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Celebrating Mom

Mother's Day provides a special opportunity – once a year – to shower mom with gratitude and love. And while most moms would probably prefer we celebrate them every day of the year, we welcome you to make memories with your matriarch throughout the month of May, in Calvert County.

Check out the events below to create a Mother's Day celebration that is memorable and unique – just like our moms!

Annmarie Garden Awaits

Mom can enjoy exceptional art with a side of whimsy at Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center in scenic Solomons, Maryland. The sculpture garden features a walking path that meanders through the woods past permanent and loaned sculptures, including more than 30 pieces on loan from the Smithsonian Institution and the National Gallery of Art. The award-winning Arts Building includes rotating exhibition space, a gift shop and a sunny patio. In May, enjoy [Big Fun Art, Fairies in the Garden and Children's Fairy Garden Exhibit](#). Learn more!



Calvert Arts Festival

Don't let mom miss the chance to sample Patuxent Trail wines and craft beer in her very own souvenir glass during the [Calvert Arts Festival](#) at All Saints Episcopal Church in Sunderland, Maryland. Come and enjoy outstanding juried artisans, great food, children's crafts, raffles and more on Saturday, May 12, from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tour the majestic historic church building and grounds and walk a labyrinth. The event is free and will

be held rain or shine.



Bloom and Grow

Now that spring has finally arrived, Calvert County's [nurseries](#) are overflowing with perfect gifts and pretty plants. Visit one of Calvert County's 18 nurseries and farms to pick out a surprise for mom or bring her with you for a shopping spree she won't soon forget. April showers delivered May flowers and you don't want to miss all the beautiful and blossoming choices offered by Calvert County's best green thumbs.

Relax, Renew, Reconnect

In these busy times, the greatest gift on Mother's Day may be the gift of quality "me" time. Muscle-melting massages, pampering spa packages and head-to-toe specials await moms at Calvert County's more than two dozen [spas and salons](#). Let mom relax and get pampered this Mother's Day with her very own "me day" to remember.



Paddle into Fun

Solomons Maritime Festival

Celebrate Southern Maryland heritage Saturday, May 5, at the Calvert Marine Museum's 13th annual [Solomons Maritime Festival](#) when the museum waterfront comes alive with the sights, sounds and smells of Southern Maryland. Learn how to prepare crab cakes and soft shell crabs, shuck oysters and stuff a ham like the pros! Enjoy local gospel and old-time music all day long in the Corbin Pavilion. See Chesapeake Bay retrievers in action; hear waterfowl calling demonstrations; watch model boats skim the waters of the boat basin; and talk with traditional crafts people as they demonstrate their skills. Children of all ages will really enjoy toy boat building. Don't miss free boat rides aboard the historic bugeye, the William . B. Tennison.

The Antique Boat and Marine Engine Show, now in its 18th year, is a popular component of the festival. Enthusiasts from across the country set up camp in the parking lot to show off their vintage boats and engines. The unofficial engine swap is a great way to expand your collection. Antique boats and marine engines, master maritime carvers, crafts and cooking demonstrations, traditional music and boat rides offer something for every member of the family from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission to the festival and museum is free. For more information, call Sherry Reid at 410-326-2042, ext. 19, or visit www.calvertmarinemuseum.com.



Eat Fresh, Shop Local

Not everything is ripe and ready for harvest yet – but strawberries are! May is National Strawberry Month, so visit one of our farmers markets and grab some sweet, farm-fresh strawberries. It is still early in the season, but make sure to check out all the produce and goodies our farmers have available. See you at the farmers markets!

Tuesdays – CalvertHealth Hospital

130 Hospital Road, Prince Frederick
May 8-Nov. 20, 3-7 p.m.

Saturdays – Calvert County Fairgrounds

140 Calvert Fair Drive, Barstow
May 5-Nov. 17, 7:30 a.m.-noon

Sundays – Solomons Visitor Center, Solomons
June 3-Sept. 9, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Private/Municipal Markets:

Tuesdays – Spider Hall Farm
3915 Hallowing Point Road, Prince Frederick
May 15-Oct. 30, 4-7 p.m.

Fridays – North Beach Boardwalk
5th and 7th streets and Bay Avenue
May 4-Oct. 5, 6-9 p.m.



Join Us in Remembering

On Watch

Visit the “On Watch” Memorial at the end of Dowell Road in Dowell, Maryland, Memorial Day weekend to honor the men and women who died in service to our country. The “On Watch” memorial statue is an 8-foot-tall bronze statue unveiled in 2007 by Maryland artist Antonio Tobias Mendez to commemorate the people and work at the Solomons Amphibious Training Base, the nation’s first, during World War II. Between 1942 and 1945, around 68,000 sailors, marines, coast

guardsmen and soldiers trained here to make beach landings in Guadalcanal, North Africa, Sicily, Normandy and the Pacific Solomons Islands.

Stars and Stripes

For the seventh year in row, the town of Chesapeake Beach is hosting a weekend of activities and ceremonies to highlight and honor Calvert County’s fallen heroes during a Memorial Day weekend [Stars and Stripes Festival](#). You won’t want to miss the speakers, the concerts, the parade and picnics, or seeing this beautiful waterside town paint itself red, white and blue to pay homage to our county’s men and women in uniform.



Sounds of Spring

Calvert County has made a name for itself as a concert destination, cornering the market on small venues featuring big names. Check out the current line-up and get tickets while you still can!

Friday, May 25, 7 p.m.

[Dustin Lynch at the St. Leonard Volunteer Fire Department](#)

Friday, June 1

[Jake Owen with Chris Janson at the Calvert Marine Museum](#)

Spotlight: Flag Ponds!

Millions of years ago, sharks, whales, crocodiles and other creatures inhabited the waters and shores of the Chesapeake Bay. Most of these animals are now extinct, others are just no longer found here. But to the sharp-eyed visitors of [Flag Ponds Nature Park](#), shark teeth and other Miocene fossils can be spotted all along the park's Chesapeake Bay shoreline and beach.

Come to Flag Ponds Nature Park and enjoy a full day's worth of outdoor fun including beach combing, swimming, bird watching, fossil hunting, hiking and metal detecting on the beach.

Visit May 11 for [Twilight on the Beach](#) from 6-8:30 p.m. for a special evening of fun. Go seining with a naturalist, look for shark teeth along the beach or simply relax and enjoy the view as the sky changes through the sunset hues over the Chesapeake Bay. Bring your blanket, chairs and a picnic supper, and be treated to some free s'mores!



Upcoming Events



MAY 5
National
Train Day

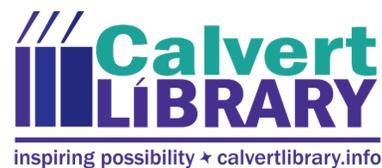


MAY 13
Mothers Day
Brunch Cruise



MAY 19
Youth
Fishing Rodeo

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