

CAPTAIN AVERY MUSEUM

Founded by The Shady Side Rural Heritage Society, 1984

NEWSLETTER

Volume 28, Number 3

December 2011

West River Heritage Day Oyster Festival: a day of traditional celebration

Guests at the 2011 Oyster Festival enjoyed beautiful weather and picturesque scenery while listening to local entertainment and feasting on traditional food from the Chesapeake Bay. Fried oysters, grilled oysters, oysters on the half-shell—plus BBQ, hot dogs, funnel cakes, beer, wine and sodas were enjoyed by the festival-goers.

Entertainers, artists, authors, and craftsmen, were on hand to add to the community merriment. Noel and Ann Widdifield of BayVue Consulting, co-sponsored the event.

Below: At the children's activity table, volunteer Mary Bell helps eager children make "slime."



The Sour Notes entertain the audience with bluegrass in the boatshed.

event and we want to thank all who came to enjoy it, and all of our volunteers who worked so diligently to make it a success. We also want to thank all our sponsors for their support.



Board Member and CAM Past President Mavis Daly, and docent Ruthie Thompson sell 5K raffle tickets.

Popular local musicians, Tim and Savannah Finch, "The Eastman String Band;" the duo of Janie Meneely and Paul Di Blasi, known as "Calico Jack;" The Sour Notes, and Coastal Flats, played a variety of music under the tent and in the Boatshed, from original nautical tunes, to bluegrass, to cool jazz.

The Oyster Festival is a great community

Mark your calendars for October 21 next year!

An overview of the West River Heritage Day Oyster Festival.



**Editor's Note: The Museum Board and Staff want to express our sincere gratitude to Connie Maynard for chairing this event for the past three years! Thank you for all of your hard work!*

You probably noticed the new masthead with our new name: Captain Avery Museum. We are very excited to now have one easy-to-recognize name!

After establishing a strong, five year strategic plan this past spring, the Museum has been busy implementing some recommended changes, the first being the adoption of a new name, Captain Avery Museum.

We chose this name because we felt it had both strong ties to our historical roots as well as a simpler, more concise feel. A membership meeting was held on September 9th and after a discussion, the majority voted for the Captain Avery Museum. With the adoption of the new name, we feel we are more strongly positioned for success in the next 25 years.

We are so very proud of the strong traditions of the Shady Side Rural Heritage Society. To honor those roots we have adopted a reference to our founding organization on all our printed materials. It is very important to us that we never lose sight of the group that built this organization from the ground up.

Soon there will be a new look as well, so while I don't know if "Under Construction" is quite the sign we need, you will notice we're undergoing changes, including a new web address, now www.captainaverymuseum.org.

And we're excited to have you along for the ride! Stay tuned for more exciting updates!

Do Art provided a free opportunity for all ages, 4 to 104, to learn and do all kinds of art with professional artists. Muddy Creek Artists Guild and the Museum partnered to offer this event for the second year. Thank you Muddy Creek Artists Guild for a job well done! Do Art had a twenty percent increase in participation this year, and there was a good mix of children and adults—DOING ART.



Do Art participants paint a community canvas, and themselves!

Do Art 2011 added new opportunities to work in metal sculpture, mosaics and carving. There were also more jewelry making artists. Photography, drawing, offered for the second year. Muddy Creek Artists donate their time and expertise. Shady Side Boy Scout Troop 853 provided drinks and food for sale.

Many "new" artists came from outside the Shady Side area learning about the event from other publications and the Museum web site (captainavery-museum.org).

They saw notices about the event in Senior Centers, the Capital, the Patch and learned about it by word of mouth from other friends. If it is the first Sunday in August, head for the Museum and DO ART in 2012!

Captain Avery Museum, Inc. Newsletter is published periodically by the Museum.

Editor: Vicki Petersen • Design: Jerri Anne Hopkins, Words & Pictures, Inc.

Contributors: Mavis Daly, Pat Freiberg, Janet George, Vicki Petersen, Susy Smith, Peggy Tucker, and Melanie Turner

The Captain Avery Museum operates a museum complex located at the historic Captain Salem Avery Museum in Shady Side—a watermen's community on Maryland's West River. The Museum's mission is to preserve and share local Chesapeake Bay history and engage the community by providing education and recreational programs and activities. The Museum was founded by The Shady Side Rural Heritage Society, Inc. in 1984

Memberships are \$25 for individual, \$20 for seniors, \$40 for family, \$125 for donor, \$250 for patron, and \$500 for benefactor. Call or write the Museum today!

