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CMM Expansion Update

The Museum is either in the middle of, or about to begin, several new projects. In an effort to keep our members up-to-date on what is happening, we have decided to give you a preview of future Museum features.

BOAT SHED: The biggest project for this fall is the construction of a 100 x 50 ft. boat shed. Thanks to a state grant, funds are available to build this shed, which will house our growing small craft collection, and our excellent collection of marine engines. This project will protect historic and oftentimes fragile boats from being abused by the elements.

STORAGE SHED: Behind the main building in the area of the "junk pile", as the staff and, I am sure, our neighbors call it, a fenced-in outdoor storage yard and shed are being constructed. This will free desperately needed space in the Museum building and will provide a protected area in which to store and repair larger outdoor exhibits.

WOOD CARVING AND MODEL MAKING SHOP: Our shop in the basement of the Museum is almost completed. Visitors will be able to watch artisans, such as "Pepper" Langley, carve trailboards and make models. On the same floor a temporary changing exhibit area will be made, plus a small auditorium for lectures, movies, and slide shows.

PALEONTOLOGY EXHIBIT ROOM: The staff has already begun planning the next exhibit room on fossils from the Calvert Cliffs. If funds are forthcoming, this exhibit should be one of our most popular. A large mural depicting the ocean floor of the Calvert Sea 13 million years ago, and several fossil whale and porpoise skulls, will dominate the room.

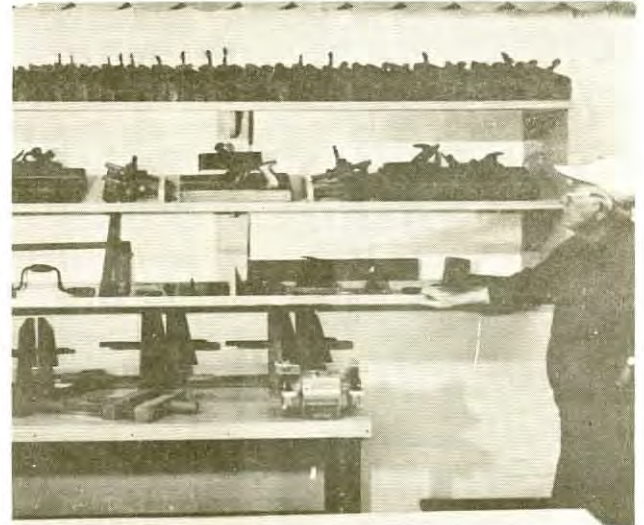
This may sound like a lot for our small staff; but thanks to our ever-present volunteers, we hope to have these projects completed by July 1977. If any of these projects sound interesting to you and you would like to volunteer, please call the Museum (326-3719). Your help is needed!

Old Timers' Get-Together

On October 21 at 2:30 p.m., the Calvert Marine Museum is holding an open house for all interested "Old Timers." We hope to share your recollections, experiences and knowledge of the "good old days" to help our staff more accurately document our artifacts and exhibits. Our Museum can only be as good and as accurate as the information and knowledge available to us. Our senior citizens, especially those of you who were or still are watermen, can be of great assistance. So please put this date on your calendar especially if you have had experience as a waterman or shipbuilder. We look forward to its being an enjoyable and learning experience for us all.

Funds Needed For Shamrock Restoration

The Calvert Marine Museum is most fortunate to have the 5-log brogan *Shamrock*, which was donated by Mr. David Judson of Grimstead, Virginia. Built in 1908-09 at Poquoson, Virginia, the boat measures 40' x 9'4". Brogans evolved from the smaller log canoe, and eventually grew into the once popular bugeye. In 1937 when Brewington wrote his book on Chesapeake Bay log canoes, he wrote, "A few brogans are still in service, most of them equipped with a gasoline motor, but one or two in the neighborhood of Solomons, Maryland, retain their original rig." Unfortunately, today they have all but disappeared. It is the goal of the CMM to restore the *Shamrock* to sailing condition. For this reason, the Museum requests your help whether it be financial, advice, or ship carpentry skills. All donations should be addressed to the Calvert Marine Museum and identified as "Shamrock Restoration Fund." Your tax deductible support in this project is a great means by which we can preserve this almost forgotten part of our Bay's past history.



Part of the Frank H. Cole tool collection. Donated by Mr. Philip L. Cole of Lusby, Maryland. These tools were used by Mr. Cole between the 1880's and 1930's while he was employed at the Smithsonian Institution as Chief Cabinet Maker. Among many other things, he helped develop with these tools, a thief-proof display case for valuable stamps and built the famous Langley motor-driven 1903 flying machine.

\$6.00 with your name, address, and phone number to the Museum no later than October 30. Space is limited, so register early.

November 11. *Volunteers' Night* (see news article in this issue for details).

