

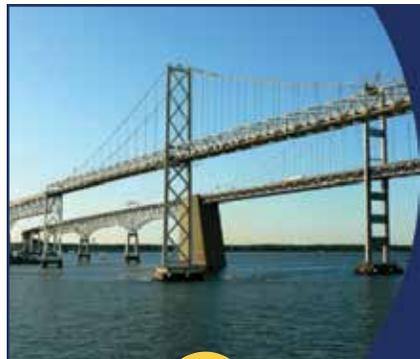
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EDITORS' NOTE

Home. Whatever the personalized meaning one might have with that word, it's where we're all most comfortable and most like ourselves. And, whether it's full time or vacation time, we all, in some way, call the Shore our home.

Home is a place we share with friends, family, pets; it's a place where activities come to life and experiences are handmade with love and care. Memories, happiness and good vibes await us when we walk through that door.

The people who make our dwellings "homey" play such an important part in our day to day lives. Even during vacations and rentals, we all want to feel those comforts. Travel and experiences cultivated with ourselves in mind also contribute to what we know as home.

In this issue of Shore, we wanted to showcase the fine aspects of curating that lived-in space. Whether you have multiple houses, vacation on the Shore or simply have that Shore life aesthetic in your residence, you know the importance of those little creature comforts that really do make you feel "at home."

In this issue, you'll see what lengths people go to in vacationing, renting and visiting the Shore; what aspects of living and spending time, however long the stay, people here enjoy and relish.

We wanted to highlight those interesting ideas and business, as well as showcase travel ideas and experiences, on the Eastern Shore that sparked an interest in us. We hope they'll spark an interest in you too.

So whether you want the same brand of eggs waiting for you at your summer spot on the Shore or you want to bring the whole family together under one roof, this edition is all about "the place in which one's domestic affections are centered" — home.

So rather than end this letter by writing our standard "thank you," we will just leave it like this: Welcome home.

— Jonathan and Eli

CORRECTION: In the SHORE September 2018 print edition and the subsequent February 2022 print edition, we misidentified the late Richard Slaughter in our article titled Smoky & Sweet.



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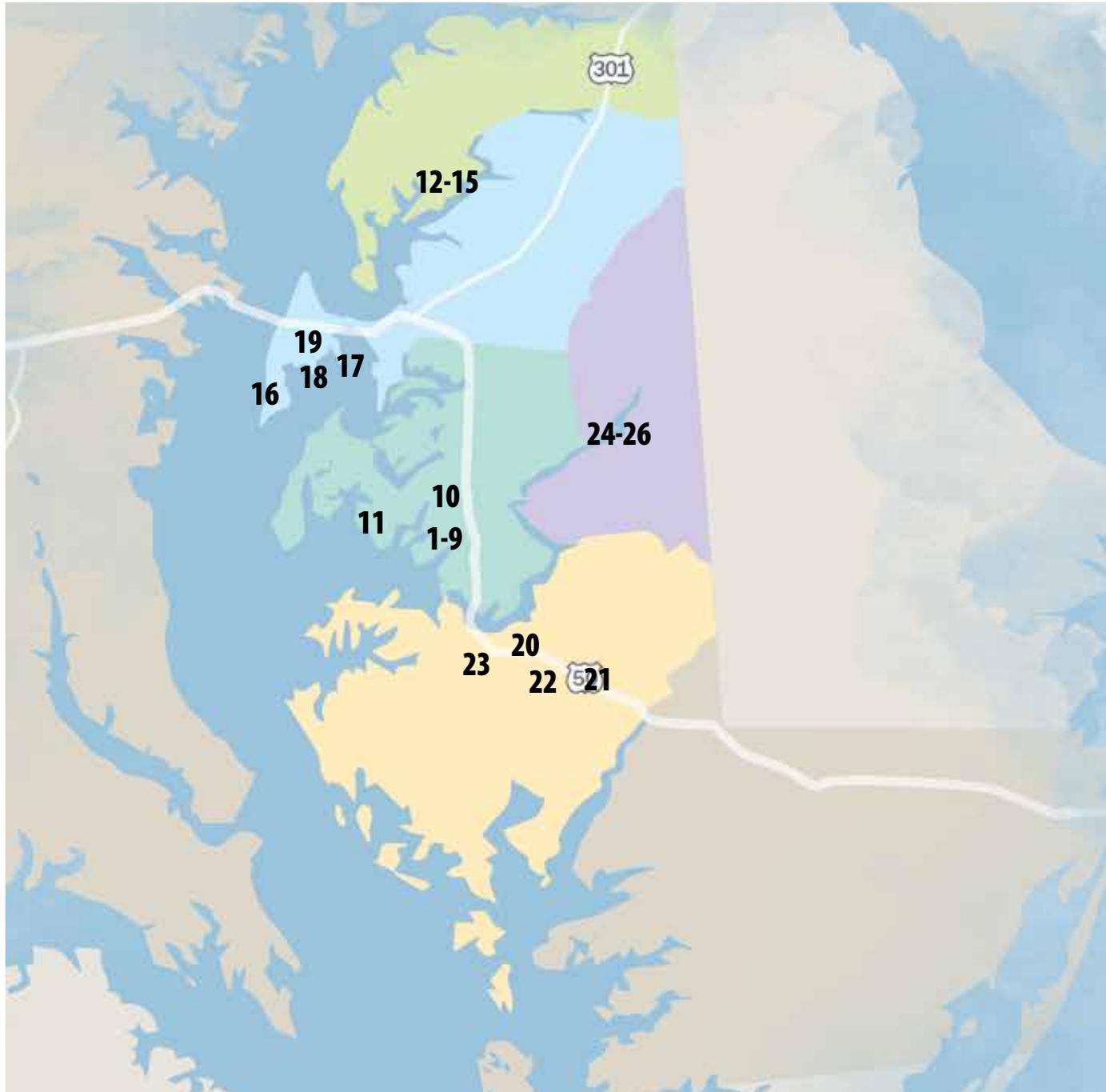
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HOME AWAY FROM HOME

PROFILES



Vacation rentals bring traditions to the Shore

By Amelia Blades Steward | Photos By Cal Jackson

Need to get away? Marylanders are flocking to luxurious vacation rentals on Maryland's Eastern Shore in record numbers to spend a weekend or even a full week enjoying

the tranquil settings and relaxing lifestyle the Shore has to offer.

Kevin and Kelly Jana of Bethesda are one of the couples who decided during the pandemic to explore a vacation rental for their family over the Easter holiday in 2020. Since then, the Janas have rented Creek Cottage at Reeds Creek Farm in Centreville five times, most recently returning this Memorial Day for a family gathering. The property rental, managed by Eastern Shore Vacation Rentals (ESVR), has become a favorite tradition for this multigenerational family.

"We always go away for spring break. In 2020, when we couldn't find anything near St. Michaels, which we had visited before, we found this house in Queen Anne's County. It had a pool, huge private property, and right on the water with a great dock. It was the next best thing and a little bit closer to where we live," comments Kevin.

His wife Kelly adds, "We had always wanted to buy a second home on the Eastern Shore that was on the water with land where the kids could do things outdoors. Now we're

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spoiled because anything we look to buy isn't like this house, which we adore."

"I just love the wraparound porch on the outside of the house. I think I could just spend my entire day there. We have coffee out there in the mornings and cocktails in the evenings there. The master bedroom has incredible water views when you wake up in the morning that can't be beaten."

Creek Cottage is a four bedroom, four bathroom house situated between Grove Creek and Reed Creek, just off of the Chester River. The historical main house on the property was built by Colonel Thomas Wright in 1775 and is secluded from Creek Cottage.

The Jana's two children, Landon (15) and Chase (11), enjoy wandering the private surroundings of the 170-acre farm which includes a sandy

beach, woods and fields. Other amenities include a heated pool, a fire pit and a 100-foot dock, along with kayaks, canoes and paddle boards.

"It's very kid-friendly and there are a lot of activities for them to do. But it is also great for adults, who enjoy the property's tranquility. We've got tons of land here so our dogs can run around and we don't have to worry about them running off," states Kevin.

"With a hand-selected vacation rental portfolio, ranging from quaint cottages to luxury estates, we welcome over 6,000 vacation home renters to Maryland's Eastern Shore each year," said Bryan Trautman, general manager of Eastern Shore Vacation Rentals (easternshorevacations.com). "Short-term rentals allow others to experience what we take for granted every single day here."

The company is in its 19th

season and was founded by Debbie Lipscomb and Betsy Greaney. Today, the company is owned by Brad Callahan, Ken Mann, Tim Keffer, Mark Jakowski and Bryan Trautman. There are currently over 50 houses in the ESVR portfolio on the Mid-Shore – 38 in Talbot County, eight in Dorchester County, five in Queen Anne's County, one in Caroline County and one in Kent County.

Houses are selected that fit into the company's brand of luxury vacation homes. According to Trautman, guests can feel confident that it doesn't matter which house in the portfolio they rent, it's going to meet their needs and live up to the company's standards, which it has maintained for almost 20 years.

"Today's vacation rental guests want more than just a unique place to stay. It's not enough anymore to

just deliver a clean and well-maintained home. Guests expect a high level of customer service before, during and after their stay," Trautman said.

