



Chesapeake Bay Stewards Newsletter

March 2018

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NEWS FROM THE TRUST



Trust Kicks Off 2018 with More than \$3.7 Million in Grants

The Trust announced the approval of 164 grants totaling \$3,727,047 to enable a wide range of organizations to implement on-the-ground restoration and education projects and programs.

Learn more about these grant awards [here](#).



Sailing Legend Gary Jobson to Present at 2018 Treasure the Chesapeake Gala

Attendees of the 20th Annual Treasure the Chesapeake Gala will be treated to a special presentation from Gary Jobson, world-class sailor, preeminent ambassador for sailing in the U.S., and a member of the Trust Board of Trustees.

Jobson's sailing credentials are unparalleled and his connection to the Chesapeake runs deep, making his presentation a superb centerpiece for the gala event.

The Trust's 20th Annual Treasure the Chesapeake celebration raises funds to support our restoration, education, and community outreach grant programs.

Scheduled for Thursday, May 17, 2018, from 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm, at the Baltimore Museum of Industry.

Visit cbtrust.org/treasurethechesapeake to learn more about how to sponsor the event and to purchase tickets.



New on the Blog

- Last week was [National Invasive Species Awareness Week](#), so we featured an [Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay](#) project funded by the Trust's [Anne Arundel County Forestry and Forested Land Protection Grant Program](#), a partnership with the County, that removed acres of invasive species from forested land to prepare for planting thousands of new trees. Read more: bit.ly/2t9PTjQ
- Plus, glimpse a snapshot of life in the [Chesapeake Conservation Corps](#). Corps member Shelby Cross shares a video of a recent collaboration with fellow Corps members. See the video and read more about the Nature Discovery Play Space that Cross is building at [Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary](#) as part of her Corps capstone project: bit.ly/2t1YVdE



Corps Member Publishes Op-Ed in *Baltimore Sun*

We are so proud of Chesapeake Conservation Corps member Diamonique Clark's recent inspiring op-ed "[Busting Stereotypes: Blacks do hike](#)" in the *Baltimore Sun*. One more way Corps members are making a difference! Clark is a current Corps member hosted by [Stevenson University's Center for Environmental Stewardship](#).

Chesapeake Conservation Corps is Accepting Applications

Looking to launch your environmental career? Or know a young person who is? Soon-to-be college grads and high school seniors interested in a gap year can gain vital green jobs skills and build a network of connections in the environmental field through the **Chesapeake Conservation Corps** program.

This one-year term of paid service places young adults (ages 18-25) with nonprofits or government agencies to work full-time in the environmental field in the Chesapeake watershed.

Application deadline is April 13, 2018 at 5:00 pm. Learn more about this life-changing program [here](#).

Chesapeake Conservation Corps Host Site Applications

The Chesapeake Conservation Corps is also still accepting Host Site applications for the 2018-2019 Cohort. Deadline is March 9, 2018. Find the application and learn more about how your organization can benefit from this green jobs program and help shape the next generation of environmental leaders [here](#).

“In the Corps I have learned invaluable lessons, developed and built my skill set, and made some incredible connections. I know now and even in 10 years when I look back on this experience I will credit where I am then to this program.”

—Kellie Rogers, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, 2015-2016

LEARN ABOUT THE BAY



[Anacostia Watershed Society](#) is still accepting applications for this spring's **Watershed Stewards Academy in Prince George's County**.

This is your opportunity to learn about your local watershed and how you can help address pollution problems. In this 8-session course, you will learn about stormwater runoff, familiarize yourself with County resources for greening your community, conduct water quality sampling, and go on a boat tour of the Anacostia River. Classes start

March 21, 2018.

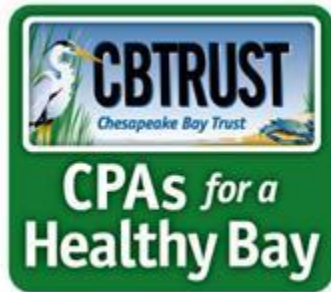
For information and to register, [click here](#).

AROUND THE BAY

- **Billions and Billions of New Oysters to be Added to Chesapeake Bay:** The Chesapeake Bay Foundation, along with more than 20 other organizations, announced a partnership to add 10 billion oysters to the Bay by 2025. This ambitious target is the first time a specific number has been chosen in Bay oyster recovery efforts, and is based on the successes and lessons learned over the past seven years. You can learn more about this historic program and how these organizations are planning on reaching this goal [here](#).

