



CHESTER RIVER CRUISE

OCT 1-6, 2009

DICK & JUDY TANCZOS

Hello Cruising Sailors,

Granted this cruise is still 6 weeks away, but marina slip reservations need to be completed by Friday, September 4 (the first day home after the Rivers and Creeks cruise). The marina has allocated 6 slips and 2 T-heads for our group but they want confirmations by credit card between now and then. Our group is identified as the Cruising Sailors of St Michaels and the cancellation policy is: cancel by 24 hours prior to arrival - no charge and if you're a "no show" your card will be charged 1/2 the fee. There is quite a bit going on that weekend in Chestertown so other sailors have been asking to make reservations too – so, the 9/4 cut-off date. The marina also has different management so the rules are tighter this year. Slip fees are \$1.75/foot and \$7.50 for 30 amp electric per night. Phone number at the marina: 410-778-3616; Bill Mylett is the manager. Anchoring across the river is also an option.

Thursday, October 1 - anchor in the Corsica River

Friday, October 2 - Chestertown Marina - "First Friday" when the stores are open downtown from 5 to 8 PM. From 4 to 6 there is a "history happy hour" with wine and cheese at the Geddes Piper House (the historical society) at 101 Church Alley. No charge for this but donations are appreciated. The topic for this date is "Ornaments No Longer". Dr. Jane Haugaad from St Mary's College will speak about Adele France of Chestertown - she was president of St. Mary's College when it was a girl's seminary and brought the school up to more of its current status. (See Chestertown Cruise attachment).

From 11 to 4, and also during First Friday, the Chestertown Arts League, at 312 Cannon Street, will display Chesapeake Autumn art around the Chesapeake Region. This will also be displayed on Saturday, the 3rd, from 10 to 4. There is also a Wood Turning Show for browsing today from noon to 3: Bowls, boxes, and beyond. Wood turners show their remarkable talent and craftsmanship. Regional and local artisans are featured. Located at 306 Park Row in Chestertown and it will also be open on Saturday from 9 to 3.

Dinner where you wish.....but reservations may be a good idea for this evening as weekends in Chestertown can be busy at this time of year..

Saturday, October 3 - Continue to enjoy Chestertown. You might be interested in going to the Farmer's Market and Artisan's Market this morning - right in the middle of downtown. There are pamphlets describing a personal walking tour of Chestertown and in the afternoon from 1 to 6 is the 39th annual historic house tour. (See the Chestertown Cruise attachment for more information on this).

The Sultana will be in Annapolis this weekend and the shallop is on loan this year to the Calvert Marine Museum in Solomons. However, dinghy exploring is another choice for today. Please see the Kent County Water Trails attachment - it might be fun to do some of this.

The Captain's Party will be from 5 to 6:15 in front of the marina office with the group dinner scheduled at the Fish Whistle for 6:30 - the management has confirmed separate checks. As always, everyone is welcome to join us at both of these by driving in..



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Sunday, October 4 - anchor in Langford Creek. A water trail dinghy afternoon may also be suitable.

Monday, October 5 - anchor in Tilghman Creek

Tuesday, October 6 - return home

Since we're doing our own marina/anchoring reservations, the only thing for which we need a count is the captain's party and dinner. Please let us know by noon on Tuesday, September 29th if you'll be joining us. It would also be nice to know who is expecting to join us on the cruise. Judy and I will be away until the evening of September 28th so if you have questions it would be better to ask them now.

See you at the picnic.

Dick Tanczos
Cruise Captain



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Kent County Water Trails

Morgan Creek Water Trail

Morgan Creek is one of the hidden gems of Kent County. It's a major tributary of the Chester River but somewhat narrow and winding – it's lined almost entirely by agricultural fields, it's lightly traveled and full of majestic tidewater scenery. Bald eagle and osprey sightings are common, and both shorelines are lined with acres of wetlands populated with cattails, wild rice, arrow arum (Tuckahoe) and marsh mallow. Morgan Creek is also home to a large population of muskrats, beavers, and river otters and in the spring is a destination for spawning white perch, yellow perch, and herring. This water trail is geared mainly towards canoes and kayaks but a dingy would certainly be a way to explore it as well.. There is a soft landing at Riley's Mill on the north end of Morgan Creek and a landing at Morgnec just before the bridge across Rt. 291, which is also a popular spot for fishing.

