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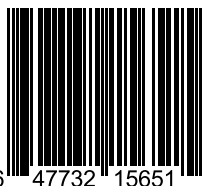
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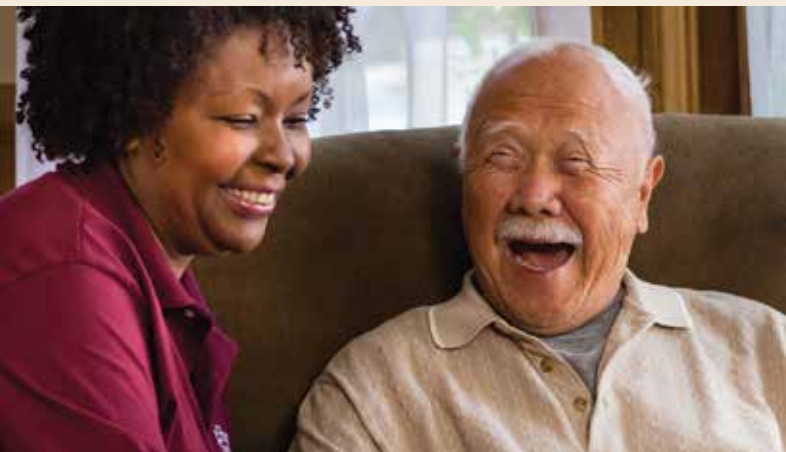
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Ask the Undertaker

~ by Ryan Helfenbein ~

Imagine going to your local mechanic after finding a problem with your car and immediately asking, “How much to get it fixed?” They’d look at us as if we had three eyes and follow up with a response of something along the lines of “How would I know?” After all, they’d need to diagnose exactly what needs to be done, what materials would be required and most importantly how much time the entire process should take. After a thorough evaluation and discussion of your expectations of them, they could give a roundabout answer but even then, it could still change once they get under that hood, couldn’t it? This is exactly what we find occurring in funeral homes daily. “How Much...” is the most commonly asked question and one that is impossible to answer by any undertaker. So then what should be asked of a funeral home when we have a death occur in our family?

Now, unless your local undertaker has a crystal ball no death care professional on this planet can provide the answer to the question regarding exact cost immediately after a passing. It is going to require a detailed discussion of next steps, and much like that of the mechanic, a diagnosis of what assistance will be necessary. Factors that come into play would include: where are services (if any) going to be held and where is the final placement (cemetery, columbarium, Arlington National Cemetery, etc.)? The undertaker will also need to take into consideration what assistance will be required to accommodate the method of disposition chosen (traditional burial, green burial, cremation, etc.), condition of the decedent, where exactly death occurred, was there a post mortem examination, and is there to be a public or private viewing. Questions like these would provide some insight of what will be required, time commitment and necessary merchandise in order to carry out the guidance requested. Personal preference regarding necessary merchandise also needs to be considered. Much like getting our car repaired, type of oil, choice of tires and overall personal opinion come into consideration in order to determine a total cost. Each necessity in caring for a recently departed comes at a variety of price points and that total expense is ultimately a combination of necessary assistance and personal preference of the family and/or the individual.

Ok, so the undertaker needs to learn what is to be done with the deceased, what merchandise is needed and that’s it? I wish it could be that easy. Unfortunately, there are outside factors that come into play as well. For example, what newspapers or online platforms would the obituary run in, how many death certificates, how much for cemetery expenses...and the list goes on. These questions create even greater challenge for an undertaker. All these factors come into play in order to determine the total cost and are impossible to provide immediately upon an individual’s passing.

Several years ago, the National Funeral Directors Association found that there are over 120 questions that need to be answered immediately upon a death in order for an undertaker to determine a total cost. Even though a General Price List is required to be given by a death care provider, although it might as well be written in a foreign language, it still cannot begin to identify all costs necessary to carry out the guidance requested. Perhaps a better approach would be to have an open discussion with the undertaker to identify exactly what that funeral home can offer and allow them to do most of the questioning so the best possible guidance can be given. Ultimately, the very first question to ask that undertaker when a death occurs is not “how much” but rather, “How can you help me?”

