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February in Calvert County, Md.

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Jan. 31, 2013 – Cold weather is no reason to stay inside in February. From markets to lessons in history, Calvert County has plenty to offer this month.

Friday, Feb. 1 (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 and free to the public. The Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition, the premiere bluegrass band from Annapolis, performs at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

Friday, Feb. 1 (1 p.m.)

First Friday Tours

Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory
Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum
10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard
410-586-8562 • 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.

Saturday, Feb. 2 (9 a.m.-2 p.m.)

Maker's Market

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

The Maker's Market is the place to find handmade, homemade or homegrown products, 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.

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

PEM Talks: An Overview of Human Use of the Chesapeake Through History

Calvert Marine Museum, Auditorium

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

410-326-2042 • www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

Dr. Henry Miller presents “An Overview of Human Use of the Chesapeake Through History.” Described by Capt. John Smith as “an abundant and fruitful land,” the Chesapeake region is now facing serious environmental degradation. Using archaeology and history, Miller traces the impacts of human land use since Colonial days, providing an important and fascinating historical perspective. Miller is director of research programs at Historic St. Mary’s City.

Mondays, Feb. 4, 11, 18 and 25 (10 a.m. and 1 p.m.)

Monday Memories Tour

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard

410-586-8562 • www.jefpat.org

The public is invited to 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. In 1983 Mrs. Patterson donated Point Farm to the state in honor of her late husband, creating Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum. Come for a guided tour of this beautiful 1933 Colonial Revival brick house and gardens designed by noted female architects Gertrude Sawyer and Rose Greely.

Tuesdays, Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26 (10 a.m.-4 p.m.)

War of 1812 Exhibit Barn

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard

410-586-8562 • www.jefpat.org

Enjoy the new War of 1812 exhibit as well as the farm equipment and “12,000 Years on the Chesapeake” exhibit.

Saturday, Feb. 16 (1 p.m.)

2013 Poetry Out Loud Regional Competition

Calvert Marine Museum, Auditorium

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

410-326-2042 • www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

Hosted by the Maryland State Arts Council and Poetry Out Loud.

Thursday, Feb. 21 (7 p.m.)

PEM Talks: Invasive Species in the Chesapeake

Calvert Marine Museum, Auditorium

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

410-326-2042 • www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

Jonathan McKnight presents “Invasive Species in the Chesapeake.” Few people realize the toll invasive plants and animals are taking on the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem. McKnight, director of the Department of Natural Resources’ (DNR) Maryland Natural Heritage Program, will talk about the advent of invasive species in the Chesapeake Bay, the effect that they can have on native ecosystems and the efforts being taken to prevent, control or eradicate them. DNR is the state agency responsible for protecting rare, threatened and endangered species and natural areas.

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Friday, Feb. 22 (6-7:30 p.m.)

Family Program: Owl Night Hike for All Ages

Kings Landing Park

3255 Kings Landing Road, Huntingtown

410-535-2661 • www.calvertparks.org

Join a naturalist for an exciting winter night hike. With the moonlight and the stars to light the way, it will be a picturesque evening to search for owls throughout the park. Please dress for the weather and bring flashlights. Meet by the barn.

Saturday, Feb. 23 (1:30-3:30 p.m.)

Winter Hike at Double Oak Farm

American Chestnut Land Trust, North Side Trail

Double Oak Road, Prince Frederick

410-414-3400 • www.acltweb.org

Join ACLT'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.

Gallery Shows

Through Sunday, Feb. 24

Marc Castelli: The Art of the Waterman

Annamarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

13480 Dowell Road, Dowell

410-326-4640 • www.annmariegarden.org

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

Through Thursday, Feb. 28

Ray Bogle and Carol Wade: Pots, Paints and Print

ArtWorks@7th

9100 Bay Avenue, North Beach

410-286-5278 • www.artworksat7th.com

Opening reception will be held on Saturday, Feb. 2, 1-5 p.m.

Through Sunday, March 3

Group Show: "Things I Love"

CalvARt Gallery

110 Solomons Island Road, Prince Frederick

410-535-9252 • www.calvartgallery.com

Opening reception will be Saturday, Feb. 9, 5-8 p.m.

Through Sunday, March 3

Black History Show: Featuring Dona Baker

CalvARt Gallery

110 Solomons Island Rd., Prince Frederick

410-535-9252 • www.calvartgallery.com

Opening reception will be held on Saturday, Feb. 23, 5-8 p.m.

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Through Sunday, March 24

Living Gallery

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Annamarie's Main Gallery will be transformed into artist studio space during The Living Gallery. More than 20 artists, including painters, sculptors, ceramicists and others will set up their studios and work in the gallery.

Guests are invited to observe the artistic process and talk with the artists about their work. Questions about any aspect of the artistic process – techniques, tools, materials, subject and inspiration – are highly encouraged.

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 lovejob@co.cal.md.us; or visit online at

www.choosecalvert.com.

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