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May in Calvert County, Maryland

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – May 6, 2010 – April showers bring May fun to Calvert County this month. The county is blooming with great family activities and opportunities to explore rivers, beaches and parks.

Wednesday, May 5, and Sunday, May 16

Point Farm House & Garden Tour

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum
10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard

Guided tour of the estate home and retreat of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Patterson. This colonial revival brick house, created by noted female architect Gertrude Sawyer, was built in 1932. The gardens are being faithfully restored using the original plans of landscape architect Rose Greeley. Reservations required. \$10 per person, \$8 seniors age 55 and over. www.jefpat.org or 410-586-8501

Friday, May 7 (5 – 8 p.m.)

First Free Friday

Calvert Marine Museum
14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

The first Friday of every month features the first free Friday program when the museum is open free to the public from 5 – 8 p.m. Special entertainment and activities. For details visit www.calvertmarinemuseum.com.

Saturday, May 8 (1 – 4 p.m.)

Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum Celebration of National Train Day

4155 Mears Avenue, Chesapeake Beach

Celebrate national Train Day with special activities. www.cbrm.org or 410-257-3892

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Saturday, May 8 (11 a.m. – 6 p.m.)

Calvert Wine & Arts Fest

All Saints Episcopal Church
100 Lower Marlboro Road, Sunderland

The juried show features some of the best artisans from Calvert, St. Mary's and Charles counties. Included will be Calvert County's five wineries: Cove Point, Solomons Island, Fridays Creek, Perigeaux and Running Hare. Guests can purchase a commemorative wine glass for just \$12. Musicians, dancers, children's activities, baked goods and other great food add to the festivities. Tours will be available of the historic 1692 church and its labyrinth. 410-257-6306 or www.allsaints1692.org

Saturday, May 8 (8 a.m. – noon)

Master Gardener Plant Sale

Calvert County Community Resources Building
30 Duke Street, Prince Frederick

Buy from Master Gardeners who know and grow these vegetables, herbs, native plants and houseplants. Get answers to your questions about existing plants and problems, landscaping and soil requirements. Featuring the new "Garden Fair" – learn "Grow It, Eat It," composting, how to build rain barrels and salad boxes and much more. 410-535-3662 or 301-855-1150

Saturday, May 8 (11 a.m. – 2 p.m.) and Sunday, May 23 (10 a.m. – 1 p.m.)

Guided Canoe Trip

American Chestnut Land Trust
Warriors Rest Sanctuary, 1920 Scientists Cliffs Road, Port Republic

Depart from Warrior's Rest and enjoy a scenic tour of Parkers Creek. Note that canoe trips are physically strenuous, requiring paddling for three hours (frequently against wind and tides), and may require participants to help carry a canoe for up to one-quarter mile over sand to access the creek. Reservations required. www.acltweb.org or 410-414-3400

Sunday, May 9 (11 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.)

Mother's Day Cruises Aboard the Wm. B. Tennison

Calvert Marine Museum
14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

Your choice of two special Mother's Day cruises aboard the Wm. B. Tennison. Brunch cruise in the morning; evening cruise with heavy hors d'oeuvres. Preregistration required by May 5. For fees and registration call 410-326-2042, extension 41. www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

May 13 – 23 (10 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

Solomons – Paint the Town Exhibition and Sale

Annmarie Garden Sculpture Park & Arts Center
13480 Dowell Road, Solomons

Over the first three days, May 13-15, *Plein Air* artists will create works "in the open air" drawing inspiration from the scenery around Solomons. Join the Calvert Marine Museum, Annmarie Garden and other sites for special activities on May 15-16. An exhibition and sale of the art at Annmarie Garden from May 16 – 23. Join Annmarie Garden for a special After Hours on Friday, May 21, to view the art, enjoy great music and sample local food. www.annmariegarden.org or 410-326-4640

Friday, May 14, 21 and 28 (6 – 9 p.m.)

North Beach Friday Night Farmers Market & Classic Car Cruise-In

5th Street and Bay Avenue on the Boardwalk, North Beach

Seasonal delights from local farms including vegetables, fruit, cut flowers, bedding plants, fresh herbs, seafood and baked goods. Free entertainment. Classic car enthusiasts will enjoy some of the coolest vehicles in the area at the simultaneous Friday Night Cruise-In. 301-855-6681, 410-257-9618 or www.ci.north-beach.md.us

Friday, May 14 (7 p.m.)

Archaeology Speakers Series – On the Edge of Reality: The Intersection of Pre-Columbian Religion and Politics in the Andes

Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory, Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum
10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard

Lecture by Anita Cook, Catholic University. Going beyond excavation and analysis, archaeologists must interpret their research to the public. Find out how politics, religion, descendant communities and archaeology intersect and conflict in today's world at various sites, including the renowned world heritage site, Machu Picchu in Peru. www.jefpat.org or 410-586-8501

Saturday, May 15 (2 – 6 p.m.)

Welcome Back to the Beach Festival and Centennial Kickoff

5th Street and Bay Avenue on the Boardwalk, North Beach

Celebrate coming "Back to the Beach" and a very special kickoff to the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of North Beach. Games, food, entertainment and other activities available for the entire family. 301-855-6681, 410-257-9618 or www.ci.north-beach.md.us

Friday, May 21 (7:30 – 9 p.m.)

Campfire on the Beach

5th Street and Bay Avenue on the Boardwalk, North Beach

Join us on the beach for a campfire, marshmallow roast and storytelling for the children. 301-855-6681, 410-257-9618 or www.ci.north-beach.md.us

Saturday, May 22 (11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.)

Summer Kick-Off Cruise Aboard the Wm. B. Tennison

Calvert Marine Museum
14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

Celebrate the start of summer with a cruise for the kids. Eat pizza, get your face painted and enjoy balloon animals, all while enjoying the breeze of the Patuxent River. \$12 per person, advance registration required by May 19. For more information call 410-326-2042, extension 41, or e-mail mccormmj@co.cal.md.us.

Saturday, May 22 (Dusk)

Movie on the Beach

5th Street and Bay Avenue on the Boardwalk, North Beach

Bring your family, chairs and blanket and enjoy a movie on the beach. www.ci.north-beach.md.us or 310-855-6681

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Saturday, May 22 (Noon – 5 p.m.)

Strawberry Festival

Waters Memorial United Methodist Church

5400 Mackall Road, St. Leonard

Festival starts at noon with bulk strawberries, ice cream with sliced strawberries, sandwiches, platters and crafts. Yard sale at 7 a.m. www.gbgm-umc.org or 410-586-1716

Sunday, May 30 (Gates open at 6 p.m.; show time 7:30 p.m.)

Waterside Concert Series – Josh Turner

Calvert Marine Museum

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

Country music artist Josh Turner appears singing his hits “Your Man,” “Would You Go with Me,” “Firecracker” and new release “Why Don’t We Just Dance.” Call for ticket prices. 410-326-2042 or www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

For more information about the Calvert County, Md., Department of Economic Development, our 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 e-mail 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 approximately 90,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. There are more than 5,000 businesses in the County and a labor force of at least 1.8 million resides within a one-hour drive. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, utilities, light manufacturing and administrative services.