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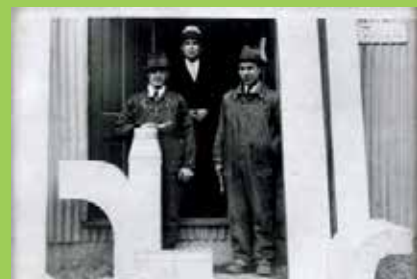
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Each September, as my children and I pack their new bookbags with school supplies, the scent of freshly sharpened pencils and the crisp edges of new notebooks stir in me the feeling of beginning.

New Year's Day is my favorite holiday, Monday is my favorite day of the week, and September might be my favorite month. Each is like a blank sheet of paper, an empty room in a new home, or a trailhead at the beginning of a hike. I love a fresh start.

This month at Shore Monthly, we are introducing something new — a feature we are calling “Atmosphere.” In it, we will visit the hottest spots and quirkiest nooks where you can experience something special. The Stoltz Listening Room launches this feature. Its second-story views of downtown Easton and its hip setting are reason enough to visit, but you will return to see live music performed by some of the hottest up-and-coming artists.

We hope this new feature will inspire you in the coming months to immerse yourself in Eastern Shore culture.

Our theme this month is a shift in perspective — the Shore from above. In addition to the Stoltz, we take you to a home among the treetops with the birds, to Chloe Tang's pilot seat in a helicopter, into drone photographer Sam Shoge's artistic vision, and beyond the Earth with a visit to Wallops Flight Facility.

Keep looking up.

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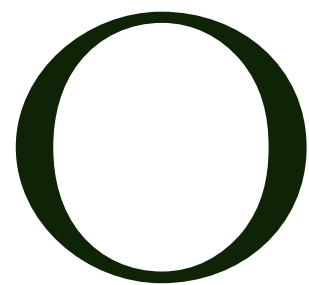
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WAY UP IN THE TREES



Story by Jennifer Martella | Photos by Caroline J. Phillips



ne of my favorite childhood movies was “Swiss Family Robinson.” I was fascinated by the house they

built as separate rooms with wood walls and bamboo/reed roofing high up in the trees on branches at different heights. In one magical scene, Mrs. Robinson pulls a cord that opens a roof panel to reveal the sky. For months, I begged my parents to construct a tree house in our tall walnut tree but to no avail.

In Talbot County, one family built a dual-level tree house with a zipline. The parents respected the tree as a living thing, so the self-supported tree house was built around (not on) the tree, and the supports, decks and railings were stained to blend in with the tree.

An open-riser stair takes you to the first level, where you have several choices for exploring: relax on the deck, shimmy down a pole to the ground, fly through the air on the zipline, climb the sloped ladder to the second deck high in the tree, or make use of another ingenious design feature. A roped screen stretches between two large branches like a huge hammock between the two decks. During the day, the twins could climb the hammock between the tree branches without harming the tree. At night, the rope hammock becomes a space to recline and study the stars.

Homes can also be built for those who wish to spend time among the treetops. Architect Peter Newlin designed such a home for an ornithologist who had purchased a site and built a small one-room cabin as her

weekend getaway. The cabin is nestled in a wooded area surrounded by conifers, mature deciduous trees, native plants, a creek, and a marsh that attracts birds and other wildlife.

The ornithologist then asked Newlin to design a three-story addition so she could better observe the different species of birds who seek various heights for feeding or nesting areas. The conifers on the property provide shelter, nest sites, and food for birds who prefer high spaces. The wild grasses and weeds provide cover for ground-nesting birds, and their seeds provided abundant food for many

“ At night, the rope hammock becomes a space to recline and study the stars.

other types of birds. Trees that bear fruit in autumn, such as dogwoods and berry plants, provide food for migratory birds and allow nonmigratory birds to fatten up to face the food challenges in winter. The oaks and other trees provide food for jays, titmice, woodpeckers as well as nesting habitats for many other species.

Newlin designed a tower that was inserted into the site as carefully as possible for minimum invasion of wildlife habitat. The hipped roof of the original cabin inspired the shed roof of the wraparound porch that connects the cabin to the tower. Multiple windows allowed for views of the serene





landscape and, when opened, a way to listen to the birds. The ornithologist especially liked the second-floor deck off her bedroom so she could view her avian companions.

I recently visited the house with Newlin to meet the current and third owner, who is a renowned photographer. The original design has adapted beautifully to changes in the floor plan and massing. The owner said the second owner added the inglenook with a fireplace on the main floor, the ground floor deck along the creek, and a screened walkway to a free-standing screened porch.

