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April 2010

Greetings!

Welcome to the first issue of *Discover Calvert County*, a new quarterly newsletter designed to let you know what's going on in Calvert County.

It's Almost Time to Rock

Opening Day for Rockfish is April 17

One of the region's greatest experiences is fishing in the Chesapeake Bay off a headboat. Imagine setting off just before daybreak and casting lines as the sun rises.



Calvert County is home to the largest charter fishing fleet on the Chesapeake Bay. Our captains are experienced and know instinctively where to find the big fish. Whether you fish from Solomons, Chesapeake Beach or Breezy Point, there is easy access from Baltimore, Annapolis and Washington, DC. And it is a great gift for Dad on Father's Day!

Make a weekend out of your visit and explore what Calvert County has to offer. Visit one of our parks: [Calvert Cliffs State Park](#), [Flag Ponds Nature Center](#), [Kings Landing Park](#) or [Battle Creek Cypress Swamp Nature Center](#). Enjoy the beach at [North Beach](#), [Chesapeake Beach](#) or [Breezy Point](#). Tour one of our many attractions and museums. Savor wine on the [Patuxent Wine Trail](#). Enjoy the taste of fresh Maryland seafood with your family and friends. You will find many reasons to return.

For more information visit www.ecalvert.com.

2010 Visitors Guide



The [Calvert County Department of Economic Development](#) is pleased to announce that the 2010 Calvert County Visitors Guide is now available. This guide features important information on

Hit the Trail - the Water Trail!

Did you know that the Captain John Smith Chesapeake

area dining, shopping, lodging, attractions and special events. To receive your free copy, please call our office at 410-535-4583 or 800-331-9771 or e-mail info@ecalvert.com.

Upcoming Special Events

MAY

Maritime Festival

Saturday, May 1

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Calvert Marine Museum

14200 Solomons Island

Rd., Solomons

410-326-2042



Celebrate Southern Maryland traditions and taste traditional foods, enjoy live music, Chesapeake Bay retriever trials, model boats, crafts demonstrations, kids activities and more.

Calvert Wine & Arts Fest

Saturday, May 8

11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

All Saints Episcopal Church

100 Lower Marlboro Rd.,

Sunderland

410-257-6306

Featuring local artisans and Calvert County's five wineries. Food, entertainment, children's crafts, baked goods and more!

Solomons Paint the Town Exhibition & Sale

Sunday - Sunday,

May 16 - 23

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily

Annmarie Garden

Sculpture Park & Arts

National Historic Trail is the nation's first water trail? It follows the routes of Smith's travels based on his map and journals and covers about 3,000 miles in parts of Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia.



Although the trail is still developing, there are already existing water trails where you can follow portions of Smith's historic route and many places to learn about the 17th-century Chesapeake and the Native American peoples who inhabited this land for thousands of years before the English arrived. All together, the Trail's current system includes more than 160 water trails,

parks, museums, wildlife refuges and other sites that are partners in the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail. In Calvert County, these places include the [Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum](#), [Battle Creek Cypress Swamp](#), [Flag Ponds Nature Park](#), [Kings Landing Park](#), [Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum](#) and the [Calvert Marine Museum](#).

For more information on the John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail - including maps, historical background, free trip planners and other resources - visit online at www.smithtrail.net.



Calvert Marine Museum Celebrates 40 Years

During 2010, the [Calvert Marine Museum](#) celebrates 40 successful years of providing education and cultural experiences. Located in beautiful Solomons Island, Maryland, the Calvert Marine Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Visitors explore and learn how our

prehistoric past, natural environments and maritime heritage come together to tell a unique story of the Chesapeake Bay.

Center

13480 Dowell Rd.,
Solomons
410-326-4640



Over the first three days, artists will create works "in the open air" drawing inspiration from the scenery around the town of Solomons. On Sunday the art works will be shown and offered for sale in Annmarie Garden's beautiful new gallery.

25th Annual Children's Day on the Farm

Sunday, June 6, 2010
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

10515 Mackall Rd., St. Leonard
410-586-8501



A celebration of Southern Maryland's rich agricultural heritage featuring hands-on activities, exhibits, crafts, farm-life demonstrations and live entertainment. Antique tractor parade at 2 p.m.

North Beach House & Garden Club Tour

Sunday, June 6, 2010
1 - 5 p.m.

St. Anthony's Catholic Church, North Beach
410-257-9618

At the 25th annual North Beach House & Garden tour you will visit old, new and renovated houses and cottages in the North

Come touch 20-million-year-old fossils taken from Calvert Cliffs. Discover where fresh and salt water meet in the museum's 15-tank "Estuarium." Tour the Drum Point Lighthouse. Take a ride aboard the Wm. B. Tennison, a 110-year-old log-built bugeye. See skates and rays swim and touch a horseshoe crab or diamondback terrapin. Watch lively otters at play. Stroll the marsh walk and spy water snakes, great blue heron, osprey and hermit crabs in their natural environment.

The first Friday of every month features the First FREE Friday program when the museum is open free to the public from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. with special entertainment and activities. For a complete listing of museum activities, events and programs, visit www.calvertmarinemuseum.com or call 410-326-2042 ext. 41.

Calendar of Events

ECO Weekend

Saturday - Monday, April 17 - 19
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Anmarie Garden Sculpture Park & Arts Center

13480 Dowell Rd., Solomons
410-326-4640

Enjoy a variety of earth-friendly activities in honor of Earth Day and Arbor Day.

Earth Day Celebration and Clean-up

Saturday, April 17
8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

American Chestnut Land Trust

South side trailhead barn off Scientists' Cliffs Rd.,
Port Republic
410-414-3400

Volunteer crews will be working along roadsides and on selected projects. Volunteers will be rewarded with a picnic lunch.

Discovering Archaeology Day

Saturday, April 17
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

10515 Mackall Rd., St. Leonard
410-586-8501

Celebrate JPPM's 2010 season opening! Discover the where, what and how of archaeology. Demonstrations, tours, displays and hands-on activities for all ages.

Spring Guided Hike on Gravatt East

Saturday, April 24
9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

American Chestnut Land Trust

South side trailhead barn off
Scientists' Cliffs Rd.

Beach area (reservations recommended). The guided tour and brochure are \$10 per person.

Father's Day Fling and Tobacco Trail Antique & Classic Car Meet

Saturday, June 19, 2010
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Anmarie Garden Sculpture Park & Arts Center

13480 Dowell Rd.,
Solomons
410-326-4640

This Saturday afternoon hiatus challenges dads, granddads and the families they love to build their own catapults and then use them to hurl paint at a large canvas. Enjoy the automobile as art at this annual gathering.

Café open for lunch.

Admission fee for Car Meet.

African American Family Community Day

Saturday, June 19, 2010
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

10515 Mackall Rd.
St. Leonard
410-586-8501
410-535-2730

A multi-cultural event for the entire family.

Sponsored by the Calvert Branch of the NAACP and Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum.

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Port Republic
410-414-3400

A leisurely guided walk to view spring wildflowers and early migratory birds; registration required.

[Celtic Festival & Highland Gathering](#)

Saturday, April 24
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

10515 Mackall Rd., St. Leonard

The oldest Celtic celebration in Maryland. The festival highlights the heritage of the Scots, Irish, Welsh, Manx, Breton, Cornish and British.

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