



# Calvert County NEWS

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### December in Calvert County, Md.

**PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Nov. 30, 2012** – The weather outside may be frightful this month, but that should not stop residents and visitors from getting out and enjoying what Calvert County has to offer.

Through Monday, Dec. 31

#### **Endangered Species: Watermen of the Chesapeake**

Calvert Marine Museum

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

410-326-2042 • [www.calvertmarinemuseum.com](http://www.calvertmarinemuseum.com)

This is a temporary exhibit featuring the black-and-white photography of Glen McClure on loan from the Mariner's Museum, along with original photographs by A. Aubrey Bodine from the museum's collection.

Through Thursday, Jan. 3, 2013

#### **Brightest Beacon on the Bay**

Chesapeake Beach Town Hall

8200 Bayside Road, Chesapeake Beach

410-257-2230 • [www.chesapeake-beach.md.us](http://www.chesapeake-beach.md.us)

Tens of thousands of holiday lights twinkle throughout Chesapeake Beach to make it the Brightest Beacon on the Bay!

Through Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013 (See website for times)

#### **Fifth Annual Ornament Show and Sale**

Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

13480 Dowell Road, Solomons

410-326-4640 • [www.annmariegarden.org](http://www.annmariegarden.org)

The Ornament Show and Sale is a juried show that features hand crafted ornaments by 22 regional artists. This is the perfect place to find unique and affordable gifts for friends and family. The ornaments are beautifully hung on trees displayed in the main gallery of the arts building.

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Through Saturday, Jan. 12, 2013 (See website for times)

**Tans Holiday Train Display**

Tans Cycles and Parts

9032 Chesapeake Ave., North Beach

410-257-6619 • [www.tanscyclesparts.com](http://www.tanscyclesparts.com)

This interactive five-level train display includes 25 trains, a carnival, construction site, tunnels, bridges and more!

Through Sunday, Feb. 24, 2013

**Marc Castelli: The Art of the Waterman**

Annamarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

13480 Dowell Road, Solomons

410-326-4640 • [www.annmariegarden.org](http://www.annmariegarden.org)

This exhibit features 23 paintings by renowned Chesapeake artist Marc Castelli, on loan from the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, St. Michael's, Md. Seventeen of the paintings were donated to the museum from the Diane Simison collection. The remaining images are from the artist's personal collection.

Saturday, Dec. 1 (9 a.m.-2 p.m.)

**Maker's Market**

Annamarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

13480 Dowell Road, Solomons

410-326-4640 • [www.annmariegarden.org](http://www.annmariegarden.org)

The Maker's Market is *the* place to find handmade, homemade or homegrown products including crafts, hanging baskets, organic skincare products, farm-fresh produce, cut flowers, baked goods, batik and fleece clothing, handmade soaps and candles, herbal teas, ornaments, folk art, handmade gifts and more! Delight in the local treasures to be found here.

Saturday, Dec. 1 (11 a.m. and 1 p.m.)

**Holiday Wreath Workshop**

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard

410-586-8501 • [www.jefpat.org](http://www.jefpat.org)

Make a beautiful holiday wreath with greens from JPPM's Point Farm Gardens including magnolia, boxwood, holly, pine cones and magnolia seed pods. Grapevine base, bows and ornaments are included in the fee. Space is limited and reservations are required.

Saturday, Dec. 1 (noon)

**Holiday Parade**

The Town of North Beach

Bay Avenue from 1<sup>st</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> streets

410-257-9618 • [www.northbeachmd.org](http://www.northbeachmd.org)

The Annual Holiday Parade draws spectators from afar! The boardwalk is lined with hundreds of people viewing the parade. Santa will arrive by fire truck.

Saturday, Dec. 1 (1-3 p.m.)

**Santa and Christmas on the Beach**

The Town of North Beach

8916 Chesapeake Ave., North Beach

410-257-9618 • [www.northbeachmd.org](http://www.northbeachmd.org)

Santa and Mrs. Claus visit with children and give them a special treat. Kids should bring their wish lists to share with Santa!

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Sunday, Dec. 2 (1-4 p.m.)

**Holiday Open House**

Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum

4155 Mears Ave., Chesapeake Beach

410-257-3892 • [www.cbrm.org](http://www.cbrm.org)

Come join us at the Annual Holiday Open House. We provide the goodies and you provide the holiday cheer!

Sunday, Dec. 2 (1-4 p.m.)

**Holly Arboretum Work Day**

American Chestnut Land Trust

Warriors Rest Sanctuary, Port Republic

410-414-3400 • 410-414-3402 • [www.acltweb.org](http://www.acltweb.org)

The Arboretum Volunteer Crew maintains these historic trees at Warriors Rest Sanctuary. On this day, volunteers work to trim the evergreens in preparation for the annual greens sale and hayride. Bring work gloves, clippers and a smile.

Sunday, Dec. 2 (2 p.m.)

**Annual Holiday Parade**

Fox Run Shopping Center, Prince Frederick

Join the Calvert County Optimist Club and the Calvert County Fair Board to welcome Santa to Prince Frederick.

The parade includes marching bands, floats, fire trucks, classic cars and, of course, Santa Claus.

Friday, Dec. 7 (10 a.m.-3 p.m.)

