

# CAPTAIN AVERY MUSEUM



NEWSLETTER

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## BEST SUMMER EVER! Announcing This Season's "Summer Sunday Series"

**Kids, get the grownups to bring you to one of our special Summer Sunday Series...right on our waterfront lawn!**

### RAINGUTTER REGATTA AND STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE

**Sunday, June 22nd, 1:30–3:30 p.m.**

Join us for a fun and relaxing afternoon on the waterfront... children can join in a Sailboat Derby aka "Raingutter Regatta" and enjoy delicious strawberry shortcake. This is not just any shortcake, you'll get real whipped cream made from our old-fashioned Dazey jar churn! Feel free to bring along your kayak or canoe and launch it from our dock.

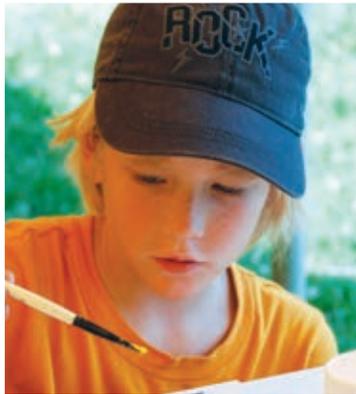
Families, you can also tour our exhibit, "Life on the Water: Seasons of the West River Watermen" and explore our gardens with one of our "Discovery Kits."

Cost: \$5/person (member); \$6/person (non-member). One price, all ages. Reservation deadline: Sunday, June 15th.

### ART IN THE GARDEN

**Sunday, July 13th,  
1:30–3:30 p.m.**

Fun for children of all ages. Get in touch with your creative side by painting a canvas or flowerpot with our rain-garden or waterfront view. The event includes canvas or flowerpot, paint and paintbrush, with home-made sugar cookies and lemonade served while



you paint! Some of our artist friends from the Muddy Creek Artists' Guild will be on hand to join the fun! You can also tour our exhibit and explore our gardens...

Cost: \$15/person. One price, all ages. Reservation deadline: Sunday, July 6th.

### "SUNDAE" SUNDAY

**Sunday, August 3rd,  
1:30–3:30 p.m.**

We welcome everyone to gather on the waterfront lawn or sit inside the screen porch and enjoy a lazy Sunday with a sundae. We'll demonstrate how ice cream used to be made with an old-fashioned turn-crank ice cream maker. Lots of games will be on hand for entertainment. Enjoy family fun one last time before school starts! You can also tour our exhibit and explore our gardens...



Cost: \$5/person (member), \$6/person (non-member), includes ice cream, banana slices, topping choice galore and a cherry for the top. Plus, you get a Shady Side Soft Serve coupon good for a free ice cream cone!

Reservation deadline: Sunday, July 27th.

To register, please go online at [captainaverymuseum.org](http://captainaverymuseum.org) and you will find all our events on the main page of our website.

## GREENSTREET GROWERS Announces Three-Year Captain's Circle Sponsorship

Mr. Ray Greenstreet, President of Greenstreet Growers and an enthusiastic South County advocate, announced his intention to embark on an exciting three-year Captain's Circle sponsorship in a meeting with Board Members Susy Smith and Pat Freiberg, plus Executive Director Gerry Robertson. Foundational elements of this win-win plan are in place with other collaborative ideas being discussed. During the same meeting, Ray announced that Greenstreet Growers would be a Presenting Sponsor at this year's Oyster Festival!



A very passionate advocate of sustainable environmental and economic business models, Ray also took the group on an enlightening tour of the greenhouses and facilities. Their new plant-wall models—with designs for the home and the office—are fascinating. It is not hard to imagine these concepts becoming standard in architectural planning in the near future.

These initiatives are excellent examples of working together to achieve synergistic benefits for our community.

## Dr. Al Luckenbach's Lively "Pig Point Excavation" Presentation a Rousing Success!

County archaeologist, Dr. Al Luckenbach, pictured here with Board Chair, Prue Hoppin and Executive Director Gerry Robertson spoke to an enthusiastic, packed house despite having to be rescheduled two times due to snow! Remember the snow?!

