



Calvert County NEWS

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April in Calvert County, Md.

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – March 20, 2012 – April arrives with the promise of warmer days as nature greets spring with an explosion of color. In Calvert County, it brings museum adventures, outdoor celebrations and plenty of family-friendly fun.

Through August 31

Home Tweet Home: Art for the Birds

Annamarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center
13480 Dowell Road, Solomons
410-326-4640 • www.annmariegarden.org

Visit the sculpture garden; it's for the birds! This outdoor exhibit features bird houses designed by artists from around the region.

Mondays, April 2 through April 30 (10 a.m. and 1 p.m.)

Monday Memories Tour

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum
10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard
410-586-8501 • 410-586-8578 • www.jefpat.org

Share memories of Calvert County, the Patterson Family, JPPM or those who may have once worked this land. If you do not have a story to share, come enjoy the tour and hear the memories of others. Point Farm was the country retreat of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Patterson. In 1983 Mrs. Patterson donated the property to the state, creating Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum. Join us for a guided tour of the 1933 Colonial Revival brick house and gardens designed by noted female architects Gertrude Sawyer and Rose Greely. Call for reservations or email jppm@mdp.state.md.us or bseifert@mdp.state.md.us.

Monday, April 2 (1-4 p.m.)

Otter Day!

Calvert Marine Museum
14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons
410-326-2042 • www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

Explore the adaptations that these perfectly playful animals have with a museum educator in our estuarium. Meet the otter keeper at 1:15 p.m. by the exhibit and learn what's involved in taking care of these mischievous critters. Top of every hour from 1 to 4 p.m. Free with museum admission.

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Tuesday, April 3 (1-4 p.m.)

Tools at Sea

Calvert Marine Museum

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

410-326-2042 • www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

Explore the use of tools by sailors past and present. Enjoy a hands-on experience with signal flags, knots, compasses, weather instruments and a local navigational chart. Top of every hour from 1 to 4 p.m. Free with museum admission.

Thursday, April 5 (1-4 p.m.)

War of 1812

Calvert Marine Museum

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

410-326-2042 • www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

Join an interpreter in our Maritime Hall to do some hands-on exploring of the part played by Southern Maryland in the war and what this war was all about. Top of every hour from 1 to 4 p.m. Free with museum admission.

Friday, April 6 (1 p.m.)

First Friday Tours

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard

410-586-8501 • www.jefpat.org

Enjoy a free behind-the-scenes tour of the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory, a state-of-the-art facility that houses over 8 million artifacts including collections from every county in Maryland. The guided tour allows visitors to get up close and personal with our conservators and our collections. Group tours are offered year round for a small fee. Call 410-586-8562 or email kconcannon@mdp.state.md.us for more information. Reservations not required.

Saturday, April 7 (9 a.m.-noon)

Maker's Market

Annamarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

13480 Dowell Road, Solomons

410-326-4640 • www.annmariegarden.org

Maker's Market, held the first Saturday of the month, features vendors selling fresh produce, handmade crafts and products. Delight in local treasures.

Monday, April 9 (9-10 a.m.)

Breakfast with the Otters

Calvert Marine Museum

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

410-326-2042 • www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

Eat with Bubbles and Squeak! Go behind the scenes, observe a feeding and enjoy a continental breakfast. Children must be 8 years and up, and accompanied by an adult to participate. Space is limited, preregistration required. Fee is \$15 per person, \$10 for members. Call 410-326-2042, ext. 41, to register.

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Saturday, April 14 (10 a.m.-5 p.m.)

Discovering Archaeology Day

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard

410-586-8501 • www.jefpat.org

Experience, discover, learn and have fun exploring the “what, where, and how” of archaeology. Demonstrations, tours and activities are for budding archaeologists of any age.

Sunday, April 15 (2-3:30 p.m.)

Sunday Afternoons with the Pattersons Tour

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard

410-586-8501 • www.jefpat.org

Join us for a guided tour of the 1933 Colonial Revival brick house and gardens. For reservations call 410-586-8501 or email jppm@mdp.state.md.us.

Thursday, April 19 (7 p.m.)

PEM Talks: Lost Landmarks – The Chesapeake Beach Railroad and Amusement Park

Calvert Marine Museum

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

410-326-2042 • www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

Harriet Stout, curator of the Chesapeake Beach Railroad Museum, will share the story of Otto Mears’ dream to develop a shoreline resort, its heyday as the destination for Washingtonians fleeing the heat and its demise during the Great Depression. The railroad changed not only the lives of Calvert County residents but also marked the landscape forever. 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Free.

Friday, April 20 (6-9 p.m.)

Annmarie After Hours

Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

13480 Dowell Road, Solomons

410-326-4640 • www.annmariegarden.org

This Annmarie After Hours will be the opening night for My African American Community: A Collection of Photographs and Stories, 2000-2010. This beautiful exhibit features the photography of William Poe who has spent the last decade documenting the local African American culture. Enjoy wine, light hors d’oeuvres and live music – and don’t forget to visit the Gift Shop for some retail therapy!

Saturday, April 21 (8:30 a.m.-noon)

Earth Day Celebration

American Chestnut Land Trust

676 Double Oak Road, Prince Frederick

410-414-3400 • 410-414-3402 • www.acltweb.org

Volunteer crews will be working along roadsides and on selected projects, rain or shine. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the ACLT southside trailhead barn off of Scientists’ Cliffs Road, Port Republic. Many volunteers are needed. Volunteers are invited to join us for a celebratory picnic at noon.

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Saturday, April 28 (10 a.m.-6 p.m.)

Celtic Festival and Highland Gathering

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard

410-586-8501 • www.jefpat.org

443-404-7319 • www.cssm.org/festival

The Celtic Society of Southern Maryland presents this 34th annual event, the oldest Celtic celebration in Maryland. The festival highlights Scottish, Irish, Welsh, Manx, Breton, Cornish and British heritage.

Information and tickets are available online or by email at Festival@cssm.org.

Saturday, April 28 (9-11 a.m.)

Spring Guided Hike on Gravatt East

American Chestnut Land Trust

676 Double Oak Road, Prince Frederick

410-414-3400 • 410-414-3402 • www.acltweb.org

This will be a leisurely guided walk to view spring wildflowers and early migratory birds. Bring your binoculars and meet at 9 a.m. sharp at the ACLT barn on Scientists' Cliffs Road, Port Republic. Hike will last until approximately 11 a.m., rain or shine unless thunderstorms occur. Dogs are not permitted on guided tours.

Saturday, April 28 (1-3 p.m.)

Children's Guided Hike

American Chestnut Land Trust

676 Double Oak Road, Prince Frederick

410-414-3400 • 410-414-3402 • www.acltweb.org

Join American Chestnut Land Trust for a Children's Guided Hike on our southside trails in Port Republic. Parents are welcomed and encouraged to join in the fun. Registration required. Please call the office or email info@acltweb.org for more information.

Saturday, April 28 (10 a.m.-5 p.m.)

Calvert County Green Expo

Annamarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

13480 Dowell Road, Solomons

Join the Calvert County Citizens Green Team for this annual event encouraging environmental stewardship among county citizens in their workplace, homes and communities. Displays, food and prizes are available.

For more information about the Calvert County, Md., Department of Economic Development, visitor sites and attractions and the services available to assist county businesses, call 410-535-4583, 800-331-9771 or 301-855-1880; send an email to info@ecalvert.com, or visit online at www.ecalvert.com.

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Calvert County is Maryland's smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to approximately 90,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, utilities, light manufacturing and administrative services.