The original one-story cabin is now the photographer's office. The sitting room with its original posts around the center that delineated the comfortable upholstered seating area now seamlessly expands into the inglenook addition. The ceiling of the third-floor sitting room was pitched on all four sides to better reflect the sunlight throughout the day.

This house won a Citation of Merit from the Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Both an ornithologist and a photographer have found peace and serenity here high in the trees. **S**



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BIRD'S EYE VIEW



Photographer Sam Shoge's
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of Eastern Shore landscapes

Photos by Sam Shoge

STAGE LEFT

Sam Shoge, owner and proprietor of Shore Studios, uses aerial drone photography to tell stories. Working mostly during sunrise and sunset, Shoge seeks golden light, dynamic skies, and magical, fleeting moments in his documentary-style images. He is interested in Eastern Shore landscapes.

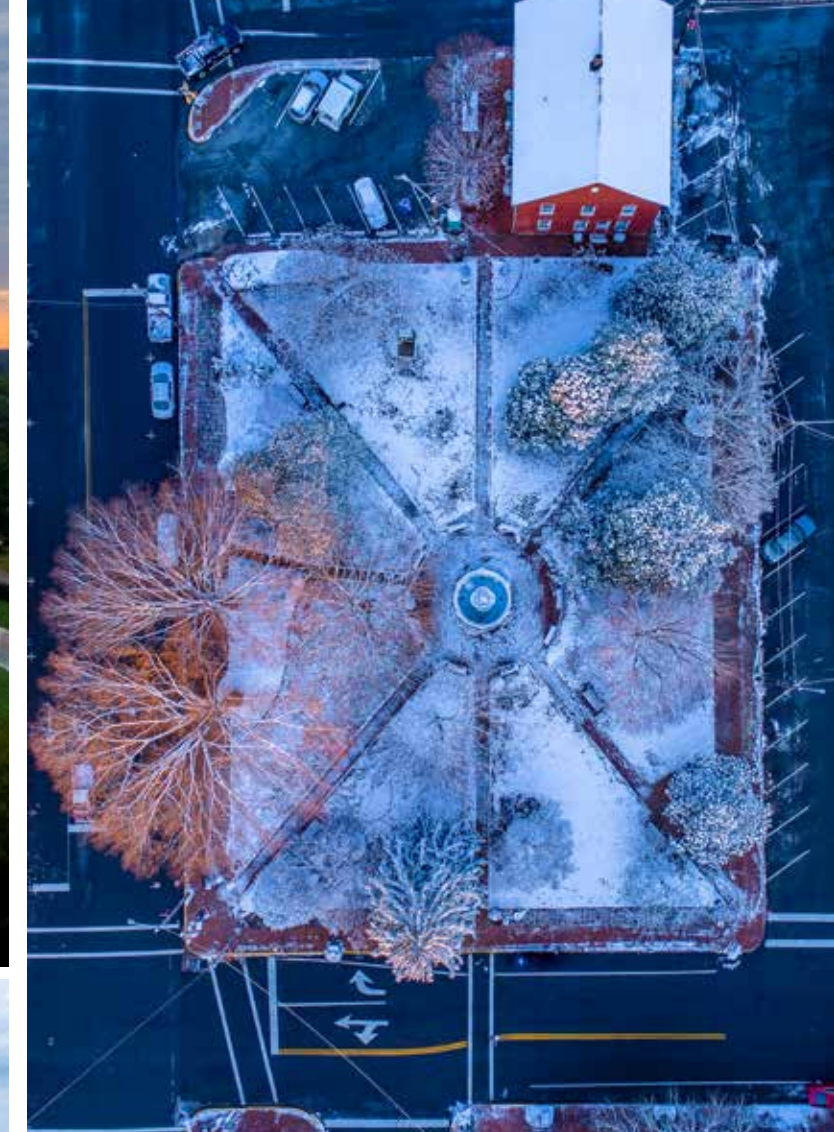




Never formally trained in art, Shoge was drawn to drones as a tech-savvy adult who had long been seeking a creative outlet. The new horizons of drone photography provided a maker's path for Shoge, drawing on his personal passions — technological innovation, rural landscapes, rural community, and support for regional businesses.