Upper Chester River Water Trail

All of the Chester River above Chestertown is suitable for paddling and dingy exploring. The river is not much more than a stream above Millington but slowly widens as it flows toward Chestertown. Farms parallel the water for much of the way and wooded buffers are common. There are public landings at regular intervals which allow variation in trip length. Paddlers can put in on either end. There are also landings at Buckingham Wharf and Shadding Reach Road.

Langford Creek Water Trail

The Langford Creek Water Trail highlights the scenic beauty of southern Kent County. Starting from the public landing at Shipyard Creek on the West Fork of Langford Creek, paddlers travel along the western side of Broad Neck, which is characterized by flat topography. Depending on the amount of time one has, canoes and kayaks can be pulled out at Broad Neck Landing, or the more adventurous can continue up the East Fork of Langford Creek; however, no public landings are available.

CHESTER RIVER and LANGFORD BAY

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Hours

Tuesday through
Friday
10 am-4 pm

Saturdays for walk-
in tours, May -
October
1-4

Groups tours, please
call in advance,
\$4.00 per person

Closed
Mondays



October 4th 1- 6 pm



Hear Ye Hear Ye

CHESTERTOWN HISTORIC HOUSE TOUR - Saturday, October 3, 2009. This self-guided walking tour is proudly sponsored for the 39th year by the Historical Society of Kent County. Visit more than a dozen homes in Chestertown's historic district named by the National Trust for Historic Preservation as one of their Distinctive Destinations. This house tour includes a dozen or more heritage properties within walking distance in Chestertown, a 300 year old town that remains a vibrant community while retaining its colonial charm.

Tickets are available by mail or by phone at the Historical Society of Kent County. On tour day, tickets will be sold at a booth in Fountain Park at Cross and High Streets in Chestertown. All ticket sales are non-refundable; this is a rain or shine event. Please call 410-778-3499.

TICKET PRICES

\$25 Advance Sales and Historical Society of Kent County members.

\$30 Day of Tour

We now accept Visa and Master Card!

For tickets by mail, please include \$1.25 shipping and handling.
Mail checks made payable to the Historical Society of Kent County
PO Box 665, Chestertown, MD 21620

Monthly Programs:

History Happy Hour on First Fridays - 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Stop by for great wine, fabulous cheese, and a laid-back history program before setting out for the First Friday evening events in Chestertown. Everyone welcome.

Check "Programs & Events" for topics

Call 410-778-3499 for information, or email director@kentcountyhistory



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Geddes Piper House, circa 1784

Beloved by the community, the headquarters of the Historical Society of Kent County is a fine example of Federal architecture. The change in the name of the style formerly referred to as Georgian reflects the period of transition for the new country, as do the simpler and more vertical lines of the newer tradition.

It is important to note that this region, the first to move from a tobacco based economy to one of grain, played a significant role in the bustling enterprise which ultimately helped motivate the colonies to revolution. England, burdened by the debt of the Seven Years War, began to levy burdensome regulations on the colonies just as they were producing more than could be sold through the mother country. The Tea Act, for example, did not raise the price of tea for the colonial household, but restricted the colonial merchant to trading in tea only through the failing East India Trading Company.

William Geddes, who purchased the lot on which the Geddes Piper House stands, was the Customs Inspector for the region. He also moonlighted as a merchant, and is the possible owner of the brigantine Geddes, known to have docked at Chestertown harbor with tea in its cargo in May of 1774. Little is known of the facts that may have led to the oral tradition of a Chestertown Tea Party; what is known is that during that month, local leaders and merchants began a series of meetings and resolves that placed them on the path to revolution.

That moment was, in a sense, their last hurrah. Following the Revolution the economy of the region declined as the Port of Baltimore rose to preeminence. Merchants such as James Piper, who purchased the lot from Geddes and is the probable builder of the house, followed fortune across the bay. The house changed hands several times, until purchased by George Burgin Westcott who arrived in the region during the 1830's; it was he who added the back portion of the house containing the dining room, and created the arch between the parlors. Although to this day considered by some "newcomers," through marriage the Westcotts became connected to the Wickes and other older families of the area: merchants, planters, shipbuilders (many of the local powerbrokers were all three) and sea captains, who had made this region a center of economic and cultural activity in the colonial world.