Captain Avery Museum, Inc. • Post Office Box 89, 1418 East West Shady Side Road, Shady Side, Maryland 20764

Telephone: 410 867 4486 • www.captainaverymuseum.org

A copy of our current financial statement is available upon request at the address and phone number above. Documents and information submitted to the State of Maryland under the Maryland Charitable Solicitations Act are available from the Office of the Secretary of State for the cost of copying and postage.

Grantors:



Our 2011 Captain's Circle Sponsors:



NOVEMBER WAS A BUSY MONTH FOR THE CAPTAIN AVERY MUSEUM!

FRIDAY NIGHT COFFEE

Shady Side resident Lynn Abercrombie shared the memories encapsulated in her new book "Traveling the World with National Geographic" at a recent Friday Night Coffee, featuring a lecture and book signing.

The program was captivating, giving us a glimpse into the well-traveled, unconventional lives of Tom and Lynn Abercrombie. Homemade desserts and coffee, friendly faces, gorgeous pictures and exceptional stories made the evening go by too fast!

GREENSTREET GARDENS TWILIGHT OPEN HOUSE

Greenstreet Gardens opened its doors once again in support of the Captain Avery Museum! Ray and Stacey Greenstreet held their annual Museum fundraiser, this year done as a Friday evening Open house.



Rick Carraway, Eleanor Abbey, Melissa Korando of Solomans Island Vineyard, and Margaret Gwathmey enjoy the wines and the festive atmosphere of the Greenstreet greenhouse, beautifully decorated for the holidays.

Guests arrived to a garden center adorned with twinkling lights, elegant tables of delicious food and wine and beautiful decorations as far as the eye could see! Upon entering the greenhouse, each guest was given a beautiful complimentary Christmas ornament to enjoy on their tree this holiday season. They then followed their noses to sumptuous appetizers and desserts donated by local vendors: thanks go to Chesapeake Grille & Deli, Whitman's Catering, Honey's Harvest Market and Deli, Creative Cuisine, Three Kings Cooking, and Deale UMAI Sushi House.

Visitors sampled a selection of Maryland wines from Cove Point, Solomon's Island, Friday's Creek, and Thanksgiving Farm wineries, with an option to purchase a favorite bottle to take home. A delightful

musical backdrop for the evening was provided by Garrett Music Academy.

The Greenstreet Open House was the perfect way to kick off the holiday shopping season, mingle with friends, and support our wonderful Captain Avery Museum. We thank our gracious hosts, Ray and Stacey Greenstreet, as well as Gale Poudrier, who worked tirelessly to make this event such a success. Please support this wonderful community-minded organization by going in to see all the beautiful gifts and live plants Greenstreet has this holiday season. We promise you won't be disappointed!

HANDS ON MEMORY QUILTING PROGRAM

It was a very exciting day at the Museum, with Dr. Joan Gaither sharing her original quilting style and philosophy with participants.

"Everyone has a story," she says. "Story quilting is a great way of telling it."

And she does, in singular style. Photos, ticket stubs, documents, old clothing, letters and beads, Barbie boots, doilies, fabric paint and markers- it's all fair game on a Gaither quilt.

A fabric artist and teacher at the Maryland Institute College of Art, Dr. Gaither has made several documentary story quilts, on exhibit locally and all over the country. Two years ago she brought her Black Watermen of the Chesapeake quilt to the Avery Museum for a community stitch session, enjoyed by all.



Dr. Joan Gaither demonstrates her unique style of Documentary Story Quilting, akin to scrapbooking on fabric. Here she encourages quilters to think about what it is that connects them to the past.

We were glad to have her back for this hands-on workshop! Everyone left with a 12x12 story quilt square made with their own memories and mementos. We hope that the experience left a lasting imprint and they will join us in the future for more of this unique style of quilting!