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For the Love of Nature, you'll be amazed at all there is to see and do. Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge, only seven miles from Rock Hall, is nestled along the Chesapeake Bay and Chester River. This protected habitat is home to a wealth of wildlife and to a one-of-a-kind butterfly garden, where hundreds of the brilliant winged creatures flock in the Fall. Drawn to the refuge, the Monarch is one of the few butterflies that migrate in the central and eastern U.S., making their way south from September to the third week of October. This island has seven unique hiking trails to choose from to explore marshlands, forests and beaches. Plan a picnic at the Ingleside Recreation Area, complete with tables and a magnificent view of the Chesapeake Bay. Be sure to stop in at the Refuge's Welcome Center. Another example of beautiful mother nature is the Turners Creek and Sassafras River Natural Resources Management Area in Kennedyville. The three miles of shoreline and 143-acre area covers woodlands, wetlands and agriculture fields. Hikers along the way can enjoy the spectacular views of the Sassafras River and Chesapeake Bay from the high banks that face south. Be sure to stop in to the Knocks Folly visitor center.

Biking and equestrian trail riding are also popular activities to complete your outdoor adventure. If cycling is your preferred way of exploring Kent County, the area has many bike trails to choose. Enjoy the flat winding roads that make up the Chesapeake County National Scenic Byway.

While in Chestertown be sure to hop on the Wayne Gilchrest Trail, which connects Washington College to historic downtown Chestertown.

Relish the Views from the Beaches. While Kent County is known for its picturesque harbors, it is also home to two designated beach areas, where you will be challenged to find a more spectacular view. In Rock Hall at Ferry Park, beach-goers can enjoy the charming strip of beach, complete with a quaint boardwalk, picnic tables and barbecue grills. You will find that this panoramic view of the Chesapeake Bay is even better after the summer season. On clear days, this Bayside oasis provides outstanding views to Maryland's western shore and promises some of the most beautiful sunsets available. For another option, swing by Historic Betterton Beach, just 15 miles from Chestertown. This 5-acre, landscaped park and exceptionally sandy beach is handicap accessible and has 300 feet of frontage. It's home to 500 feet of boardwalk, a relaxing picnic pavilion located on a bay view bluff, public bath houses with showers, shaded picnic tables and a beach volleyball court. This is also considered one of the most spectacular spots for the avid photographer. There is also a fishing jetty with a surface walk and a public pier, where transient boating is available.

Foodies will Love the combination of fresh food and drink with this bucolic countryside. Farming and agriculture constitute a large portion of the economy, and during most *continued*




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months, local markets and restaurants brim with fresh produce and meats. With a desired location along the Upper Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake Bay, it might not be surprising to learn that Kent County is a site known for delicious, straight-from-the-water seafood. In fact, if your timing is right, you may be able to watch a Rock Hall Waterman unload his catch for the day. Restaurants offer powerful views, amazing drinks, and incredible food. Don’t forget to take home a scrumptious souvenir, like a bushel of crabs or other seafood delights to go. No matter what you choose to see and do, it’s good to know that when you work up your appetite, there is a restaurant here for every taste. From mouth-watering burgers to gourmet seafood entrees, the flavor is yours to choose. From waterfront vistas to historic red-brick sidewalks, the view is yours to pick. Foodies will also love savoring locally made wine and spirits with a tasting at one of the county’s producers.

Nestled just outside of the town of Kennedyville is Crow Winery. In addition to wine tastings, this award-winning winery is also a vineyard, working farm, a Farm Stay B&B, and is becoming well known for their many events. Another must stop is Bad Alfred’s Distilling located in Downtown Chestertown, where visitors watch as vodka, gin and brandy are made, and then the tastings begin—directly from the stills. Continue your wine and spirits tour and stop in to say hello at Casa Carmen Wine Bar, also in Downtown Chestertown. For a complete list of dining options waiting to wow your taste buds in Kent County, visit kentcounty.com/dining.

History buffs will be delighted. Did you know that Chestertown, the county seat, has the second largest collection of 18th and 19th century structures in the state of Maryland? Located on the banks of the Chester River, this historic town was founded in 1706, when it served as a thriving Mid-Atlantic port of entry for the colonial movement into Maryland. Along with being a prosperous shipbuilding and trading center, it became a locus for government and court. In fact, the County’s court records are the oldest in the State, dating back to the 1640s. Washington College, located in Chestertown and founded in 1782, is the tenth oldest college in the Nation. George Washington personally gave use of his name and a founding gift of 50 guineas. General Washington also served on the College’s Board of Visitors and Governors prior to becoming the first president of the United States of America. Just down the road from the college is the Kent County Visitor Center at the corner of Maple Ave. and Cross St. Here you’ll be able to pick up the self-guided Walking Tour of Historic Chestertown. While there, ask about the Museums of Kent County brochure and other historic sites throughout the County.

