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Calendar of Events

Tuesday, Oct. 3
"Drug Discovery from the Marine Environment"
Presented by Dr. Russell Hill
7-8 p.m.
[Chesapeake Biological Laboratory](#)

Thursday, Oct. 5
Live Music Featuring Jim Stephanson
6-8 p.m.
[Scorpion Brewing Co.](#)

Friday, Oct. 6
Behind the Scenes Tours at the MAC Lab
1-2:30 p.m.
[Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum](#)

Oysters, Oysters, Oysters!

If you're a fan of these meaty, succulent and briny bivalves, you'll be happy to know they are once again on the menu in Calvert County. While modern aquacultural practices mean oysters are often available year-round - and not just in months that include an "r" in the name - many aficionados still believe oysters harvested in the fall and winter months are a little sweeter, a little fatter and well worth the wait.



Follow the [Southern Maryland Oyster Trail](#) to a host of oyster-themed farms, tours and attractions in our region. This new trail celebrates and connects with an essential Southern Maryland industry and includes sites,

attractions and organizations reflecting the region's enduring maritime heritage and culture. The trail provides a unique opportunity to connect with locally sourced food and experience the process, including the region's history and the people who continue the noble tradition of the waterman.

Five fun oyster facts:

1. An individual oyster can filter up to 50 gallons of water a day.
2. The flavor of an oyster is heavily influenced by the waters in which it grows and can range from buttery and briny to sweet and creamy.
3. The most common variety found in the Chesapeake Bay is

Friday, Oct. 6
**Farmers Market, Classic
Car Cruise-in & Art Fair**
6-9 p.m.
[North Beach](#)

Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 7-8
**Patuxent River
Appreciation Days**
10 a.m.-5 p.m.
[Calvert Marine Museum](#)

Saturday, Oct. 7
Maker's Market
9 a.m.-1 p.m.
[Annmarie Sculpture Garden
& Arts Center](#)

Saturday, Oct. 7
Art at the Park
10 a.m.-12 p.m.
[Jefferson Patterson Park &
Museum](#)

Sunday, Oct. 8
Fall Family Fun Day
1-4 p.m.
[Northeast Community Center](#)

Tuesday, Oct. 10
**"The Science Behind
Sustainable Seafood"**
Presented by Dr. Genny
Nesslage
7-8 p.m.
[Chesapeake Biological
Laboratory](#)

Thursday, Oct. 12
**Live Music Featuring
Yvonne Remz**
6-8 p.m.
[Scorpion Brewing Co.](#)

Tuesday, Oct. 17
**"Ballast Water Invasive
Species: The Science of
Environmental
Regulations" Presented by
Dr. Mario Tamburri**
7-8 p.m.
[Chesapeake Biological
Laboratory](#)

Thursday, Oct. 19
**Live Music Featuring
Kevin Sullivan**
6-8 p.m.
[Scorpion Brewing Co.](#)

Thursday, Oct. 19
"At The Water's Edge"
Lecture Series presents "A
Day at Chesapeake Beach

- the Eastern oyster or *Crassostrea virginica*.
- Oysters can live up to 20 years.
 - The 2016 men's oyster shucking champion, Honor Allen of Florida, was able to shuck 24 oysters in 2 minutes, 16.94 seconds. Anna Bonnifacio of North Carolina accomplished the same feat in 2 minutes, 35.71 seconds for the women's record.



Chesapeake Oyster Stew

Make the most of the season's abundant oyster harvest with this quick and easy Southern Maryland oyster stew. Add a dash of brandy or a sprinkle of Old Bay seasoning to create a truly classic, Chesapeake-flavored dish.



Ingredients

- * 2 pints of Chesapeake Bay oysters, with liquor
- * ¼ cup of unsalted butter
- * Pinch of salt and pepper
- * 2 cups of light cream
- * 1 cup of milk
- * ¼ onion, finely chopped
- * 2 tsp. parsley, chopped

Drain the oysters, reserving the liquid. Heat butter in large sauce pan. Add onions, salt, pepper, cream, milk and 2/3 cup of the oyster liquor. Cook on low heat for 3-4 minutes or until the onions soften.

