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March 2011

Spring is in the air. Visit Calvert County for events rich in heritage, tradition and fun!

## Celtic Festival of Southern Maryland

April 30 will mark the 33<sup>rd</sup> occurrence of the oldest Celtic celebration in Maryland. The **Southern Maryland Celtic Festival and Highland Gathering** highlights the heritage of the Breton, Cornish, Irish, Manx, Scots and Welsh. The festival is scheduled on the last Saturday of April every year from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum, St. Leonard.



Three performing stages offer continuous music and dance featuring internationally known recording artists and groups. Watch craft and country-dance demonstrations and listen to harp and Scottish fiddling while storytellers weave tales near grazing sheep alongside historical displays, crafts and food. In the Celtic market you will find food and gifts with an old-world atmosphere. All-day competitions include pipers, fiddlers, highland dancers, athletes, drummers, pipe bands and Celtic harpers. After closing ceremonies, join the group in the dance pavilion for the evening ceili. They will present the *Rovers* starting at 6:30 pm. For information, visit [www.csmm.org/festival](http://www.csmm.org/festival)

## Calendar of Events

### MARCH

Friday, March 18 - Sunday, March 27

#### Calvert Artists' Guild Art Show

Annamarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center  
13480 Dowell Road  
Solomons, MD 20688  
410-326-4640

[www.calvertartistsguild.org](http://www.calvertartistsguild.org)

Friday, March 18

#### Annamarie After Hours: AHH!

6 - 9 p.m.  
Annamarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center  
13480 Dowell Road  
Solomons, MD 20688  
410-326-4640

[www.annmariegarden.org](http://www.annmariegarden.org)

Sunday, March 20

#### Sunday Conversations with Chesapeake Authors - Nick Caloyianis, *The Shark Handbook*

2 p.m.  
 Calvert Marine Museum  
 14200 Solomons Island Road  
 Solomons, MD 20688  
 410-326-2042, ext. 32  
[www.calvertmarinemuseum.com](http://www.calvertmarinemuseum.com)

Saturday, March 26  
**Hiking Trail Maintenance Day**  
 9 a.m. - Noon  
 American Chestnut Land Trust  
 410-414-3400 · [www.acltweb.org](http://www.acltweb.org)

Saturday, March 26  
**5K Run/Walk - Keep Your Colon Rollin'**  
 10 am - 5 pm  
 Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum  
 10515 Mackall Road  
 St. Leonard, MD 20685  
 410-586-8501 · [www.jefpat.org](http://www.jefpat.org)

Sunday, March 27  
**Barn Work Day**  
 8 a.m. - Noon  
 American Chestnut Land Trust  
 410-414-3400 · [www.acltweb.org](http://www.acltweb.org)

## APRIL

Saturday, April 9  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Green Fair Expo**  
 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
 College of Southern Maryland - Prince  
 Frederick Campus  
 115 JW Williams Road  
 Prince Frederick, MD 20678  
[www.calvertgreenexpo.org](http://www.calvertgreenexpo.org)

Saturday, April 16  
**Discovering Archaeology Day**  
 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum  
 10515 Mackall Road  
 St. Leonard, MD 20685  
 410-586-8501 · [www.jefpat.org](http://www.jefpat.org)

## MAY

Saturday, May 7  
**Maker's Market**  
 9 a.m. - Noon  
 Annmarie Sculpture Garden &  
 Arts Center  
 13480 Dowell Road  
 Solomons, MD 20688  
 410-326-4640  
[www.annmariegarden.org](http://www.annmariegarden.org)

Saturday, May 7

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## For the Gardener Maryland House & Garden Pilgrimage

The Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage coordinates an annual multi-county spring tour giving visitors an inside look at extraordinary historic and contemporary homes. On Saturday, May 7, enthusiasts can visit a unique part of Calvert County that is not typically open to the casual visitor. In 1937 Scientists' Cliffs was founded with an unusual charter: "*To promote an interest in the natural sciences by means of a botanical garden, arboretum, lectures, field trips, preservation of open space, exploration, and preservation of fossil deposits.*" It is perhaps the only community that maintains a museum of fossils collected from its beaches. Beginning as a small cluster of rustic summer cabins high on the cliffs overlooking the Chesapeake Bay, many of the 244 homes in this community have become year-round residences.

Tour proceeds will be used by the **American Chestnut Land Trust (ACLT)** to create a native plant garden, install benches and signage and develop educational materials on the benefits of utilizing native plants in private gardens. The 3,000-acre Parkers Creek Preserve, managed by ACLT, is one of the last remaining large undeveloped areas on the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay and serves as a reservoir of biological diversity.