Affection for the Arts runs deep in Kent County. With literally hundreds of resident artists in Kent County, local artwork may be found around every corner. It is no wonder why Historic Chestertown was designated an Arts & Entertainment District. Find a complete list of artists, studios and galleries at kentcounty.com/arts. For the music lover, be sure to catch a live performance at The Garfield Center for the Arts at Prince Theatre on High Street in Chestertown (garfieldcenter.org) and The Mainstay on Main Street in Rock Hall (mainstayrockhall.org). From local talent to nationally renowned, both of these music venues attract performers that pack the house. You will also find other opportunities to enjoy live music at many restaurants, bars and events.

A Traditionally Friendly Shopping Experience awaits you in the quaint towns of Kent County. From the whimsical shops and antique stores of Rock Hall and Galena to boutique stores and art galleries in Chestertown, you will find one-of-a-kind gifts, sprinkled with old fashion, friendly service. You’ll find a variety of stores that include women’s clothing, home goods, wine and cheese, natural foods, eclectic gift selections, children’s clothing, an abundance of fine and crafted artwork, and much more. Galena is where you want to look for that special antique piece. Head for Rock Hall for more eclectic gift options, nautical selections, island-wear, and again – so much more. *continued*

Plan your trip around an event

Kent County has hundreds of events—year-round. Here is a sample of upcoming events. For more information and a complete list, visit kentcounty.com/events.

Chestertown Farmers & Artisan Market Every Sat.; begins at 8:00 a.m. in Fountain Park

First Fridays in Downtown Chestertown

Live: Mainstay Monday
Joe Holt and Guest
Mondays at 7:00 p.m.;
The Mainstay on Main St., Rock Hall

Chestertown Jazz Festival
Sept. 12 - Sept. 16; Wilmer Park and other venues

Chestertown Car Show
Sept. 14; 2-6pm; Historic Downtown

Run The Vineyard - Crow 5k
Sept. 21; Crow Vineyard and Winery, Kennedyville

Live: Billy Price Band-The Mainstay Blues
Sept. 28; The Mainstay Rock Hall

Chestertown HP Festival
Oct. 4 & 5; Downtown Chestertown

Chestertown Historic House Tour
Oct. 5; 1-5pm; Self-guided tour begins at Bordley History Center, High St., Chestertown

Chestertown Historic Ghost Walks
Every Saturday in October; Guided walks run every half hour from 6:30-8:30pm; Tours begin at Bordley History Center, High St., Chestertown

St. Martins Ministries Fall Gala
Oct. 11; Rock Hall; Dinner, music, silent & live auctions; stmartinsministries.org

Rock Hall FallFest & Oyster Festival
Oct. 12; Lots of Oysters! Lots of Music! Main Street Rock Hall;

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Beautiful Condo on the Chesapeake Bay in Rock Hall.
Deep water boat slip, three level home with an updated kitchen open to a living room, a garage, water views from all three levels. Incredible home with tons of character, modern conveniences. Charming Rock Hall & waterfront home is a great combo!
\$399,900 MDKE100003



414 Bell Ave
Nice home with loads of space! Four bedroom, 2.5 bath, updated kitchen. Has a family room with brick fireplace on the lower level and a beautiful screened porch on the main level. Oversized two car garage and shed on the property. Beautifully landscaped
\$285,000 MDKE114082



Just Listed in Rock Hall
Located on N. Main St, this three bedroom 1 bath home has a deck, an enclosed porch, hardwood floors, and is a solidly built home with a detached garage.
\$194,900 MDKE115198



Energy Saver!
This home was built with energy savings in mind!! North side of house is protected by earth berms to protect from winter weather conditions. The southern exposure has a multitude of windows! There is even an attached green house so you can grow all year long!!
\$750,000 MDKE114882



Historic District but New
So much to love about this home! Wood floors, gas fire-place open floor plan, first floor master suite and all within walking distance to downtown Chestertown! Screened in porch!
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You will find everything you want in this relaxing oasis. Whether cycling, bird watching, getting out on the water, taking a nature walk, exploring history, touring or having fun at one of the many events, you will fall in love with this very special Chesapeake Bay region called Kent County. For more information, please visit kentcounty.com, and be sure to follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @visitkentcounty.



