



# Calvert County NEWS

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### May in Calvert County, Md.

**PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – April 29, 2011** – The arrival of May brings the Calvert County tourist season into full swing. With loads of outdoor fun, family events, charity runs, art shows, festivals, canoe trips and so much to do, you'll wish there were more weekends this month.

Sunday, May 1 (1 – 3 p.m.)

#### **Sunday FUNday**

Annamarie Garden Sculpture Park & Arts Center  
13480 Dowell Road, Solomons  
410-326-4640 • [www.annmariegarden.org](http://www.annmariegarden.org)

Bring the whole family to Sunday FUNday and enjoy free admission from 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, May 1. Explore the Studio School classrooms and experience hands-on art activities led by the talented faculty and staff. Explore exciting exhibits in the Arts Building. Make your own masterpiece to take home or contribute to an ever-growing artwork in the gallery. Stroll the wooded path with fun and games to stimulate young minds; games provided by the United Way of Calvert County.

Wednesday, May 4 (12:30 – 2:30 p.m.)

#### **Back-to-Back Tours – Point Farm and Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory**

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum  
10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard  
410-586-8501 • [www.jefpat.org](http://www.jefpat.org)

Come on the first Wednesday of every month to enjoy guided tours of the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory and Point Farm's house and gardens. Discover all that Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum has to offer from state-of-the-art science to local history and lore.

Saturday, May 7 (9 a.m. – 1 p.m.)

#### **Herb & Wildflower Sale**

Battle Creek Cypress Swamp  
2880 Grays Road, Prince Frederick  
410-535-5327 • [www.calvertparks.org](http://www.calvertparks.org)

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Saturday, May 7 (10 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

### **Maryland House & Garden Pilgrimage**

Scientists Cliffs, Port Republic

[www.mhgp.org](http://www.mhgp.org)

Each year the Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage coordinates a multi-county spring tour that gives visitors an inside look at extraordinary historic and contemporary sites. The tours are a central component of the organization's efforts to cultivate awareness of Maryland's rich architectural and cultural heritage. Calvert County is featured in the 2011 tour with proceeds benefitting the American Chestnut Land Trust.

Saturday, May 7 (10 a.m. – 1 p.m.)

### **Colonial Family Day: Colonial Toys & Games**

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard

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

Pack a picnic and spend the day discovering how colonial children and families spent their leisure time. Make a rag doll, clay marbles and a whirly gig. Join in a game of marbles, jacks or dice and learn how to play the game of Graces. Fee is \$10/family. Advance registration required by May 4. Register by calling 410-586-8501 or e-mail [jppm@mdp.state.md.us](mailto:jppm@mdp.state.md.us).

Sunday, May 8 (11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.; 5 – 6:30 p.m.)

### **Mother's Day Cruises aboard the *Wm. B. Tennison***

*Wm. B. Tennison*, Calvert Marine Museum

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

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

Your choice of two special Mother's Day cruises aboard the *Wm. B. Tennison*. The brunch cruise is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; the evening cruise runs from 5 to 6:30 p.m. with heavy hors d'oeuvres served. Preregistration required by Wednesday, May 5. For fees and registration call 410-326-2042, ext. 41.

Thursday-Sunday, May 12 – 15 (10 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily)

### **Solomons – Paint the Town Exhibition and Sale**

Annamarie Garden Sculpture Park & Arts Center

13480 Dowell Road, Solomons

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

Over the first three days *plein air* artists will create works "in the open air" drawing inspiration from the scenery around Solomons. This creative and festive event is coupled with programs and activities offered at various locations throughout Solomons and Dowell. Don't forget to stop by one of the many shops, restaurants and galleries.

Friday, May 13 (7 p.m.)

### **Archaeology Speaker Series – Unraveling the Mystery of the World Trade Center Ship**

Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard

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

Lecturer Nichole Doub, Head Conservator, Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory will speak on what has been learned about the 18<sup>th</sup> century ship found at the World Trade Center and the role conservators played in the excavation of the ship and its preservation.