A TRIBUTE TO LUCRETIA BROWN, 1922 -2011

By Mavis Daly July 2, 2011

Thanks for the memories, dear Lucretia! So many things remind me of you—named after the wife of Capt. Salem Avery of whom you are a direct descendent; endless love of family; often inviting me to go skinny dipping; knowledge of all the native families in Shady Side--where they lived and how they were related, and if a Sunday visitor wanted to see a home, you took them there; love of your church, Centenary United Methodist, which you attended your entire life; selling Shady Side Rural Heritage Society raffle tickets outside of Smith's; ice skating across the River to Galesville; teen age escapades; caring for your grandchildren; bringing laughter to so many; loving friend to a multitude of people, including me; living near and spending time at the Rural Home and entertaining the guests; serving as a greeter on Sundays for years at the Museum, and even when not assigned, going there to keep the other volunteers entertained with your wonderful stories; dedicated to protecting the Museum and taking such pride in it; donating your doll baby carriage which is displayed in the children's bedroom; being the guest of honor at a volunteer reception at which you were given a photo of you in a bathing suit climbing up a piling on a pier;

partying at Zang's in Galesville; your little white dog, a constant companion in later years. And that barely touches the surface.

Most of all, you loved Shady Side, your home for almost 89 years, and were an ambassador for it wherever you went. There will never be another person quite like uninhibited you, and I am grateful to be able to call you my friend. Our village, our Museum, all are richer for your having been a part of them. I am sure you are dancing in Heaven now. I shall miss you, dear Lucretia, and thank you for the good times we shared.



A TRIBUTE TO FREDERICKA CRANDELL, 1917-2011

One of the dear friends of the Museum, Fredericka Crandell, passed away October 11. She had been living with her daughter, Sarah, in Indiana. Her love of the Museum is reflected in the fact that she named our Museum as the beneficiary of memorials in her honor.

One of the most notable contributions she made to us was her donation of the model of the Emma Giles done by her brother, George Owen. It has been recognized as one of the finest models anywhere. Fredericka wanted to be sure it was well maintained and protected, so we arranged to have a case custom built for it, and purchased a chest of drawers on which it is placed.

A notebook has been created with detailed information on this famous vessel which made regular trips from Baltimore to Shady Side a hundred years ago, and

is a vital part of the early history of Shady Side.

Miss Ethel would permit the school children to stop classroom activities to witness the Emma Giles' arrival. She rode the Emma Giles to her college in Baltimore. John Douglass has done a painting of a cow being pushed on board. Thus we have a part of Shady Side history on display, thanks to the generosity of Mrs. Crandell. Her daughter, Gwen, worked at the Deale library for years, and at one time volunteered in the Museum library. She and Fredericka had been long-time members of our Museum.

We are grateful to Mrs. Crandell and her family for naming our Museum as the recipient of memorials. If you are interested in donating, please send your check to the Captain Avery Museum, P.O. Box 89, Shady Side, MD 20764.

A MEMBERSHIP NOTE FROM PAT FREIBERG

A warm welcome to our newest members:

Eleanor Abbey
Smokey and Katherine Baer
Lillie T. Barrett
Terry Berg and Randy Johnson
Barbara Bickel
Maria Anne Blohm
Eileen Denniston Brooks
Lynn Carr
Marion E. Cawthorne
Joanna L. Conti
Timothy Corley
Ginger Corson
Margaret Gwathmey
Al Hauch
Ken and Barbara Howard
Jean Yvonne Johnson
Marilyn A. Johnson
Brenda C. Jones
Dr. and Mrs. William P. Jones
David and Sheila Jones
Matt and Debbie Kasap
Steven Plummer Kephart
Jean Krebs
Elizabeth Laur
Pete Litchfield
Diane Lopez
Dennis Lowman
Judy Mauriello
Patrick and Mary Ellen McGrath
Bob Mebane/Barbara Cox
Tom Miller/Joyce Mauk
Barbara and Jim Miner

Jim and Rebecca McDonough
Barry and Anne McKown
Jill Mountjoy
Peter and Frances Nadash
John and Linda Norton
Pamela and James Offer
David and Denise Orden
Nancy Parlett
Carl and Margie Pekala
Patricia Peters
Janis Pinsky
Nancy Pollock
Ann L. Prout
Dave Reilly
Jean and Gordon Riel
Jim, Lynn and Victoria Scheffer
Doris Schmitz
Phyllis Shaffer
Ada Sheinbaum
Jacqueline Gill Stuchbery
Heather Smith
Debbie Spicknall
Michael and Eileen Stein
Frank Stowell
The Surrect Family
Victoria Thorne
Peggeen and Harry Turner
Ginger Vanderpool & Jeff Lucas
John and Cate Wade
Bob and Laura Wiberg
Maggie Wiles
Linda Williamson
Charles and Corki Wight
Catherine R. Wilde

