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Calendar of Events

Feb. 8-March 5
"On the Road" Art Exhibit
11 a.m.-5 p.m.
[CalvART Gallery](#)

Feb. 17-July 23
Spectacular Skies Art Exhibit
10 a.m.-5 p.m.
[Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center](#)

Saturday, March 4
Murder Mystery Dinner and Show
6 p.m.
[Chesapeake Beach Resort & Spa](#)

Friday, March 17
Ready, Sip, Paint
6-8 p.m.

Spring Wedding Shows

March Down the Aisle in Style

While some folks settle in to cheer for the final four during March Madness, soon-to-be brides head to Calvert County for a month of dreaming big and picking a wedding planner with mad skills who will help them march down the aisle in style.



If nuptials are next for you, find something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue at Calvert County's two premier wedding shows held in Chesapeake Beach and Huntingtown during March. Touting more than 70 vendors combined, the shows will feature professionals from every field who can help arrange every precious detail and make dreams come true. You won't want to miss these two shows:

[The Calvert Bridal Expo at the Hall at Huntingtown](#)

Sunday, March 5, 12-3 p.m.
4030 Old Town Road, Huntingtown

[Waterfront Wedding Showcase at the Chesapeake Beach Resort & Spa](#)

Saturday, March 18, 2-5 p.m.
4165 Mears Ave., Chesapeake Beach

[Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum](#)

Friday, March 17
Maritime Performance Series: Benjie Porecki Trio
7-9 p.m.
[Calvert Marine Museum](#)

Saturday, March 18
Wedding Showcase
2-5 p.m.
[Chesapeake Beach Resort & Spa](#)

Tuesday, March 28
Science for Citizens Seminar: Dolphin Watch: Dolphins in the Chesapeake Bay
7-8 p.m.
[Chesapeake Beach Biological Lab's BernieFowler Lab](#)

Women's History in Calvert County: One Marriage's Lasting Legacy

Mary Marvin Breckinridge (1905-2002) was the freelance photojournalist who took the first pictures of a London air-raid shelter when World War II began. She went on to become the first female broadcaster in Europe for CBS.

Breckinridge married U.S. diplomat Jefferson Patterson and began traveling with him throughout Europe. The couple eventually retired to the shores of the Patuxent River in Calvert County.

In 1983, Mary Patterson donated to the public one of the most important archaeological properties in the Chesapeake Bay region. Her gift of the [Point Farm Estate](#) in St. Leonard remains the largest land gift bestowed in Maryland. That gift created the Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum (JPPM).

Picture This!

A wedding in Calvert County is one that will be fondly remembered forever. The county's rural charm brings forth a serenity perfect for a joyous occasion.

Nowhere are there more beautiful backdrops to capture the love and theme of your wedding photographs than the [scenic beaches](#), [historic landmarks and majestic park settings](#) found throughout Calvert County.

Engage in a day exploring Calvert County and find just the right spot to capture a lifetime memory.

The Perfect Union of Parks

For better or worse, the big winter chill is behind us and while it's not quite bathing suit weather, it is still a great time to shake off the cabin fever and take the family outside. March 30 is [Take a Walk in the Park Day](#) after all, but we are confident that you'll enjoy the beauty of Calvert County's [nature parks](#) every day.

Called "peerless examples of ecological diversity," Calvert County's nature parks let you marry your curiosity with your outdoor enthusiasm. Each park offers a unique dowry of history and puts natural wonders on display with dignified flair.



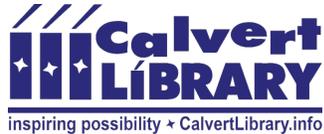
[Battle Creek Cypress Swamp Sanctuary](#) has 100 acres of one of the northernmost stands of bald cypress trees in the United States. Meander boardwalks throughout the breathtaking open-air swamp.

[Flag Ponds Nature Park](#) has 500 acres of natural area on the Chesapeake Bay from beach to upland. You're sure to find fossils and sharks teeth along this popular beach.

[Kings Landing Park](#) has more than 265 acres of natural area on the Patuxent River including 4,000 feet of river shoreline and 50 acres of marshland.

[Biscoe Gray Heritage Farm](#) is a living laboratory to explore, understand and experience Calvert County's agricultural practices

Today, JPPM's 560 scenic acres provide visitors with miles of trails, a visitor center, educational programs and the [Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory](#). Visit [online](#) to learn more about everything the Pattersons and JPPM have to offer and plan your visit today.



Calvert Library offers complimentary or reduced-price passes to more than 20 participating community partners, including museums, wineries, parks and more. All you need is a library card!

Quick Links



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and lifestyles throughout its history--from Native American settlements to small-scale colonial farming.

Welcome! We've Been Waiting for You



Solomons Visitor Center Customer Service Attendants Alan Brown, Barbara Sprecher, Nancy Cheville and Judith Kane are part of the knowledgeable team helping to make your Calvert County visit a memorable one. They will help you make the most of your stay by providing you with maps, brochures and recommendations about exciting things to do throughout Calvert County.

The Solomons Visitor Center is located at 14175 Solomons Island Road across the street from the renowned [Calvert Marine Museum](#). The center is currently operating under winter hours, Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Summer hours are Thursday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., beginning April 1. Stop in and find out what exciting adventure awaits you year-round in Calvert County.

If you want to plan ahead, the [2017 Calvert County Visitors Guide](#) is now available online. Use the Visitors Guide to find information on shopping, restaurants and visitor attractions like Calvert Cliffs State Park, Breezy Point Beach & Campground, Calvert Marine Museum, the Patuxent Wine Trail and many other fun and fascinating attractions.

The guide also features contact information and details on charter boating, marinas, boat ramps, campgrounds, golf courses, antique stores, accommodations and a listing of major events throughout the year. To receive free copies of the 2017 Visitors Guide or for more information on county attractions and events, please contact the Calvert County, Maryland, Department of Economic Development at 410-535-4583 or via [email](#).



Brick Wood Fired Bistro

It is no surprise to the residents of Calvert County that [Brick Wood Fired Bistro](#) in Prince Frederick came in second in a recent



list of the [top 15 best restaurants in Maryland](#). People are driving from all over the state to taste wood-fired pizza made with ingredients like prosciutto and caramelized onions. But there is so much more to Brick Wood Fired Bistro's menu than pizza.

This modern-American wood-fired restaurant also serves upscale pub food, house cut steaks and an array of unique appetizers. The bartenders take equal pride in the bar menus featuring wine on tap and locally sourced beer, the area's premier bourbon list and made-from-scratch cocktails furnished with herbs from their rooftop garden.

Check out Brick's all new Iron Skillet Pancake, served with house-made marshmallow fluff and bourbon caramelized bananas. You can try this



dish and more from an all new Sunday brunch menu served each week from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. featuring bottomless Bloody Marys and mimosas and an ever-changing a la carte menu.