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Saturday, May 14 (8 a.m. – noon)

### **Master Gardener Plant Sale**

Calvert County Community Resources Building

30 Duke Street, Prince Frederick

410-535-3662 • 301-855-1150 • <http://extension.umd.edu/gardening/mastergardeners/local/calvert/>

Buy from Master Gardeners who know and grow these vegetables, herbs, native plants and houseplants. Get answers to your questions about existing plants and problems, landscaping and soil requirements. Featuring the new “Garden Fair,” learn “Grow It, Eat It,” composting, building rain barrels and salad boxes and much more.

Saturday, May 14 (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

### **USO Reenactment of WWII**

140 Calvert Fair Drive, Prince Frederick

410-257-5488 • [www.circleofangels.com](http://www.circleofangels.com)

Enjoy live and original music from the World War II era. Live performances and a short battle drill. This family-friendly event honors those who served our country in WWII as well as other periods. Free and open to the public. Sponsored by Circle of Angels Initiative, Inc.

Saturday, May 14 (10 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

### **Maritime Festival**

Calvert Marine Museum

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

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

Celebrate Southern Maryland traditions and taste traditional foods, learn how to pick crabs and shuck oysters like the pros, enjoy local gospel and old-time music, see world-class waterfowl carving and Chesapeake Bay Retriever trials in action, watch model boats skim the waters of the boat basin and talk with traditional crafts people as they demonstrate their skills. Kids will enjoy traditional games, races, toy boat building and more.

Saturday, May 14 (11 a.m. – 6 p.m.)

### **Calvert Wine & Arts Fest**

All Saints Episcopal Church

100 Lower Marlboro Road, Sunderland

410-257-6306 • [www.allsaints1692.org](http://www.allsaints1692.org)

The juried show features some of the best artisans from Calvert, St. Mary’s and Charles counties. Included will be Calvert County’s five wineries: Cove Point, Solomons Island, Friday’s Creek, Perigeaux and Running Hare. Guests wishing to taste the wines can purchase a commemorative wine glass for \$12. Musicians, dancers, children’s activities, baked goods and other great food add to the festivities. Tours will be available of this historic 1692 church and its labyrinth.

Sunday, May 15 (Noon – 3 p.m.)

### **Guided Canoe Trip**

American Chestnut Land Trust

Warrior’s Rest Sanctuary, 1920 Scientists Cliffs Road, Port Republic

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

Depart from Warrior’s Rest and enjoy a scenic tour of Parkers Creek. Reservations are required. Please call 410-414-3400 or e-mail [info@acltweb.org](mailto:info@acltweb.org) for more information. Note that canoe trips are physically strenuous, requiring paddling for three hours (frequently against wind and tides) and may require participants to help carry a canoe for up to one-quarter mile over sand to access the creek.

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Saturday, May 21 (9 a.m.)

**Eighth Annual Inspiration 5K Run/Walk for Special Olympics of Calvert County**

Calvert Marine Museum

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

410-535-2857 • <http://www.firstgiving.com/somdcalvert>

Hosted by the Calvert County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Team, this annual event raises much-needed funds to support year-round sports training and competition for intellectually disabled youth and adults in Calvert County. Registration begins at 9 a.m.; run/walk starts at 10 a.m. in front of the Calvert Marine Museum. All participants who pledge at least \$25 receive a T-shirt.

Saturday, May 28 (Gates open at 6 p.m.)

**Larry the Cable Guy**

Calvert Marine Museum

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

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

Laugh all night with Larry the Cable Guy kicking off the summer concert series at 7:30 p. m. Opening entertainment features No Green JellyBeenz and Reno Collier. Tickets are \$48 for reserved seats and \$58 for premium seats (additional fees apply). Gates open at 6 p.m. with food and drink available.

Saturday, May 28 (1 – 4 p.m.)

**Spring Fling Block Party**

Lusby Town Center (Lusby Commons and Lusby Center)

[www.shoplusby.com](http://www.shoplusby.com) or e-mail [nance@shoplusby.com](mailto:nance@shoplusby.com).

This community event will be filled with lots of family fun activities including live music, several moon bounces, face painting, basketball games, raffle giveaways, free samples, sidewalk sales and a scavenger hunt. Free and open to the public.

For more information about the Calvert County, Md., Department of Economic Development, our 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 e-mail 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 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.*