

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bay Winds Band Concert Featured at Fourth of July Celebration



The Bay Winds Band strikes up a tune for the Fourth of July crowd.

What better way to celebrate July Fourth than by enjoying a patriotic, stirring band concert, with the beauty of the West River in the background, and no admission cost? Come to the Captain Salem Avery Museum to hear the 40-piece famous Bay Winds Concert Band, sponsored by the Shady Side Rural Heritage Society and Greenstreet Gardens. A special invitation is extended to active and retired members of the armed services and their families, who will be given special recognition and free refreshments.

The Fourth of July begins in Shady Side with the traditional parade sponsored by the local Kiwanis Club. Shady Side Road will be closed at 9:30 a.m. at the intersection with Cedarhurst Road.

The parade will conclude in time for everyone to bring their baking-contest entries to the Captain Salem Avery Museum, buy some lunch, and find a comfortable spot from which to enjoy the 1 p.m. Bay Winds Band concert.

Contestants are invited to bring their baking contest entries to the Museum by noon,

Boy Scouts raise the flag and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.



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MUSIC ON THE BAY: Country Traditions Set for May 30

Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 30, for an event you simply cannot miss—the fun-filled Music on the Bay: Country Traditions, presented by the Shady Side Rural Heritage Society and Adam's: The Place for Ribs. There will be music for dancing, a complete country-style buffet dinner provided by Adam's Ribs, a live auction, and much more. Guests will be entertained at the beautiful waterfront setting on the banks of the West River at the Captain Salem Avery Museum, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Local celebrity Wendy Rieger, NBC4, News 4 at 5 Anchor, "Going Green," who captivated the guests last year, will be returning as MC and will also be auctioneer, assuring a lively auction.

Music for dancing and listening will be provided by the popular Run Mountain's Gary Wright, Leah Weiss, and Al Tharp. Susan Taylor will be calling the dances. Drawing from the traditions of Appalachian old-time and country music, Run Mountain's repertoire is a blend of originals, traditional and reinvented songs and tunes.

Adam's Ribs, the event's presenting sponsor, will provide a mouth-watering menu including marinated chicken, pork BBQ, bourbon beef brisket, potato salad, baked beans, and coleslaw.

The exciting auction will offer something for everyone, including such items as an antique doll bed, two nights in a condominium suite at the Silverado Country Club and Resort in Napa, CA, a ladies' secretary desk and curio cabinet, and a Dyer Dhow "Midget" fiberglass with mahogany-trim dinghy.

Admission is \$50 per person, which includes dinner, music and dancing, and the auction. Dress is country casual for this spectacular fundraising event for the Shady Side Rural Heritage Society. Space is limited, so call (410) 867-6156 to order tickets, or go to www.shadysidemuseum.org for more information.

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where winners will be chosen by our members of the state legislature including Ron George, Virginia Clagett, and Speaker Michael Busch. Ribbons will be awarded in categories ranging from cakes, pies, cookies, bars, and those decorated for the holiday. Following the judging, portions of the baked items will be offered for sale.

The program will begin at 1:00 when local Boy Scouts raise the flag and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Leanna Brown will sing the Star Spangled Banner. Then the concert will begin, offering people in the community a rare opportunity to hear this very talented group. The program is presented as a gift to the community. There will be activities for children, plus hot dogs, hamburgers, snacks and soft drinks will be available at the Museum's food stand.

Children's Summer Camp Unfurled

Call (410) 867-4486 to reserve a spot for your child, age 6-11, in this summer's history camp. The 2009 Children's Summer Series: A Star-Spangled Summer, invites children to explore the War of 1812 and history of the U.S. flag through fun, hands-on activities. During the camp they will become a battleship and engage in maneuvers on the Chesapeake, make a soldier's haversack to take home, make and eat hardtack like a real soldier, learn the meaning of the flag's stars and stripes, and replicate Mary Pickersgill's 15-star flag or make their own design. Participants' families are encouraged to accompany the children for a full-day field trip on Wednesday, visiting Ft. McHenry and the Flag House in Baltimore. Registration is \$70 per child, or \$60 for SSRHS members.

JUNE BUS TRIP TO POPLAR ISLAND

The Museum will once again be organizing a bus trip this June, destined for Poplar Island on the Eastern Shore. Stay tuned for the date and further information.

CONNIE MAYNARD JOINS OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Our Board of Trustees has been strengthened by the addition of Connie Maynard. Connie's first assignment will be to chair the Oyster Festival, and her experience well qualifies her for this assignment.

She and her husband, Jeff, moved to Shady Side full time after she retired from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association where she worked as the Executive Assistant to the Executive Director. Among her responsibilities were arranging special events. She was also involved in ASHA's corporate volunteer activities.

