

Chesapeake Bay Stewards Newsletter

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NEWS FROM THE TRUST



Introducing shopchesapeakebaytrust







For over 30 years, the Chesapeake Bay Trust has participated in the restoration and protection of the Chesapeake Bay. Now you can proudly show your support!

FEATURING

PETS: pet placemats, doggie daybeds

HOME: mugs, cutting boards, towels, indoor/outdoor mats

CLOTHING: T-shirts, aprons



Just over one year ago, the Chesapeake Bay Trust, alongside our partners the Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration, TM Design, Maryland State Police, Maryland State Transportation Authority, Trustees, and media joined at Sandy Point State Park to unveil the third design in the history of the Maryland State Chesapeake Bay License plate... and the response couldn't have been better.

The iconic images of the Bay bridge, crabs, grasses, blue skies and the Chesapeake Bay all resonate with Marylanders far and wide leading us to think... why limit ourselves to just license plates? And the online Bay Boutique was born!



The Bay Boutique arrives just in time for holiday shopping with new products to be added soon.

Shop now: Shop Chesapeake Bay Trust

Proceeds from all sales fund the work of

the Trust to collaboratively support projects in several key topic areas: education, restoration, community engagement, and science and innovation. Take a look at last



The Chesapeake Bay Trust Cordially invites you as our guest

To a special presentation by

Gary Jobson, Author World-class, Hall of Fame,

America's Cup Winning Sailor ESPN Broadcaster, 1985-2016 NBC Olympics Commentator



Wind and Water: Sailing and Our Environment

And the launch of his new book, "Legends of American Sailing"

Tuesday, November 12, 2019 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM Hors d'oeuvres & cocktails provided

> Chesapeake Bay Trust 108 Severn Avenue Annapolis, MD 21403

Space is limited. RSVP by November 8th to cedson@cbtrust.org or 410-974-2941, ext. 114.

Chesapeake Bay Trust Adds New Voices to Leadership

The Trust introduced four new Councilmembers, four new ex officio Trustees, and one new Governor-appointed Trustee to its organizational leadership.

"These new voices, coming from academia, government, and private industry, are going to greatly help the Trust accomplish its mission," stated Trust board chairman, Gary Jobson of Jobson Sailing Inc., a world-class America's Cup sailor, former ESPN commentator, and NBC Olympic commentator. "These individuals are pillars of their communities, and we are thrilled to add them to the Trust family."

Meet the new members of leadership <u>here</u>.







The Chesapeake Bay Trust Announces Awardees

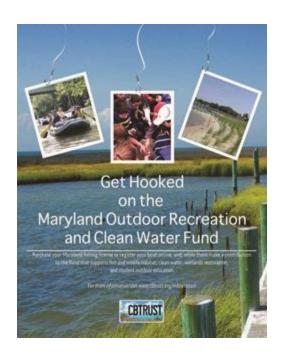
In September, the Trust approved 66 grants totaling \$828,570 to enable a wide range of organizations to implement onthe-ground restoration and education projects and programs. Four times each year, the Trust's Board of Trustees announce their grant approvals helping local non-profit organizations, schools, community groups, local governments and municipalities through a variety of outreach and restoration techniques. See the September 2019 awarded projects here.

Are you interested in learning about the grant programs we manage? Visit our <u>Grants and Opportunities</u> page.

Small Amounts Really Make A Big Difference

The <u>Maryland Crabs podcast</u> recently met with Trust executive director, Jana Davis, and board chairman, Gary Jobson to talk about the benefits of outdoor activity, the connection between the environment and human health, where the Trust fits in the scheme of Chesapeake Bay restoration, and the <u>Maryland</u> Outdoor Recreation and Clean Water fund.

"When you are on the water, land looks a lot different and the sense of freedom being out there; and you get a wide space and you



become connected with nature in a way that I don't think you do in cities or urban environments," stated Mr. Jobson. With 60 years of sailing the Chesapeake Bay, Mr. Jobson reported on the progress being made in restoring the health of the Chesapeake Bay and reiterating Ms. Davis' point of "everyone can do something, that is the beauty of it," in discussing the projects and groups the Trust funds.

The Maryland Crabs podcast with the Chesapeake Bay Trust is available below. With a subscriber base of over 3,400 listeners throughout Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Northern Virginia, and a social media following exponentially larger, it is a go-to source for the important issues of our area.

Listen to the Maryland Crabs podcast <u>here</u>. Download the program with a player <u>here</u>.

Great Relationships, Healthy Gardens

A Trust grantee reports on the unexpected benefits of their Native Habitats for Habitat program.

"Is it alive?" asked Tynita Cummings, one of six Habitat for Humanity homeowners participating in Pickering Creek Audubon Center's Native Habitats for Habitat program. She pointed to a native plant with brown leaves from last year that she had been puzzling over to Pickering Creek naturalist, Samantha Pitts, during a garden visit late one summer evening. "Maybe it didn't make in through the winter after all," Cummings added, with a little edge of worry crossing her face.



