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April in Calvert County, Md.

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – March 27, 2013 – Spring is here, bringing plenty of opportunities to get outside and enjoy all that Calvert County has to offer.

Mondays, April 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 (all day)

Monday Memories Tour

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard

410-586-8562 • www.jefpat.org

The public is invited to free Monday Memories guided tours of Point Farm, located at JPPM in St. Leonard. All are welcomed to enjoy the memories of Calvert County, the Patterson family, JPPM or those who once worked on the land that is now JPPM. Visitors may share stories or simply enjoy the tour and listen to 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 in honor of her late husband, creating JPPM. The tour highlights this beautiful 1933 Colonial Revival brick house and gardens designed by noted female architects Gertrude Sawyer and Rose Greely.

Monday, April 1 (9 a.m.)

Otter Breakfast

Calvert Marine Museum

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

410-326-2042 • www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

Learn about otter enrichment, habitat and the mischief these mammals get into with their playful curiosity. Go behind the scenes to talk with a keeper and observe a feeding. A continental breakfast will be provided. Children must be 8 years old and accompanied by an adult to participate. Space is limited, pre-registration required. Call 410-326-2042, ext. 41, to register.

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Tuesdays, April 2, 9 and 16 (10 a.m.-4 p.m.)

The Exhibit Barn at JPPM

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Enjoy the new War of 1812 exhibit and others!

Tuesday, April 2 (11 a.m.-2 p.m.)

Amazing Amphibians

Calvert Marine Museum

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

410-326-2042 • www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

Discover some of the amphibians that live in the area. Learn about their life cycle and how they differ from reptiles. Discover what we feed them and what makes them so amazing.

Wednesday, April 3 (10 a.m.-2 p.m.)

Paleontologist for a Day: Spring Break Day Camp

Calvert Marine Museum

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

410-326-2042 • www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

Did you know that fossils are not always the remains of living organisms? In this day camp we will learn how permineralized fossils are formed, make a mold for a “fossil print” and then create a cast from it, explore our fossil hall and Paleo Prep Lab and get a behind-the-scenes peek at the hundreds of fossils in our collection that are not on display. Day camp is designed for children ages 7 to 10. Space is limited and preregistration is required. Call 410-326-2042, ext. 41, to register.

Wednesday, April 3 (11 a.m.-2 p.m.)

Hands on History

Calvert Marine Museum

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

410-326-2042 • www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

Delve deeper into our Maritime History Hall. Discover some of the hidden treasures we have in our collection when we open up our discovery boxes and see what those artifacts can teach us about people – or things – that were here long before we were.

Friday, April 5 (1 p.m.)

First Friday Tours

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard

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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 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.

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Friday, April 5 (5-8 p.m.)

First Free Friday

Calvert Marine Museum

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Events include Tom Wisner Tribute Concert with Teresa Whitaker and Frank Schwartz in the auditorium at 6:30 p.m. and the opening of Tiles of the Chesapeake, a student art show by Mutual Elementary fourth and fifth graders celebrating Youth Art Month. Under the direction of art teacher Beth Beighley and visiting artist Parren Collery, the students used a slab technique to create their works of art. This show is supported by funds from the Parent Teacher Association and the Maryland State Arts Council.

Friday, April 5 (6-9 p.m.)

Annmarie After Hours: The Living Gallery Exhibition and Sale

Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

13480 Dowell Road, Solomons

410-326-4640 • www.annmariegarden.org

Explore the work of the 20 artists who participated in the Living Gallery program. Fiber, jewelry, sculpture, painting and more; this exhibit and sale will brighten any evening. Enjoy wine, light hors d'oeuvres and live music and don't forget to visit the gift shop. Stop by Annmarie before or after dinner and make it a night on the town. No reservations required.

Saturday, April 6 (10 a.m.-4 p.m.)

Solomons Island Kite Day

Calvert Marine Museum

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

410-326-2042 • www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

Celebrate our annual Solomons Island Kite Day with Wings Over Washington Kite Club. Bring your own kite or make one at the museum.

Friday, April 12 (7:30-9:30 p.m.)

Planet Party

Kings Landing Park

3255 Kings Landing Road, Huntingtown

410-535-2661 • www.calvertparks.org

Ever wondered what our Earth and the planet Jupiter have in common? Bring the family out to learn via hands-on activities inside Tom Wisner Hall before venturing outside to view Jupiter's cloud tops and its Galilean satellites through telescopes. Enjoy views of the Great Orion Nebula, laser constellation tours and try to catch a view of the waxing crescent moon before it sets.