John Wyss and Joanne Comstock

A special thank you to the following members for their additional membership donations:

\$500 and above

Virginia Clagett and Bill Murray
Corbin and Pam Gwaltney
Prue and Tom Hoppin
Mary Lee Murphy
Tony and Phyllis Syme
Judith and Stephen Urbanczyk
Noel and Ann Widdifield

\$250

John and Linda Derrick
June and Dean Hall
Tim Laur
Norm and Deni Mineta
Swamp Circle Partners
Martha Weems Sawyer
Gordon and Susanne Smith
Ann and Rich Sparrough
Glen and Stanley Trott
Ray and Janet Weems
Chris and Bettie Wilson

\$145 - \$165

Francis and Clara Gouin
Chuck and Terry Jackson
Shirley Scharf

\$125

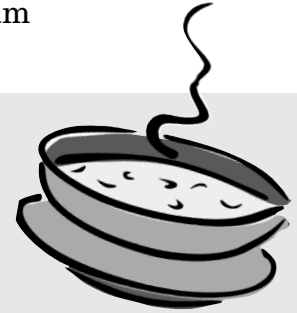
Lynn Abercrombie
Harold Baldauf
Barbara and Hugh Cassidy
Robert and Dolores Cathcart
Caroline York Chisum
Walter and Geraldine Clinton
Clark Conkling
Roberta Dorn
Dana and Marian Green
Lana W. Harding
Bill and Pat Jones
Pete Litchfield (Brickhouse of Shady Side)
Catherine and Bob Mack
TC Magnotti
Darlene Marashlian
Barbara and Jim Miner
Pat and Mary Morris
David and Denise Norfolk
Mike and Maggie Rauh
Gail Schneider
Sally Small
Susy and Terry Smith
Tim and Tootser Stafford
Frank and Carol Wallace
Bill and Margaret Wheeler
Ron and Ann Wolfe
Nancy Lee Young

\$100

James Lighthizer
Bob and Sally Springer

THE 2012 WINTER LUNCHEON LECTURE SERIES

Sponsored by and taking place at Captain Avery Museum
1418 East-West Shady Side Road, Shady Side, MD



- January 11** Mary Ann Jung, Rosie the Riveter
January 18 Mick Blackistone, A New Decade:
Current Issues Facing the Bay and Its Watermen
January 25 Kathleen Litchfield Petro, Landscape Renovation
February 1 Genevieve Kaplan, Fighting for an Education:
Separate but Equal in A.A. Co
February 8 Greg Kearns, The Osprey – Its Life & Recent Trends
on the Patuxent River
February 15 Craig Symonds, The Civil War 150 Years Later

Programs begin at 11:30 a.m., followed by luncheons of
homemade soups, specialty breads, dessert and beverages.

Admission: \$85 for Series; \$17 for individual luncheons • Reservations Required: Phone **410.266.8846**

IN THE EVENT OF SNOW:

We will adhere to the Anne Arundel County school cancellations. IF SCHOOL IS CANCELLED FOR THE DAY, SO IS THE LUNCHEON. If schools are delayed, the luncheon will take place as planned.



Please detach and return to:

PEGGY TUCKER, 2636 Quiet Water Cove, Annapolis, MD 21401

Please reserve _____ spaces for series at \$85 per person

Please reserve _____ spaces for individual luncheons at \$17 each on the following dates:

If paying by check, make payable to: Captain Avery Museum TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Name: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

FOR CREDIT CARD PAYMENT (circle one):

Credit Card: Visa MasterCard Discover

Account No. _____ Expiration Date: _____ 3-digit Sec. code: _____

Signature: _____

You may also register on our website: **www.captainaverymuseum.org**

MICHELLE PERKINS, A SHADY SIDE NATIVE, WINS THE \$5,000 RAFFLE

Michelle Perkins, a Shady Side native, is the winner of the \$5,000 raffle sponsored by the Captain Avery Museum. Her winning ticket was drawn at the West River Heritage Day Oyster Festival on October 16.

