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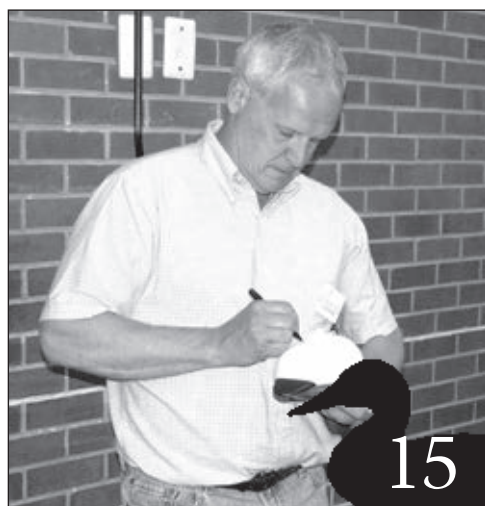
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# From the President

Dear Museum Member,

All of us at the Decoy Museum are very busy preparing for the upcoming 29th Annual Decoy and Wildlife Festival. The staff volunteers and directors are looking at every aspect of the event to make it the best it can be. We want your visit to the Decoy Festival and the City of Havre de Grace to be as pleasant and enjoyable as possible. Also, we realize that this is the largest fundraiser the Decoy Museum will host each year and we need it to be a profitable one.



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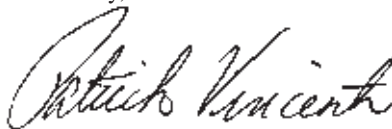
We need to point out that none of this is possible without the dedication of many strong volunteers. The Upper Chesapeake Chapter of Delta Waterfowl, led by George Wooden and Jerry Rutkowski, have been instrumental and dedicated to reaching out to the young waterfowler as well as the seasoned veteran to promote the Upper Chesapeake's water fowling heritage and legacy.

Also, it is important to point out all the work and coordination that Jim and Clo Trimble bring to the Old Decoy Contest. This year Allan Schaubert will be setting up a display of Wildfowler Decoy Company decoys from his personal collection in our Artifact section.

At this time it is my pleasure to report to our membership that our Museum, the Havre de Grace Decoy Museum, is once again debt free! We have received a gift from the R. Madison Mitchell Endowment Trust in the amount of \$37,486.74. These funds were used to pay the remaining balance on the Exhibits renovations from 2007. We also want to recognize and thank Chuck and Lynn Usilton (SFVCS) and their group of volunteers for their donation and continued support.

The Executive Committee is now in a position to start the Executive Director Search process. As this moves forward more information will be available. Thank you for your continued support and please remember that none of this Museum's success is possible without YOU. See you at the Decoy Festival.

Sincerely,



Pat Vincenti

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Tax deductible contributions can be made to the Havre de Grace Decoy Museum. The Museum was incorporated in 1981 as a non-profit organization which exists to document and interpret waterfowl decoys as this art form applies to the social and economic life of the upper Chesapeake Bay region.



# FESTIVAL 2010 PROGRAM

April 30 May 1–2

## Locations

*Havre de Grace Decoy Museum, Giles Street (DM)*  
*Havre de Grace Middle School, Lewis Street (MS)*  
*Havre de Grace Activity Center, Lewis Street (AC)*  
*Havre de Grace High School, Harris Stadium (HS)*

## 2010 Honorary Chairman

**Dave Walker**

Admission: \$6.00 per day. \$10.00 for weekend pass.  
 Children under 12 are admitted free with an adult.

## Friday, April 30

6:00 – 9:00 p.m. .... **Show opens**

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. .... **Carving Competition Registration**  
*AC*

## Saturday, May 1

**Additional activities at the Havre de Grace Activity Center throughout the weekend, check posted schedules around venues for more information.**

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. .... **Show**

9:00 a.m. .... **Delta Dogs Chesapeake Challenge**  
**Registration—ongoing events 9am–4:30pm**  
*HS*

9:00 a.m. .... **Outdoor Hunting Show**  
**Delta Waterfowl Days—ongoing events,**  
*see posted schedules around venues.*  
*AC*

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. .... **Silent Auction**  
*MS - cafeteria*

10:30 a.m. .... **Atlantic Flyway Classic Carving**  
**Competition Judging**

*HdG Activity Center*  
 Decorative L/S Floating Division  
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 Decorative Miniature Division

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12:30 – 2:00 p.m. .... **Past Honorary Chairmen**  
**Autograph Signing Session**

*MS — outside Media Center*

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. .... **Silent Auctions**  
*MS Cafeteria*

1:00 p.m. .... **Gunning Rig Division**  
*DM Grounds*  
**Carving Competitions sponsored by**  
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1:00 p.m. .... **Old Decoy Contest**  
*MS Stage*

1:00 p.m. .... **Live Auction Preview**  
*AC Gym*

4:00 p.m. .... **Live Auction Bidder Registration**  
*AC Gym*

5:30 p.m. .... **Live Decoy Auction**  
*AC Gym*

# FESTIVAL 2010 PROGRAM

CONTINUED

## Sunday, May 2

**Additional activities at the Havre de Grace Activity Center and at the Havre de Grace High School Harris Stadium throughout the weekend, check posted schedules around venues for more information.**

**10:00 a.m. . . . . Delta Dogs Chesapeake Challenge**  
**Registration** — *ongoing events, 10am – 3:30pm*

*HS*

**10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. . . . . Show**

**10:00 a.m. . . . . Outdoor Hunting Show**  
**Delta Waterfowl Days** — *ongoing events, see posted schedules around venues.*

