



Calvert County NEWS

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January in Calvert County, Md.

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Dec. 16, 2011 – The New Year brings new opportunities to enjoy art, history, nature and all Calvert County has to offer.

Through Jan. 29, 2012 (10 a.m.-5 p.m.)

Imagine a World...

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

Each piece by these three women artists tells a story of family traditions, cooking, natural habitations or sailing.

Through January

Featuring the Photography of Richard Weiblinger

Artworks @ 7th
9128 Bay Avenue, North Beach
410-288-5278 • www.artworksat7th.com

The North Beach artist coop features the photos of this award-winning photographer whose work has been exhibited in numerous galleries and has appeared in publications including Smithsonian Zoogoer, Photo Life and Nature Photographer.

Through January

Featuring the Works of Mary Ida Rolape and Rose Beitzell

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

Mary Ida Rolape uses the golden sheen of bronze, the warm depth of wood and the cool glow of light through marble to capture the beauty of Southern Maryland. Rose Beitzell finds inspiration in the waters of the Potomac and Wicomico rivers, salt marshes, swamps and all the tributaries that feed into the Chesapeake Bay. She captures the spirit of local habitat and transfers it onto canvas, paper or wood.

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Sunday, Jan. 1 (1-3 p.m.)

Polar Bear Swim

North Beach

5th Street and Bay Avenue on the Boardwalk

301-855-6681 • 410-257-9618 • www.ci.north-beach.md.us

Take a dip in the icy waters of the Chesapeake Bay then enjoy hot apple cider and roast marshmallows over a roaring fire on the beach as you warm up.

Friday, Jan. 6 (5-8 p.m.)

First Free Friday

Calvert Marine Museum

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

410-326-2042 • www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

The museum is open free to the public from 5 until 8 p.m. First Free Friday performance features Nia Olabesi, a singer/songwriter now living in Southern Maryland. Performing with keyboard player Demitri Nassar, Nia's focus is to keep jazz alive and kicking. She performs classic jazz standards as well as original songs all sung in her "hot-n-silky" style. Performance starts at 6:30 p.m. in the lobby.

Friday-Saturday, Jan. 13-14 (Friday, noon-4 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.)

Friends of Calvert Library Gently Used Book Sale

Calvert Library, Prince Frederick Branch

850 Costley Way, Prince Frederick

410-535-0291-301-855-1862

Thousands of used books available at great prices! Preview night/reception for members of Friends of Calvert Library on Thursday, Jan. 12, 5-8 p.m.

Saturday-Monday, Jan. 14-16 (11 a.m.-4 p.m. daily)

MLK Days

Annamarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

13480 Dowell Road, Solomons

410-326-4640 • www.annmariegarden.org

Celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., with artful activities in honor of a dream.

Jan. 14 – Feb. 26 (10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily)

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.

Sunday, Jan. 15 (2-3 p.m.)

Sunday Conversations with Chesapeake Authors, Featuring Richard LaMotte, Author of "Pure Sea Glass"

Calvert Marine Museum

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

410-326-2042, ext. 32 • www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

Richard LaMotte, author of "Pure Sea Glass," has spent hours carefully studying close to 30,000 shards of sea glass to produce this in-depth study. Come and immerse yourself as he focuses on sea glass identification. Bring your favorite shards to help determine their age and origin. Shop our exquisite selection of sea glass jewelry. No registration necessary. Free.

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Thursday, Jan. 19 (7 p.m.)

PEM Talks: Lost Landmarks – The Boatbuilding Tradition in Southern Maryland

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Richard Dodd, curator of Maritime History at the Calvert Marine Museum and co-author of “Wooden Boatbuilding in Southern Maryland,” will talk about the role boatbuilding played in maritime communities. Wooden boatbuilding is a time-honored tradition in Southern Maryland. Seeing boats under construction was as much a part of the landscape as tobacco hanging in barns and fishing nets drying in the sun. Today, due to the drastic decline in the local seafood industry and the introduction of fiberglass hulls, they have become a rarity. Free; in the museum’s auditorium.

Friday, Jan. 27 (7-8:30 p.m.)

Owl Night Hike

Battle Creek Cypress Swamp

2880 Grays Road, Prince Frederick

Join a naturalist at Cypress Swamp for an exciting winter night hike. With the crescent moon and the stars to light the way, it will be a picturesque evening searching for owls throughout the park. Please dress for the weather and bring flashlights. Fee is \$3 for non-members; \$1 for members.

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.