Called Pig Point, (just north of Jug Bay at the end of Wrighton Road), Al's team uncovered the oldest known artifacts in the Mid-Atlantic region. The site was once a center of trade and boasts one of the best unbroken archaeological records on the East Coast. The site has yielded the oldest wigwam structures ever found in Maryland, dating to the third century. By comparison, European colonists didn't arrive in this area until the late seventeenth century!

To learn more, go to [www.losttownsproject.org](http://www.losttownsproject.org) and click "Learn more about the Pig Point site."



## A FOND FAREWELL to Roberta Dorn and Melanie Turner

*"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."* —A.A. Milne, *Winnie-the-Pooh*

The board, staff, members and friends of the Captain Avery Museum would like to bid a fond farewell to two very special board members who recently stepped down after serving wisely and with great heart.

**ROBERTA DORN** brought sound, insightful ideas to light during her long tenure. She successfully chaired the raffle program and introduced "Captain Avery's Café" to the Oyster Festival. And it was Roberta who provided food and served the kids at the Children's Tree Trimming party. Her long-sought goal to launch an exciting bus excursion program has become a staple program here—Roberta diligently pursued interesting places and personally visited most of them before declaring them "approved!"



**MELANIE TURNER** began as an exceptional volunteer who wore many hats in her years with us. In addition to serving as Board Chair, she chaired or co-chaired activities including the Oyster Festival,

Music-on-the-Bay, the museum shop and the fine fare served at the Winter Luncheon Series. Children's programs were her passion and Melanie led them in creative craft projects and educational activities. Anyone she encountered was easily motivated (or maybe captured) by her ever-present positive spirit.

*You are both greatly missed...thank you.*



## In Search of an Enthusiastic Volunteer

THE MUSEUM WOULD BE LOST WITHOUT OUR CADRE OF CARING VOLUNTEERS...

We are seeking a volunteer facilities coordinator to provide care and maintenance for our historically-registered museum—a position that can be both rewarding and fun. Do you have the skills and heart to care for a dear, historic 150-year-old building?

If the answer is "yes," we would love to hear from you!

Please contact Volunteer Coordinator Cheryl Rigdon at [crrigdon@gmail.com](mailto:crrigdon@gmail.com).

P.S. We will not ask you to cut the grass or do the weeding!

### CAPTAIN AVERY MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

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The Captain Avery Museum, founded by the Shady Side Rural Heritage Society, Inc. operates a Museum campus located on the banks of the West River. The Museum's mission is to preserve and share local Chesapeake Bay history and engage the community by providing educational and recreational programs and activities.

Memberships are \$30 for Individuals; \$25 for Seniors; \$65 for Families; \$125 for Friend; \$200 for Donor; \$300 for Supporter; \$500 for Patron; \$1,000 for Benefactor, and \$1000+ for Director's Circle. Call or write the Museum today!

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## We've got a lot going on this year...Here's what's happening!

For more details and to register, please go to [www.captainaverymuseum.org](http://www.captainaverymuseum.org)  
Please note: there are deadlines for registration, so register as soon as you can.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 22** — Raingutter Regatta/Sailboat Derby and Strawberry Shortcake, Captain Avery Museum (Captain Avery Museum, 1:30–3:30. See cover story.)

**SUNDAY, JULY 13** — Art in the Garden; (Captain Avery Museum, 1:30–3:30. See cover story.)

**TUESDAY, JULY 15** — Allenberry Resort Inn & Playhouse At Boiling Springs, PA  
Admission: Members \$110; Non-members \$125  
Deadline for reservations is June 13th. Price includes transportation, admission, lunch, all taxes and gratuities and a matinee of "42nd Street!"

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 3** — "Sundae" Sunday (Captain Avery Museum, 1:30–3:30. See cover story.)

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 12** — Stratford Hall – Home of the Lees, Stratford, VA and The Hague Winery  
Admission: Members \$95; Non-members \$110  
Deadline for reservations is July 7th. Price includes transportation, admission, lunch, all taxes and gratuities.