*AC*

**10:30 a.m. . . . . Carving Competition Judging**  
*Activity Center*  
*River Gunning Division*

**10:30 a.m. . . . . Gunning Decoy Division**  
*DM Grounds*

**11:00 a.m. . . . . River Gunning Division**  
*DM Grounds*  
**Carving Competitions sponsored by PNC Bank**

**3:30 p.m. . . . . Festival Raffle Drawing**  
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**4:00 p.m. . . . . Festival Closes**

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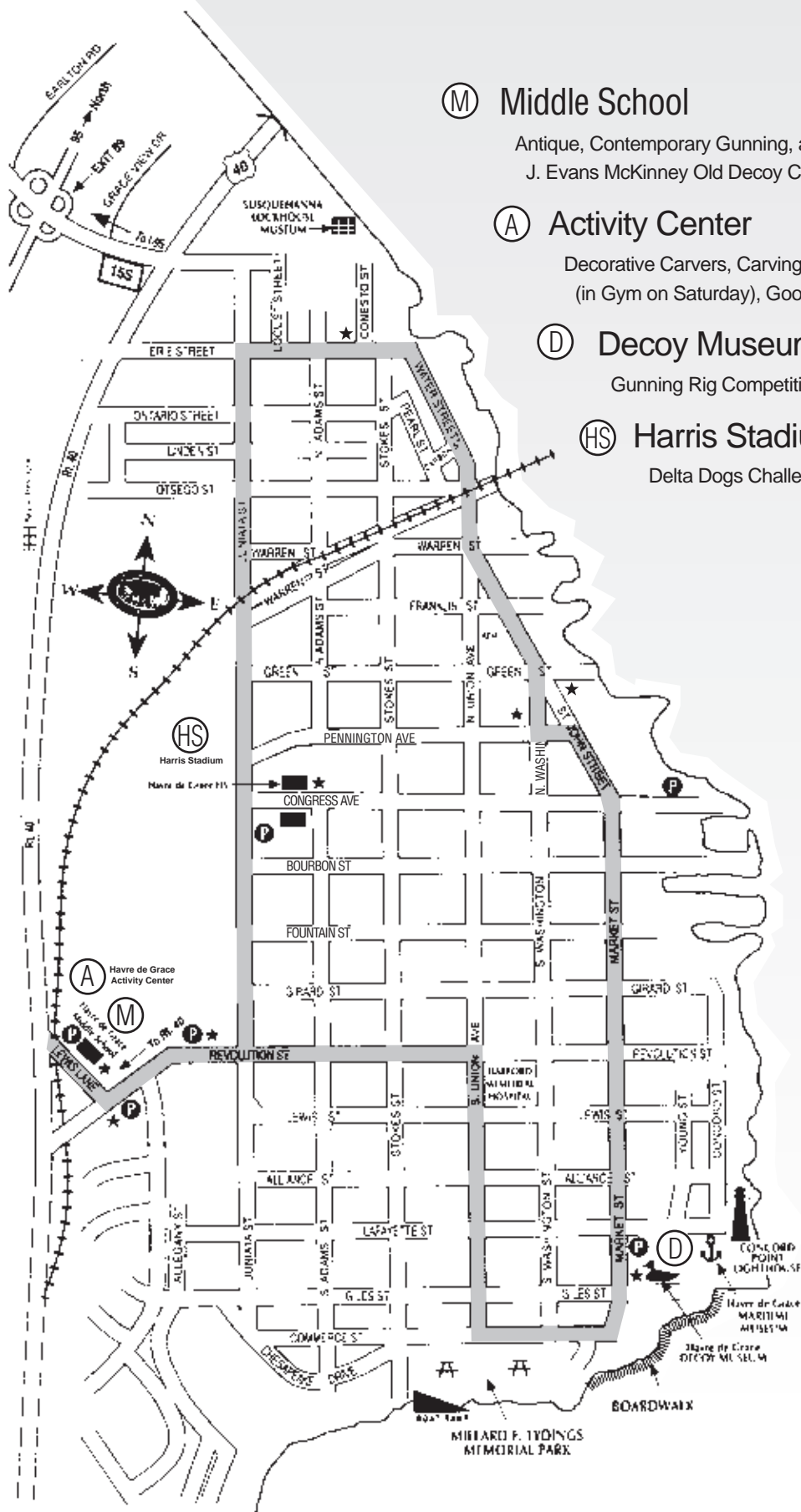
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## (A) Activity Center

Decorative Carvers, Carving Competitions, Live Auction  
(in Gym on Saturday), Goose & Duck Calling Contests