Her impressive list of volunteer work includes the Women's Auxiliary at Anne Arundel Medical Center, Soup Kitchen in Washington, D.C., Leukemia-Lymphoma Society, facilitating meetings for teens from troubled homes in Montgomery County, and the YMCA.

The Museum is Open Sundays Through December 13

With winter activities now completed, the Museum has now re-opened for historic house tours on Sundays from 1:00-4:00, from now through December 13.

When you have guests, when you would like to step outside of everyday life into the world of the 1860s, or whenever you would like to enjoy a gorgeous view of the West River, head for the Museum for an afternoon of free, local entertainment. Costumed adult and junior docents will guide you through the house, which is furnished to the period when it was home to Captain Salem Avery, his wife, and seven children. Veteran guide Ann Sparrough has researched the family and community's history, and her findings are being incorporated into a new script for the tour. We invite those who have enjoyed tours in the past to return—you may learn something exciting and new! There is no admission charge. You are most welcome!



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Memberships are \$20 for individual, \$15 for seniors, \$35 for family, \$125 for donor, \$250 for patron, and \$500 for benefactor. Call or write the museum today!

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WINTER LUNCHEON SERIES ENJOYED BY ALL

The year 2009 Winter Luncheon Series was once again a great success. Luncheons were held on six consecutive Wednesdays beginning in mid-January. Guests enjoyed delicious homemade soups and desserts while listening to speakers discuss a variety of subjects. Lecture topics included: a local mystery writer's Maryland inspiration; a history of the Chesapeake Bay; what it was like to grow up and work as a school teacher in Shady Side; an overview of Bay ecology and history of the oyster trade; and a history of the Museum building's use by a group of families, from the 1920s–1980s, as a weekend vacation spot.

Anyone interested in volunteering to help with cooking, shopping, table setup, or cleanup for the 2010 Series is invited to contact the office at 410-867-4486.



Winter Luncheon volunteers Peggy Tucker, Roberta Dorn, and Gail Schneider finish another wonderful season.



Winter Luncheon volunteers Connie Maynard, Jane Knebel, Beth Denniston, and Kate Greene were part of our wonderful kitchen staff.



Environmental advocate Julie Erickson shares tips on how to help preserve the Chesapeake Bay.

THE PUBLIC FACE OF GOING GREEN

On Friday, March 20, the Going Green Group of the SSRHS held its first public meeting. Julie Erickson of the Baltimore Presbytery spoke on policies that are before the Maryland Legislature and changes individuals can make to ensure survival of our local and global environment. Large yellow recycling cans and rain barrels were offered to visitors, as tools to help encourage recycling and help reduce runoff into the Bay. Many interesting questions were asked and delicious desserts were shared. The Museum encourages everyone to join together in helping to preserve our unique Chesapeake environment.

MAGGIE SANSONE AND GROUP GET TOES TAPPING AND HANDS CLAPPING

Internationally-known dulcimer artist and Shady Side resident Maggie Sansone provided an enchanted evening of Irish and Northern European dance music on Friday, March 13. The lilting sounds of her dulcimer were enhanced by a group of musicians playing the harp, violin, accordion and flute. While demonstrating her artistry, Maggie also engaged the audience and the other artists in some informal banter and encouraged them to clap to the rhythms. The capacity crowd enjoyed intermission coffee and a wide variety of desserts. Thanks to all the volunteer bakers for your contributions; they were heartily appreciated.



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Children and adults get into the Victorian spirit at SSRHS's Maryland Day Tea

VICTORIAN-STYLE TEA Commemorates Maryland's Founding

On Sunday, March 29th, the Captain Salem Avery Museum joined with other historic sites in the Four Rivers Heritage Area to celebrate Maryland's birthday. This special event, known as Maryland Day, takes place every year to recognize and honor the formal founding of the colony of Maryland, when newly arrived colonists erected a cross on St. Clements Island in St. Mary's County.

To commemorate this special day, the Museum sponsored a Mother and Daughter Tea where our guests enjoyed a variety of tasty teas, finger sandwiches, and sweets. Participants viewed a demonstration of proper tea service given by Board member Janet George, and the Museum director Laurel Fletcher gave a presentation on the history of tea. Afterwards, junior docents in old-time costume led attendees through the historic house. The young ladies attending were also able to try on 1860's style sack-aprons, reminiscent of clothing worn in the Avery family's time.



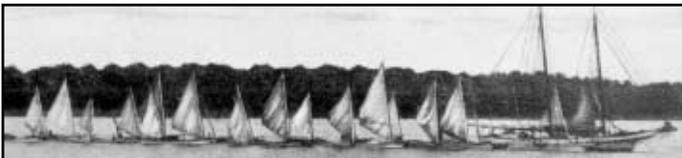
Museum hostesses await the arrival of guests for the tea.