"Eighty percent of ESVR houses have pools and are on the water. For the most part, rentals are seven days/week from Memorial Day to Labor Day and four to five-day rentals on long weekends in the shoulder seasons," said Trautman. "Some people book a certain house every year. Other guests who are repeats try new houses for something different to fit their needs at the time. There is a significant demand for pet-friendly houses, especially for a seven day stay. Most of our bookings are multigenerational like the Janas. So, the houses that sleep eight to 12 people are most in demand. While family gatherings are welcome, special events and weddings are not allowed."

This year, the Janas rented the cottage again on Memorial Day. The weekend had

special significance to them as they celebrated their son Landon's 15th birthday. For the first time, the family also rented a pontoon boat to be enjoyed by the entire family and friends the children brought along. Kelly's parents, Barbara Callahan and Norm Sheek, who are usually also part of the celebrations at the house, also came.

"The kids are used to boats at their grandparents' house on Lake Anna. So everyone was excited this year to be renting a boat. The weather allowed us to explore some of the waterways," Kelly said.

"It's been great to have my parents come along," Kelly added. "I feel like the house can accommodate many generations. To watch my mom and my dad go out and play Wiffle ball or games with their grandchildren is so important. As the kids get older, they will have those stories to tell. I want to create a tradition for them to carry on for their families one day and I want them to see the importance of having time together as a family."

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The couple have demanding professions. Consequently, Kevin, a Technology Consultant, and Kelly, a CFO, take their family time very seriously.

“Our time is precious,” Kelly said. “So, when we are all together, that’s going to be what the kids remember. And I want them to understand we do take time out for them and shut off our work lives. We make sure we’re all together doing fun weekends like this.”

Trautman reported that 2020 and 2021 were the top two busiest years in vacation rental history due to the pandemic.

“Guests fall in love with taking a stepped-back approach — slowing things down here on the Shore,” he said. “There’s not nearly the hustle and bustle there is in D.C., New York or Northern Virginia. Over the past two or three years, probably 10 to 12 of our guests have bought property on the Shore — not all of them listed their homes as vacation rentals. Some guests moved permanently over to the Eastern Shore.”

“We have historically spent Memorial Day and Labor Day at the Delaware Beaches (Rehoboth or Bethany) but decided to change it up this year and come back to Reeds Creek Farm. Our summers typically start and end with Memorial Day and Labor Day getaways,” Kelly said.

“At the beach, it’s often very crowded with tons of people, but coming here, it’s kind of like our collective getaway with some peace and quiet,” Kevin added.

“The kids always ask when we are going to ‘our house,’ so they definitely feel at home here,” Kelly said.

With the tradition of going to the same place, the same weekend, or the same week, families know what to expect. There are no surprises.

“Our targeted audience is a multigenerational family,” said Trautman. “It’s nice to see grandma and grandpa sitting by the pool with their kids grilling dinner and their grandchildren running around or swimming. This is why we do what we do.”

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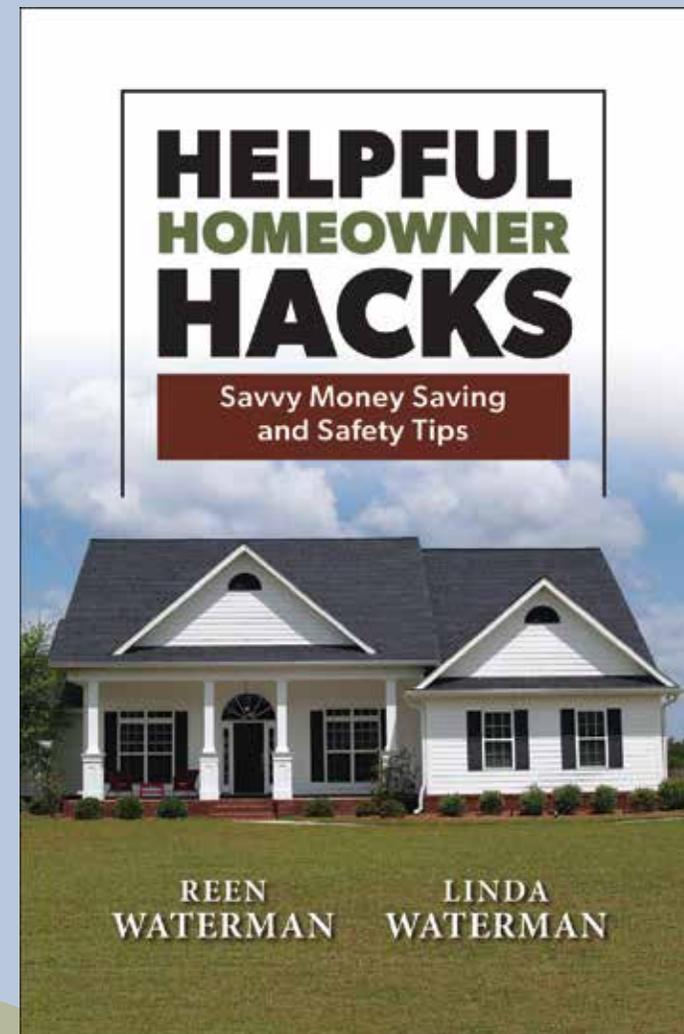
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Chef Melissa's Recipe for a Shore retreat to Savor

Story By Debra R. Messick | Photos by Jennifer Quinn

Chef Melissa imbues each dish with a sophisticated twist on down-home simplicity. After consulting with clients to craft custom menus, she scopes out her favorite fresh and local provision specialists.

Spending quality time on the laid back Eastern Shore, whether in a second home or vacation rental, sounds relaxing. But mealtime and its related chores — planning, shopping, chopping, prepping, and cooking — can add a whole layer of busyness to the envisioned restful scenario.

Now, imagine a secret ingredient: Someone ready, willing, more than able and actually eager to create satisfying and sensational meals.

Since putting down permanent roots just outside of St. Michaels several years ago, personal chef Melissa Peirce has happily

made that fantasy a welcome reality.

Chef Melissa imbues each dish with a sophisticated twist on down-home simplicity. After consulting with clients to craft custom menus, she scopes out her favorite fresh and local provision specialists, among them, Whitman's Wharf for seafood and the Amish Market for meat. Also topping her shopping list destinations are Blue Heron Coffee and Simpatico Italian Market, which she heartily recommends to clients for wine. (Two years ago, she took 1st place in Simpatico's Chocolate and Wine Venue for her Chocolate Porter Bacon Brownies.)



Spirit Grower organic farming helps her source quality produce, including harder to find specimens such as Scotch Bonnet hot peppers. But she also maintains a personal stash of herbs artfully grown on her back deck garden.

The deck also houses a smoker, which she creatively co-opts to produce homemade smoked almonds, bourbon maple syrup bacon and even smoked ice for cocktails.

Inside her welcoming kitchen, with ample window views of a cozy backyard mini forest, Peirce delights in turning out homemade kimchi, rosemary cashews and a vinaigrette dressing variation all her own with toasted pecans, goat cheese, and a touch of zing from her own award-winning hot pepper jelly.

“Everyone has embraced us from the start; I feel like these are truly our people”

Her repertoire also includes often requested family specialties including her mother-in-law’s special flank steak and her Mom’s long loaf pan pound cake, which she’s grilled and topped with fresh fruit and limoncello.

Her own personal favorite remains the authentic Jamaican jerk chicken recipe discovered during the couple’s island honeymoon.

Loving both the boating life and brewery scene, she and husband

Bob had happily made weekend treks to St Michaels for 20 years while living in Crofton. When looking to relocate, the move here felt almost like a homecoming.

“Everyone has embraced us from the start; I feel like these are truly our people,” she shared.

Chef Melissa brings a culinary school degree into her quintessential mix of cooking know-how. But the secret ingredient to her ultimate success begins with a lifelong

love of making magic happen in the kitchen, first realized in her mother’s and grandmother’s kitchens.

From a childhood marinated in rich culinary heritage from Sweden and Czechoslovakia, she has always delighted in allowing her creative juices to freely flow, adding her personal touch to treasured traditional recipes, especially cookies.

As her daughter got older, she topped off her culinary knowledge with Personal Chef courses, ultimately joining the professional organization United States Personal Chef Association. For 10 years her services were in demand, primarily to help streamline the process of good eating for busy people.

With the COVID-19 lockdowns coming just after her move here, Chef Melissa used the enforced downtime to reset her focus and update her website, adding “vacation chef” to her services offered.

“As soon as COVID confinement lifted, my phone began ringing,” she recalled. Since last summer, she’s steadily expanded her number of clients, just from within Tilghman Island and St. Michaels alone, often through word of mouth.

Chef Melissa’s lucky clients, friends, and neighbors may struggle to pick a favorite from among such delights as triple chocolate blood orange brownies with sea salt, Earl Gray and Lavender butter cookies, Meyer lemon and cranberry scones, or homemade Bailey’s style liquor.

She’s just happy to continue conjuring culinary magic that makes people happy, “cooking from the heart, nourishing one soul at a time.”

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7 SIGNS

It's Summer in Kent County, MD

Content submitted by Kent Co. Economic and Tourism Development

Summer's here and it's time to celebrate! School has ended and the kids are able to stay up later. The days are warmer, longer, and filled with opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors. Nature is buzzing with life, and you are planning a Road Trip. Have you considered Kent County, MD? Kent County is packed with fun for the entire family and the perfect destination to spend your summer days (and nights). We have put together a list of family-friendly activities to enjoy summer in Kent County, MD.