## (D) Decoy Museum

Gunning Rig Competitions, Museum Exhibits

## (HS) Harris Stadium

Delta Dogs Challenge

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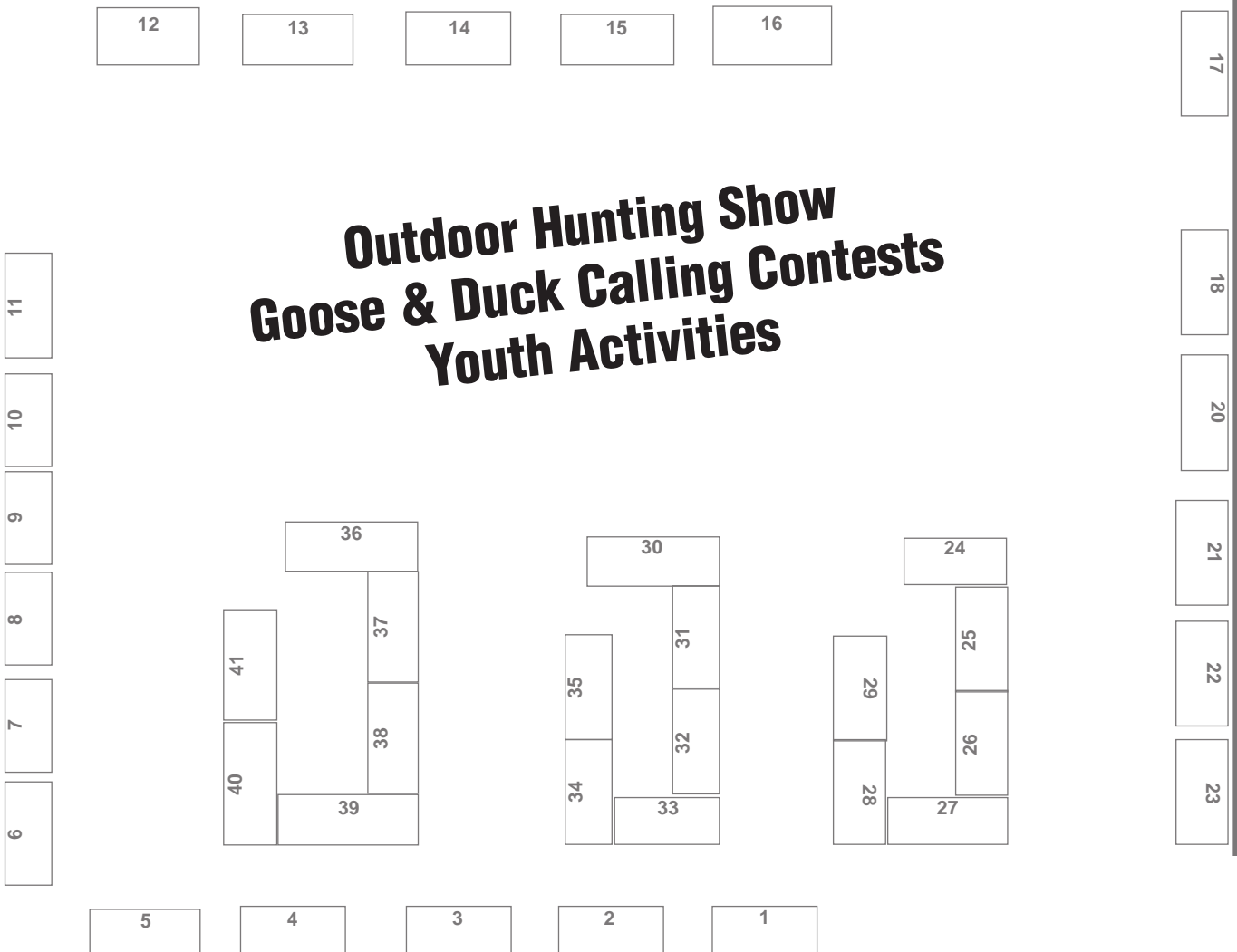
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Follow Parking signs to field behind Museum.

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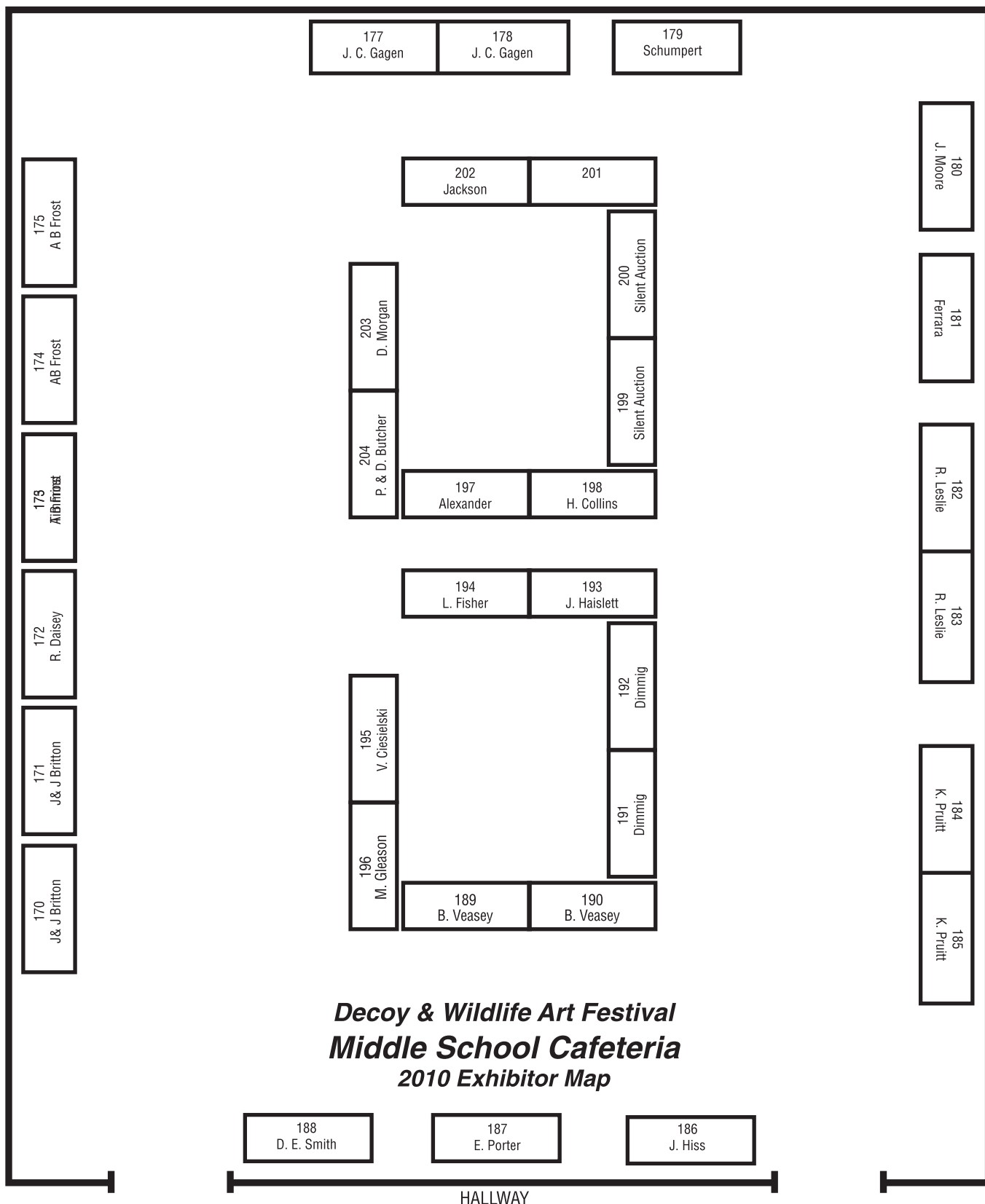
# Outdoor Hunting Show Goose & Duck Calling Contests Youth Activities