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LISTENING *at the Stoltz*

This month, Shore Monthly introduces Atmosphere, focusing on hot spots across our region.

Story by Sarah Ensor
Photos by Caroline J. Phillips

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THE SPOT:

The Stoltz Listening Room at The Avalon Theatre on Dover Street in Easton.

THE DIGS:

A 60-seat music venue with two walls of windows offering views of Easton.

THE VIBE:

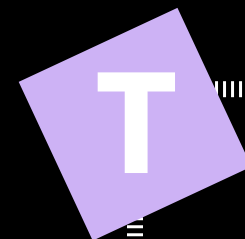
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The Stoltz Listening Room, celebrating its 10th anniversary, is cool, intimate space on the second floor of The Avalon Theatre. The room, originally built as a ballroom, was renovated specifically as a small music venue with great acoustics.

As The Avalon Foundation staff members began to consider developing a small music venue, they were approached by Keith Stoltz, who wanted to honor his parents' 50th anniversary by supporting The Avalon. Jack and Susan Stoltz are huge supporters of the theater, and he wanted to honor their commitment to the arts and the community.





The staff responded by pitching Keith Stoltz an idea for the room. Their proposed renovations would have cost roughly \$50,000. Stoltz said it should be better. His vision for the project brought it to about \$200,000, and he funded the whole project.

The Avalon hosts roughly 100 performances a year, and while shows demanding smaller crowds did well financially, it was a bit lonely to have a small crowd in the 400-seat theater. The Stoltz Listening Room, sold out at 60 people, feels electric and exciting, and it has developed a reputation among musicians for being a great venue.

“When a band is hot in there, the camaraderie gets blended together with the music,” said Tim Wiegand, marketing director for The Avalon Theatre. “It’s a place you’re just going to check out again.”

The same is true for musicians who return again and again to perform in the space. And it’s no wonder. The entire room was renovated for listening, from the shape and position of the stage to the fabric in the curtains and the chairs. A banquette under the windows lends to the lounge feel, and original photos by American photographer Pete Turner, known for his

ultra-saturated images. Turner was the eye behind many great album covers. If you think of the style of some of your favorite jazz albums, you are probably thinking about Turner’s work.

The room, although designed for acoustics, has a moody, cohesive aesthetic.

“A lot of different elements went into creating that feeling,” said Al Bond, president and CEO of the Avalon Foundation.

A few tips: Arrive at the venue early to get your favorite seats. Grab drinks at the bar, and mingle with others before the show starts. The second floor is accessible by stairs and elevator. ●



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REACH FOR THE STARS AT WALLOPS FLIGHT FACILITY

Story by Sarah Ensor | Photos by Caroline J. Phillips
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WAYFARING



Where does Earth end and the rest of the universe begin? In other words, where is space? According to NASA, space begins 100 kilometers (about 62 miles) above sea level. That is roughly the distance between Rock Hall and Cambridge, or Vienna to Wallops Flight Facility Visitor Center in Wallops Island, Virginia.

Wallops Flight Facility is the most recent name for NASA's Wallops Island station, which continues to play a crucial role in the space program.

Capsules for Project Mercury, the project that first launched humans into space, were tested at Wallops from 1959 to 1961. During that testing, two rhesus monkeys "manned" capsules. Sam rode 53 miles into

the sky in 1959, and in 1960, Miss Sam made it 8 miles up. Both monkeys returned safely to sea level.

These days, Wallops Flight Facility is home to NASA's sounding rocket, or research rocket, program. These sub-orbital rockets (which just means that once in space, these rockets cannot turn and begin to orbit Earth) are used to gather scientific research. The largest rockets launched from Wallops can travel as far as 900 miles from sea level but they go up and right back come down.

The Wallops Flight Facility Visitor Center offers interactive displays and regular programming, making it a great destination for a day trip that is both fun and educational (for adults as well as kids).





A great way to learn about the sounding rocket program is to attend on a day when the visitor center is hosting a model rocket launch. Before the launch, a visitor center employee will give a brief explanation of the sounding rocket program and then kids can participate in the model rocket launch to see a miniature version of how the sounding rockets work. (Without the scientific calculations and careful planning, model rockets tend not to return to Earth with the same accuracy as full-size sounding rockets.)

THE SOUNDING ROCKET PROGRAM

According to the Visitor Center presentation, scientists who want to study something that requires a rocket launch can approach NASA. Once NASA approves such projects, they are sent to Wallops. The scientists have a mission initiation conference with NASA in which they outline what they want the mission to accomplish.