Add oysters and cook about 3 minutes or until the edges of the oysters start to curl. Serve in bowls and garnish with parsley. Enjoy!

Fall is for Farms and Festivals

If you're seeking a fun place to frolic in the outdoors this fall, join Calvert County's agricultural community in a romp through fields, farm stands and greenhouses.

Horsmon Farm: Mums, hayrides, farm animals and a corn maze. [Special weekend events](#)

Spider Hall Farm: Mums, pumpkin patch, corn maze, hay rides, corn box, farm stand and haunted hay ride. [Full schedule](#)

[Jake's Produce:](#) Fall mums and produce for sale.

[Chesapeake's Bounty:](#) Pumpkins, gourds, Indian corn, local seafood and fall decorations

[Mulberry Hill Farm:](#) Pumpkins, farm stand and various events throughout season

[Will and Veronica's Produce:](#) Mums, pumpkins, lavender and produce

Park, 1946-1972"

7-8 p.m.

[Calvert Marine Museum](#)

Saturday, Oct. 21

**2nd Annual JPPM 5K
Run/Walk**

7-11 a.m.

[Jefferson Patterson Park &
Museum](#)

Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 21-
22

**20th Annual Fall Farm
Festival**

11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Multiple farms throughout
Calvert County

Tuesday, Oct. 24

**"How Do We Tackle Large
Environmental
Questions?" Presented by
Dr. Walter Boynton**

7-8 p.m.

[Chesapeake Biological
Laboratory](#)

Thursday, Oct. 26

**Live Music Featuring Fair
Warning**

6-8 p.m.

[Scorpion Brewing Co.](#)

Thursday, Oct. 26

**"Evolution of a Fishery
and the Decline of an
Estuary: Historical Ecology
and Archaeology of the
Chesapeake Bay"**

7-8:30 p.m.

[Jefferson Patterson Park &
Museum](#)

Saturday, Oct. 28

Harvest of Solomons

11 a.m.-4 p.m.

[Solomons Business
Association](#)

Saturday, Oct. 28

**Color from Nature Dye
Workshop: Mordant
Printing**

10 a.m.-3 p.m.

[Jefferson Patterson Park &
Museum](#)



Experience Calvert County's rich agricultural at five working farms during the 20th annual [Farm Festival](#), Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 21-22, 2017. This rain-or-shine event is a great educational outing and has activities for the whole family including hay rides, fall produce, wine tastings and more.

Patuxent River Appreciation Days Free, free, free!

With free admission, free parking, free boat rides, free live music and loads of activities to entertain the whole family, the annual Patuxent River Appreciation Days (PRAD) festival is the perfect way to spend a weekend in Calvert County.



Visit Solomons and the Calvert Marine Museum on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 7 and 8, to celebrate the Patuxent River's history and impact on our community. PRAD creates awareness, provides recognition and helps promote the economic, social, recreational, cultural and historical impact of the tributaries and environs of the Patuxent River and the basin through which it flows.

This lively festival has been held annually on Columbus Day weekend since 1978. If you've never been, jump on board this year and start a new family tradition. [Click here](#) for a full schedule of events.

The Barn Quilts are Coming!

The American quilt trail movement began in 2001 in Adams County,



Ohio, when Donna Sue Groves honored her mother and her quilting art by painting a replica of a quilt square on their tobacco barn. Thanks to Donna Sue, there are more than 13,000 quilt squares all across the United States. And now, Calvert County is getting in on the action with the first

trail in Southern Maryland.

A barn quilt is a replica of one square from a quilt, painted on plywood, usually eight-by-eight feet, and mounted on a barn or building for visitors to see. The first Calvert County barn quilt has been installed at Mulberry Hill Farms on Route 2/4 just north of Calvert Health Medical Center. Be on the lookout for additional squares in the coming months!

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!

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Calling all Shutter Bugs

From the Chesapeake Bay to the Patuxent River and from Solomons to Dunkirk, Calvert County features some of the region's most stunning scenery and engaging people. Help us "Picture Calvert County" by sharing your photos of the people and places of the Pleasant Peninsula. We'll use



the best to document memorable places, events and people on county government websites, social media sites and in marketing materials. We can't pay you but the bragging rights are priceless! Visit [online](#) to learn more and submit your photos.

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