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December 2011

Venture out for an unforgettable holiday treat. Behold our brilliant sights and rejoice in unique festivities. Good spirits and cheer await.

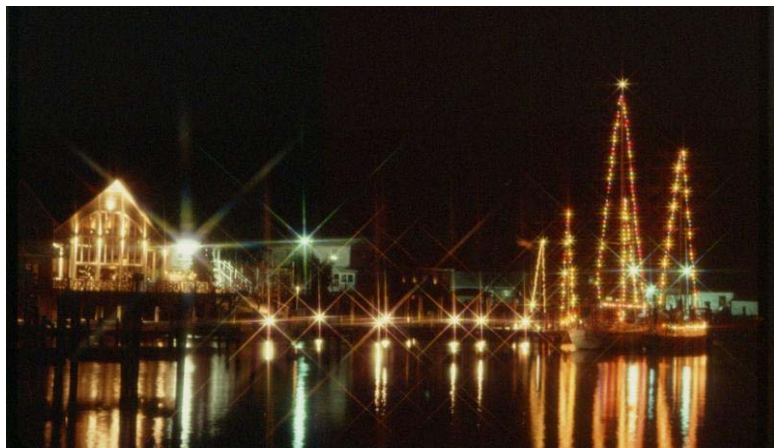
December Events

Through Sunday, January 1,
2012
3rd Annual Ornament
Show & Sale
Annamarie Sculpture Garden &
Arts Center
13480 Dowell Road
Solomons, MD 20688
410-326-4640
www.annmariegarden.org

Through Saturday, January 14,
2012
Holiday Train Garden
Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Tan's Cycles
9032A Chesapeake Avenue
North Beach, MD 20714
301-855-8337
410-257-6619
www.tanscyclesparts.com

Through January 1, 2012
Brightest Beacon on the Bay
Evenings

Solomons Christmas Walk



Solomons celebrates the 27th annual Christmas Walk on Friday and Saturday, December 2 and 3. Stroll luminary-filled streets and enjoy seasonal sights and sounds. It is a fun-filled evening of children's activities, crafts, a live puppet show and business open houses. Santa will light the tree at the Solomons Riverwalk Pavilion at 6 p.m. on Friday and the Calvert Marine Museum will host Christmas Crafts for kids, refreshments and live holiday music from 6 to 9 p.m. The Southern Maryland Sailing Association will have boat building for kids and a special visit from Santa.

410-257-2230 301-855-0043
www.chesapeake-beach.md.us

Through Sunday, January 1
 "Gifts for a Lifetime"
 CalvART Gallery
 Prince Frederick Shopping
 Center
 98 S. Solomons Island Road
 Prince Frederick, MD 20678
 410-257-7005
www.calvertarts.org

Through December
 Featuring the works of art by all
 members
 Artworks @ 7th
 9128 Bay Avenue
 North Beach, MD 20714
 410-288-5278
www.artworksat7th.com

Friday, December 2
 Holiday Bazaar
 Windy Hill Elementary School
 6 - 8 p.m.
 9550 Boyds Turn Road
 Owings, MD 20736
www.whespta.com

Friday-Saturday, December 2-3
 First Free Friday
 6 - 9 p.m.
 Calvert Marine Museum
 14200 Solomons Island Road
 Solomons, MD 20688
 410-326-2042
www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

Saturday, December 3
 Maker's Market
 9 a.m. - Noon
 Annmarie Sculpture Garden &
 Arts Center
 13480 Dowell Road
 Solomons, MD 20688
 410-326-4640
www.annmariegarden.org

Saturday - Sunday, December 3
 and 4
 Antique Christmas Festival
 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Throughout Calvert County

Children can give their wish lists to Santa at "Breakfast with Santa" on Saturday, December 3, from 8 to 11 a.m. at Isaac's Restaurant located in the Holiday Inn Solomons. Reservations are required - call 410-326-6311. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under.

On December 3 and 4, see a live Nativity scene at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and cruise the pet adoptions at Carmen's Gallery from 6 to 9 p.m. Weather permitting, the Solomons Lighted Boat Parade begins at 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 3. The boat parade starts at the Solomons Yachting Center (weather permitting) at approximately 6 p.m. It goes up Back Creek for judging, winds behind Molly's Leg and finishes in the Patuxent River along the boardwalk.

Visit online for a complete events list:
http://www.solomonsmaryland.com/Christmas_Walk_2011.pdf



HOLIDAY PARADES

Everyone loves a parade - and Calvert County has two great parades that herald in the holidays. On Saturday, December 3, Santa makes a grand entrance at the Bay Business Group Holiday Parade in North Beach. Parade watchers should be in place along the boardwalk by noon to see bands, floats, antique cars and motorcycles, kids on bikes and pets with their owners march along Bay Avenue from 1st to 7th Streets.

After the parade, the Town of North Beach lights its holiday tree on the boardwalk. Children can climb on Santa's lap to give him their wish lists. Enjoy roasted marshmallows over a bonfire on the beach then walk along the decorated streets and enjoy "hassle-free" shopping at the many charming stores and antique shops offering unique gifts for that hard-to-buy-for person on your list.