1. Fun on the water - What better way to spend a relaxing summer day than fishing? Kent County has you covered. **Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge** offers the perfect spot. Enjoy the tranquility and scenic beauty as you wait for a nibble on the line. If you enjoy being on the water, then a family paddle with **Sultana Education Foundation** may be just what you're looking for. Family paddles can be fun and educational. Paddle the Sassafras River to learn about history on one of the War of 1812-themed paddles, or portions of the Captain John Smith National Water Trail, where he encountered the Tockwogh Indians, as you meander lazily through pond lilies or lotus flowers.

2. Movie Nights - Summer is synonymous with Movie Nights, especially under the stars. Enjoy family-friendly movies at the **Kent County Community Center** and a relaxing a dip in the pool on a warm summer evening. The outdoor pool is one of the largest on the Eastern Shore, with lap lanes, diving area, tube slides, and tumble buckets. There's also a separate wading pool for small children with a crab slide that squirts water from the top. The pool is also wheelchair accessible for individuals with limited mobility. Movie nights will be held July 16 and August 13.

3. Arts and Crafts - **KidSPOT**, a children's discovery and creativity center in Chestertown, sparks dialogue and problem solving, and empowers young people to engage while they play, create, and explore with painting, photography, music, crafts, writing, building and other forms of creative exploration. For a modest fee, with family weekend passes available, visitors can enjoy an exciting adventure in the arts.

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4. Parades and Festivals - Who doesn't love a good parade? Parades and festivals are abundant in Kent County. **Betterton Appreciation Day**, August 6, is a fun-filled day at Betterton Beach. The parade down Main Street is followed by rides, crafts, and food...all roads lead to the beach. If you love a good "theme party", then you'll have a blast (no pun intended) at **Pirates and Wenches Weekend**, August 12 - 14, in Rock Hall. This town-wide theme party provides a chance to dress in your best pirate costume. The streets are filled with live entertainment, Pirate performers, treasure hunts, kids' activities, and more. Whether you come by land (or by sea), there's plenty of excitement to be found! The **Legacy Day Festival**, August 19 - 21, celebrates African American heritage in Kent County. Bring your family to enjoy three days of fun, from a street dance party to children's games. There's something for everyone.

5. Ice Cream Shops - **Stam's Luncheonette**, located in a historic Chestertown Pharmacy, transformed into a lunch counter offering classic fountain sodas and house-made ice cream and sundaes. **Twinn's With A Twist**, in Galena, is the newest edition to the great ice cream shops in Kent County. **Get the Scoop**, in Rock Hall, has a delight for everyone in the family (even your four-legged family members).



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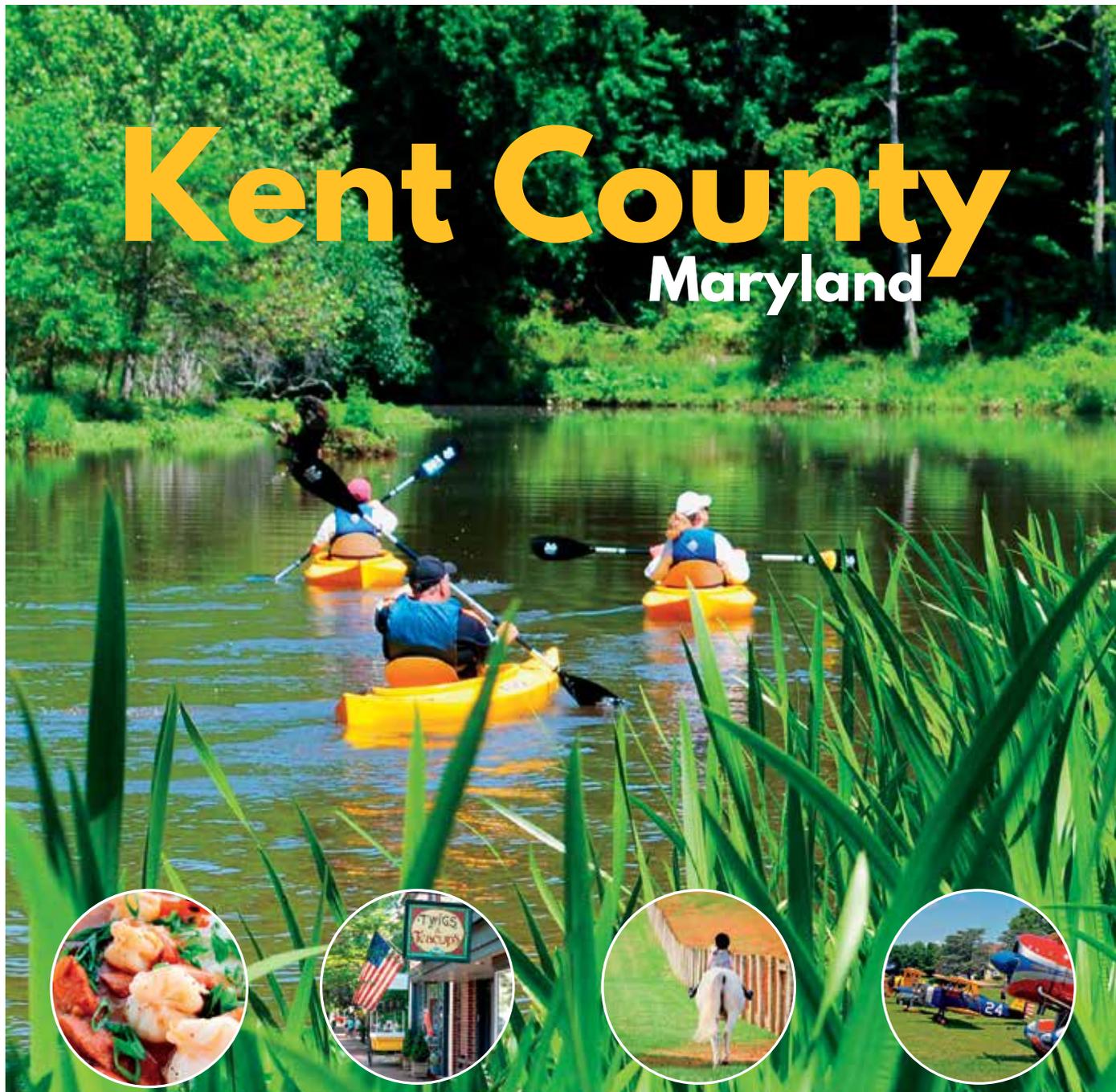
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6. Outdoor Recreation - Biking the roads of Kent County is fun for all. Bring your own or rent one to tour our colonial waterfront towns. With more than 200 miles of shoreline, sailing is another fun summer activity for the family. Enjoy a warm, gentle breeze as you cruise on the Chester or Sassafras Rivers or on the Chesapeake Bay. If more peaceful activities are what your family desires, enjoy a day birdwatching on **Eastern Neck Island**.

7. Beaches - Lazy days spent on the beach make the best summer memories. **Betterton Beach** is a 5-acre, family-oriented waterfront park near the mouth of the Sassafras River. The waters of Betterton make it an opportune place for swimming, as it is the only nettle-free beach on the Chesapeake Bay. With over 300 feet of beach frontage for swimming and 500 feet of boardwalk, it's a sunworshiper's paradise. **Ferry Park**, in Rock Hall, offers a small, delightful beach, ideal for novice swimmers or little ones. Enjoy picnic tables, barbeque stands, and a waterfront pavilion giving panoramic views of the Chesapeake Bay.

Kent County offers a wide variety of activities for your family to enjoy this summer. Plan your adventure today. Visit kentcounty.com/visitors.



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NEW LISTING



214 Camelot Dr. Chestertown, MD

Just listed on Coventry!! Move in ready home! On the main level, there are formal living and dining rooms and a kitchen that is adjacent to a beautiful breakfast room. You will enjoy lots of light streaming into the first floor. The kitchen has loads of storage with a pantry and lots of upper and lower cabinets. The dining room offers a tray ceiling, and plenty of room for your dining room furniture. Upper level boasts 4 large bedrooms and two full size bathrooms. The backyard has a freshly painted fence, and lots of room for your furry friends. The house is nicely landscaped. The basement is large and a clean slate, that you can certainly finish. The two car garage has lots of space for storage. The home overlooks the main park and is centrally located. **\$429,000 MDKE2001488**



24320 Waterview Dr. Worton, MD

This home features marble and custom Brazilian cherry wood floors, a mahogany wood ceiling in the den, with a beautiful stone gas fireplace. The living room features a custom stone gas fireplace, cathedral ceilings, beautiful windows and is open to the gourmet kitchen, pantry, island, breakfast area, and sliders to the beautiful deck. Fenced in pool area with a view of a pond. There is a large playroom/office/bedroom with a full bath over one of the two car garages. The primary bedroom is on the main level with a custom bathroom and a walk-in closet. Three large bedrooms upstairs, with a jack and Jill bathroom. Fully finished basement, with storage and/or pool room, large open entertainment room, full bath, bedroom, game room, equipment rooms, and walk out access to the yard. Community access to Churn Creek included in the documents in MLS is a complete list of what this home has to offer, along with utility costs. **\$899,000 MDKE2001436**



190 Comegys St. Millington, MD

Located on a lazy street in the village of Millington. Has been used as a rental property for the past 14 years. Registered with the Maryland's Lead Paint Poison and Protection program. House needs a lot of updating. Will not qualify for any government loan programs. Could be an amazing rental with some updating. **\$119,000 MDKE2001120**