Thursday, April 18 (6:30-9 p.m.)

PEM Talks: Sustainable Chesapeake – Restoring Oysters to the Chesapeake

Calvert Marine Museum

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

410-326-2042 • www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

Ken Paynter will talk about continuing efforts to restore the oyster population to the Chesapeake for this Paleontology, Environment and Maritime History event. Come taste an authentic Chesapeake oyster and participants who are over 21 can have a glass of wine from a local winery.

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Saturday, April 20 (10 a.m.-5 p.m.)

Bring Your Parents to the Museum Day!

Calvert Marine Museum

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

410-326-2042 • www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

Special activities throughout the museum designed for the younger set will demonstrate how parents can use the museum as a fun, interactive learning experience for their toddlers and preschoolers.

Saturday, April 20 (10 a.m.-4 p.m.)

Calvert County Green Expo and Green Craft Fair

Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

13480 Dowell Road, Solomons

410-326-4640 • www.annmariegarden.org

Learn how to go green in everyday life and celebrate the Earth with a variety of free and engaging activities. Learn how to lower energy costs, build a green home, harness solar power, compost your waste and much more at the fourth annual Green Expo. It is easy and fun to go green! Also enjoy the Green Craft Fair!

Saturday, April 20 (10 a.m.-5 p.m.)

Discovering Archaeology Day

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard

410-586-8562 • www.jefpat.org

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

Saturday, April 20 (10 a.m.-4 p.m.)

The PNC “Grow up Great” Mobile Learning Adventure

Calvert Marine Museum

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

410-326-2042 • www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

The Mobile Learning Adventure is a traveling exhibit that includes interactive kiosks and the “When I Grow Up” station, where kids dress up as different professionals and have their picture superimposed on an appropriate background. In addition, parents can take home activity books and learning kits that demonstrate how to take everyday moments and turn them into learning opportunities.

Saturday, April 20 (11 a.m.)

Free Milkshake Music Concert

Calvert Marine Museum

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

410-326-2042 • www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

Led by singer Lisa Matthews and guitarist Mikel Gehl, Milkshake has won over preschoolers with its authentic rock-and-roll spirit. Milkshake has previously released three critically acclaimed, multi-award-winning CDs and a Parents’ Choice Silver award-winning DVD.

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Wednesday, April 24 (10 a.m.-3 p.m.)

Homeschool Day: Tramping the History Trail

Calvert Marine Museum

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

410-326-2042 • www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

Special hands-on workshops all day focusing on maritime skills, boatbuilding and the lighthouse. Check online for the schedule, cost and information on how to register.

Saturday, April 27 (10 a.m.-6 p.m.)

Celtic Festival and Highland Gathering

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard

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The Celtic Society of Southern Maryland will present the 35th Annual Southern Maryland Celtic Festival and Highland Gathering, the oldest Celtic celebration in Maryland. The festival highlights Scottish, Irish, Welsh, Manx, Breton, Cornish and British heritage. Information and tickets are available online at www.cssm.org; by calling 443-975-0972; or by email at festival@cssm.org.

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

ACLT Spring Guided Hike at Warrior's Rest

Warrior's Rest Sanctuary, Port Republic

410-414-3400 • www.acltweb.org

This will be a leisurely guided walk to explore Warrior's Rest Sanctuary and Arboretum. Bring your binoculars and view early migratory birds and spring wildflowers. Meet at 9 a.m. sharp at Warrior's Rest Sanctuary. Hike will last until about 11 a.m. Hike will be rain or shine unless thunderstorms develop. Dogs are not permitted on guided tours. Registration required.

Sunday, April 28 (3-5 p.m.)

Christine Keiner Presents The Oyster Question

Calvert Marine Museum

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

410-326-2042 • www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

Dr. Christine Keiner will discuss her book, "The Oyster Question: Scientists, Watermen and the Maryland Chesapeake Bay Since 1880." Her outlook challenges standard interpretations of the local oyster fishery as the epitome of the "tragedy of the commons." The lecture will be followed by a brief question-and-answer period and autographed copies of "The Oyster Question" will be available for sale in the museum store. Keiner is an associate professor in the Science, Technology and Society/Public Policy Department at Rochester Institute of Technology. Her book won the 2010 Forum for the History of Science in America Prize and co-won the Maryland Historical Trust's Heritage Book Award, as well as Honorable Mention for the Frederick Jackson Turner Award from the Organization of American Historians.

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

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