**Greens Sale Prep Day and Wreath-Making Workshop**

American Chestnut Land Trust

Warriors Rest Sanctuary, Port Republic

410-414-3400 • 410-414-3402 • [www.acltweb.org](http://www.acltweb.org)

Pay \$25 to make at least two wreaths (one of which you can take home with you on Friday) or donate all your handmade wreaths to the greens sale and join for free. Lunch is provided for all registered participants.

Friday, Dec. 7 (1 p.m.)

**First Friday Tours of the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory**

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard

410-586-8562 • [www.jefpat.org](http://www.jefpat.org)

Enjoy a free behind-the-scenes tour of the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory, a state-of-the-art facility that houses more than 8 million artifacts, including collections from every county in Maryland. The guided tour allows visitors to get up close and personal with conservators and collections. Reservations are not required.

Friday, Dec. 7 and Saturday, Dec. 8 (6-9 p.m.)

**Solomons Christmas Walk**

Various locations throughout Solomons

410-326-1950 • [www.solomonsmaryland.com](http://www.solomonsmaryland.com)

Solomons sparkles as thousands of luminaria lead the way to holiday fun. Visitors can enjoy a tree lighting ceremony, Santa's arrival, puppet shows, make-an-ornament table, breakfast with Santa, a live nativity scene, a boat light parade and open houses at local shops!

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Friday, Dec. 7 and Saturday, Dec. 8 (6-9 p.m.)

**First Free Friday**

Calvert Marine Museum

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

410-326-2042 • [www.calvertmarinemuseum.com](http://www.calvertmarinemuseum.com)

Extended an extra day for the holidays, the museum is open and free to the public with special entertainment and activity each night.

Friday, Dec. 7-Tuesday, Jan. 1 (See website for schedule)

**Garden in Lights**

Annamarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

13480 Dowell Road, Solomons

410-326-4640 • [www.annmariegarden.org](http://www.annmariegarden.org)

Enjoy a whimsical walk-through holiday light show full of imaginative creations. Holiday exhibits and activities are available inside.

Saturday, Dec. 8 (9 a.m.-noon)

**Point Farm Garden Restoration**

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard

410-586-8536 • [www.jefpat.org](http://www.jefpat.org)

Point Farm was the country retreat of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Patterson. In 1983 Mrs. Patterson donated the property to the state in honor of her late husband, creating Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum (JPPM). Join members of the JPPM Garden Club as they work to recreate the splendor of the main house gardens using the original plans of noted landscape architect Rose Greely.

Saturday, Dec. 8 (11 a.m.-2 p.m.)

**Greens Sale and Beach Hayride**

American Chestnut Land Trust

Warriors Rest Sanctuary, Port Republic

410-414-3400 • 410-414-3402 • [www.acltweb.org](http://www.acltweb.org)

Purchase fresh-cut evergreens for holiday decorations, drink hot cider and take a hayride to the beach. Greens sale benefits Warriors Rest Sanctuary.

Saturday, Dec. 8 (Noon-5 p.m.)

**Third Annual Artwalk**

Prince Frederick

This event showcases businesses in Prince Frederick from Church Street to Main Street, on Duke Street and in the Prince Frederick Shopping Center. The Artwalk will include live music, art receptions, artists showcasing their work and open houses at participating businesses. Support local businesses with holiday shopping opportunities featuring gifts found exclusively in Prince Frederick.

Saturday, Dec. 8 (6:15 p.m.)

**Solomons Lighted Boat Parade**

Riverwalk, Solomons

Come out to watch the Solomons Lighted Boat Parade from one of the many restaurants and establishments on Back Creek or from the Riverwalk. Judging will take place at Zahniser's Yachting Center after the parade.

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Sunday, Dec. 16 (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](http://www.jefpat.org)

Enjoy a guided tour of this beautiful 1933 Colonial Revival brick house and gardens designed by noted female architects Gertrude Sawyer and Rose Greely.

Sunday, Dec. 16 (4 p.m.)

**TUBACHRISTMAS**

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church

255 Alexander Ave., Solomons

812-824-8833 • [www.tubachristmas.com](http://www.tubachristmas.com)

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church will host Solomons' annual TUBACHRISTMAS concert. This unique holiday celebration is open to the public and free of charge. TUBACHRISTMAS features traditional Christmas carols arranged for tuba and baritone horn players as well as opportunities for the audience to sing along. All low brass players in the local area are welcomed to play in the group.

Friday, Dec. 21 (5:30, 6 and 6:30 p.m.; each reading is 30 minutes in duration)

**Dramatic Reading of the Polar Express**

Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum

4155 Mears Ave., Chesapeake Beach

410-257-3892 • [www.cbrm.org](http://www.cbrm.org)

Gather the children to hear Conductor John read the wonderful story of *The Polar Express*. Enjoy goodies, sing songs and play games! This family-friendly event is free and open to the public.

Friday, Dec. 21 (6, 6:45 and 8:15 p.m.; each ride lasts 30 minutes)

**Old Time Holiday Trolley**

Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum

4155 Mears Ave., Chesapeake Beach

410-257-3892 • [www.cbrm.org](http://www.cbrm.org)

Travel back in time to the year 1900 as visitors hop aboard the beach trolley and hear about what the holidays were like back when Chesapeake Beach was founded. Sing Christmas carols and enjoy a ride around town to view the beautiful Christmas light displays including stops at all the "Brightest Beacon on the Bay" winners. Free and open to the public. Reservations required.

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](mailto:info@ecalvert.com); or visit online at [www.ecalvert.com](http://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 nearly 90,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, energy, advanced manufacturing and administrative services.*