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May in Calvert County, Md.

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – April 23, 2013 – Flowers are blooming and birds are singing. It is springtime in Calvert County and that means there is a lot to see and do.

Thursdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 (11 a.m. and 1 p.m.) and Friday, May 3 (1 p.m.)

Behind-the-Scenes MAC Lab Tours

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum
10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard
410-586-8501 • 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. Group tours are offered year-round for a small fee. Call 410-586-8501 or email jppm@mdp.state.md.us for more information. Reservations are not required.

Friday, May 3 (6-9 p.m.)

Annamarie After Hours: Fairies in the Garden

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

Visit on this magical night for the opening reception of Fairies in the Garden, a beautiful and captivating exhibit. The exhibit will feature more than 60 fairy houses and gnomes' homes. Enjoy wine, light hors d'oeuvres and live music – and don't forget to visit the gift shop. In honor of the theme of this exhibit, guests under the age of 21 will be allowed to visit during this very special Annmarie After Hours!

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Saturday, May 4 (10 a.m.-5 p.m.)

Solomons Maritime Festival

Calvert Marine Museum

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

410-326-2042 • www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

Come and celebrate Southern Maryland traditions! This event will include The Antique Boat and Marine Engine Show, featuring exhibits from more than 30 collectors of antique and classic boats and vintage marine outboard and inboard engines. Taste traditional foods, learn how to pick crabs and shuck oysters like the pros, enjoy local gospel and old-time music, hear world-class waterfowl calling, see Chesapeake Bay Retrievers in action, watch model boats skim the waters of the boat basin and talk with traditional craftspeople as they demonstrate their skills. Free 30-minute rides on the Wm. B. Tennison will be offered. For the kids, there will be traditional games, races, toy boat building and more.

Sunday, May 5 (10 a.m.-3 p.m.)

Antique Boat and Marine Engine Show

Calvert Marine Museum

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

410-326-2042 • www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

Enjoy day two of The Antique Boat and Marine Engine Show which features exhibits from more than 30 collectors of antique and classic boats and vintage marine outboard and inboard engines.

Sundays, May 5, 12, 19 and 26 (2-4 p.m.)

Visit Port Republic School No. 7

One-Room Schoolhouse

3080 Broomes Island Road, Port Republic

410-586-1418 • www.calvertoneroomschool.org

This original schoolhouse was built on its present site circa 1868 and opened for children grades 1-7 in the Port Republic area. It was used until schools were consolidated in 1932. The schoolhouse suffered the ravages of time until 1976 when it was restored by the Calvert County Retired Teachers Association as a bicentennial project. Today groups of school children spend the day recreating a one-room school experience, including a walk through the woods to school and lessons taught as they would have been at the turn of the 20th century.

Saturday, May 11 (9 -11:30 a.m.)

Adult-Only Bluebird Trail Hike

Kings Landing Park

3255 Kings Landing Road, Huntingtown

410-535-2661 • www.calvertparks.org

Tag along as we check the nest box trail and record findings. The naturalist will discuss aspects of being a bluebird landlord and share stories from more than 30 years of working with this beloved songbird.

The trail is an easy flat walk along trails, roadways and wood edge.

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Saturday, May 11 (11 a.m.-6 p.m.)

Calvert Wine and Arts Fest

All Saints Episcopal Church
13480 Dowell Road, Solomons
410-286-7586

Sample the best Patuxent Wine Trail wines (\$15 fee) with a souvenir tasting glass. There is no admission fee to shop from outstanding local juried artisans. Delicious food, live entertainment, children's crafts, raffles and more. Tour the 1692 church and labyrinth. Rain or shine. Save money by reserving your wine glass at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/331645. Age will be verified for wine tasting by picture ID at the event. Proceeds benefit parish and community projects. Free parking.

Saturday, May 11 (3-6 p.m.)

ACLT Guided Canoe Trip

American Chestnut Land Trust
Warriors Rest Sanctuary, Port Republic
410-414-3400 • www.acltweb.org

Depart from Warriors Rest and enjoy a scenic tour of Parkers Creek. Reservations are required. Please call us for more information. 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. Rain date is Sunday, May 12.

