

# TideKeeper TIMES

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*Tales from the place where time & tide meet*

## A New Directory for the Southern Maryland Museum Association

Every other month or so, directors from various museums, parks and historic sites in Southern Maryland grab their brown bag lunches and get in their cars and drive... because the Southern Maryland Museum Association meets at a different location each time. Scattered across the Heritage Area and beyond, is a loose network of dedicated and hardworking people and they are all trying to get you to come and visit them.

To help with that goal, the Heritage Area has created a new listing of all the museums in the region that interpret our common history and themes. "Southern Maryland: Where Time and Tide Meet" is meant to provide a one-stop source for the basic information about all the museums we have to offer.

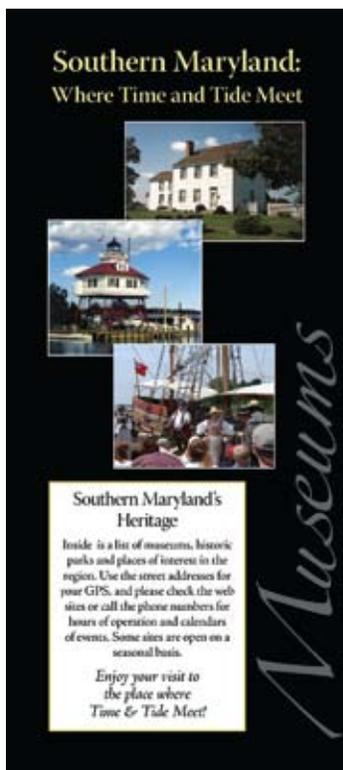
The problems and challenges of keeping a museum going are never ending, but getting the word out about all the wonderful things to see and do never stops. It's a roller coaster ride that can make any site

director sigh with fatigue. But now we have one more tool to help in that battle for visitors. The new brochure will list each museum's phone number, web address and street address -- the user is instructed to call or check online for hours and events. The street address is to be used with a GPS device.

So, the next time this group spreads their sandwiches and iced tea, carrot sticks and chocolate chip cookies on conference tables or picnic tables someplace in our three counties, we can share the news of this bi-fold brochure along with the latest event, exhibit or trail.

Everyone at the next SMMA meeting will take a stack of brochures for their own display racks. Then it's time for the cookies to go around the table

and everyone will take one of those too and pass the rest on as we call an end to another meeting.



*The colorful new brochure lists all the museums in our area.*

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# Phase One of Indian Head Rail Trail Open for Business!

On December 2nd a large group of cycling enthusiasts and Charles County residents gathered for the ribbon cutting of the first part of a new hiker-biker trail in Indian Head. The chill of the sunny day did not deter some members of the group from setting off for a spin once the ceremony was over.

Tom Roland from Charles County Parks & Recreation Division presided over the event and introduced the County Commissioners who each spoke briefly. The Mayor of the Town of Indian Head, Hon. Dennis Scheessele, mentioned how pleased he was to have the trail there in town. Michael Wilson from the Federal Lands-to Parks Program of the National Park Service also spoke appreciatively of the new trail and a representative from the Indian Head Rail Trail Advisory Committee, Blake Altman, was present to help cut the ribbon and ride the route.

The Trail was completed thanks to the work and contributions of many groups and the Southern Maryland Heritage



*Charles County's Tom Roland introduces the Board of Commissioners at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Indian Head Rail Trail in December.*

Area is proud to be among those who helped by providing access to a \$100,000 capital grant from the Maryland Heritage Areas. The trail supports

both tourism and a healthy lifestyle in addition to offering sweeping views of natural vistas and wildlife. Additional phases of the Rail Trail are planned.

## TideKeepers — New Members and Renewals

We are always pleased to welcome new and renewing members who support our efforts to keep Southern Maryland as beautiful, historic and rich in resources as it was when the colony first began. So our thanks go to all those below who sent in contributions to support the Heritage Area in recent months.

### Associate Members:

American Chestnut Land Trust  
Bayside History Museum  
The Beach Business Group  
Calvert County Historical Society  
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Calvert Marine Museum

Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum  
Bill & Vikki Childs  
Donna & Bill Dudley  
Bradley Gottfried  
Commissioners of Leonardtown  
Mary & Doug Marino  
Wilson Parran  
Diane & Charles Seller  
The Sotterley Foundation  
Southern Maryland Association of Realtors  
Del. John Wood

### Sustaining Members:

Chaney Enterprises  
Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland

# *One Mini-Grant Brings Down the House at Calvert Marine Museum and Another Opens Doors at a Historic Church*

One of the 2008 Mini-Grant checks went to the Calvert Marine Museum in Solomons to support a series of heritage concerts during the museum's successful First Free Fridays programs. CMM has begun a policy of opening it's doors on the first Friday evening of each month without admission and traffic has been heavy.



In the first concert Bob Zentz, a well known maritime musician, presented Sea Chanteys and Songs of the Sea. Bob is a singer of songs old and new about people, places, and times gone by. He accompanies himself on dozens of the usual and unusual folk instruments. An accomplished teller of the tales behind the songs and an acknowledged scholar of the evolution of home-made music, Bob always entertains. For those who really wanted to get involved, Zentz led a Sea Chantey and "Foo Foo" Band Workshop from 6 - 6:30 p.m. The free concert was from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. and there were several calls for "encore!"