UNDER CONTRACT

123 N Queen St. Chestertown, MD

Here's a sweet spot on historic Queen Street... not only a great location within a block or two of everything Chestertown. Home was rehabbed in 2006. It's entirely move-in ready! The living room has a gas fireplace featuring a uniquely beautiful salvaged mantle. The kitchen has granite countertops, stainless appliances, cooking island/ breakfast bar, and room for a table. Upstairs, you'll find three bedrooms and two full baths. The third floor is unfinished floored attic space providing generous storage which is easily accessible via a staircase. This home has street parking and the added convenience of a shared off-street parking space to the left of the front porch in the deed! **\$487,500 MDKE2001424**



SOLD

22911 Bay Shore Rd. Chestertown, MD

This Cape Cod style home is a private oasis with a gorgeous pond and rolling terrain. The living room has a gas fireplace and is open to the kitchen with plenty of cabinetry space. You are very close to a public landing on Fairlee Creek for the serious boaters. Walk out basement is clean, dry with a pellet stove heating system that complements the existing HVAC system. Plenty of room for a workshop. Upstairs are two large bedrooms and a full bath. This is a beautiful country setting. The location is awesome, and there are many possibilities! With Zoning approval, it's possible the property could be subdivided, at the current time the zoning is V (Village). **\$575,000 MDKE2000934**



SOLD

7448 Shortall St. Chestertown, MD

Located just outside of Chestertown, this home features an open floor plan, with a kitchen breakfast bar, dining area, and a laundry room is off the kitchen. All the major appliances are included. Privacy is assured with a main bedroom and full bath, walk in closet on one side, and two bedrooms on the other end. Manufactured in 2014, this home is located on a nice level lot, with some mature trees and a storage shed. It does need some TLC, perhaps painting and new carpet. Home is being sold AS IS. **\$189,000 MDKE2001132**

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Secrets

of the EASTERN SHORE

Story by Niambi Davis
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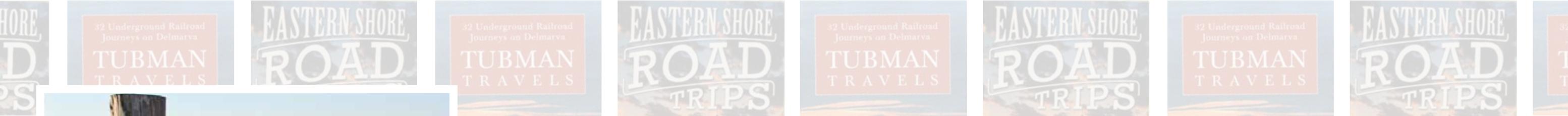
Writer Jim Duffy and his wife, photographer Jill Jasuta, were city people — he from Chicago and she from New York. When they met and married in Baltimore, most of their explorations took them west.

“We didn’t have a lot of connection to the Eastern Shore,” Jill said, until Jim’s work as a travel writer brought him across the Chesapeake where glimpses of close-knit, small town life convinced them to consider life in “the land of Pleasant Living.”

For Jim, it was lunch with a friend in Cambridge. “Everybody who walked in would wave at him. It was the small town neighborliness that drew me in.” For Jill, her “ah ha” moment came on a slushy, gray day in February.

“Jim was working on a story and I came over to meet him at a little cafe in Chestertown. Everybody was chatting and happy and seemed to know each other.” She wondered, “wouldn’t it be nice to live in this kind of place one day?”

That place turned out to be Cambridge, in a home not far from the Choptank River.



“With me and my notebook and Jill with her camera,” as Jim describes their collaboration, they created *Secrets of the Eastern Shore*, a written and visual exploration of the history, people, places and culture of the Delmarva Peninsula. For road and day trippers curious to discover the backroads, small towns, tales of freedom seekers, fascinating people and their stories, Jim and Jill offer this advice: Get off Route 50. Find a tourism website, check out *Secrets of the Eastern Shore*, pick a town and experience Delmarva’s heart and soul. For starters, consider these regional suggestions:

**FROM ROUTE 301:
QUEEN ANNE’S AND KENT COUNTIES**

Wander through Sudlersville (visit the Train Station Museum), then up to Millington (the brand new Cypress Branch State Park is nearby), and then over to Galena (the Massey Air Museum is nearby).

**FROM ROUTE 404:
CAROLINE COUNTY**

Take the roundabout way to the seat of Caroline County, wandering through Adkins Arboretum and Tuckahoe State Park, then through Ridgely (Train Station Museum), and Greensboro before coming back down to Denton (Rural Life Museum, the Wharves of Choptank Heritage Center, the Foundry, Martinak State Park).

**FROM UPPER ROUTE 50:
QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY**

Turn down Carmichael Road for a gorgeous ride down to Wye Island Natural Resources Area. After getting back to the highway, take a turn down Route 213 to discover the colonial-era charms of Old Wye Mill and Old Wye Church.

**FROM MID ROUTE 50:
DORCHESTER AND
CAROLINE COUNTIES**

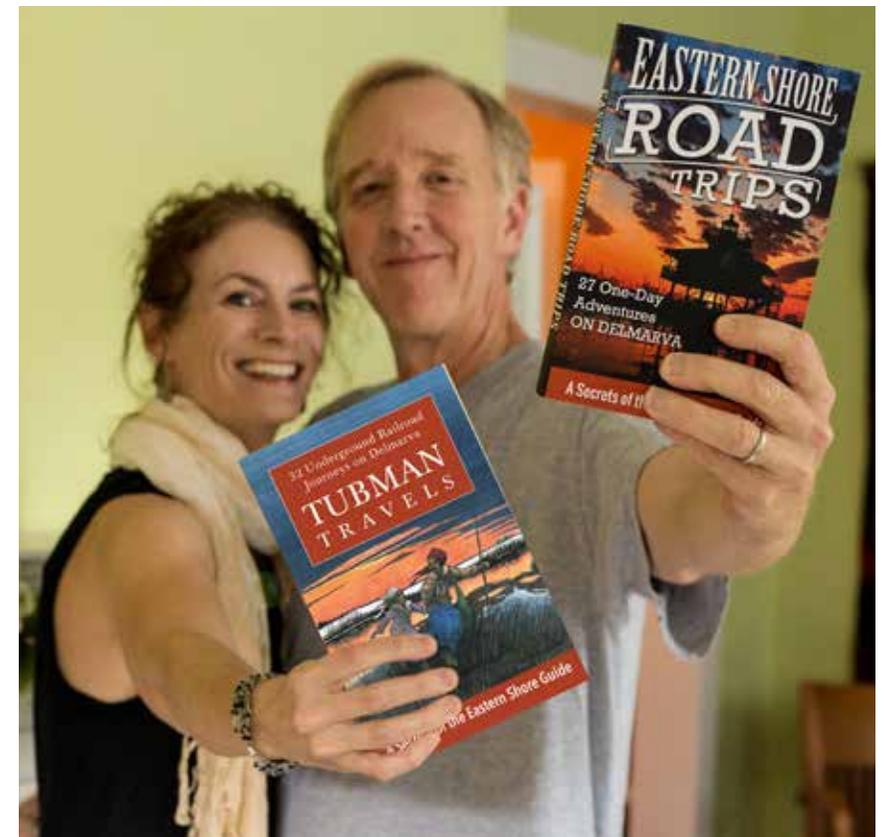
The Harriet Tubman sites in and around Cambridge get lots of well-deserved attention, but don’t sleep on the sites in Caroline County. Wander up Route 16 to find your way to Linchester Mill in Preston, nearby Choptank Landing, and farther to the north, the Webb Cabin, Gilpin Point, and the William Still Interpretive Center. Find info by searching for Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway.

**FROM LOWER ROUTE 50 IN
DORCHESTER COUNTY**

The old Nanticoke River town of Vienna is a strolling paradise where you can get a sweet treat from Mandala Pies. Find your way to Elliotts Island Road to take a twentysomething-mile ride through glorious marshlands out to the tiny, remote community of that name. Birders love that ride.

**FROM ROUTE 13 ABOVE
SALISBURY: SUSSEX
COUNTY, DEL.**

The Laurel historic district has more buildings (800) on the National Register than any town in Delaware. Get the lay of the land at the Laurel Historical Society. Nearby Bethel was once a mighty shipbuilding center. In Trap Pond



State Park, explore the remnants of a vast swampland that once covered this landscape.

**FROM ROUTE 13 BELOW
SALISBURY: SUSSEX
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COUNTY, MD., AND
ACCOMACK COUNTY, VA.**

Find your way to one of two real-deal old-school watermen towns. The turn to Deal Island (and its Skipjack Heritage Museum) in

Somerset County, Md., comes near the town of Princess Anne. The turn to Saxis Island, Va., (and its Saxis Island Museum) is a little ways below the turnoff for Chincoteague.

For more information on Jim Duffy and Jill Jasuta, Secrets of the Eastern Shore, its books, ways to explore the Delmarva, Shore scenes and the Shore Store, visit www.secretsoftheeasternshore.com.



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By: Ryan Helfenbein

After being trapped at home for nearly 2 summers, many of us will begin planning trips far from our places of quarantine. For some, this may mean a visit to a tropical island or a mountain resort. For others, it's finally time to take a late relative back home...that is, escorting cremated remains back to a hometown for permanent placement. With the crazy world we live in now, a maze of regulations can make traveling with cremated remains a challenge. On the chance that you are one who is taking the lead in getting Uncle Eddie to his place of rest this year, let's explore together how this can be legally achieved.

