetizer was two crispy fried



mozzarella balls with a pesto sauce on top and a balsamic reduction sitting on a bed of that wonderful marinara sauce.

For those who enjoy a fine wine, the wine list was extensive.

The main courses were every bit as yummy as the appetizers: Chicken Toscana with Tuscan beans, Italian sausage, rosemary and spinach in a delightful sauce



and Chicken Parmigiana, made to order by Chef Anthony...replacing the bread crumbs with Parmesan cheese, light and luscious and served with your choice of pasta. The dishes were so delicious we didn't have room for dessert! Next time. The dinner portions were so generous I won't have to cook for a couple of days.

We highly recommend Anthony's to everyone who loves authentic Italian dishes.

Anthony's is located at 26342 Oxford Road in Oxford on the right just before you get to the Oxford community Center. <https://anthonysoxford.com/>

CENTREVILLE AREA HAPPENINGS PLUS

CHARLOTTE GODFREY



Centreville Holiday House Tour: Lansdowne Manor, Sunday, December 17, from 3 - 5 p.m. Tickets required. www.visitqueenannes.com/event/holiday-house-tour-lansdowne-manorqueen-annes-county-historical-society for tickets.

Rehearsal for *Little Women* at the Garfield Center for the Arts

So much to enjoy! Scroll through the listings for more adventures!

Garfield Center for the Arts: www.garfieldcenter.org

- ***Little Women:*** Friday - Sunday, December 15 - 17, and Saturday at 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m.
- ***Bluegrass Nutcracker:*** Tchaikovskys Christmas like never before. Hear 17 movements performed by an 8 - piece bluegrass outfit Thursday, December 21 at 7 p.m.
- ***Lucky Stiff:*** a musical comedy based on the book, *The Man Who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo*, Friday, February 9 through Sunday, February 25.

Church Hill Theatre: www.churchhilltheatre.org

- ***A Christmas Carol:*** Friday - Sunday, December 15 - 17. Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m.
- ***A Friends & Family Cabaret:*** Saturday, January 20, at 6:30 p.m.

Queen Anne's County YMCA – It's new and fabulous: Take a guided tour. Many free activities for seniors including use of the Olympic size indoor pool, walking track, wellness center, activities. and games. 210 Vincit Street, Centreville, open daily.

Veterans Book Club: Connecting and Healing through Literature, open to veterans only, receive a free copy of each month's book. Meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Center for the Military and Veterans in Stevensville. Email Eric Johnson at info@VAMSA.US

Twas the Night Before Christmas Quilt Exhibit: Fiber Arts Center in Denton, Sunday, December 3. through Saturday, January 13. www.fiberartscenter.com

Old Wye Mills Christmas Shoppe: open Saturday, December 16 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. www.oldwyemill.org

Christmas Cantata “Songs of the Season” : Sunday, December 17 at 11 a.m., KI Methodist Church, Chester, www.kimc.org

KIFA: open Thursdays through Sundays from 1 – 4 p.m., www.kifa.us

3-D Show & Holiday Art Show: through Friday, December 22.

Chestertown: www.townofchestertown.com

- **A & E Holiday Art Walk throughout downtown Chestertown:** Saturday & Sunday, December 16, 17, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- **A Festive Service of Lessons & Carols:** Sunday, December 17, at 4 p.m. at Emmanuel Church at 101 N. Cross St.
- **Holiday Craft Night for Adults:** Friday, December 22, from 5 - 7 p.m. at River Arts at 315 High St. 410-778-6300

American Legion Jeff Davis Post 18: 2619 Centreville Rd., 410-758-3584

- **No dinners in December, resume in January.**
- **Brandon & Thordis** at 7 p.m. Friday, December 15.
- **Wreaths Across America:** at the Chesterfield Cemetery, at noon on Saturday, December 16.
- **Toys For Tots Distribution:** Sunday, December 17, from 9 a.m. - noon, and 4 - 8 p.m., and Monday, December 18, from 4 - 8 p.m.