Volunteers To Be Honored

The evening of November 11 is a date for CMM volunteer hosts and hostesses to keep open on their calendars. The occasion will be a special get-together to honor all those who have donated so freely of their time to the Museum.

Such a special recognition night has certainly been earned by the volunteers. On May 6, thirty-three of them met at the Museum to meet each other and to exchange ideas for the better working of the volunteer program. Lady volunteers have provided light refreshments to follow each of the lecture series programs. Sixty-eight persons have done 296 hours of host duties since May 1. In addition, several ladies have scheduled themselves for weekly day duty in the Ship's Store. Mrs. Kay Wood and Mrs. Edward Cherry are working alternate week-ends (that means seven hours on Saturday and four hours on Sunday) in the Store. Jim Buys has painted the fence in addition to his inside host duties; George Van Winkle continues to be Chief Carpenter, all on his own time; Pepper Langley puts the flags out and opens up the doors on week-ends as a service.

The volunteer service makes the Museum available to the public. There are no paid attendants. So on November 11 we will honor those people who keep the Museum open on week-ends and holidays. All volunteers are encouraged to attend.

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Summer Student Employment Program

The Museum really made progress this past summer thanks to ten temporary employees. Gerald Barnes, Wayne Brooks, Rodney Brooks, Melvin Mason, Avon Barnes, and Robert Holland were employed at the Museum under the Calvert County Bicentennial Grant. Marcie Ciesielski, Joyce Sewell, Bill Clarke, and Tony Jones were employed through the county summer aid program.

Marcie and Joyce did a fine job of cataloging the recent maritime artifact acquisitions in the inventory. Both girls are now enrolled at Towson State University, Marcie in her first year of nursing, and Joyce in the academic program.

The young men did a variety of jobs: chipped and painted anchors; tore down an old barn; worked on the floating exhibits; did ground maintenance; and helped to put up the fence for the storage area. All have now returned to school with the exception of Rodney Brooks. Rodney, a 1976 high school graduate, is continuing at the Museum for the duration of the grant.

All of these young men and women did a terrific job. I know the staff and volunteers will greatly miss their help. Both programs were very successful. It is hoped that this support can be continued in the summers to come.

Tours And Special Events

October 21. *Old Timers; Get-Together* (see news article in this issue for details).

November 6. *Bus trip to Lundeberg School, Piney Point, Maryland, the largest training facility for merchant seafarers in the United States. Tour grounds and eat lunch in school's galley. Bus departs Prince Frederick at 8:30 a.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance to be assured of space. Send check for*

Calendar For Fall-Winter Programs

LECTURE SERIES: 7:30 p.m. at Museum (unless otherwise noted).

Sept. 28.

Mr. Tom Wisner - CHESAPEAKE BORN. Tom is known to all Museum goers by the tape in the "Life of the Waterman" exhibit room. His lecture will be an overview of the Chesapeake Bay system - what makes it tick - and a commentary on the nature of life below and above the surface.

*Oct. 11.

Mr. Frank Hennessy—THE BEAUTIFUL CHESAPEAKE. Mr. Hennessy has spent many years sailing the Bay and recording his travels with his camera. Everyone who loves the Bay will enjoy this slide lecture. This lecture will be held at the Appeal Elementary School. It will be necessary to secure tickets in ADVANCE. (See footnote).

Oct. 29.

Mr. Harry Jones—STEAMBOATS OF THE CALVERT AREA. Mr. Jones is a member of the Historic Steamboat Association and has been a "Steamboat Buff" for a number of years. His lecture will bring happy memories of days gone by for Calvert's Old Timers.

Nov. 4.

Elizabeth Brigham—SEAFOOD COOKERY. Mrs. Brigham, County Home Demonstration Agent, with her own keen interest, as well as her specialized training, will make this demonstration-lecture a "must" for anyone who cooks or eats the delicacies from the Bay. Lecture will be held at the County Extension Service Office across from the Court House.

Nov. 19.

Dr. Blake Blackwelder—GEOLOGIC AND PALEONTOLOGIC HISTORY OF THE CHESAPEAKE GROUP. Dr. Blackwelder is Paleontologist with the U. S. Geological Survey at the Smithsonian Institution and is an authority in his field. This lecture will be of special interest to the many fossil hunters in our county.

CLASSES:

WOODCARVING:

Decoy and Small Birds. Carve waterbird, decoy, or song bird. Supply own equipment. Four demonstration-laboratory sessions. 7:30-9:00 p.m. Thursdays. September 30, October 7, 14, 21. Russell Leitch, Jr.

Power and Sail Model Building. Build from scaled plans a completely fitted ship. 7:30-9:00 p.m. Tuesdays. October 26, November 2, 9, 16. Instructors: Norm Riker and Roy Emmons.

Christmas Gift Making. Simple one-hour projects to use for gifts - jewelry, caps, tote bags, macrame, gift cards, wind chimes, etc. 1:00-2:30 p.m. Saturdays. November 27 and December 4. Instructors: Artisans who supply Ship's Store.