*Decoy & Wildlife Art Festival  
Activity Center Gym  
2010 Exhibitor Map*









# Decoy & Wildlife Art Festival

## Havre de Grace Middle School

### 2010 Exhibitor Map





# Havre de Grace Decoy Museum's Third Annual Golf Tournament

Friday, October 1st, 2010

Shotgun Start: 8:30 a.m.

*Registration starts at 7:30 a.m.*

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# Meet DAVID WALKER®

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*Dave Walker with friend and mentor Charles "Speed" Joiner.*

Meet David "Dave" Walker, one of the "Havre de Grace Style" carvers who works quietly in the shop next to his home at 221 Lapidum Road. The sign at the road announces "Walker Decoys" in a beautiful country setting near the Susquehanna State Park. On the January day we visited, the sky was beginning to clear and there was a brisk wind. The recent snow and cold were abating; that was a good sign. Another good sign was Maggie, Dave's dog, who I was told, would announce my arrival and Dave would come out to show me the entrance to his shop. And announce me she did with a few barks and tail wags. Dave's greeting was a smile and a friendly voice. Maggie had broken the solitude of creating and painting.

Dave deftly daubed paint on the underbelly of a Speckled-Belly goose as we talked. It was one of the many for an order

which was going to ship the following Monday. As he continued painting with swift, deliberate strokes, he told me that he works seven days a week. Later he qualified that when we discussed decoys as seen on the Antiques Road Show. Even an ardent carver such as Dave needs a bit of R&R occasionally.

In 1982 Dave built his shop in a fairly large building. Downstairs are the sanders and the lathe and upstairs is where he paints and has storage space; all neat and clean. Around the shop's rooms there were other decoys in various stages of completion—Blue Geese, Canada Geese and Snow Geese, hen Mallards and hen Bald Pates. Such beautiful birds and Dave captures their essence in a unique way. On the floor in a corner, there was a basketful of carved heads—various geese, Mallards and Pintails. These duck heads were waiting to be joined to necks and bodies, then sanded and painted, and

more sanding and painting until the desired finish was achieved.

As we know, decoy making and carving have evolved into American folklore, more like art deco. They no longer are working decoys, but instead these waterfowl adorn our homes. As if in tribute to the men who sat in blinds on land or on the water waiting for the flock to come in, Dave has shelves of old working decoys in his shop. The weathered decoys are beat up from being tossed into boats and truck beds; their paint-chipped bodies are worn, as we would expect them to be. Their beauty is the story of waiting...and perhaps taking a shot meant for a bird.

A little background about Dave: He attended the local Harford County public schools and graduated from Havre de Grace High School in 1975. We discussed his school activities, and he offered that fishing and hunting were his sports. In fact, he is a bow hunter. On the shop wall there was a picture of his father with a deer. His father was a hunter as well as an avid fisherman. And there was another picture of Dave and his friends on a Louisiana duck-hunting trip. In a few days he would be taking an older friend goose hunting on the Eastern Shore—Johnny Simons from Baltimore County who is 82.

Dave began carving at fourteen, after his Aunt Carol gave him a Jimmy Pierce decoy. He learned the art and craft of



decoy carving when he rode his bike to Jimmy Pierce's shop after school to do the "dirty work"; he laughed as he said it. "He's been good to me." I commented, "We all have to start at the bottom." To which he replied, "No, today they all want to start at the top."

Dave recalled working at the shop of another much-respected and unforgettable carver, R. Madison Mitchell, along with Jimmy Pierce. He knew Paul Gibson and the others who are remembered at the Havre de Grace Decoy Museum—men like Charlie Bryant.

I asked Dave which carvers he considered to be his mentors. "Each was a mentor in his own way," he said. He met Charlie Joiner in the late '80s—"Joyner was gracious to tell me and show me how to transition from working decoys to dec-

orative decoys." He uses the same paints. Dave added, "He had taken me under his wing, so to speak." He learned lots of secrets from Joiner who had learned them from the masters—the Ward Brothers. Experiences like these are ongoing in Dave's business.

Dave became a life member of the Decoy Museum around the time of its inception and served on the Board of Directors. He was in charge of build-

ings and grounds and recalled clearing the lot next to the Museum property. It was disappointing to him to see the lot sold and, however, not to the Museum. We agreed the increased expanse of the Museum property would be an asset today.

It is enviable: Since he retired from American Cyanamid in 1989, Dave devotes his time to his decoys, hunting and fishing. As we wound up our visit the sky cleared and brightened the shop a bit more. Maggie and Dave walked me to my car. Maggie bade me goodbye by wagging her tail, and Dave smiled.