### *Herb & Wildflower Sale*

**Battle Creek Cypress Swamp**, a 100-acre ecological sanctuary that includes the northernmost naturally occurring stand of bald cypress trees in America, will hold its annual herb and wildflower sale Saturday, May 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. More than 30 types of herbs will be available for purchase along with cultivated native wildflowers from Lower Marlboro Nursery. Funds raised further environmental education programs in Calvert County. Visit [www.calvertparks.org](http://www.calvertparks.org) or call 410-535-5327 for more information.

**Colonial Family Day**

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum  
10515 Mackall Road  
St. Leonard, MD 20685  
410-586-8501 · [www.jefpat.org](http://www.jefpat.org)

Saturday, May 7

**Chesapeake Beach Railroad  
Museum Celebration of National  
Train Day**

1 - 4 p.m.

Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum  
4155 Mears Avenue  
Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732  
410-257-3892 · [www.cbrm.org](http://www.cbrm.org)



Saturday, May 7

**Fossil Field Experience**

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Calvert Marine Museum  
14200 Solomons Island Road  
Solomons, MD 20688  
410-326-2042  
[www.calvertmarinemuseum.com](http://www.calvertmarinemuseum.com)

Saturday, May 14

**Calvert Wine & Arts Fest**

11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

All Saints Episcopal Church  
100 Lower Marlboro Road  
Sunderland, MD 20689  
410-257-6306 · [www.allsaints1692.org](http://www.allsaints1692.org)

Saturday, May 28

**Chesapeake Beach Waterpark  
Opening**

4079 Gordon Stinnett Avenue  
Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732  
410-257-1404 · 301-855-3803  
[www.chesapeakebeachwaterpark.com](http://www.chesapeakebeachwaterpark.com)

**World War II  
Remembrance Day****Master Gardener Plant Sale**

On Saturday, May 14, learn gardening tricks from Master Gardeners at the Master Gardener Plant Sale. Get answers to your questions about existing plants and problems, landscaping and soil requirements. Learn about "grow it, eat it," composting, building rain barrels and salad boxes and much more. The sale will be held from 8 a.m. - Noon at the Calvert County Community Resources Building, 30 Duke Street, Prince Frederick, MD. For more information, call 410-535-3662 or visit <http://extension.umd.edu/gardening/mastergardeners/local/calvert>.

**Solomons - Paint the Town! - May 12-15**

Plein air artists will enjoy their art form and share their creativity with the public during *Solomons-Paint the Town*. Visitors of all ages are invited to observe the entire process from the first brush stroke to the final flourish. To the viewer, this art form can be very exciting



because it invites the public into the creative process including the sights, sounds and even smells of the artist's world. The highlight will be the awards reception on Sunday, May 15, 1 p.m., **Annamarie Sculpture Garden**.

The exhibition and sale of artwork begins Sunday, May 15, and continues through Sunday, May 29. All works created during the festival will be on exhibit and available for purchase. This creative and festive event is coupled with programs and activities offered at various locations throughout Solomons and Dowell. Don't forget to stop by one of the many shops, restaurants and galleries.

[www.annmariegarden.org](http://www.annmariegarden.org)

Attend the World War II Remembrance Day at the Calvert County Fairgrounds, 140 Calvert Fair Drive, Prince Frederick, MD, on Saturday, May 14, 2011, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy displays of military history from 1812 to present day, food and memorabilia vendors and a field training drill. There will be community resource booths for veterans, youth and families. Throughout the day hear USO-style entertainment including music, performances, dance and comedy. Veterans and home front heroes will tell their stories and be recorded for the Library of Congress Veterans Living History Project. For more information, visit [www.circleofangels.org](http://www.circleofangels.org).

## 2011 Maritime Festival

The **Calvert Marine Museum** is gearing up for the 2011 Maritime Festival Saturday, May 14, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. celebrating Southern Maryland traditions with entertainment, food and demonstrations for the entire family. The boat basin brims with water related activities including the crowd pleasing Chesapeake Bay retrievers and their duck-fetching skills. The *Radio Controlled Model Boat Club* will demonstrate sailing and free boat rides will be available on the *Wm. B. Tennison* every half hour. The Patuxent Small Craft Guild will also have their famous toy boat building operation in full swing.



Taste traditional foods, learn how to pick crabs and shuck oysters like the pros, enjoy local gospel and music, see world-class water fowl carving and talk with traditional crafts people as they demonstrate their skills. Kids will enjoy traditional games, races, toy boat building and more. The entire event is free. For a complete schedule and more information about the Maritime Festival, visit the Web site at [www.calvertmarinemuseum.com](http://www.calvertmarinemuseum.com) or call 410-326-2042.

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