On Sunday, December 4, the Optimist Clubs of Calvert County and the Calvert County Fair Board team up to welcome Santa to Prince Frederick. The parade, held at Fox Run Shopping Center, begins at 2 p.m. and includes marching bands, ROTC and scout groups, 4H clubs, floats and fire trucks. And of course the big man himself will be there to bring joy to all the little girls and boys.

Saturday, December 3
 Holiday Wreath Workshop
 Session I, 10 a.m. - Noon
 Session II, 1 - 3 p.m.
 Jefferson Patterson Park &
 Museum
 10515 Mackall Road
 St. Leonard, MD 20685
 410-586-8501
www.jefpat.org

Saturday, December 3
 Designs for the Holidays -
 Greens Show
 All Saints Church Hall,
 intersection
 of Routes 2 and 4
 Sunderland, MD
 410-535-5714

Sunday, December 4
 Friends of the Chesapeake
 Beach Railroad Museum Annual
 Holiday Open House
 1 - 4 p.m.
 Chesapeake Beach Railway
 Museum
 4155 Mears Avenue
 Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732
 410-257-3892
www.cbrm.org

Wednesday, December 7
 Back-to-Back Tours - Point
 Farm and Maryland
 Archaeological
 Conservation Laboratory
 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.
 Jefferson Patterson Park &
 Museum
 10515 Mackall Road
 St. Leonard, MD 20685
 410-586-8501
www.jefpat.org

Friday, December 9
 Greens Sale Prep Day & Wreath
 Making Workshop
 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 American Chestnut Land Trust
 Warrior's Rest
 1920 Scientists Cliffs Road
 Port Republic, MD 20676
 410-414-3400
www.acltweb.org

Because it is difficult to fly the sleigh without snow, Santa will arrive in fashion atop one of the county's firetrucks!



Garden in Lights

Surround yourself with one-of-a-kind, handmade creations at Annmarie Garden's annual Garden in Lights. Mythical creatures, spectacular wild animals, illuminated works of art, hidden beasts, romantic dancers and more will delight all ages. Don't forget to ask for a "holiday I spy" program. After your walk, enjoy a hot drink, entertainment, the Ornament Show and the Celebrations Glass Exhibit in the Arts Building. Garden in Lights runs through January 1, 2012. Visit online for more information: www.annmariegarden.org



TRADITIONAL CELEBRATIONS

Weekends through December 11, the Twin Beach Players will present "A Christmas Carol" at the North Beach Firehouse banquet hall. This all-children's musical performed by the Twin Beach Players Youth Troupe will put you in the holiday spirit. The Twin Beach Players Youth Troupe includes students in the first through twelfth grades who are interested in learning all

Saturday, December 10
Designs for the Holidays -
Greens Show
All Saints Church Hall
Intersection of Routes 2 and 4
Sunderland, MD
410-257-6306

Saturday, December 10
Northern High School Annual
Holiday Craft Fair
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
2950 Chaneyville Road
Owings, MD 20736
301-775-0416

Saturday, December 10
Lusby Town Center Holiday
Tree Lighting Ceremony
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Bank of America Lusby
Town Center
Lusby, MD 20657

Saturday, December 10
2nd Annual Luminary Holiday
Walk
5 p.m.
North Beach, MD
www.ci.north-beach.md.us

Thursday, December 22
Polar Express
6 p.m. and again at 6:45 p.m.
Chesapeake Beach Railway
Museum
4155 Mears Avenue
Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732
410-257-3892
www.cbrm.org

JANUARY

Sunday, January 1, 2012
Polar Bear Swim
1 - 3 p.m.
5th Street and Bay Avenue on
the Boardwalk
North Beach, MD 20714
310-855-6681
410-257-9618
www.northbeach.org

aspects of the theater from acting, collecting props, costume design, running lights and sound to working as stage manager. Friday and Saturday the show begins at 7 p.m. Sunday matinees are at 3 p.m. For more information visit their website, www.twinbeachplayers.com.

Looking for a traditional wreath for your door? Attend the Greens Sale & Beach Hayride at the Parker's Creek Preserve managed by the American Chestnut Land Trust on Saturday, December 10, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Purchase fresh-cut decorative evergreens, drink hot cider and take the family on a beach hayride. The greens sale benefits the Warrior's Rest Sanctuary. For more information, visit www.acltweb.org.

Sunday, December 11, Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church hosts the 10th annual TUBACHRISTMAS concert at 4 p.m. Local musicians look forward to this unique holiday celebration. All low brass players in the local area are welcomed to play in the group. TUBACHRISTMAS features traditional Christmas carols arranged for tuba and baritone horn players. The performance is open to the public and free of charge. www.tubachristmas.com.

The Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum invites you to share in a holiday tradition as their "conductors" read a classic children's Christmas story, "The Polar Express," on Thursday, December 22, at 6 p.m. The Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum is housed in the former Chesapeake Beach train station that sat at the end of a 32-mile track originating in Washington, DC. Learn more about this event at www.cbrm.org.

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