*-All lectures and classes are free to members of the Museum except for the one by Mr. Frank Hennessy on October 11 at the Appeal Elementary School. It will be necessary to charge \$1.00 for members and \$2.00 for non-members. There are no funds to finance this special lecture and we feel Mr. Hennessy's reputation justifies this unusual procedure. To secure your tickets, send check and stamped self-addressed envelope to the Museum by October 1. Space is limited, so order early.

Recent Acquisitions

Mrs. Roy E. Blick: Books from the National Academy of Sciences.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coffin: Pictures of the Chesapeake Steamship Company, Baltimore Harbor 1875, and of the U.S.S. *Constitution*.

National Association of Bank Women, Inc., Ms. Marilyn L. Jumalon, Bicentennial Chairman: Donation for Dogwood Tree for Museum grounds.

Abert W. Zahniser, Sr.: Captain's desk from the square-rigged ship *Augustus*, circa 1818-20.

Mr. R. M. Bailey: Photograph of the Drum Point Lighthouse.

Mr. Graham Wood: Numerous artifacts pertaining to steamboats from the Graham Wood Steamboat Memorabilia collection. These include the oil lamp, now serving as the Museum portico light, from the *Anne Arundel* and the running light on display in the Museum, from the same ship.

Mrs. Helen L. Lowe: Indian stone drill point.

Mr. Laurence N. Albee: Ralph Paine's book on Commodore Joshua Barney.

Mr. Philip Lines: Indian artifacts on loan for the "Life of the Waterman" exhibit.

Mr. Frederick Tilp: Back issues of the *Tiller* and *Skipper* magazines.

Mr. Tim Brown: Indian arrowhead found at Western Shore Estates.

Mr. Richard O. White, Sr.: 1900 *Calvert County Soil Survey*. Lord Calvert Yacht Club: Club Burgee and donation.

Mr. William A. Tettimer and Mr. Thomas J. Younger: 1937 Star sailboat No. 670, *Double Trouble*.

Mr. Andrew Hollingsworth and Mr. Higgs: Crab with abnormal claw.

Riggs Marine Appraisals, Ltd.: Donation.

Mrs. Ray Hance: Steamboat exhibit case in lobby.

Ms. Sherry Robinson: Snail specimen, *Echophora quadricostata*.

Smithsonian Associates: Donation.

Ms. Nancy Humphreys: Bugeye model *Nancy B. II*.

Ms. Jeannette Kaylor Byler: Old Fairbank scale house.

Mrs. Rob Dillon: Stingray, 7 ft., 122 lbs.

Ms. Margaret McAuliffe: Old photographs of Solomons.

Mrs. Philip L. Cole: An exceptional collection of over 100 wood carpenter tools.

Museum Encourages Local Craftsmen

In 1969 when plans for a museum were being discussed, no one dreamed that one of its contributions to the development of Calvert County would be the discovery and encouragement of local artisans. The Ship's Store began operation in July 1975 with the work of only two Calvert County craftsmen. Since then, the search for quality merchandise has increased the contributors to 17 persons making dozens of interesting gift items — from jewelry to pot holders; from ceramics to tote bags; from note-paper to belts.

As the Ship's Store continues its search for additional items, artisans are found who supply a wide variety of artistic and well-made merchandise. Some of these persons (Brenda Dowell and Barbara Burkman, for instance) were selling their wares in other places, but most of them used their skills only for their own enjoyment and for gifts to friends. They have found that selling their work has provided needed stimulation to improve their skills as well as making a real contribution to the Museum. Every month one or two additional people are encouraged to offer their help, and so the Museum can chalk up another success in its attempt to enrich the life of our County.

Gift Memberships

Many members have frequently asked about gift certificates for CMM membership. It sounded like such a good idea we decided to initiate the program in this issue of the *Bugeye Times*—just in time for Christmas shopping ideas. It is a good way to get our friends acquainted with the CMM lecture and class series as well as other Museum functions while at the same time helping the Museum. All proceeds go to the membership fund, which sponsors special projects for the Museum. The most recently sponsored project was towing the brogan *Shamrock* up from Grimstead, Virginia, to the Museum grounds. Additional funds are presently being used to clean-up and re-rig the *John Ryder*

with its original clam dredge.

If a gift membership sounds like a good idea to you, just fill out the form below. A letter to the recipient will accompany the membership card giving the donor's name. This will be followed shortly by their first copy of the *Bugeye Times*. Additional gift memberships can be made by simply sending a check to the Museum with your name and the name and address of the intended donee.

We feel sure that you will welcome this unique way to make a gift to that someone who has everything — except a membership in the Calvert Marine Museum.

Student membership (under 25 years old), \$2.50; individual, \$5.00; family, \$7.50.



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