Mechanical engineers then design the body of the payload (the part of the rocket above the motors all the way through the nose cone), and electrical engineers design the inside.

Once designed, the rocket goes to fabrication. The body of the rocket is


built out of large pieces of raw aluminum in a machine shop with huge mills. Electrical technicians build the interior, which can include miles of wiring.

Sounding rockets have fins to create spin, which stabilizes a rocket (for the same reason quarterbacks put spin on their football throws, the presenter explains).

The rocket is then tested, and measurements are made to determine the rocket's targets, including where all of the pieces will land when they return to Earth.

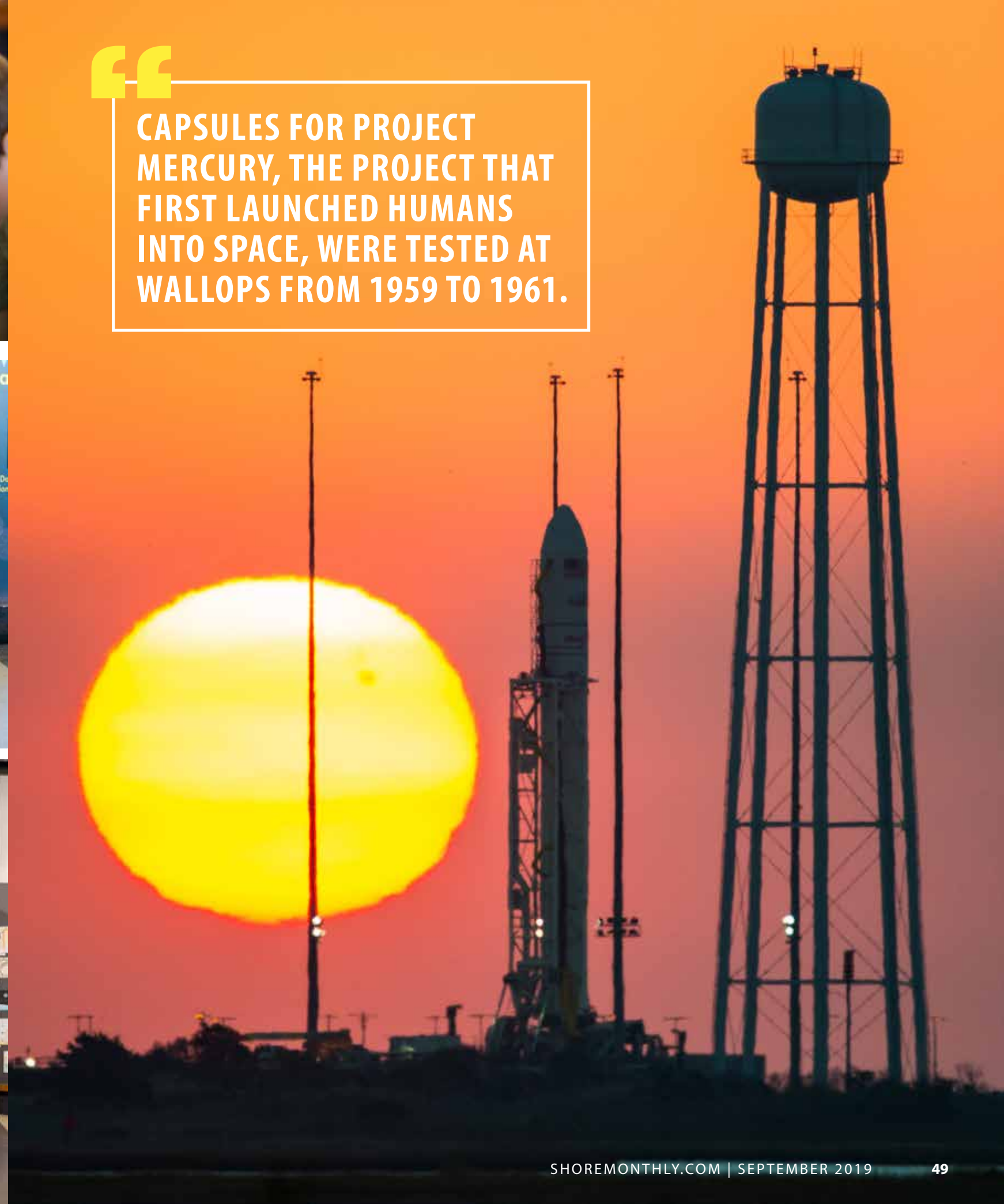
The payload and the motors meet for the first time on the launchpad. The rocket launches and returns fairly quickly, usually within 20 minutes. A parachute deploys, motors fall into the ocean, and boats go out to collect the payload.