Yes, for an industry resistant to change, undertakers are scrambling to redesign their approach to coaching a family through their selections for a final farewell. As if social distancing, minimum occupancy and reduced public gatherings during the heart of the pandemic weren't challenging enough, families are now faced with a reduction in options when it comes to finding that perfect casket or urn. Take for example a colleague in Ohio that shared with me her frustration when it came time to source a particular wood casket that was being requested by a family. When the casket was requested from the manufacturer, not only did they not have that particular variety of wood, but they did not have any wood remotely resembling the original casket in stock. Furthermore, the manufacturer didn't even have a higher class of wood to exchange for the one being requested. This is not only occurring with caskets, but urns and cremation receptacles as well for many funeral homes across the country.

Fortunately for those in our community, I bring you good news. There are options available. A Green or Natural service is one alternative for those seeking casketed burial. A basic all wood or bamboo casket, or simply a shroud can be used as an alternative to a traditional casket. This is then placed into a hand dug grave, with no outer enclosure, and a river rock is used to mark the site in replacement of a traditional granite or bronze marker. For those who are leaning towards cremation and are running into supply shortages for a receptacle to house the ashes, modern undertakers are growing their network of suppliers to expand the options



Ask the Undertaker

available. Unique alternatives include compacting ashes into river stones or glass custom colored keepsakes in replacement of an outer container such as traditional urn. Specialized services, such as Atlantic Scattering, are now available to undertakers using water soluble bio containers to oversee the private placement of ashes in appropriate waterways, such as the Atlantic Ocean.

Perhaps the most valuable resource during this time is your local family owned All Inclusive death care provider. These modern undertakers not only provide the standard transportation, ceremony oversight and completion of necessary paperwork like most funeral homes have done for generations, they also have their own cemeteries, monument company, flower shop and crematory. The more progressive All Inclusive firms have also started stocking a selection of caskets and urns in advance of the shortage in an effort to meet the needs of their communities during these uncertain times. Yes, these newer style funeral homes provide an All Inclusive experience and know exactly what is available when the request is made. Better yet if a shortage is in place, they can immediately provide you a similar alternative to meet your requests without the hurdles of shipping, middle man expenses or even risks of non deliveries. With the challenges we face today, it is transformative to be able to provide complete oversight so that the burden of shortages, shipping delays and other economic woes do not fall on the shoulders of those who are already grieving.

It is understood that a dark stained oak casket is a far cry from a sausage and egg breakfast sandwich. But to a 12 year old little boy, the heartache of not having what was expected is nearly the same. As undertakers experience these challenges, we are fortunate in our communities that we have an All Inclusive option for death care needs. Perhaps when this all comes to an end we can go back to the unique styles of caskets and urns to which we are all familiar with. Most importantly, let's just hope that these options do come back, along with the Jimmy Dean Sausage and Egg biscuit. After all, my role is to provide assurance during difficult times... both as an undertaker and a dad.



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Local Color

EXPLORING THE SHORE LIKE A **LOCAL**

Story By Tracey F. Johns | Submitted photos

Tourism is a big deal on the Eastern Shore, drawing visitors from throughout the Eastern Seaboard and beyond to the rich experiences of exploring the history, cultural attractions and natural settings. Tourism also serves as an economic driver for our local municipalities, with each county's attractions offering a taste of local color while guests dine, stay, shop and explore.

Each of our rural counties is tied to the Chesapeake Bay through rivers and watersheds and offers delicious connections to farm- and bay-to-table dining experiences, for example. Locally owned restaurants

and cafes offer decadent dishes and craft cuisine using regionally sourced ingredients. For overnights, lodging options range from fancy waterfront inns to camping sites with nothing but nature surrounding you.

To help uncover each area's not-to-miss charms, we asked our local tourism directors to share the best ways to experience each county's distinctive offerings, as if you were a local. Their answers draw a detailed map of experiences that offer a deep sense of place and will have our guests returning home with a sense of connection to our unique places.

CAROLINE COUNTY

Photos provided courtesy of Caroline Office of Tourism



Locals know Caroline County as the agricultural hub of the Eastern Shore, with its farms producing the best tomatoes, corn and squash over the summer months, for example. So, any visit to Caroline County should include a stop at a farmer's stand or market to bring home delicious fruits and vegetables, often still warm from the morning's pickings.

Caroline's rural settings include meandering rivers and waterways, making it the perfect place to get outdoors and experience an abundance of untouched, quiet nature. There's a lavender farm and an alpaca farm, and an ever-growing list of street festivals, including the signature Summerfest

in Denton each July.

"Caroline County is a perfect outdoor destination for a day trip or afternoon with two State Parks — Martinak and Tuckahoe — offering great kayaking, hiking, bicycling, and more than 100 tent and RV camping sites for those staying overnight," says Caroline County Tourism Director Tara Hill-Coursey. "You can rent a canoe at Martinak, take a hike at Adkins Arboretum, travel by bike or car to explore 15-plus stops on the Harriett Tubman byway, or tour our small towns and their museums and historical societies to take a deep dive into our history."

Learn more: www.visitcaroline.org



DORCHESTER COUNTY

Dorchester County's "Water Moves Us" tagline is perfect because it recognizes the county's abundant and accessible waterways that are tied to rich history, great recreation and fresh seafood.

"Get a taste of Dorchester County as a local by picking up fresh, local crabs from our waters for a crab feast," says Dorchester County Tourism Director Holly Gilpin. "Or enjoy one of our many restaurant options in the county. Take a stroll down to the Long Wharf Park to see our Choptank River Lighthouse.

"Bring your boat or kayak and enjoy one of our many boat ramps or soft launches to explore the scenic waterways. Keep your eyes open for ospreys,

herons, egrets, eagles and more."

Not-to-miss includes a visit to the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park and Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, with more than 45-square miles of protected watershed and home to numerous migratory birds.

You can also experience three cultures at once at Handsell Historic Site, which shares the intertwining stories of the Native Americans, European settlers and African Americans who once lived on the land. Audio tours are available by cell phone with guided tours offered on Saturdays through September 3.

Learn More: www.visitdorchester.org



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KENT COUNTY

Photo by Jay Fleming



Kent County is the Mid-Shore's northernmost county, with pastoral landscapes and all the feels for artists and artisans who make their homes here while creating and selling their works of art.

"Our local arts scene is thriving," says Kent County Tourism Manager Jana Carter. "It's an immersive and interactive experience for our locals and guests, because oftentimes you're purchasing directly from the artist and have the opportunity to meet them."

Artists you may meet in Chestertown include furniture-maker Robert Ortiz, and Patti or Dave Hegland of Hegland Glass — with pieces recently juried into the 2022 Smithsonian Craft Show. A selection of specialty stores and a farmer's market each Saturday bring artisans together to sell their wares, while The Garfield Center for the Arts at the Prince Theatre attracts performing artists for evening and matinee entertainment.

One of Kent County's best-kept secrets is Eastern Neck Island National Wildlife Refuge, along with its kayaking and land-based adventures.

The refuge is situated on the Chester River, five miles south of Rock Hall, and is a protected habitat that is home to an abundance of wildlife and plants. The refuge is home to trails, butterfly gardens, fishing and birding. Group tours are available by local kayak outfitters, with plenty of restaurants and other attractions to round out a Rock Hall trip.

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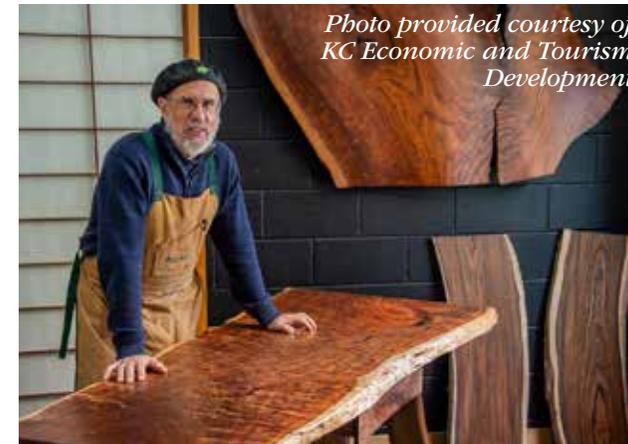


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QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY

Submitted photos



Queen Anne's County is home to 414 miles of shoreline and ample opportunities to get on the water including charter fishing and sunset excursions, kayaking, and an expansive system of public landings for boat launchings.