Across the Patuxent River in St. Mary's County the lovely historic St. Andrew's Church, which is one of the sites related to the Religious Freedom Byway, got some Mini-Grant help to restore the north doors to the building.

*Bob Zentz takes a well-earned break in the action at Calvert Marine Museum's First Free Fridays concert.*



*St. Andrew's Church has newly restored doors.*

One of our most successful programs, the Mini-Grants are awarded in the late summer and sustain many small projects across the region.

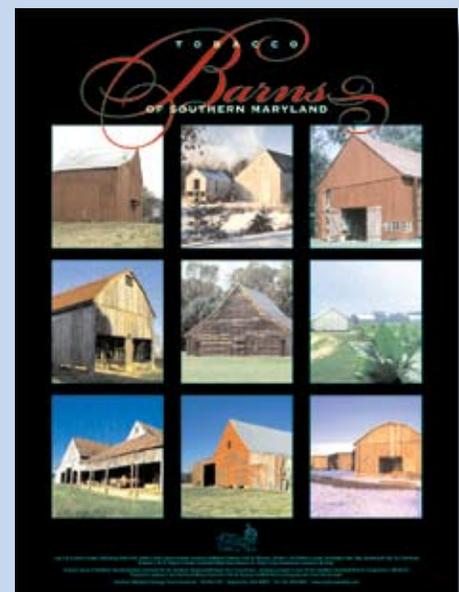
## **Still Available – Frame Yours TODAY!**

We still have some copies of our award winning poster featuring nine of the most beautiful old tobacco barns in the Heritage Area. The National Trust for Historic Preservation named our tobacco barns of Southern Maryland as one of the 11 Most Endangered sites in the US a few years back and we have been working to preserve some of the most significant examples ever since.

These graceful structures are truly the emblems of the Southern Maryland landscape and yet they are rapidly disappearing as they fall victim to the elements, developers and neglect.

Before they all disappear, we captured images of three from each county, and created this lovely poster. The poster is in full glowing color and very suitable for framing. Proceeds and profits will go directly to the Heritage Area, so consider making the purchase of one or more poster today – not just for your wall, but for the future of the barns themselves!

Size, 18 x 24" high. Cost: only \$15.00 each including shipping & handling. Order one today, we need your support and so do the barns! Available at our offices and other locations, call 301-274-4083 or email: [SoMdHeritage@tccsmd.org](mailto:SoMdHeritage@tccsmd.org)



# A New Partnership – and a Donation Acknowledged

Every year the preservation planners from the three counties in Southern Maryland give a presentation to the Southern Maryland Association of Realtors about the work they do here in our beautiful region. And every year the SMAR makes a donation for their efforts. This year the Planners, Kirsti Uunila of Calvert County and Cathy Hardy of Charles County, generously

chose to pass that donation on to the Heritage Area.

So from one regional group supporting economic development in Southern Maryland to another, we want to say a hearty thank you to the SMAR for their check. In order to demonstrate our appreciation Executive Director Roz Racanello met the President of the SMAR, Russ Boyce, and presented him with one of our beautiful Tobacco Barns of Southern Maryland posters.



*Southern Maryland Association of Realtors President, Russ Boyce receives a poster from the SMHAC Director in appreciation of the group's donation.*

## Mission:

*The Mission of the Southern Maryland Heritage Area Consortium is to enhance the economic activity of Southern Maryland through combining quality heritage tourism and small business development with preservation, cultural & natural resource conservation and education.*

## Support Southern Maryland's Heritage... Become a **Tidekeeper** now!

The people of Southern Maryland are interested in the history and culture of our region. These people make up our Friends group, called *Tidekeepers*.

With your help, we will preserve, enhance and promote all that is special about our heritage area. By doing that we will demonstrate what a terrific place Southern Maryland is to work and play, for all the residents and also for the visitors and businesses in the region. Joining this elite circle of pride can cost as little as twenty dollars, so complete the Membership Form today and send it in with your donation – become a Tidekeeper of Southern Maryland.

**YES**, I want to join the Tidekeepers and demonstrate my pride in the unique Heritage of Southern Maryland! Enclosed is my donation for the Membership Level:

(please check one:)

Associate Member \$20     Supporting Member \$100     Sustaining Member \$500

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Special interests/concerns/talents: \_\_\_\_\_

I want to make an additional contribution in this amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **Friends of Southern Maryland Heritage**, a non-profit organization, organized under the 501-c(3) of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland. Your dues are tax deductible.

Mail completed form and check to: **Southern Maryland Heritage Area Consortium, PO Box 745, Hughesville, MD 20637.**

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## Membership Levels and Benefits

**ASSOCIATE MEMBER: \$20.** Open to individuals and non-profit associations. All Associate Members will be on our mailing list to receive our newsletters and other information.

**SUPPORTING MEMBER: \$100.** Open to all who have a special pride in our region. All Supporting Members will receive a copy of our "Barns of Southern Maryland" poster.

**SUSTAINING MEMBER: \$500.** Open to businesses and individuals in Southern Maryland that wish to make a substantial and positive contribution in support of the Heritage of Southern Maryland. All Corporate Members will receive a plaque of appreciation for their contribution.