VISITOR CENTER

The Visitor Center is free and open to the public. Check NASA's website, www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/home, or Wallops Visitor Center's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/nasawffvisitorcenter/, for seasonal hours, upcoming programming, and rocket launches, which can be viewed safely from the Visitor Center. 



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Sky's the limit



Easton's 20-something Helicopter Pilot Chloe Tong

Story by Kate Livie | Photo by Caroline J. Phillips

PROFILES

There's not a millennial that steamrolls the underachieving, parent's-base-ment-dwelling stereotype like Easton helicopter pilot Chloe Tong. While earning a helicopter pilot's license by 26 might have sufficed for mere mortals, Tong's energy and passion also sees her serving as the executive director and head coach of Eastern Shore Community Rowers and moonlighting as president of the board and company member at Continuum Dance. Tong, straightforward and outspoken, seems nonplussed by her own accomplishments. You get the impression that whether cutting through clouds or sculling across the Miles, this self-possessed woman is just at the start of a steady, continuous rise.





On her first interest in flying:

"Growing up, I was homeschooled, and my parents did a lot of traveling with me and my sister. I always enjoyed flying because it meant the start of something fun, a new adventure—and in the back of my mind, I always thought it would be fun to fly one day. As I got older, I realized flying jumbo jets wasn't really the right fit, but then I went on a helicopter trip over the Grand Canyon for my sister's birthday. The experience was amazing, and it stuck with me. I eventually took a trial helicopter flight, while I was nannying in Australia, to see if I still liked it—and I just fell in love."

On getting her pilot's license as a 20-something:

"I just knew I was ready for something new. I was at a point in my life where I felt like I wasn't using my brain, and I wanted to challenge myself and to learn something different. Flying allowed me to combine that free feeling I knew I enjoyed with the challenge of working in a mechanical field, something I had never done before in my entire life."

"So, I contacted a few flight agencies in Australia, and found one that seemed like a good fit. I did my first ten hours of lessons there, and when I moved home to the Eastern Shore, I kept with it at Horizon Helicopters in



Newark, Del. Honestly, it took me a long time to get my private license. I'm dyslexic so I hated all the studying, and I was working to help pay for the lessons, so I couldn't focus on getting my license full-time. But ultimately, I got there, and to be certified to fly other people was a really, really cool experience."

On being a woman pilot:

"I do think the perception that women pilots are rare is true. I was the first female to get my license at Horizon Helicopters, and I've personally never met another woman helicopter pilot. I think that has to do with a societal expectation of women performing certain jobs—and being a

pilot or a mechanic, as a woman, is not encouraged. But at my flying school, being different was an advantage. One of my instructors even said that most of the women pilots he knew were better than the male pilots. And you kind of quickly got past gender. At the end of the day, we all just wanted to go fly—and in the air, that's all that matters."

On having a birds-eye view:

"While enjoy flying over water or in Australia, over mountains, I really like flying over more populated areas—that's very cool. Flying up, 1,000 or 1,500 feet over people's backyards, they always think you can't see them, but you totally can. And you see all sorts of things, like people swimming naked in the middle of the day."

On flying as dance:

"I do think flying and dance are similar. You have to figure out how to get the helicopter to listen to every single movement, and you're using your feet and both hands at both times to control it. You're extremely aware of your surroundings and what you're doing with your body—something that rowing and dance have in common with flying. They're all very physical, and you have to be sensitive to what's going on around you and coordinating your movements."

On plans for her future as a pilot:

"I'm sure my interests will change with experience, but right now helicopter tourism and photography sound amazing to me. Flying can be a pretty stressful experience, and the idea of flying over beautiful places with a more relaxed, low-stress objective sounds really good."

"I hope that flying will be a long career for me and is something that is always in my life. I want to continue to learn and grow from it. I really believe that you can't be scared to try something that other people might think is crazy. My parents have always told me to dream for the big things and see what happens—and in this case, it's been better than I ever could have imagined."

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The gala featured a three-course meal with a signature dessert by

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