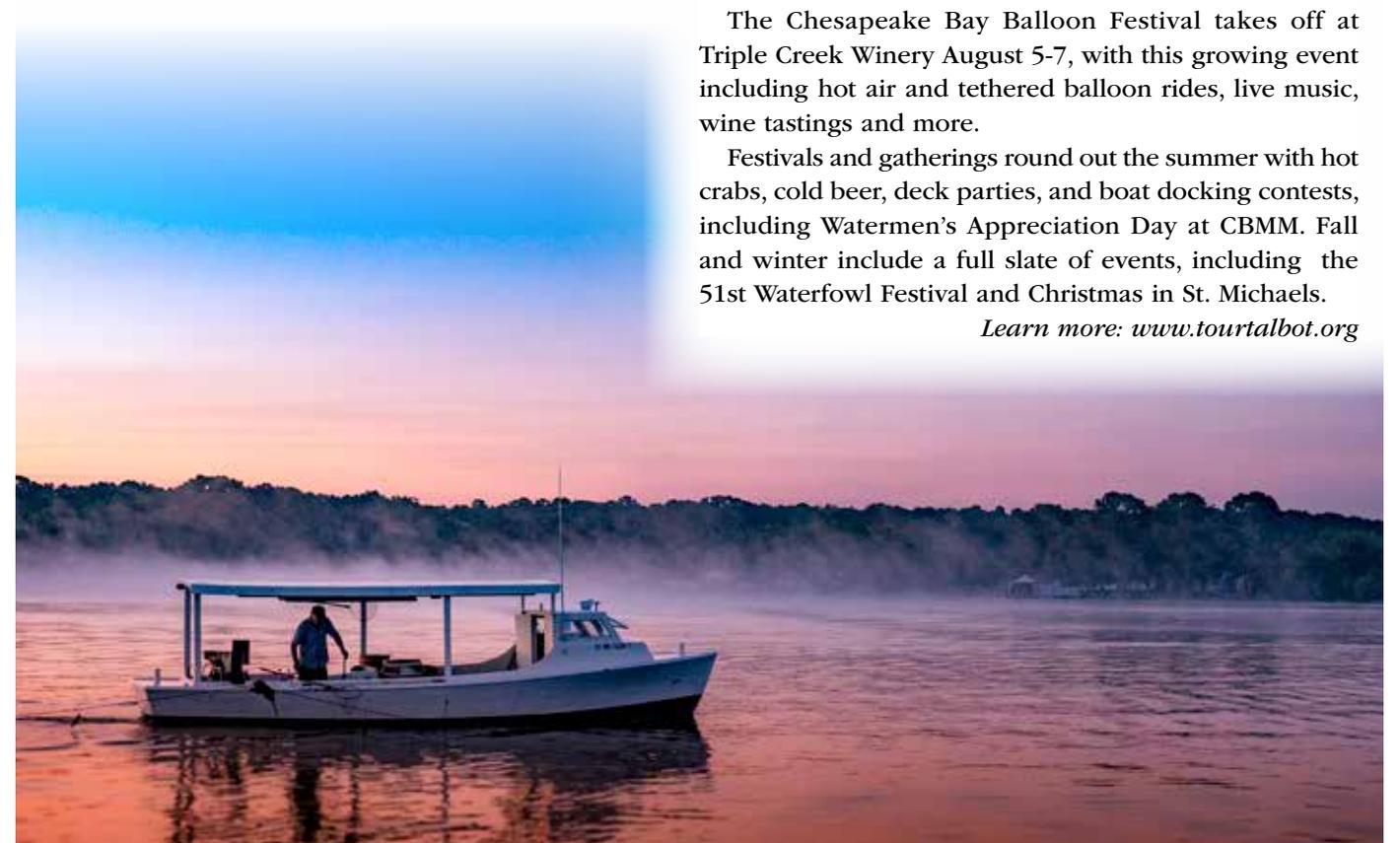
Queen Anne's trail system runs from southern Kent Island to the Kent Narrows waterfront for bikers and walkers to enjoy, offering spectacular views of waterfowl and wetlands. The county has several waterfront parks and nature preserves connected to the trail system that are free to the public.

History is plentiful, with Kent Island home to the third oldest settlement in the country and Maryland's first settlement in 1631; the county's history and culture are easily explored through nearly 20 well-preserved historic sites and four museums.

Queen Anne's is also known for its waterfront bars and restaurants, serving locally sourced seafood selections and day docking for diners arriving by boat.

"From the trails and dock & dine restaurants to the natural beauty of our shorelines and rolling farm fields, Queen Anne's County is a great place to experience the Eastern Shore lifestyle," said Queen Anne's County Economic and Tourism Development Director Heather Tinelli. "Summertime is the prime season in Queen Anne's to enjoy the Chesapeake Bay, hot steamed crabs, and the many opportunities to get outdoors."

Learn More: www.visitqueenannes.com



TALBOT COUNTY

Photos courtesy of Talbot County Economic Development and Tourism

An incredible number of cultural jewels call Talbot County home, and they contribute to a full calendar of events that makes the county shine for visitors and locals alike.

"Talbot County is a wonderful place to visit any day of the year, but our special events add a little spice," says Talbot County Director of Economic Development and Tourism Cassandra Vanhooser. "From art to music to rural heritage, our events truly celebrate the best of who we are and what we offer."

The Avalon Foundation brings the sizzle to summers in Easton with a Farmer's Market held each Saturday, along with free street concerts — with this year a special centennial program — along with a carnival, and Plein Air Easton — the largest and most prestigious juried plein air painting competition in the United States — taking place this year on July 15-24.

Easton, Oxford and St. Michaels each host their own Independence Day fireworks extravaganzas, with the waterfront Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum hosting Big Band Night for dancing and fireworks under the stars.

The Chesapeake Bay Balloon Festival takes off at Triple Creek Winery August 5-7, with this growing event including hot air and tethered balloon rides, live music, wine tastings and more.

Festivals and gatherings round out the summer with hot crabs, cold beer, deck parties, and boat docking contests, including Watermen's Appreciation Day at CBMM. Fall and winter include a full slate of events, including the 51st Waterfowl Festival and Christmas in St. Michaels.

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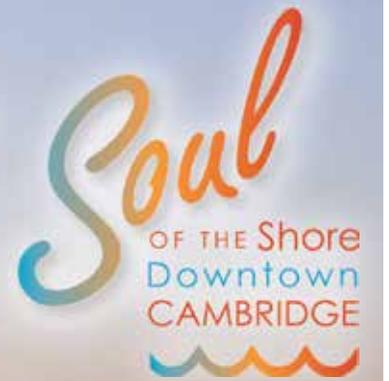


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MAKING PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PERSONALIZED

Story by Debra Messick | Submitted photos

Adding the professional title “concierge” was never on Mary Nolan’s life goal to do list. Her background was in early childhood education and for 13 years her primary avocation was motherhood, raising four children.

Six years ago, seeking a viable outside the home enterprise to pursue during the kids’ school hours, Riverside Property Management was born, and seemed a good fit for her natural caretaking talents.

“I just love to create order and make things pretty,” Nolan noted.

Part of the experience involved helping second home owners who rented out their properties. At the minimum, the houses needed

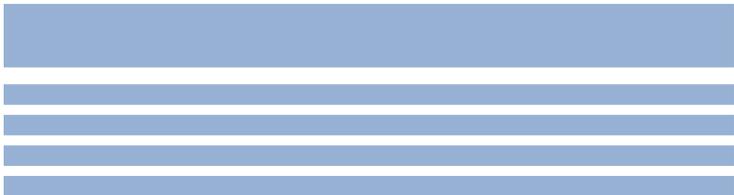
thorough cleaning. But it’s never been Nolan’s way to do the least needed. Her personal standards and work ethic required her to always go the extra mile to make a home more than merely tidy, but totally “ship shape” for even temporary tenants.

While cleaning and picking up were crucial, Nolan began picking up on the details that make all the difference in providing a standout experience for tenants, inspiring them to return and to award the property sought after stellar reviews, in turn bringing additional business in.

One homeowner, aiming for exceptional reviews, asked Nolan to include ironing the sheets in her preparatory tasks; she did so, for four years!

Nolan currently cares for about 30 homes, ranging in size from cottages to seven bedroom residences, primarily in Talbot County, but including properties in Queen Anne’s and Dorchester as well.





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Another homeowner always included a bottle of wine with a personalized welcome note as part of her tenant housewarming, while also making sure to fully stock essential paper products and toiletries

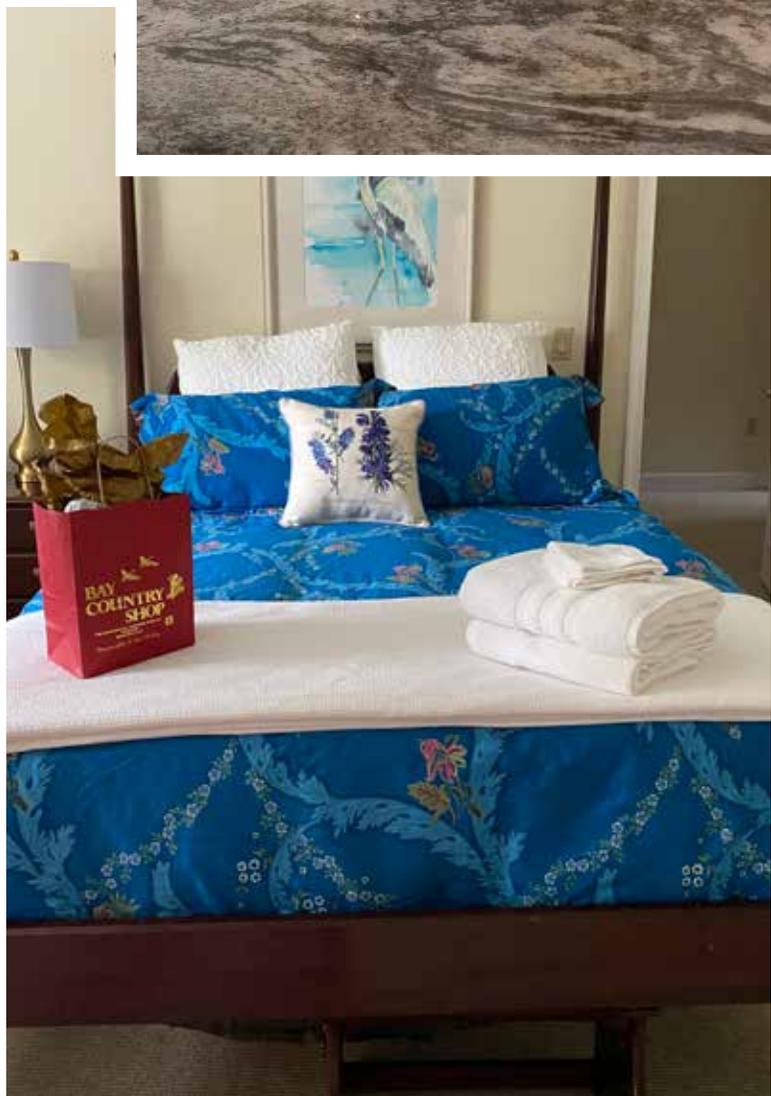
Such “over and above” touches totally resonated with Nolan, inspiring her to focus on what both homeowners and renters really wanted and needed, and filling in those gaps in a way that conveyed a warm, caring welcome.

