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Visitor News for October 2018



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*Celebrating Maryland's Largest River*  
**Patuxent River Appreciation Days**

Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 6-7

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

[Calvert Marine Musuem](#)

*Free fun for all ages!*

For 40 years the [Patuxent River Appreciation Days](#) festival has celebrated the economic, social, recreational, cultural and historical impact of Maryland's largest and longest river. First mapped in the early 17<sup>th</sup> century by explorer John Smith, the Patuxent River today is a mainstay in the state's economy and an inspiring source of regional recreation.



Patuxent River Appreciation Days covers two days of festivities including free boat rides on the iconic river, children's activities, live music and more. A highlight is the annual parade through Solomons Island, a mile-long pageant starting Sunday at 2 p.m. It's a great way to mark the onset of fall and to celebrate a river that has captivated people for centuries.

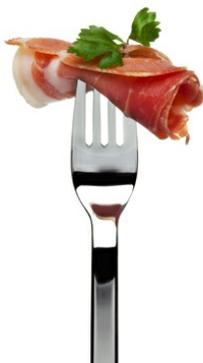


## ***Tickle Your Taste Buds*** **The Taste of Solomons**

Saturday, Oct. 13

11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Fall into Maryland's happiest seaside town and experience the [Harvest Taste of Solomons](#). The one-day food festival, located in the historic Solomons Town Center, showcases the best food and beverages from the town's renowned restaurants. Sample from select menus for just \$5 per serving. Organized by the [Solomons Business Association](#), the Taste of Solomons provides a fun and affordable way to sample all the flavors of this remarkable waterfront town.



## ***A Feast for Foodies*** **Calvert County's Culinary Scene**

Let your palate be your guide in Calvert County, where local restaurants draw on the region's seafood and farm products to create their characteristic cuisine. Just a short drive from Alexandria, D.C., Annapolis and Baltimore is rewarded with beautiful fall colors, wide rolling vistas and fine fare. Scout out your adventure by visiting [www.choosecalvert.com](http://www.choosecalvert.com) and round out the visit by experiencing a new restaurant. Calvert is full of great restaurants and the view is free! Check out the [many options available](#).



## **October Attraction Feature** **Annamarie Sculpture & Arts Center**

Located in scenic Solomons, Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center is an art lover's

dream. This 30-acre property was donated to Calvert County in 1991 and in 2003 it became a member of the Smithsonian Institution's Affiliations Program. An outdoor sculpture garden features permanent and loaned pieces in a tranquil wooded setting. The Arts Building and Studio School were opened in 2008, providing opportunities for new programs and exhibits. Visitors peruse the gift shop full of unique finds and relax on the sunny outdoor patio. Throughout the year Annmarie Garden presents festivals, rotating exhibits, public programs, family events and more. Visit [online](#) to see and learn more.



## Halloween at Annmarie Garden



Are you looking for a spooktacular kid-friendly Halloween event? Do not miss the 19th annual [Halloween in the Garden](#) set for Saturday, Oct. 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Representatives from dozens of community organizations and businesses will decorate booths, don costumes and hand out candy and treats to all the children. The day includes free activities and food vendors. Admission is \$2, with proceeds going to local charities. Dress the whole family and enjoy a day in the garden.



## Fall Family Fun Experience the Bounty of Local Agriculture

Crisp autumn days have arrived and Calvert County's agricultural community offers a variety of fall agri-tourism activities for families. Spend some time together outdoors and [experience the county's rich agricultural heritage](#).

October is the perfect time for fun fall activities including selecting your own pumpkins for jack-o-lanterns, getting lost in a corn maze, taking a hayride or spending a beautiful fall day outside. Depending on the participating farm, visitors may be able to enjoy a variety of other activities including farm stands, scarecrow-making, petting farms, pony rides, live music, decorations, fresh apple cider, home-baked goods and more.



## Upcoming Events





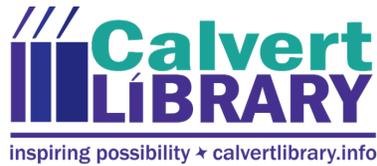
**OCT. 20**  
Fossil Field  
Experience



**OCT. 6**  
Lower Marlboro  
Freedom Day

**OCT. 28**  
Fall Colors  
Guided Hike

*Visit [ChooseCalvert.com](http://ChooseCalvert.com) for a full listing of upcoming events*



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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