You can see both of them at the Walker Decoys shop and Dave at his booth—"Walker Decoys"—at the Havre de Grace Decoy Museum's 29th Annual Wildlife and Art Festival April 30th, May 1st and 2nd! ■





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# 29th Annual Havre de Grace Decoy & Wildlife Art Festival

Friday, April 30th: 6–9 p.m. • Saturday, May 1st: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.  
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*Black Duck signed dated 1948 by R. Madison Mitchell.*

## Connecting the Dots or Finding Meaning in Your Collection



I have been extremely fortunate in building my collection over the past decades. I have known the source of a large percentage of the decoys which I have gathered about me. Acquiring decoys directly from their maker or finding them in personal gunning rigs still in the possession of the waterfowler made my experience especially meaningful.

Sitting with R. Madison Mitchell, Paul Gibson, Milton Watson, Ed "Pop"

Sampson, Clarence Webb, Robert Litzenberg, Evans McKinney, Clarence "Tit Bird" Bauer, Charlie Bryan or Lem Ward as they carved a head or painted their carvings was always a bonus and enhanced my collecting experience. Over the course of many years, I spent countless hours watching and listening to their tales of the way it once was. Great memorable stories and tales were told, some of which I am sure were modified on the days that my young son accompanied me.

Through the years, along with the new decoys by these makers old working decoys came my way through the

owners of substantial gunning rigs. I had knowledge of the location of a number of rigs, and in many cases I knew the owners and their families. The pleasure of visiting and talking with the owners gave me a deep sense of the real history of the working decoys from this region. If I wasn't a family friend before we "talked decoys," I usually was at the end of our visits.

The very first rig that I acquired was a result of a chance encounter with an old family friend at a Duck's Unlimited banquet. That DU event was in the days of the "for men only" get togethers. At the end of the evening, I

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*Blackhead drake and hen pair signed dated 1938 by R. Madison Mitchell.*

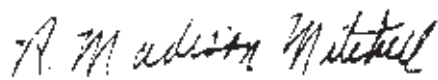


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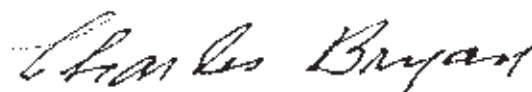
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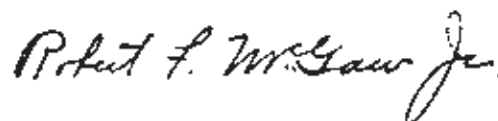
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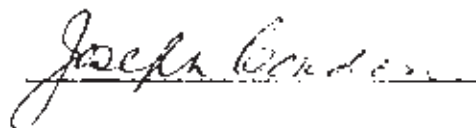
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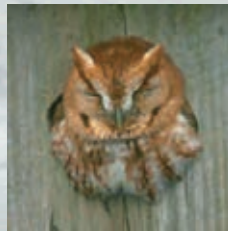
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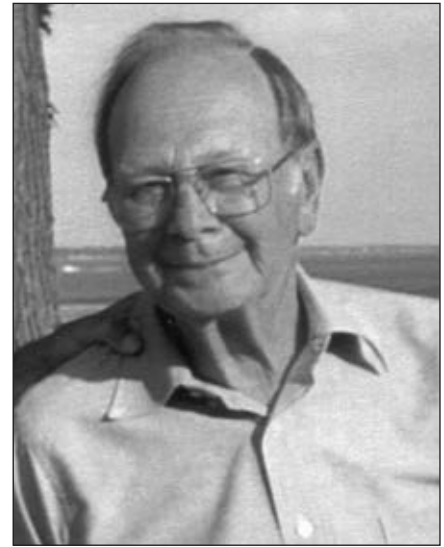
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# *Dr. William K. Brendle, M.D.*

Dr. William Brendle died February 4 at his home in Havre de Grace. His wife of 59 years, Evelyn, survives him. Eighty-nine years old at the time of his death, Dr. Brendle was in private practice as a surgeon for more than three decades and spent much of his retirement carving duck decoys and volunteering at the Havre de Grace Decoy Museum.



**B**orn on Long Island, NY, July 14, 1920, Dr. Brendle graduated from the University of Maryland College Park. He earned his medical degree from the University of Maryland, Baltimore, training both there and at nearby Mercy and Maryland General Hospitals. During World War II, he served as a flight surgeon in the Army Air Force, eventually retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Maryland Air National Guard.

Dr. Brendle moved from Baltimore to Havre de Grace in 1953; he operated surgical clinics in Havre de Grace and Fallston for 34 years. He served as chief of staff and chief of surgery at Harford Memorial Hospital.

After his arrival in Havre de Grace, he quickly became associated with members of the “Decoy Community,” developing friendships with the old-

time decoy carvers Robert F. McGaw, James Currier, Madison Mitchell and Paul Gibson. He created his working decoys in that community. He carved his decoy heads under the guidance of those carvers and others and turned his decoy bodies on Paul Gibson’s lathe. James Currier provided the painting talent. Dr. Brendle carved a large letter B on the underside of those first decoys to mark his “rig.” Those first decoys are today among the classics from Havre de Grace.

Dr. Brendle’s dedication to the decoy community grew after the Decoy Museum opened, and he spent countless hours in the Museum as a volunteer. “He was a faithful volunteer, active in many aspects of the Museum,” said Eleanor Coale, a fellow volunteer for some twenty years. One of his yearly projects was to put together the Museum’s very distinctive wooden Christmas tree that is decorated with duck heads made and donated

by carvers. He also served as Vice President of the R. Madison Mitchell Endowment Trust Board of Directors. “Bill” Brendle was an ever present fixture at all of the Decoy Museum’s many functions. It will be difficult to envision a Decoy Festival without the Good Doctor in the house.

During the 1970s he served as a wildlife commissioner for the State of Maryland; he was also a member of the Board of Directors of the Columbia Bank, the Masonic Lodge, and the Joseph L. Davis American Legion Post #47.