To that end, in addition to vital cleaning and sprucing, she provides even more services, from grocery shopping, to providing fresh flowers, and even party planning, down to the smallest detail, such as making up gift bags.

But one of Nolan’s biggest “aha!” moments occurred after realizing that after a season of renting out their homes to guests, owners would benefit greatly by having someone get their homes back up to their original standards, fully ready for them to live in again. It just made sense that she be that someone.

Eager to share her brainstorm, Nolan was taken aback when a vacation rental field professional experienced working with homeowners said it wouldn’t work. But her own belief that the need was there, and that she could fill it, never wavered, and was ultimately proven right by clients seeking her unique services out, primarily through word of mouth.

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Nolan’s self-taught hands on experience has played a major role in growing her business. She also keeps an eye out for ideas when traveling herself. Most of all, she always tries to answer the question, “what would I want if this were my home or rental?”

Perhaps among her most helpful in requested services is in mentoring homeowners who are just venturing into the vacation rental experience, advising first timers on all the small details that go into turning a rental into a comfortable haven, making it a memorable home away

from home, and then some.

Feeling fortunate to have been in the “right place at the right time” to create a business out of doing what she enjoys, Nolan continues making the most of opportunities as they arise. When her linen service

provider recently retired, she thought it made sense to take it on, and Riverside Linens was born, “my latest baby,” she said, proudly.

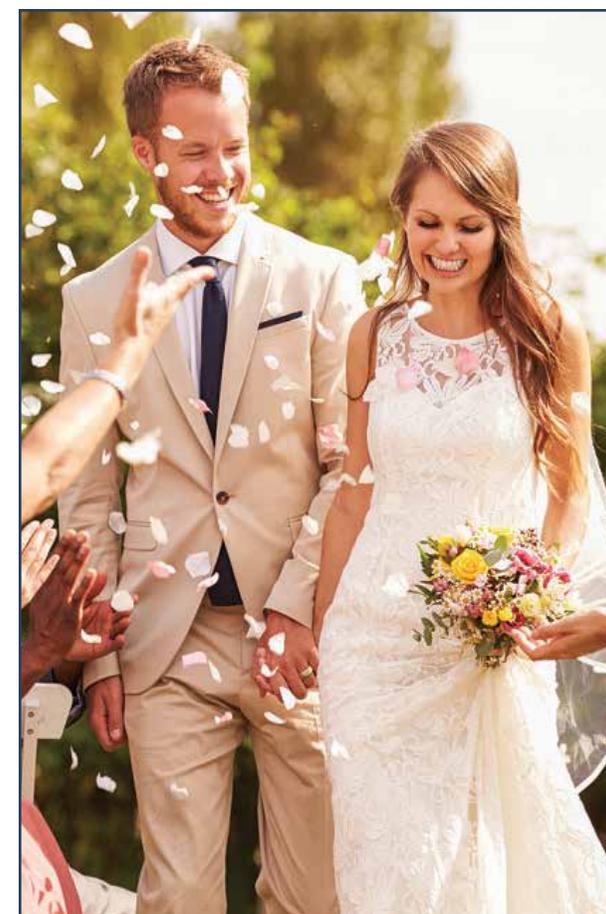
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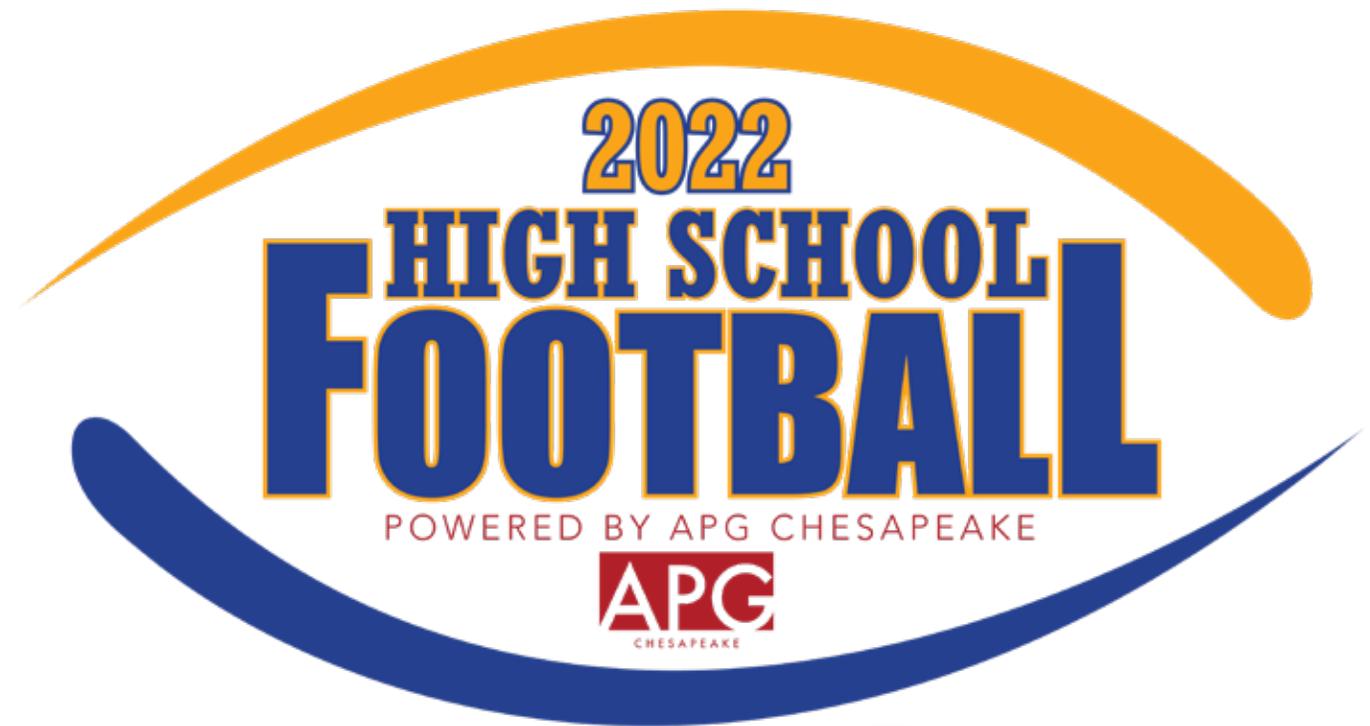
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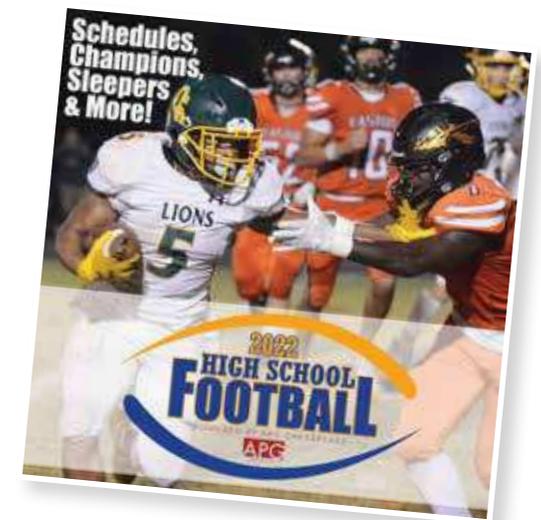


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Summer Events On the Mid-Shore

BY TRACEY F. JOHNS

Local festivals and events give people a great taste and sense of a place — whether it's the local food and fare to the activities and performances of the day. The Mid-Shore is home to everything from homey fire department street parades to festivals drawing thousands of people and celebrated throughout the world.

All bring people together to enjoy our rural landscapes, beautiful waterfronts and waterways, and tight-knit communities while connecting with one another.

Here's a run-down of some of the highlights of events this July and August, with more by checking out the calendars of our local municipality or tourism office.