Attraction (page numbers listed for reference in the December's *Attraction*)

- **Tilghman Waterman's Museum Annual Christmas Display:** Saturday & Sunday, December 16 & 17, at 10 a. m. - 3 p.m. Christmas trees, a model railroad, and village display, p. 15.
- **“Planting For Wildlife” :** at the Oxford Community Center, 200 Oxford Rd., Thursday, January 4, at 1:30 p.m. Presentation by Reenie Rice, a wildlife enthusiast, environmentalist and gardener. p. 23
- **Cambridge Ice and Oyster Festival:** downtown Cambridge Saturday-Sunday, January 12-13, free, family friendly outdoor event includes 3D ice sculptures, wild and farm-raised oysters, hot chocolate and s/mores. p. 46
- **Rescue Fire Company Train Garden:** through Sunday, December 24. at the Old Firehouse in Cambridge. p. 47
- **The Merry Market:** through Saturday, December 2, at Dorchester Center for the Arts. p. 47.
- **Quilt Exhibit “It Was the Night Before Christmas” :** through Saturday, January 13, at the Fiber Arts Center in Denton. p. 49
- **Jazz Concerts:** afternoon of Jazz Standards and Holiday Jazz. Performance by Chuck and Robert Redd Sunday, December 17, at 3 p.m. at the Church of Holy Trinity in Oxford. p. 59.

- **The Academy Art Museum:** free to public winter exhibits in Easton: “A Fire No One Could Put Out: Photographs of the Civil Rights Movement” and “Public/ Private.” p. 63
- **See shows at the Avalon p. 12 & pp. 26-27.**

Queen Anne’s County Library: www.qaclibrary.org, 410-758-0980

- **Ongoing Technology Help:** Schedule one-on-one help by appointment at Centreville Library. 410-758-0980
- **Adult Story Time on Wheels:** Themed backpack kits filled with books, activities, sensory items for adults with memory loss. www.qaclibrary.org/adult-storytime-on-wheels.
- **Books by Mail:** 410-643-8161 or 410-758-0980.
- **The Memory Center:** Transfer old home videos to disk or thumb drive. Free at Centreville branch.
- **Crime & a Cuppa:** Join mystery reader extraordinaire Kathleen Wilson for an hour of mystery Saturday, December 16, at 10 a.m. at the Centreville Branch.
- **Line Dancing (all ages):** Friday, January 12, at 3 – 4 p.m., Kent Island Branch.
- **John Huffington Author Event:** acclaimed author of *Innocent: An Obscene Miscarriage of Justice*. Thursday, January 18 from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Kent Island Branch.
- **3D Printing Tutorial: Napkin Rings:** Tutorial class using 3D printer to make your own custom napkin ring, Saturday, January 20, from 10 – 11:30 a.m., Centreville branch.

The Adkins Arboretum: (410-634-2847), www.adkinsarboretum.org

- **Caitlin Gill & Bridgette Mills “(M) Other Nature”** : on view through Friday, December 23.

Markets: Chestertown Farmers’ and Artisans’ Market: Saturdays year round, 8 a.m. – noon, High St.


- **Kent Island Farmer’s Market:** Thursdays year round, 3:30 – 6:30 p.m., at Cult Classic Brewery, 1169 Shopping Center Rd, Stevensville.
- **Easton’ s New Dover Road and Artisans’ Farmer’ s Market:** Saturdays year round, 9 – noon.


Learning Adventures

- **Chesapeake Forum:** Hybrid (in person+zoom), Zoom, Field trips, Recordings. <https://chesapeakeforum.org>
- **Institute For Adult Learning:** 45 courses, history current events, brain and body health, literature, crafts and more. \$90 fee for unlimited courses. Brochures in Clubhouse. www.instituteforadultlearning.org

*****Please send me pictures of events you attend for others to enjoy! If you know of any events you’d like to share, please email them to me at godfreycb@me.com**

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