A memorial service for Dr. Brendle was held in St. John’s Episcopal Church; he was interred in Angel Hill Cemetery.

In addition to his wife he is survived by two daughters, a brother, and two grandchildren. A third daughter died in 2003. ■

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**Pair of Charlie  
Bryan Redheads**



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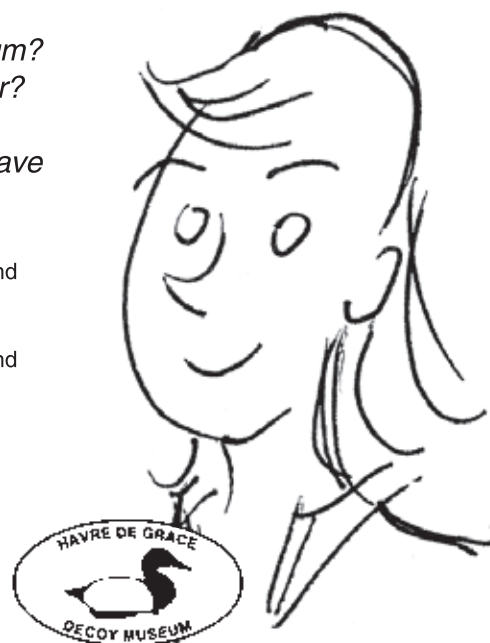
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Volunteers are a great asset to any organization. We would love to have you come aboard.

### **Contact Joanne Calder or Margaret Jones**

at the Museum 410-939-3739 or email us at decoymuseum@yahoo.com  
to see how you can become a part of our volunteer staff.





# *Annual Sporting Clay Shoot*

*to be held on*

*Saturday, June 19, 2010 at 9am*

*at*

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Pintail Point would be a wonderful place to spend the day. The shooting course is along the Wye River. The air conditioned club house has a great view, nice gift shop and a friendly atmosphere.

Visit their website at **www.THERIVERPLANTATION.com** for directions and further information about their other facilities.

**Registration begins at 9am** and the last shooter is allowed on the course at noon. **Registration is \$75** and includes lunch. You can register that day or pre-register by filling out the form in an upcoming issue of the magazine.

**Contact the museum for additional information by calling 410-939-3739 or email [decoymuseum@yahoo.com](mailto:decoymuseum@yahoo.com).**

# Collector's corner

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was approached by an old family friend with “you know, I have a bunch of old decoys that I don’t use anymore; would you like to see them?” I left that evening in anticipation of seeing and maybe having the chance to buy a couple of old decoys.

Next day I was in his garage bright and early. The decoys were neatly arranged overhead in the building, resting on boards and covered with dust, the result of many years of storage. The rig was purchased in a matter of just a few minutes.

Looking back now at that transaction, it was completed before I had held the first decoy in my hands. That rig had been owned by a distant cousin of mine and left in the care and custody of my old friend, who had been my cousin’s hunting guide. They were used on the Chesapeake Bay just outside of Havre de Grace on the Davis Farm. This beautiful farm still in family ownership to this day is one of but four farms in Harford County that front on the Bay. The rig was 70 decoys that were used at the blind locations on the Bay.

When the decoys were loaded into the back of my pickup truck, my first stop on the route home was at my mother’s to show her my newest acquisition. I think her comment went something like this “Well, Johnny, if that’s what makes you happy, I hope you enjoy them!” The decoys went home that day; I along with young John unloaded them and lined them up on the lawn and took a couple of photos of that rig.

It was about that time as they were being placed in rows that it became apparent that some were missing. Much to my surprise there were but 66 decoys and not the 70 that were in the rig.

What I realized at that moment and what I have experienced several other times since that day was the fact that he just could not give them all up; he had to hold onto four decoys. It was too much for him to let them all go, the connection and the recollection of great days of sport recalled by having those four birds close by eased the pain of letting the rest of them go.

That rig of now 66 decoys was comprised of 59 R. Madison Mitchell birds, and 7 older Susquehanna Flats decoys. I



quickly traveled to Havre de Grace to have Mr. Mitchell sign each of his birds for me. When I told him whose decoys they had been he recalled having made that rig in 1938. Such experiences with Mr. Mitchell gave me access to yet another source of great stories and great history.

That very first rig of Mitchells established for me the preference in my collecting. I enjoy the history of that rig as much as I appreciate their resting place. They reside in my “duck room” on the original paint rack from Madison Mitchell’s decoy shop. Knowing that those old birds once graced those boards when they were the newest decoys in the shop and their paint was still moist makes the experience of that group of decoys a delight for me to behold each time I walk past them.

As I write these stories of my collecting there is one theme that I want every collector to keep in mind. If you have but one decoy or several hundred, KNOW THE HISTORY of that block of wood. Know where it came from, who owned it before it came to you. If it is branded, all the better BUT be sure you know that it is an authentic brand and not some newly made up brand that has been burned into an old body and then “antiqued” to add authenticity. Talk to the owner of the decoy. If he says he has no knowledge of where the decoy came from then maybe that is not the bird for you.

Always remember “caveat emptor,” “to the buyer beware.” Learn as much as you can about the decoy, the original owner and by all means learn as much as you can about the seller. Connect the dots, and your collection will have a meaning and a purpose. Trust me on this one — you will have a lifetime of enjoyment and satisfaction in knowing your decoys if you can only connect the dots. ■



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## The Decoy Museum's Exhibits

*Dave Walker, 2010 Honorary Chairman, Library Gallery*

*Potomac Decoy Collector's Association Mallard Decoy Exhibit, second floor gallery*

*An exhibit of Factory Decoys, donated by Dr. M. Kramer, second floor gallery*

*Louisiana Decoys, Library Gallery*

*The Magnificent Michael Bequest, An extraordinary pair of "Daddy" Holly canvasbacks, first floor near the "Gunning the Flats" exhibit*

## Tour Reservations

Book your tours early. Talk to your children's or grandchildren's teachers now about signing up for educational programs and tours of the Decoy Museum. Harford County school system classes are free and we have several different tours to offer different age or grade levels. Programs for scouts and home schooled children are also available.

