



Chesapeake Bay Stewards Newsletter

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NEWS FROM THE TRUST



Chesapeake Bay Trust is Beneficiary of 2018 Made in Maryland Festival

Now in its second year, the 2018 Made in Maryland Festival will support the Chesapeake Bay Trust. The event will be held on **Sunday, May 6, 2018**, from 11 am to 5 pm at Kurtz's Beach, located at 2070 Kurtz Avenue in Pasadena, MD.

The event celebrates all the unique offerings of our marvelous state, from artisans, crafters, live jousting, food vendors, local wines and craft brews, live entertainment and beyond. The Trust will be on site as well.

It promises to be an exciting Maryland-themed afternoon along the Chesapeake Bay!

Tickets can be purchased online [here](#).

TurtleFest
SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018
 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM | ANNAPOLIS HARBOR CENTER
 Annapolis Harbor Center is hosting a turtle-themed family fun day to celebrate the completion of two restoration projects designed to reduce pollution and improve aquatic habitat.

12:00 PM TURTLE RELEASE!
 Turtles that were moved during project construction will be released back to their improved home in the pond.

2512 Solomons Island Rd, Annapolis, MD 21401
 www.annapolisharbourcenter.com

TurtleFest Celebrates Completion of Annapolis Harbour Center Restoration Projects

Annapolis Harbour Center is hosting a turtle-themed family fun-day on Saturday, May 19, 2018, to celebrate the completion of two [restoration projects](#) designed to reduce pollution and improve aquatic habitat. During the event, the Terrapin Institute and the South River Federation will return turtles removed during construction to their natural habitat!

The Trust's own Jeffrey Popp, co-director of the Terrapin Institute, will give a turtle talk on the species of turtles that were found in the pond and lead the release of the turtles.

The event promises to thrill the entire family and will include a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Turtle Talks, Nature Tours, Turtle Release, Arts & Crafts, Face Painting, and more!

[Click here](#) for event details and information.

AROUND THE BAY

- **Catching a Glimpse of Southern Maryland Traditions at Solomons Maritime Festival:** Participate in a day of living history and celebrate southern Maryland traditions at the 13th annual Solomons Maritime Festival at the Calvert Marine Museum on Saturday, May 5th. This free festival has something for the whole family, from riding on a historic buy-boat, watching Chesapeake Bay Retrievers compete, building and racing model boats, to enjoying southern Maryland specialties like stuffed ham. To learn more about this festival, click [here](#).
- **Underwater Grasses in the Chesapeake Bay Experience Record Growth for Third Consecutive Year:** For the first time in modern history submerged aquatic vegetation in the Bay has exceeded 100,000 acres. While this is only 57% of the way to the restoration goal, it is still a huge success that shows that the Total Maximum Daily Loads that were adopted in 2010 are working. Besides filtering water, these plants can reduce shoreline erosion, sequester carbon, and provide habitat for a variety of species in the Bay. To find out more about this achievement and the work that remains to be done, click [here](#).
- **Retired PA Forester's 37-year Career with Trees Bore Much Fruit:** Dan Devlin recently retired after 37 years with managing the forests of Pennsylvania. A lot changed over this time, from an increase in park accessibility to the debates over fracking. Devlin was instrumental in all of these changes and was one of the first to adopt an ecosystem based model of management, instead of the tradition production models that were taught. To find out more about Devlin's work and legacy, click [here](#).
- **Oyster Reef Installed in Severn River Could Break Up Dead Zones:** The Chesapeake Bay Foundation is experimenting with planting reef balls and oyster spat in the Severn River to see if this will prevent dead zones by mixing the water column. This experiment is based on the fact that oyster reefs used to be vertical and cause navigational hazards in the Bay. The results from this experiment could highlight another beneficial reason to restore oyster populations and are part of the Chesapeake Oyster Alliance's goal to add 10 billion oysters to the Bay by 2025. To find out more about this experiment, click [here](#).
- **Make Maryland Plants Part of Your Landscape:** When you're doing your spring planting this month make sure to buy from one of the 313 locally sourced nurseries in Maryland. Besides supporting local businesses these plants can help restore the native environment and provide water quality improvements and pollinator habitat. To find a nursery near you and other tips and tricks about planting a garden, click [here](#).
- **Maryland's Hideaway on the Bay:** Called Maryland's Best Kept Secret by the locals, Havre de Grace is a great town to plan a trip to because of its rich maritime traditions. You can visit the Ward Decoy Museum to learn more about the iconic history of decoy carving in the "Decoy Capital of the World," visit the oldest publicly accessible lighthouse in the region, take a sail on one of the last working skipjacks in the Bay, and learn about the role Havre de Grace played in the War of 1812. To learn more about these excursions and find out more that Havre de Grace has to offer, click [here](#).

TREASURE THE CHESAPEAKE



The 20th Annual Treasure the Chesapeake is just around the corner! Get your tickets today!

New This Year! Brewery Ommegang, a craft brewery based in Cooperstown, NY—headwaters of the Chesapeake—and known for their clean water initiatives, will join us and provide a special beer tasting for attendees!



Plus! Don't forget the oyster bar and other Chesapeake Bay fare, open bar, silent auction, and stellar presentation from honored guest and world-class sailor, Gary Jobson, who will treat guests to his presentation on "Wind and Water." Jobson's sailing credentials are unparalleled and his connection to the Chesapeake runs deep, making his presentation a superb centerpiece for the gala event.

All the more reason to join us for an evening of food, fun, and fundraising on the Baltimore waterfront to support the Bay and a cleaner, greener, healthier Chesapeake Bay watershed!

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

Visit cbtrust.org/treasurethechesapeake to learn more and purchase tickets.

**Thursday, May 17, 2018
6:00 pm-9:30 pm
Baltimore Museum of Industry
1415 Key Highway, Baltimore, MD 21230**

Register Now!

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](#), through a [tag agent](#), or in person at the MVA.
- You can give to the Trust all year long when shopping through **AmazonSmile** at smile.amazon.com/ch/52-1454182. Amazon donates a percentage of every purchase to the Trust. Plus, it's easy! When you go to the above link, follow the prompts and select Chesapeake Bay Trust as your charitable organization of choice. Then shop as usual!

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.

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