CAROLINE COUNTY

July 8 & August 12
Friday Night Cruise-In, Denton, Md.
visitcaroline.org/event/friday-night-cruise-in-6/2022-07-08/

July 14 & August 4
Birding & Boating Along the Harriet Tubman Byway, Choptank River
delmarvabirding.com/choptank-river-cruise-caroline-county/

August 3–6
Caroline Dorchester County Fair, Caroline

County 4-H Park
www.facebook.com/carolinedorchestercountyfair/

August 19–20
Caroline Summerfest, Denton, Md.
carolinesummerfest.com/

Sept. 17–18
14th Annual Fall Festival
Outstanding Dreams Alpaca Farms
Preston, Md.
www.outstandingdreamsfarm.com/

DORCHESTER COUNTY

July 4
Independence Day Fireworks
Great Marsh Park, Cambridge, Md.

July 23–24
Thunder on the Choptank Powerboat Races, Cambridge, Md.
<http://kentnarrowsracing.com/>

August 3–6
Caroline Dorchester County Fair, Caroline County 4-H Park
www.facebook.com/carolinedorchestercountyfair/

August 28
Taylors Island Boat Docking Challenge
Slaughter Creek Marina
visitdorchester.org/event/taylors-island-boat-docking-challenge/

Sept. 10
Day of Resilience
Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Md.
Includes unveiling of new Harriet Tubman statue at Dorchester Courthouse.

Sept. 17 - 18
Native American Festival, Vienna, Md.
visitdorchester.org/event/native-american-festival/2022-09-17/

KENT COUNTY

July 3
Independence Day Fireworks
Rock Hall Harbor, Rock Hall, Md.

July 3
Kent County Waterman's Day
Rock Hall Bulkhead, Rock Hall, Md.
www.kentcounty.com/events

July 21–23
Kent County Fair
Kent Ag Center, Chestertown, Md.
www.kentcountyfair.org/

August 6
Betterton Day, Betterton, Md.
www.kentcounty.com/events/annual/29-betterton-appreciation-day

August 12–14
15th Annual Pirates & Wenches Weekend, Rock Hall, Md.
www.rockhallpirates.com/

August 19–20
Legacy Day: A Celebration African American Culture
Sumner Hall, Chestertown, Md.
www.kentcounty.com/events/annual/418-legacy-day

Sept 9–10
25h Anniversary Chestertown Jazz Festival
The Mainstay
www.kentcounty.com/events/annual/309-chestertown-jazz-festival

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY

July 1
Independence Day Fireworks
Across from Queen Anne's County High School, Centreville, Md.

July 4
Independence Day Fireworks
Chesapeake Heritage and Visitors Center, Kent Island, Md.
visitqueenannes.com/events

July 7–Sept. 1, Thursdays
Thursdays in the Park Concert Series
Queen Anne's County Arts
Changing Locations

August 5–6
Annual Sudlersville Peach Fest
Godfrey's Farm
Sudlerville, Md.
www.godfreysfarm.com/

August 8–13
Queen Anne's County Fair
Queen Anne's County 4-H Park
www.qacfair.com/

Sept. 17
Birds and Brew Run
Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center, Grasonville, Md.
bayrestoration.org/birds-and-brew-run/

TALBOT COUNTY

June 25 – July 4
Easton's Carnival & 4th of July Celebration
The Avalon Foundation, Easton, Md.
avalonfoundation.org/eastons-carnival-4th-july-celebration-2021

July 2–August 27, Select Saturdays
Outdoor Summer Concert Series
Avalon Foundation
Downtown Easton
avalonfoundation.org/outdoor-summer-concert-series

July 2
Independence Day Fireworks
St. Michaels Harbor

July 2
Big Band Night
Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, St. Michaels, Md.
cbmm.org/events/annual-festivals-and-special-events/

July 4
Independence Day Fireworks
Easton Parkway & St. Michaels Road,

July 7–10
Tuckahoe Steam & Gas Assoc. 49th Annual Show
Easton, Md.
tuckahoesteam.org/

July 9
Tilghman Island Crab Feast
Tilghman Island Fire Department
Tilghman Island, MD
tourtalbot.org/event/tilghman-island-crab-feast/

July 12–16
Talbot County Fair
Talbot Agriculture and Education Center, Easton, Md.
www.talbotcountyfair.org/

July 7–Sept 1, Thursdays
Concerts in the Park
St. Michaels Community Center
Muskrat Park
St. Michaels, MD
www.stmichaelscc.org/community-events--performing-arts.html

July 17–24
18th Annual Plein Air Easton
Easton, MD
pleinaireaston.com/

August 5–7
The Chesapeake Bay Balloon Festival
Triple Creek Winery, Cordova, Md.
chesapeakebayballoonfestival.com/

August 14
Watermen's Appreciation Day
Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum
St. Michaels, Md.
cbmm.org/events/annual-festivals-and-special-events/

Sept. 30–Oct. 9
Chesapeake Film Festival
Easton, Md.
chesapeakefilmfestival.com/

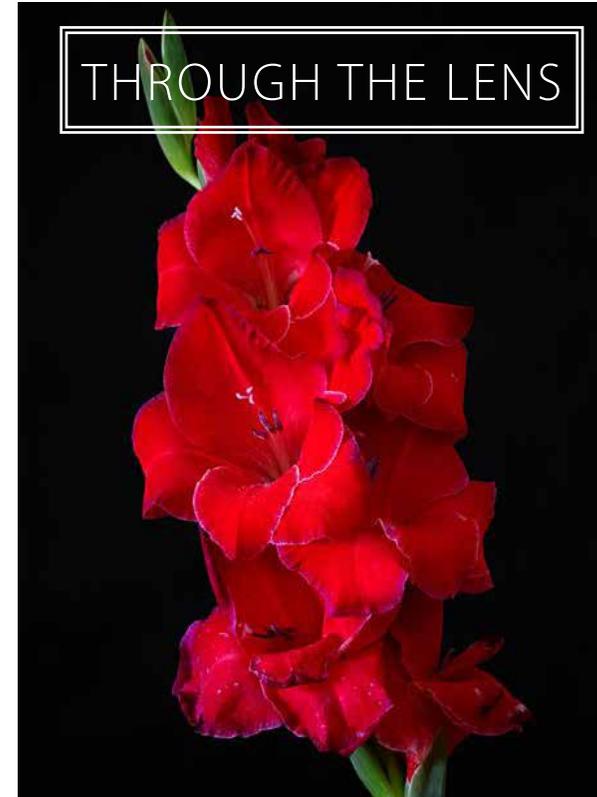




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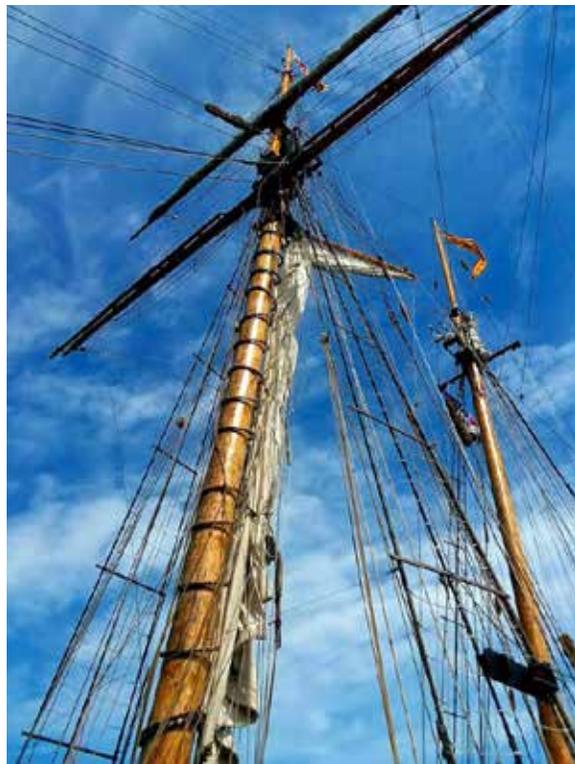
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Gladiolus by Roger Maki



County Fair Pig by Ron Klauda



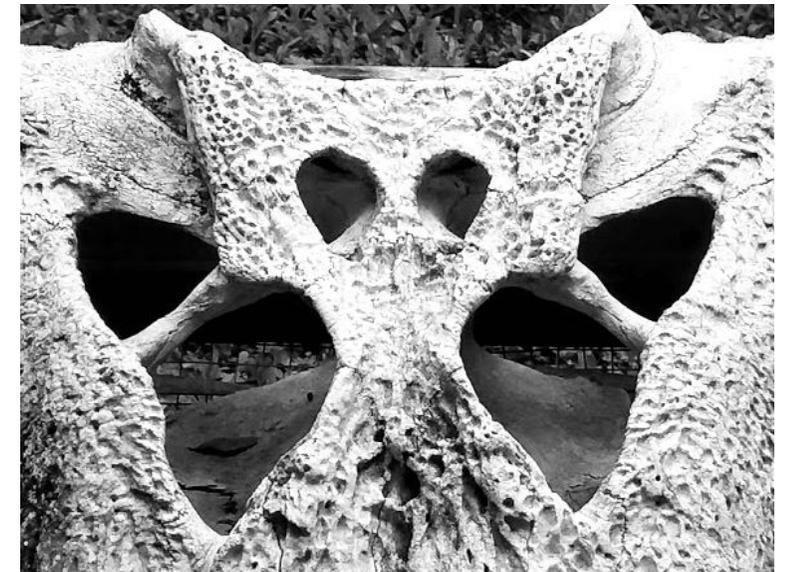
Pride of Baltimore by Ron Klauda



Radio, Rock & Roll by Jennifer Quinn



Playing Outside Sorta Kinda by Chuck Burley Jr



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