APRIL 24TH	30TH TO MAY 2ND
<b>Earth Day Celebration at the Maritime Museum.</b> 9-5pm. Participate in River Sweep and have fun learning how you can protect the Bay. Enjoy lunch, live music, games & activities. Receive a special pass to visit local attractions. For more information contact: Brenda Guldenzopf at 410-939-4800 or email: <a href="mailto:museum@comcast.net">museum@comcast.net</a> or visit Website: <a href="http://www.hdgmaritimemuseum.org">http://www.hdgmaritimemuseum.org</a>	<b>The Decoy Museum Presents: 29th Annual Decoy &amp; Wildlife Festival.</b> Fri. 6-9pm, Sat. 10-5pm, Sun. 10-4pm. Enjoy 140 Decoy Carvers, Artists, Commercial Outfitters, Guide Services, Live & Silent Auctions and Retriever Dog Demonstrations and Outdoor Hunting Show. For more information contact: Margaret Jones at 410-939-3739 or email: <a href="mailto:decoymuseum@yahoo.com">decoymuseum@yahoo.com</a> or visit their website <a href="http://www.decoymuseum.com">http://www.decoymuseum.com</a>
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<b>City-wide Yard Sale.</b> 8-4pm. Huge, community-wide event! Yard sales, sidewalk sales, and bargains galore! For more information contact: Ron Browning & HdG Office of Tourism at 410-939-6562 or 410-939-2100. You can email: <a href="mailto:info2@havredegracemd.com">info2@havredegracemd.com</a> or visit Website: <a href="http://www.hdgtourism.com">http://www.hdgtourism.com</a>	<b>War of 1812 Re-Enactment at the Susquehanna Lockhouse Museum.</b> Experience the battle of Havre de Grace during the War of 1812. Admission is \$3.00 adults, \$1.00 child. For more information call 410-939-5780, email <a href="mailto:director@lockhousemuseum.org">director@lockhousemuseum.org</a> or visit their website: <a href="http://www.lockhousemuseum.org">http://www.lockhousemuseum.org</a>
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<b>Skipjack Martha Lewis: 16th Annual Bull &amp; Oyster Roast.</b> 6-10pm. Join the crew of the Martha Lewis in Hutchins Park for a celebration to kick off the summer cruise season! For more information regarding prices contact: Cindi Beane at 410-939-1151, email: <a href="mailto:director@chesapeakeheritage.org">director@chesapeakeheritage.org</a> or visit their website: <a href="http://www.chesapeakeheritage.org">http://www.chesapeakeheritage.org</a>	7TH — 9TH
<b>Maritime Museum's Children's Day.</b> 1-5pm. Date has been changed from March. Enjoy maritime fun and hands-on history for the whole family. Learn to tie knots, build boats, and participate in craft activities. For more information contact: Brenda Guldenzopf at 410-939-4800, email: <a href="mailto:museum@comcast.net">museum@comcast.net</a> or visit their website: <a href="http://www.hdgmaritimemuseum.org">http://www.hdgmaritimemuseum.org</a>	<b>9th Annual Susquehanna Music &amp; Arts Festival.</b> Join us for a GREAT weekend of MUSIC! S.M.A.F. is a modern & traditional FOLK MUSIC FESTIVAL with lots of acts including children's program, Native American Dance and more. Celebrating the talents of Local, National and International Musicians since 2002! Times: Friday (The Vandiver Inn) 6-10pm, Saturday (Lock House Museum Grounds) 10am-4pm, Saturday Night (Community Center) 5-10pm, Sunday (Lock House Grounds) 10am-4pm Admission is \$20 a day or \$60 for complete weekend ticket. For more information contact: <a href="http://www.hdgtourism.com">www.hdgtourism.com</a> , Phone: 410-939-2100 or Email: <a href="mailto:brigitteP@havredegracemd.com">brigitteP@havredegracemd.com</a> or visit their website: <a href="http://www.susquehannamusicandartsfestival.com">http://www.susquehannamusicandartsfestival.com</a>
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<b>Renaissance All Sports Running Club Presents: Women's 5K By the Bay.</b> 8am registration, 8:30 run begins. A celebration of women, running and fitness. For more information call 410-399-9948 or email: <a href="mailto:gusandsuerun@comcast.net">gusandsuerun@comcast.net</a>	