- **Kent's Carvers and Clubs Opens at CBMM April 14:** Fans of Chesapeake history and culture will want to head to St. Michaels to check out the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum's upcoming exhibit *Kent's Carvers and Clubs; Guides Gunners and Co-Ops*, which opens on April 14th. This exhibit showcases the work and determination of Kent County's outdoorsmen throughout the 20th century with decoys, photographs, and first-hand accounts. Learn more about the exhibit and the Maritime Museum [here](#).
- **On Maryland's Eastern Shore, the Herons Aren't Camera Shy:** The Chesapeake Conservancy's popular Eastern Shore Great Blue Heron cam received major upgrades during the off season and is now up and running for this year's season. Recent temperatures caused the birds to arrive a few weeks early and they are already beginning their courtship dances. You can learn more about the herons and the cam upgrades, as well as watch the live stream [here](#).
- **Photographer Jay Fleming Featured At Annapolis Maritime Museum:** The photography of local renowned artist Jay Fleming will be featured throughout 2018 at the Museum and admission is free during regular hours. A special reception will be held on March 22nd from 5:30-7:30pm to kick off the exhibit. "Equal parts informative and aesthetically pleasing, Fleming's authentic photographs are relevant to the history buff, the biologist, the photography fan, and the Chesapeake Bay lover alike." [Check it out](#) when you're in town!
- **Sustainable Art Leads Back to the Bees:** Artist and entrepreneur Kara Brooks of Kent Island, wanted a change in career paths and became inspired by encaustic painting, or paint made from beeswax. She started learning more about issues affecting bee populations and how to raise bees, which led to her starting hives, creating over 125 different products made from bee products and fostering a natural ecosystem on her farm by planting native plants. To find out more about Brooks' work, see her products, and learn how you can help out your local bee populations, [click here](#).
- **Washing Away: The Disappearing Islands of Chesapeake Bay:** Holland Island is just one of many examples of what is to come in the Chesapeake, where sea levels are rising faster than the national average. 13 offshore islands that were inhabited have completely disappeared from the Bay since 1607. Today, only Smith Island and Tangier Island remain, but the future of these islands and their residents is uncertain. [Read more](#) about the current state of the islands and some of the proposed methods for preventing the loss of these islands.
- **Catch the Spring Action at a Vernal Pool Near You:** Spring is coming, and that means the annual amphibian migration will be happening shortly! You will be able to tell that it's starting when you hear the call of spring peepers at night, and people in the right spot at the right time will be able to see hundreds or thousands of amphibians returning to the vernal ponds they were born in. You can find out more about this migration, as well as local tours in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia [here](#).

TAX SEASON OPPORTUNITIES



Tax Season is Here!

Contact one of our "CPAs for a Healthy Bay" to work with a Bay-friendly professional! The full list of participants is available [here](#).



Do Good While Doing Your Taxes!

Tax time is an opportunity to look out for the Bay and local at-risk species. Donations made to the **Chesapeake Bay and Endangered Species Fund through your Maryland Tax form (Line 35)** are split between the Trust and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Wildlife & Heritage Service. The funds cannot be diverted for any other use. [Learn more today.](#)

WAYS TO GIVE

- **Monthly giving, at any level, is an easy and efficient way to support the Trust's efforts to restore and protect our bays, rivers, streams, forests, and parks.** You can easily start, change, or stop your gift at any time. Sign up to make your monthly gift to the Trust [here](#).
- Did you know that sales of the **Treasure the Chesapeake license plates** support our work in Maryland? You can upgrade to a Bay Plate at anytime [online](#) or in person at the MVA.
- **3x your impact!** From March 12-31, Amazon is **tripling the donation rate** on your first smile.amazon.com purchase! Go to smile.amazon.com/ch/52-1454182 and Amazon donates to the Chesapeake Bay Trust.



ABOUT THE TRUST

The Chesapeake Bay Trust is a nonprofit, grant-making organization dedicated to improving the bays, streams, rivers, forests, parks, and other natural resources of the Chesapeake region through environmental education, community outreach, and local watershed restoration.

Since 1985, the Trust has awarded more than \$90 million in grants and projects that engage hundreds of thousands of dedicated individuals in efforts that are making a difference for all of our local systems—Chesapeake, Coastal Bays, and Youghiogheny.

Sponsorship Opportunities Available!

Demonstrate your commitment to your community and the health of the Bay by sponsoring our 20th Annual Treasure the Chesapeake fundraising gala.

To learn more, visit:
cbtrust.org/20th-annual-treasure-chesapeake

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