Michelle is the daughter of Shady Side residents, Caryn and Mike Raley. She is the granddaughter of Jack and Beebe Castro, also of Shady Side. Beebe purchased the winning ticket last summer, and it was one of the first sold. She purchased \$100 worth of tickets, as she has every year.

A graduate of Southern High School and the University of Delaware, Michelle is a registered nurse. She currently works in the Wound Center at Anne Arundel Medical Center. She lives in Owings with her husband, Trevor, and their three children, Jack, Leah, and Grant.

2011 Raffle Chairman Roberta Dorn thanked the people in the community for their support of the raffle, a major fund raiser to provide operating support for the Museum.



Michelle Perkins receives her 5K raffle winnings from Raffle Chair Roberta Dorn.

CHOOSE IT AND USE IT

For the second year at the Oyster Festival, Museum supporters lined up at 12:30 sharp to sign up for their favorite Choose It and Use It fundraiser offerings. Many Museum supporters donated dinners, outings and services for kids and adults that were sold on that day. However, Choose It and Use opportunities are still available and you can sign up for them on our website (captainaverymuseum.org).

Two live music and dinner combos have a few seats at their table at lovely waterfront homes. Oyster

Stew Dinner and Bluegrass Music LIVE on January 21 will include famous Chef Gunther Oyster Stew with all of the trimmings, wine, dessert, and live music. Italian Dinner and Bluegrass on April 14 will serve a savory many-course Italian dinner, and Italian wines with Bluegrass music.

A year of desserts and career coaching are also available. Check Website for Available Offerings—www.captainaverymuseum.org.



Thank you to neighbors, friends and dedicated volunteers Carol and Brent Anderson for your countless hours of service over many years.

Don't Throw Out, Donate!!

- Used, Current Textbooks
College textbooks, in good condition, have been an especially excellent source of revenue.
- Music CD's ● DVD's



The collection of these items is ongoing – we list and sell on the half.com website throughout the year. Donors will be issued an itemized receipt which can be used for IRS deductions.

To donate call Pat Freiberg – 410-867-6156

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

It is never easy to say goodbye to good friends. Our Captain Avery Museum Board of Trustees has had to do just that when three of our fellow Board members recently decided to step down.

Carol Anderson, Roberta Dorn, and Jinnie Siever will all be greatly missed, as each leave behind a tremendous legacy of hard work and volunteerism within our organization.

Carol Anderson wore many hats for us. She was instrumental in establishing and, for many years, running the Museum gift shop. She also spent countless hours in the Museum kitchen organizing and preparing meals for our holiday brunches and winter lecture series luncheons. But Carol wasn't the only Anderson on our crew of faithful volunteers. Her husband, Brent, spent many hours repairing and restoring the Vanity, one of our two sailboats located on the Museum grounds. Brent always made sure the Vanity's sails were flying for events so that everyone could enjoy her beauty. He also dedicated hours of service in the upkeep and repair of our old building.

Roberta Dorn spent many of her years on the Board as an active member of our Executive Board, holding positions such as Vice Chair as well as Corresponding and Recording Secretary. Wherever a need presented itself, Roberta jumped in to assist. She represented the Captain Avery Museum on the Four Rivers Heritage Area

Maryland Day Committee, which plans and organizes annual Maryland Day activities. She was also our advocate on the Heritage Area coordinating counsel, representing us in this larger support group. As if these roles didn't keep her busy enough, Roberta found time to volunteer at many of our events, including Oyster Festival, where she served as our 5K Raffle organizer, and the Children's Tree Trimming party where she put smiles on the children's faces with cookies, snacks and holiday cheer.

Jinnie Siever, our Going Green Chair, brought into focus our Museum's need for greater environmental awareness. She shared her passion for change with the community as well, through her monthly environmental blogs which she posted to our web site. She was an active contributor on our grant writing team, and an overall dedicated volunteer on many of our museum programs and events. And with Jinnie came Ray, Jinnie's wonderful husband. Ray could always be depended upon to bring his work gloves, rake and cheerful spirit to clean-up days or just generally lend a hand in setting up for our events.

We will miss these friends around the Board table in their many diverse roles but know that as friends they will remain a part of the Museum family. Many thanks to them all!!