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<b>HdG Arts Commission Presents: The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.</b> 8pm. Enjoy this wonderful evening at the HdG High School auditorium. Tickets available at the HdG Visitor Center, 450 Pennington Avenue. For more information call 410-939-5425 or 410-939-2100	<b>10TH</b>
<b>13TH</b>	<b>Ellsworth B. Shank Lecture Series.</b> 6:30pm. Come to City Hall to enjoy a roundtable discussion with historians. Admission is free. For more information call 410-939-5780, email: <a href="mailto:director@lockhousemuseum.org">director@lockhousemuseum.org</a> or visit their website: <a href="http://www.lockhousemuseum.org">http://www.lockhousemuseum.org</a> .
<b>Ellsworth B. Shank Lecture Series.</b> 6:30pm. Meet at City Hall for a Walking Tour. You will hear about: Havre de Grace & the Gilded Age. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information call 410-939-5780, email: <a href="mailto:director@lockhousemuseum.org">director@lockhousemuseum.org</a> or visit their website <a href="http://www.lockhousemuseum.org">http://www.lockhousemuseum.org</a>	<b>11TH — 12TH</b>
<b>14TH — 15TH</b>	<b>American Cancer Society: Relay for Life of Havre de Grace.</b> 7pm-6am. Relay for Life is a celebration of cancer survivorship and community spirit raising much-needed funds for the American Cancer Society. Event this year will be held on the grounds of Havre de Grace Middle School. For more information call 410-933-5160, email: <a href="mailto:susan.bresuciak@cancer.org">susan.bresuciak@cancer.org</a> or visit their website: <a href="http://www.relayforlife.org/havredegrace">http://www.relayforlife.org/havredegrace</a>
<b>The Potomac Wildlife Art &amp; Decoy Show.</b> Friday 6:30 – 9:00pm, Saturday 10am – 3:00pm. To be held at the college of Southern Maryland, La Plata, Maryland. Free decoy identification and appraisals. Exhibit of classic antique decoys and a carving competition. For more information contact Burkey Boggs at 301-934-1366 or Chad Tragakis at 703-768-2949 or email <a href="mailto:cragakis@cox.net">cragakis@cox.net</a>	<b>13TH</b>
<b>15TH</b>	<b>Celtic Festival at Steppingstone Farm Museum.</b> 12-5pm. Event features pipe band music, dancing and singing, sheepherding, sheep shearing, clan gatherings, vendors, amateur games competition, military regiment, food and tours. For more information call 410-939-2299 or 888-419-1762. Email: <a href="mailto:steppingstonemuseum@msn.com">steppingstonemuseum@msn.com</a> . Website: <a href="http://www.steppingstonemuseum.org">http://www.steppingstonemuseum.org</a>
<b>Secret Garden Tour of Havre de Grace.</b> 12-5pm. Sponsored by the Maritime Museum, this Garden Tour is the perfect way to celebrate Spring! From 9-noon, enjoy a cup of tea, local baked goods and produce from the Farmers' Market, then from noon to 5pm tour HdG's beautiful gardens and landscaped yards. For more information contact Brenda Guldenzopf at 410-939-4800, email: <a href="mailto:museum@comcast.net">museum@comcast.net</a> or visit their website <a href="http://www.hdgmaritimemuseum.org">http://www.hdgmaritimemuseum.org</a>	<b>JUNE 19TH</b>
<b>15TH TO 16TH</b>	<b>The Decoy Museum's Annual Sporting Clay Classic.</b> 9am. The HdG Decoy Museum invites you to this 75 target, 3 Lewis Class event! Shoot takes place at Pintail Point. All proceeds benefit the Decoy Museum. For more information contact Margaret Jones at 410-939-3739 or email: <a href="mailto:decoymuseum@yahoo.com">decoymuseum@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Medieval Days at the Steppingstone Farm Museum.</b> 12-5pm. Both days Event features a Medieval Encampment with fighting and fencing demonstrations, arts and crafts, period music and dance, children's games, food and tours. For more information call Phone: 410-939-2299 or 888-419-1762, email: <a href="mailto:steppingstonemuseum@msn.com">steppingstonemuseum@msn.com</a> or visit their website: <a href="http://www.steppingstonemuseum.org">http://www.steppingstonemuseum.org</a>	<b>21ST — 26TH</b>
<b>22ND</b>	<b>Maritime Museum's Teen Boat Building School.</b> 9-4pm. Teens will learn how to make their own canoe with the help of instructors from the Chesapeake Wooden Boat Builders School. For more information and how to register contact Brenda Guldenzopf at 410-939-4800, email: <a href="mailto:museum@comcast.net">museum@comcast.net</a> or visit their website: <a href="http://www.hdgmaritimemuseum.org">http://www.hdgmaritimemuseum.org</a>
<b>Maritime Museum's Community History Day.</b> 1-5pm. New date, moved from March. We will reveal local history in our own backyard through a series of student community history projects. For more information contact Brenda Guldenzopf at 410-939-4800, email: <a href="mailto:museum@comcast.net">museum@comcast.net</a> or visit their website: <a href="http://www.hdgmaritimemuseum.org">http://www.hdgmaritimemuseum.org</a>	<b>26TH</b>
<b>31ST</b>	<b>Summertime Blues Festival at Steppingstone Museum.</b> 2-8pm. Event features live blues music by local, regional, and national acts. Enjoy this outdoor show in a beautiful setting. Food, beer and wine for sale. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. For more information and ticket prices call 410-939-2299 or 888-419-1762, email: <a href="mailto:steppingstonemuseum@msn.com">steppingstonemuseum@msn.com</a> or visit their website: <a href="http://www.steppingstonemuseum.org">http://www.steppingstonemuseum.org</a>
<b>Memorial Day Event-Sponsored by American Legion Post 47.</b> 9am and 11 am. Memorial Day observances begin at Angel Hill Cemetery at 9am and then proceed to Tydings Memorial Park at 11am. Sponsored by American Legion Post 47. For more information call 410-939-0234.	<b>JUNE 29TH TO JULY 4TH</b>
<b>JUNE 5TH</b>	<b>Independence Celebration Carnival.</b> Come bring the family to Tydings Park to enjoy the annual Independence Celebration Carnival! Rides and attractions for all ages. July 4th Independence Day Parade, Carnival, Concert & Fireworks. Enjoy your day with us! Parade at 2pm, Carnival 6-10pm, Concert at 7pm & Fireworks at Tydings Park at 9:15pm (approximately.) For more information call 410-939-2100 or visit their website: <a href="http://www.hdgtourism.com">http://www.hdgtourism.com</a> .
<b>Upper Chesapeake Residential Hospice's 11th Annual Regatta.</b> 5-9:30pm. Come to the Concord Point Lighthouse to enjoy the Sailboat Regatta and dinner provided by notable chefs from several of Harford County's finest	

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