



Calvert County NEWS

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February in Calvert County, Md.

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Jan. 20, 2012 – It may be the heart of winter, but that doesn't mean there's nothing to do. Get out and enjoy a show, visit a museum, network with friends or hear an interesting lecture. Whatever you decide, choose Calvert County to chase away the winter doldrums.

Through Feb. 26

Living Gallery

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

Come see artists from across the region set up their studios in the main gallery. Visitors are encouraged to watch as the artists work and partake of their creative process.

Through Feb. 26

MLK Days Community Art Exhibit

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

Witness the collaborative art project created at Annmarie Garden during MLK Days.

Throughout February

Black History Month

CalvART Gallery
Prince Frederick Shopping Center, 98 South Solomons Island Road, Prince Frederick
410-257-7005 • www.calvertarts.org

A community outreach show featuring guest artists Tim Hinton and Arnold Hurley. Mr. Hinton's art spans several styles and media including abstraction, realism and impressionism in watercolor, oils, acrylics and mixed media. Mr. Hurley's approach to painting involves a realistic or representational style and his works vary from still life drawings to portraiture.

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Friday, Feb. 3 (6-9 p.m.)

Annmarie After Hours

Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

13480 Dowell Road, Dowell

410-326-4640 • www.annmariegarden.org

Make a date with Annmarie to enjoy a casual adult evening of great art, wine and beer, light hors d'oeuvres and live music. Stop by Annmarie before or after dinner and make it a night on the town. \$4 members; \$5 non-members. Must be 21 years of age.

Friday, Feb. 3 (5-8 p.m.)

First Free Friday

Calvert Marine Museum

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

410-326-2042 • www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

The museum is free and open to the public from 5 until 8 p.m. Docents are available throughout the museum to answer questions. First Free Friday performance by the Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition, returning for their third consecutive year as our February guest performers. They are some of the hottest bluegrass pickers around. Performance is from 6-7:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

Saturday, Feb. 4

Valentine's Maker's Market

Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

13480 Dowell Road, Dowell

410-326-4640 • www.annmariegarden.org

Annmarie Garden hosts Maker's Market on the first Saturday of the month, featuring vendors selling fresh produce, handmade crafts and products. Delight in local treasures.

Saturday, Feb. 4

7th Annual Chocolover's Affair

Holiday Inn Solomons, Conference Center & Marina

155 Holiday Drive, Solomons

410-535-2577 • www.calvertchamber.org

This gala event will feature entertainment, light fare food stations, live and silent auctions and, of course, dessert creations from our local confectioners!

Saturday, Feb. 11 (Noon)

Poetry Out Loud

CalvART Gallery

Prince Frederick Shopping Center, 98 S. Solomons Island Road, Prince Frederick

410-257-7005 • www.calvertarts.org

Poetry Out Loud, sponsored by CalvART, is a national arts education program that encourages the study of great poetry by offering educational materials and a dynamic recitation competition to high schools across the country. Students recite works selected from an anthology of more than 500 classic and contemporary poems. Judges evaluate student performances on criteria including articulation, evidence of understanding, level of difficulty and accuracy. This competition is a regional competition.

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Sunday, Feb. 12 (2-4 p.m.)

Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum Bayside Chats – Oyster Cultivation

Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum

4155 Mears Avenue, Chesapeake Beach

410-257-3892 • www.cbrm.org

Guest speaker Keith Pardieck will discuss oyster cultivation and the Chesapeake Bay. Bayside Chats are held at the Northeast Community Center, 4075 Gordon Stinnett Avenue, Chesapeake Beach.

Tuesday, Feb. 14 & Monday, Feb. 20

School is OUT, Art's IN

Annamarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

13480 Dowell Road, Dowell

410-326-4640 • www.annmariegarden.org

When schools are closed, come to Annmarie and meet new friends, make great artwork, learn new things and escape out-of-school boredom!

Feb. 14 – Aug. 31

Home Tweet Home

Annamarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

13480 Dowell Road, Dowell

410-326-4640 • www.annmariegarden.org

Visit the sculpture garden in February; it's for the birds! A new outdoor exhibit called Home Tweet Home is just in time for mating season. Designed by artists from around the region, these bird houses are sure to be an Annmarie favorite.

Thursday, Feb. 16 (7 p.m.)

PEM Talks: Lost Landmarks – Lost Towns of the Chesapeake

Calvert Marine Museum

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

410-326-4640 • calvertmarinemuseum.com

Jane Cox, Cultural Resources Planner for Anne Arundel County Office of Planning and Zoning, will present Lost Towns of the Chesapeake. An archaeologist by training, she is the assistant director for the Lost Towns Archaeology Project, a hands-on public archaeology program focused on discovering and sharing the rich archaeological part of the "lost towns" of Anne Arundel county. She will share the fascinating story of how lost towns are discovered and some of the exciting finds discovered at Pigs Point on the Patuxent River. In the museum auditorium. Free.

Saturday, Feb. 18 (1:30-3:30 p.m.)

Guided Winter Hike at Double Oak

American Chestnut Land Trust

676 Double Oak Road, Prince Frederick

410-414-3400 • www.acltweb.org

Join American Chestnut Land Trust's guides for a hike through the woods at Double Oak Farm and see beautiful, unobstructed views of Parkers Creek! Please register for this event. Dogs are not permitted on guided tours.

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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.