The Westcotts lived in the house for almost a century, during which the tradition of rural life that is quintessentially Eastern Shore was developed. The family finally departed the "Old Brick House" in the 1910. It was for a time a kindergarten, and later an apartment building. After several decades of neglect, its purchase and subsequent restoration by the newly formed Historical Society not only saved the lovely townhouse which has stood so gracefully through much of our history, but heralded the beginning of the revitalization of historic Chestertown.



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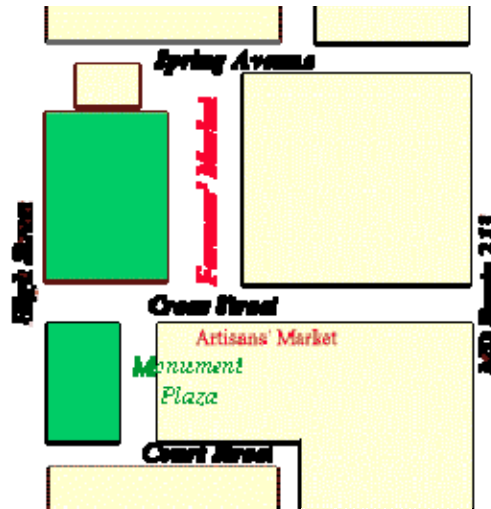
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Chestertown Farmers Market
as Americas Favorite Farmers Market

THE FARMERS MARKET HAS ADDED A NEW DAY - WEDNESDAYS NOON TILL ?

One of the most popular features of a weekend visit to Chestertown is a visit to the Farmers' Market. You'll find wonderful bread, fresh home-grown produce, plants, herbs, and even -- occasionally -- puppies and goats. Don't miss it!

The market is located on Park Row in the heart of downtown Chestertown --- open every Saturday morning from the first Saturday in April until the last Saturday before Christmas.

And, just in case, it's also available on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.





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At the Chestertown Farmers' Market, you'll find only home-grown produce and home-made products for sale -- the Association won't permit any other kind. Some of the fine growers, bakers and crafters who are regulars include . . .



**Tim & Kathy Redman -
Produce**
**Mervin Lapp - Baked
Goods**
**Lisa Redman - Soap &
Lotions**
Helen Merenda - Plants
**Joseph Towner -
Organic Produce**
**Jim & Alice Breger -
Plants**
Sarah Arnold - produce
**Owen McCoy - Plants
and Seasonal Items**
**Galena Blooms - Don &
Lisa Biggar - Plants**
**Dolly Baker - Plants and
Produce**
**Colchester Farms -
Produce**
Lockbriar Farms - Fruit
**Orange Cat Farm -
Plants**
**Village Gardener -
Plants**
Cedar Run - Beef
**Springfield Farms -
Lamb**
Eve's Cheese - cheeses
Jackie Harden - gourds

Artisans' Market

Artisans' Market is located in Fountain Park across from the Chestertown Farmers' Market. The hours are the same as the Farmers' Market -- Saturday mornings, 9:00 a.m. Featuring an array of Eastern Shore art by local artists, painted furniture, beach glass, wreaths and seasonal garlands and arrangements.

For more information, email chestertownartsmarket@yahoo.com



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A Short History of the Market



The true origins of the Chestertown Farmers' Market are lost in the mists of time, but long-time residents maintain that it began with one truck parked near the steps of Emmanuel Church to sell vegetables on Saturday mornings. When the highway came through, the farmer moved on. That might have been the end, had not Jaimie Gaudion revived and improved the idea in 1981.

Living out at Quaker Neck Landing, she knew a number of people who grew vegetables organically in backyard plots. She suggested to Mayor Elmer Horsey that some sort of local produce market would be a good idea. The Mayor was immediately supportive, and made Fountain Park available on Saturday mornings. Jaimie and Bill Ingersoll, the Town Manager, then managed to convince the original eight vendors to agree to come. At first, the operation was very informal, publicized only by word-of-mouth, though Marilyn White did create a banner advertising the existence of the market.

The banner eventually disappeared, to be replaced by the wooden sign that remains today.

Over time, local vendors have come and gone. The original idea of a market to sell organically-grown vegetables from backyard gardens has evolved into a somewhat more commercial enterprise. Owen McCoy, the current manager, has been careful, however, to ensure that the vendors adhere to the founders' principles; and that nothing but locally grown or produced items are offered for sale. The market has become an institution -- we hope that you'll visit. For more information, please contact Owen McCoy at 410.639.7217.