BOAT FOR SALE

Bayliner 1702 LS outboard runabout with cuddy cabin with v-berth & head, foredeck & swim ladder, CB radio & AM/FM radio. 120-HP Mercury Force outboard engine. Great condition 1995 hull & motor, 2005 Single-axle LoadRite trailer, Cockpit cover and hull cover.

\$5,000.00 or best offer Please contact Andy Garte at SSRHSBoats@live.com or 410-533-0042.

The motor is known to run, engine hydraulic lift may need work. Boat is believed to be in very good



condition and operational, however, the Captain Avery Museum has no personal knowledge of the boat, as it was a generous donation to our organization.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

DRAMA QUEENS AND KINGS WANTED!!

The Museum is looking for docents and greeters. This is a volunteer position for those with a passion for history that does NOT require a huge time commitment.

Our Museum is open on Sundays from 1-4 pm, and by special appointment, from late March through early December. Most of our docents and greeters volunteer once every four to six weeks and enjoy participating in larger events that require more hands on deck.

We always keep an eye out for new ways to tell our stories. We are focused on engaging many different segments of the community, from seniors to families, to teens and young children and are looking for ways to appeal to each.

If this sounds like an exciting challenge, please call the Museum at 410-867-4486, or email captainavery@verizon.net.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WINTER LUNCHEON SERIES

Monday mornings: cooking and set up crew
Wednesday late morning to mid afternoon: serving and clean up crew. Please call the office at 410-867-4486 to sign up!

CHILDREN'S TREE TRIMMING EVENT

For more than 20 years, the Captain Avery Museum has hosted this festive holiday event for the community's children. The children participated in old fashioned crafts, taffy pulling, and singing songs in the Museum's parlor.

Santa visits with children at last year's tree-trimming event.



Ornaments for the tree were hand crafted by students from the Lula G. Scott Early Head Start program and local Girl Scout Troop 4603.

The children enjoyed a reading of Clement C. Moore's historic "Twas the Night Before Christmas," followed by a visit from Santa, who took the time to listen to their most important Christmas wishes. As always, Santa sent each child on their way with a candy cane

MUSEUM'S MISS ETHEL LIBRARY IS ALL-A-BUSTLE ON MONDAYS!

We are delighted to announce that we have three new library volunteers. Nancy Pollock is helping us get our obituary files organized and preserved. Ann Bradbury, a former librarian, is helping with our paper files and learning the categories and names of information in our lateral files collection. Barbara Wehrle has just joined us following recruitment by Nancy Bauer, our senior library volunteer, who is diligent about clipping all Shady Side news. Want to know more about what each of the library volunteers do? Check out the museum's web site at www.captainaverymuseum.org

CALLING ALL AVERYS

The Museum is in search of documents, photographs, artifacts, furniture, family stories passed

down, histories: births, deaths, marriages, or any family tree information, for the purpose of creating an exhibit, recreating the story of the Avery family over the past 150 years. Please contact Vicki Petersen at captainavery@verizon.net

COMMUNITY HISTORIES

We are exploring the feasibility of an exhibit featuring the histories of the communities of Shady Side: Cedarhurst, Avalon Shores, Columbia Beach, Snug Harbor, Idlewilde, Felicity Cove, Westlee, and any others we may not have named.

We are in search of documents, photographs, stories, and any other information your Shady Side community may have to share. Please contact Vicki Petersen at captainavery@verizon.net.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 6

December 13

Coach Excursion

White House at Christmas

December 6 **SOLD OUT**

December 13 **SOLD OUT**

Wednesday January 11-

Wednesday February 15

Winter Luncheon Series

Program begins at 11:30am

\$85 for the series

\$17 for individual luncheons

Reservations: 410-266-8846

March 10

Saturday Night Shindig

Details to come

March 25

Maryland Day Open House

1-4pm

April 1

Museum opens for 2012 Season

Sundays 1-4pm

May 15

Coach Excursion

Details to come

May 19

Annual SERC Open House

Visit us there!



CAPTAIN AVERY MUSEUM
POST OFFICE BOX 89
SHADY SIDE, MARYLAND 20764

NON-PROFIT
STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
ANNAPOLIS, MD
PERMIT #154
ZIP CODE 21403