Sunday, May 12 (11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.)

Mother's Day Brunch Cruise Aboard the Historic Wm. B. Tennison

Calvert Marine Museum
14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons
410-326-2042 • www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

What better way to say "you're special" than a relaxing cruise and brunch! Tickets are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Melissa McCormick at 410-326-2042, ext. 41, or mccormmj@co.cal.md.us.

Sunday, May 12 (5-6:30 p.m.)

Mother's Day Evening Cruise Aboard the Historic Wm. B. Tennison

Calvert Marine Museum
14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons
410-326-2042 • www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

A perfect ending to mom's special day. Heavy hors d'oeuvres served. Tickets are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Melissa McCormick at 410-326-2042, ext. 41, or mccormmj@co.cal.md.us.

Friday, May 17 (7:30 p.m.)

Concert: The Band Perry

Calvert Marine Museum
14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons
410-326-2042 • www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

Prince Frederick Ford Dodge presents The Band Perry at the Calvert Marine Museum's PNC Waterside Pavilion! The band is best known for the smash hit "If I Die Young" and currently rising in the charts with "Better Dig Two." Tickets are \$45 and \$55, plus a \$5 surcharge per ticket. For more information call 410-326-2042 or visit www.calvertmarinemuseum.com.

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Saturday, May 18 (9 a.m.-2 p.m.)

Fairy & Gnome Home Festival and Tour

Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

13480 Dowell Road, Solomons

410-326-4640 • www.annmariegarden.org

Celebrate fairies, gnomes and – most importantly – magic at Annmarie Garden. Festivities include engaging theatrical story-time sessions, amulet and crown construction, creating a fairy or gnome home in the fairy village constructed from natural materials provided by Annmarie Garden, fantasy face painting and a fairy obstacle course to entice all ages. Explore more than 50 spectacular fairy and gnome homes that members of our community have created for Annmarie Garden's fairy and gnome friends. This year a select number of homes are available for silent auction; bid on your favorite one. All proceeds go toward the artLAB, Annmarie Garden's creative resource center, which will be open during the Fairy & Gnome Home Festival. Specialty fairy and gnome items, food and drinks will also be available for purchase.

Saturday, May 18 (10 a.m.-3 p.m.)

Tree Tour

Battle Creek Cypress Swamp Sanctuary

2880 Grays Road, Prince Frederick

410-535-5327 • www.calvertparks.org

Grab a friend or family member and enjoy a fun and educational day on this unique tour, which blends natural and human history. Calvert County has an amazing amount of both natural and human history, including important War of 1812 sites. Join speakers Tania Gale, Kirsti Uunila and Steve Stadelman as they explore what the landscape might have looked like during the early 1800s and what people's lives may have been like at that time. Lunch and Champion Tree tour booklet will be provided. Adults and older teens only. Payment must be received at the time of registration. Deadline is May 10.

Sunday, May 19 (1-4 p.m.)

Spring Family Fun Day

Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum

4155 Mears Ave., Chesapeake Beach

410-257-3892 • www.cbrm.org

Our annual Spring Family Fun Day with fun, crafts and games. Open to the public.

Sunday, May 19 (2-4 p.m.)

Tea in the Garden at Point Farm

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard

410-586-8562 • www.jefpat.org

Enjoy this rare opportunity to tour the home of Jefferson Patterson and have tea in the garden at Point Farm. The funds raised will be used to benefit restoration of the Patterson screened porch and furniture. To make reservations call 410-586-8578. Call soon as the event is expected to sell out.

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Saturday, May 25 (10 a.m.)-Monday, May 27 (noon)

Chesapeake Beach Stars and Stripes Festival

Kellams Field

Behind Town Hall off Bayside Road, Chesapeake Beach

This community festival gives us time to reflect on those who gave the ultimate sacrifice so we may continue to experience the freedom and independence we have today. Our goal is to ensure our fallen heroes will never be forgotten! There are many events and learning experiences for the children.

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@ecalvert.com; or visit online at www.choosecalvert.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. Like us on Facebook by searching for Calvert County Government, Calvert County, Maryland.