



Calvert County NEWS

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January in Calvert County, Md.

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Dec. 26, 2012 – It's a new year, and that means lots of new experiences to be had in Calvert County in January.

Through Sunday, Jan. 13

Glitz: Art that Sparkles

Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center
13480 Dowell Road, Dowell
410-326-4640 • www.annmariegarden.org

This exhibit goes over the top with works of art that shine, sparkle, twinkle, shimmer, flash and glitter!

Through Sunday, Feb. 24

Marc Castelli: The Art of the Waterman

Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center
13480 Dowell Road, Dowell
410-326-4640 • www.annmariegarden.org

This exhibit features 23 paintings by renowned Chesapeake artist Marc Castelli. Castelli paints in watercolor on paper, working from photographs he takes. This allows him not only to get the proportions and details exactly right, but also to capture action and attitude that painting from life would not permit. The paintings are on loan from the collections of Diane Simison and the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michael's, Md.

Tuesday, Jan. 1 (1-3 p.m.)

Polar Bear Plunge

5th Street and Bay Avenue on the Boardwalk
North Beach
410-257-9618 • www.northbeachmd.org

Take a dip in the icy cold waters of the Chesapeake Bay, then enjoy hot cocoa and roast marshmallows over a fire on the beach as you warm up.

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Friday, Jan. 4 (2 p.m.)

First Friday Tours of the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory (MAC Lab)

Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum

10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard

410-586-8578 • www.jefpat.org

Enjoy a free behind-the-scenes tour of this state-of-the-art facility that houses more than 8 million artifacts, including collections from every county in Maryland. The guided tours allow visitors to get up close and personal with conservators and collections. Reservations are not required.

Friday, Jan. 4 (5-8 p.m.)

First Free Friday

Calvert Marine Museum

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

410-326-2042 • www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

The museum is open and free to the public. Entertainment will be provided at 6:30 p.m. by the musical duo Bob Pfeiffer and Eric Skow playing a wide variety of musical favorites. Docents will be available throughout the museum to answer questions.

Saturday, Jan. 5 (2:30-4 p.m.)

Maple Syrup Campfire

Battle Creek Cypress Swamp Sanctuary

2880 Grays Road, Prince Frederick

410-535-5327 • www.calvertparks.org

Do you like real maple syrup? Come find out how it's made from identifying the maple trees to the long process of cooking sap into syrup. We will have a campfire and cook ash cakes with our syrup. Adult participation and reservations are required.

Monday, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 (10 a.m. and 1 p.m.)

Memories Tour

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard

410-586-8501 • www.jefpat.org

The public is invited to share memories of Calvert County, the Patterson Family, JPPM or those who may have once worked this land. If you do not have a story to share, come enjoy the tour and hear the memories of others. In 1983 Mrs. Patterson donated Point Farm to the state in honor of her late husband, creating Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum. Join us for a guided tour of this beautiful 1933 Colonial Revival brick house and gardens designed by noted female architects Gertrude Sawyer and Rose Greely.

Friday, Jan. 18 through Sunday, March 24

The Living Gallery

Annamarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

13480 Dowell Road, Dowell

410-326-4640 • www.annmariegarden.org

Annamarie's Main Gallery will be transformed into artist studios, providing a serene retreat and experimental space for artists to develop new work. Visitors can observe and interact with artists and are invited to participate in the creative process.

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Saturday, Jan. 19 (1-3 p.m.)

Waterman Photography Slide Show & Talk

Annamarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

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Artist Marc Castelli will present a slide show of his photography, "A Year on the Water." Castelli will discuss the Chesapeake Bay, watermen and their harvest through the year and conditions and circumstances in which they work.

Sunday, Jan. 20 (2 p.m.)

Sunday Conversations with Chesapeake Authors: "Pure Sea Glass" with Richard LaMotte

Calvert Marine Museum

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

410-326-2042 • www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

Richard LaMotte will talk about his renowned book on sea glass identification, "Pure Sea Glass." Richard has spent hours carefully studying close to 30,000 shards of sea glass to produce this in-depth study. Come and immerse yourself as he focuses on sea glass identification. Bring your favorite shards for help determining their age and origin. Wear your best piece of sea glass jewelry or purchase a unique keepsake from a sea glass jeweler. Enter the "Glass with a Past" contest and possibly win a gift certificate to the Museum Store. Prizes will be awarded for the oldest and rarest pieces of sea glass brought to the conversation. No registration necessary; the presentation is free.

Monday, Jan. 21 (10 a.m.-5 p.m.)

MLK Day: In Honor of a Dream!

Annamarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

13480 Dowell Road, Dowell

410-326-4640 • www.annmariegarden.org

Come enjoy a day of creative activity for all ages to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Sunday, Jan. 27 (2-3:30 p.m.)

Nature's Explorers: Feeding Time

Battle Creek Cypress Swamp Sanctuary

2880 Grays Road, Prince Frederick • calvertparks.org

Help us feed the turtles, watch as crickets disappear in the blink of an eye and see a snake swallow its prey whole. In addition, a hands-on activity will teach you how different bird beaks are designed for feeding on different foods. The animals aren't the only ones who will eat; there will be snacks for you, too. This program is designed for children ages 6 to 9. Adult participation is encouraged, but not required. Reservations are required.

For more information about the Calvert County, Md., Department of Economic Development, visitor sites and attractions and the services available to assist county businesses, call 410-535-4583, 800-331-9771 or 301-855-1880; send an email to info@ecalvert.com; or visit online at www.ecalvert.com.

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Calvert County is Maryland's smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to nearly 90,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, energy, advanced manufacturing and administrative services.