CHILDREN FLOCK TO EASTER EGG HUNT

A crowd of 96 children and adults gathered at the Museum the weekend before Easter to take part in an egg hunt and craft activity. Kids scoured the grounds for plastic eggs containing art materials, which they used to embellish paper decorations. Many families remarked that this was their first time at the Museum—we look forward to seeing you back soon!

Neighborhood kids line up before the mad dash at our recent Easter egg hunt



Boat Donations Wanted!

Please consider donating your used boat to the Captain Salem Avery House Museum. Proceeds from the boat sales will help the SSRHS with the preservation of this historic waterman's home. Contact the Museum at 410 867 4486.

Museum Brings Local History and Ecology to over 700 Schoolchildren

The "season" is well underway, with eight schools lined up to enjoy hands-on activities at the Museum and at Discovery Village. This year we're expecting 700 fourth graders to visit, learning about life as a waterman, past and present. This program was designed, with the help of fourth grade social studies teachers, to enhance the fourth grade curriculum in which the students learn about their home state of Maryland and its many riches, including the Chesapeake Bay.

At the Museum students explore primary source documents, such as the 1880 Census, to discover Captain Salem Avery's family and actually "become" an Avery. The Avery family "shops" in the port of Baltimore for goods much needed at home. They tong for, cull and "sell" oysters in our boatshed and get an exciting tour of the Museum itself. Most seem especially intrigued by the chamber pots and the leather teething doll that would have been used by all of the Avery children. Suddenly they appreciate modern sanitation!

Our working watermen, John VanAlstine and Bob Evans, returned with their workboats this year to share their experiences on the water in this modern age. They share with the children what they do, why they do it and what it means to the community. While at Discovery Village, the children take a cruise out onto the West River on the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's teaching vessel, the *Marguerite*, to see what they can dredge up. Sometimes there are fish and other critters and sometimes junk—but whatever it is—it becomes a teaching opportunity.

The students learn by experience how important it is for each of us to do our part to preserve an amazing resource. And that's a day well spent!



Hands-on learning at work during the Seasons of a Chesapeake Bay Waterman school field trip series.



MYSTERY PHOTOGRAPH

Can you help us identify the photograph above from the Museum's archives? An accompanying note says that one of the ladies is Miss Ethel. Can you tell which one she is, the names of the others, the event for which it was taken, or anything else about it? E-mail the library at ssrhslibrary@verizon.net or call (410) 867-4486.

*Congratulations to junior docents
Katherine Milbradt and Kaitlyn Hynes,
for their success at the recent
County Reflections Art Competition.
Good luck at the state level!*

SOUTH COUNTY Bay Photographs Sought

The Captain Salem Avery Museum is delighted to announce that it will be organizing a photography exhibition with a South County/Chesapeake Bay theme to go up in September. Amateur and professional photographers will be invited to submit their framed work for what is expected to be an inspiring display of local talent. Check the website for further details, or contact the Museum at captainavery@verizon.net, (410) 867-4486.

A MEMBERSHIP NOTE FROM PEGGY TUCKER

**A warm welcome
to our newest members:**

Douglas & Darla Agnes

Robert Gillanders

Jacqueline Gill Stuchbery

John & Judy Ward

Nancy Waddington

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, MAY 30
MUSIC ON THE BAY
Country Traditions

4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Country music and square dancing to participate or just watch

Buffet dinner catered by Adam's Ribs

Live auction with Wendy Rieger

Admission: \$50

Reservations required: 410-867-6156

JUNE

DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED

BUS TRIP TO
POPLAR ISLAND

Reservations required: 410-703-5833

Details to follow

SATURDAY, JULY 4
OLD-FASHIONED JULY 4TH

1:00 p.m. – Bay Winds Band Concert

Admission: FREE

MONDAY-FRIDAY, JULY 13-17

CHILDREN'S
SUMMER SERIES
A Star-Spangled Summer

Week-long history summer camp for children 6-11 years of age

Morning Session – 9:00 to 11:30 OR

Afternoon Session – 12:30 to 3:00

Wednesday Field Trip to Ft. McHenry from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Per Child: Non-Members: \$70, Members: \$60 (An additional \$7 fee for materials will be collected on the first day of camp.)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
OYSTER FESTIVAL &
RAFFE DRAWING
West River Heritage Day

12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Admission: \$6; children under 12 free

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For information on programs, call 410-867-4486 or visit www.shadysidemuseum.org

Museum Hours – April through December, Sundays, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Library Hours – Open Mondays, 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. (except National Holidays)

Museum Grounds and Waterfront Exhibits – Open Every Day, Dawn to Dusk

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