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Calvert County Museums and Library Partner to Present “At The Water’s Edge” Lecture Series

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Aug. 4, 2017 – Step back in time with “At The Water’s Edge,” a new lecture series highlighting how people enjoyed leisure time on the Chesapeake Bay from 1890 through the 1970s. These programs span across Calvert County from the north to the south beginning this September through April 2018 and are made possible by joint efforts of the Bayside History Museum, Calvert Library, Calvert Marine Museum and the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum.

In the late 19th century, Calvert County saw a major transformation in the use of local waters and shoreline – from a place of work to a place of play. These years witnessed a decline in the number of people making a living on the water along with rapid growth in recreational boating. Fishing, boating and family amusements became popular with a burgeoning middle class. Steamboats, trains from the Chesapeake Beach Railway and improved roads for automobiles brought destination recreation on the bay and along Calvert’s waterways within reach for an ever-increasing number of visitors.

The lecture series features 12 opportunities to explore this unique history:

Thursday, Sept. 14, 2017

7-8 p.m. at the Calvert Marine Museum

“African American Leisure Destinations around Washington, D.C.” presented by Patsy Mose Fletcher; lecture provided by Calvert Marine Museum

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Sunday, Sept. 17, 2017

3-4 p.m. at the Chesapeake Beach Town Hall

“African American Leisure Destinations around Washington, D.C.” presented by Patsy Mose Fletcher; lecture provided by Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum

Thursday, Oct. 19, 2017

7-8 p.m. at the Calvert Marine Museum

“A Day at Chesapeake Beach Park, 1946-1972” presented by Joan Kilmon; lecture provided by Calvert Library

Thursday, Nov. 9, 2017

7-8 p.m. at the Calvert Marine Museum

“Where Did We Stay? 1890 to 1950” presented by Grace Mary Brady; lecture provided by Bayside History Museum

Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017

2-3 p.m. at the North Beach Town Hall

“Where Did We Stay? 1890 to 1950” presented by Grace Mary Brady; lecture provided by Bayside History Museum

Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018

2-3 p.m. at North Beach Town Hall

“Gambling” presented by Grace Mary Brady; lecture provided by Bayside History Museum

Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018

7-8 p.m. at Calvert Marine Museum

“The Happiest of All Showboat Stories: The James Adams Floating Theatre” presented by Patricia Samford; lecture provided by Calvert Marine Museum

Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018

3-4 p.m. at Calvert Library in Prince Frederick

“The Swimsuit Edition: Where We Swam and What We Were Wearing” presented by Joan Kilmon; lecture provided by Calvert Library

Sunday, Feb. 18, 2018

2-3 p.m. at North Beach Town Hall

Topic to be announced; lecture provided by Calvert Marine Museum

Thursday, March 22, 2018

7-8 p.m. at Calvert Marine Museum

“Gambling” by Grace Mary Brady; lecture provided by Bayside History Museum

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Sunday, March 25, 2018

3-4 p.m. at Chesapeake Beach Town Hall

“Boats, Roads, Trains and Planes: A Look Back in Calvert County” presented by Dr. Ralph Eshelman; lecture provided by the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum

Thursday, April 12, 2018

7-8 p.m. at Calvert Marine Museum

“Boats, Roads, Trains and Planes: A Look Back in Calvert County” presented by Dr. Ralph Eshelman; lecture provided by Calvert Marine Museum

For more information about the series, please contact Carey Crane at 410-326-2042, ext. 25 or email Carey.Crane@calvertcountymd.gov. To learn more about Calvert County events, visit www.ChooseCalvert.com. Find Calvert County Government on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/calvertcountymd).

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