*Features a guided tour of the 18th century great house, museum exhibits, a walk through the restored gardens and then a visit to The Hague Winery. A box lunch will be served under the outdoor pergola in view of the vineyard, followed by a visit to the tasting room!*

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9** — Longwood Gardens at Kennett Square, PA  
Admission: Members \$95; Non-members \$110  
Deadline for reservations is August 13th. Price includes transportation, admission, lunch, all taxes and gratuities.  
*Experience the world of Longwood Gardens...a place to see dazzling displays that elevate the art of horticulture. Longwood Gardens is one of the world's great gardens.*

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7** — George Washington's Mount Vernon at Mount Vernon, VA  
Admission: Members \$110; Non-members \$125  
Deadline for reservations is September 2nd. Price includes transportation, admission, lunch, all taxes and gratuities.

*Enjoy an educational and entertaining visit to our founding father's estate. Tour the Mansion and grounds, which features a working blacksmith shop, pioneer farm, slave cabins and the burial tombs of George and Martha Washington. One of the best views on the Potomac.*

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19** — Captain Avery Museum's 2014 West River Heritage Day Oyster Festival!  
The Festival runs from 12:30 until 5 p.m. featuring oysters freshly shucked and served raw on the half shell, fried and stewed. Mark your calendars now and tell all your friends!

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13** — Cirque de la Symphonie at the Kennedy Center, Washington, DC  
Admission: ticket prices will not be known until late July. Please watch for details on our website.

*Artists include amazing veterans of aerial flyers, acrobats, contortionists, jugglers, and strongmen. Each artist performance is choreographed to classical masterpieces and popular contemporary music in collaboration with the maestro of the National Symphony Orchestra Pops.*

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 10–17, 2015** — Taste of the Yucatan; Merida, Mexico  
Admission: \$1,800 Deadline for reservations and deposit is June 13th. Please see our website for all the exciting details.  
*We are fortunate to offer a special week-long excursion at an all-inclusive price that features meals, lodging, cooking classes, two day-long excursions, and more!*

## CAPTAIN SALEM AVERY BANJO ON TOUR!

Our very special banjo, pictured here with favored-son musician (with sideline interests in environmental science and sailing) Andy Garte, was once owned by Captain Salem Avery and is currently featured in a very special exhibit, "Making Music: The Banjo in Baltimore & Beyond" at the Baltimore Museum of Industry in Baltimore.

A gift to the Captain Avery Museum from member Mike Dunn, this rare banjo, called a "stencil girl," was built by William E. Boucher, ca. 1840's–50's in Baltimore. A customer could choose to have a hoop-skirted woman, i.e. "stencil girl" inscribed into the still-wet paint of the banjo's finish.

As the northernmost point for the southern economy and the South's most industrialized city, 19th century Baltimore was the epicenter of the banjo's earliest production. Between the 1730s and 1830s the Chesapeake region of Maryland had more banjos than anywhere in North America. The Baltimore Museum of Industry is located at 1415 Key Highway, Inner Harbor South, Baltimore. This fascinating exhibit runs until October 18th.



# A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR NEIGHBORS



*The Museum was chosen by the South County Community Church for their inaugural "Cares" service program a few weeks ago and their enthusiasm and expertise was evident. The age-range of participants spanned several generations and their collective efforts in improving the Museum and grounds were noteworthy: Said CAM Executive Director, Gerry Robertson, "It is wonderful to see the porch and furniture sparkling, the boat cleaned of winter dust and the grounds looking so regal!"*



*A fan and supporter of the Museum for many years, Brian Morehead of West River Gardens and Brian's Lawn Service Lawn Service has provided much-appreciated support for our garden. Said Gerry Robertson, "The heart of this museum resonates with the thoughtful commitment from our friends and neighbors." West River Gardens is a family owned and operated flower nursery and landscape supply store. You can find them at [www.westrivergardens.com](http://www.westrivergardens.com). Thanks Brian.*

## WE NEED YOU TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER! Call Cheryl Rigdon at 443-203-6882

*Museum grounds and outdoor exhibits are open every day, year-round, dawn to dusk. Except for certain holidays, the Museum's indoor exhibits are open April – November, Sunday, 1 – 4 p.m., and the Miss Ethel Memorial Library is open Monday afternoons, 12 – 3 p.m., or by appointment.*

*For information on programs, call 410-867-4486 or visit [www.captainaverymuseum.org](http://www.captainaverymuseum.org)*

This summer, be sure to see our exciting exhibit, "Seasons of the West River Watermen." Learn about watermen and the roles they played in their families and communities— on display from 1:00–4:00 p.m. on Sundays through November!

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