"It's alive and doing great. It just needs the old growth to be cut back," Samantha reassured her after closer inspection. She pointed out the healthy new growth coming through last year's brown stubble. "You'll want to trim last year's leaves back early in the spring." "Oh, I didn't know that," replied a relieved Tynita as they continued their walk about the yard and moved easily on to other garden questions. The relaxed atmosphere where homeowners feel free to ask questions about their garden is the result of time well spent by Pickering Creek Audubon staff. Read the full article here.

AROUND THE BAY

"Oyster Artist" created high-tech artificial shells. "Fishery managers have turned to shell alternatives, such as concrete, granite and even porcelain toilets. But young oysters, known as spat or larvae, generally have had greater trouble latching onto the artificial materials. They also tend to grow at a slower rate." Read the full Chesapeake Bay Magazine article here.

The Once-endangered Chesapeake Bay is Thriving Again - and Fall is the Perfect Time to See it. "And as the bay is replenished, its food is reaching a new audience. Encompassing much more than just steamed crab and Old Bay — though they are everywhere, and delicious — Chesapeake cuisine can be traced to an enduring indigenous influence, as well as the recipes of enslaved Africans and seafaring settlers." Read the full Irravel & Leisure Magazine article here.

Planting a Healthy Harbor. The Harris Creek rain garden was funded through an award from the Chesapeake Bay Trust and the <u>Baltimore City Department of Public Works</u>. "A week after installation, the rain garden was put to the test and endured the first 100-year storm (a storm with a 1% or a 1-in-a-100 chance of occurring in any given year) it was designed to filtrate." Read the full <u>Waterfront Baltimore</u> blog <u>here</u>.

YMCA Take the Helm. "What happens when you combine STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) concepts, leadership principles, and boats? Take the Helm!" Watch the video from the <u>YMCA of the Chesapeake</u> about this unique Trust funded project here.

Baltimore to Get 4th (and largest) Trash Wheel. "The newest trash wheel will need a name, of course, and the Waterfront Partnership's Healthy Harbor Initiative is asking for suggestions." Read the full Chesapeake Bay Magazine Bay Bulletin article here and submit your name idea here!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

<u>Water/Ways</u>: Now - March 7, 2020. See link for times locations. An exhibition from the Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street, explores the relationship between people and water. It explores the centrality of water in our lives including its effect on the environment and climate, its practical role in agriculture and economic planning, and its impact on culture and spirituality.

<u>Scrap Yard: Innovators of Recycling</u>. Now - April 2020. See link for museum times. The Jewish Museum of Maryland. Baltimore. Come explore this hands-on exhibit featuring an industry that turns waste into raw materials, has given millions of people a livelihood and community, and has propelled American industry and innovation for centuries.

Go Green, Get Green: Intro to Green Business. Wednesday, November 6th, 5:30p-7p. Woodstock, VA. Learn how to improve your business's bottom line through eco-friendly practices and green marketing.

<u>Party at the Landfill</u>. Tuesday, November 19th, 2p-3p. Edinburg, VA. Join Sustainability Matters in planting pollinator habitat at the Shenandoah County Landfill, with the ultimate goal that every time a local landfill covers up a trash cell, pollinator habitat, not fescue, gets planted on top.

WAYS TO GIVE





Become an integral part of the Trust's life: Join the Chairman's Circle

The Chairman's Circle was created to engage those who want to make it possible for us to meet the increasing demands of restoring and protecting our natural resources and national treasure, the Chesapeake Bay. With the support of the Chairman's Circle, we can ensure

solutions that make environmental and economic sense so our children, our grandchildren, and their children can swim in our waters, fish from our shores, and breathe in fresh air from the trees in our forests. Read more and join here.

Direct donation:

You can make a direct donation to the Chesapeake Bay Trust <u>here</u>. Or mail your contribution to: The Chesapeake Bay Trust, 108 Severn Ave., Annapolis, MD 21403.

Amazon Smile

You shop, Amazon gives. Bookmark <u>this</u> link so that all of your eligible shopping benefits The Chesapeake Bay Trust.

Federal, State, and Local Campaigns

Federal, state, and local campaigns are tailored to meet the needs of employees, including U.S. postal workers, state employees, and U.S. military at home and

overseas. Visit your human resources department or campaign coordinator to learn how you can give to the Chesapeake Bay Trust through federal and state campaigns.

Monthly Giving

At any level, monthly giving is an easy and efficient way to invest in the Chesapeake Bay's recovery. Your monthly gift will ensure that the Trust can provide everyday citizens with the resources they need to accomplish projects that have a measurable, positive impact on the health of the Chesapeake and its rivers and streams. You can easily start, change, or stop your gift at any time. Sign up to make your monthly gift to the Trust here.

Chesapeake Bay License Plates

Did you know that sales of the Chesapeake Bay license plates support our work in Maryland? You can upgrade to a Bay Plate at any time <u>online</u>, through a <u>tag agent</u>, or in person at the MVA. As a Chesapeake Bay plate owner, you are invited to join our Plate Perks program, giving you preferred parking or discounts at a growing number of businesses!

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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 \$100 million in grants and projects that engage hundreds of thousands of dedicated individuals in efforts that are making a difference for all our local systems—Chesapeake, Coastal Bays, and Youghiogheny.



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