Mark Your Calendar!
- Oyster Festival, October 20
- Greenstreet Twilight Open House, November 15
- Tea with Sugar Plum Fairy & Nutcracker Prince, December 14 & 15 at Shady Side Community Center
- 2020 Winter Luncheon Series, Wednesdays, January 22 - February 26

Captain’s Canvas with Dr. Jay Anderson

Create Your Own Historic Legacy!
The Captain Avery Museum has benefited from the help of many people who have donated time and funds. One significant way to support the Museum and establish your own historic legacy is through a bequest. Please remember the Captain Avery Museum when you make your estate plans. Thank you.

It’s Oyster Time Again!
There are lots of reasons to love oysters. A single oyster can filter 50 gallons of water every day! A healthy one-acre reef filters around 24 million gallons and can slow 93% of wave motion to prevent erosion. Oysters also absorb carbon, which they turn into calcium carbonate to strengthen and grow their shells. They absorb nitrogen, a greenhouse gas that affects our environment. And while Chesapeake oyster pearls are rare, you could be lucky!

But the best thing about oysters is how they taste! Humans have loved oysters since the dawn of time. There’s evidence of ancient Romans farming oysters.

But you don’t need to go to all that trouble, because Captain Avery Museum has the oysters for you. Relax by the Bay with music, food, and fun at Captain Avery Museum’s 22nd Annual Oyster Festival on Sunday, October 20, 12:30-5:00 p.m. Voted “Best Community Event of 2018” by readers of Bay Weekly, the festival that’s taking shape for 2019 is sure to be another winner.

Musical headliners under the Big Tent this year include the beloved Eastport Oyster Boys and the consummate jazz and blues musicians Bob and Eddie. Hat Trix will be channeling classic rock in the boat house! Two music venues, the big tent and the boat house, make for a tune-filled festival.

As always there will be oysters all ways: raw, fried, in a basket, on a roll, in a shooter, you name it. Non-oyster eaters will find plenty of food to please their palates as well. Food vendors include local favorites Skipper’s Pier and Umai Sushi House from Deale, and Chesapeake Deli and Grille from Dunkirk. Beer, wine, soda and water will be for sale at the Tiki Bar by the river as well as at the Rain Garden Bar by the boathouse. The Lucretia Avery Bake Shop and Café will be taking care of the sweet side, along with Mrs. Moo’s traditional farm fresh ice cream and shakes.

Free crafts for the kids, artists, authors, crafters, and oyster education round out the offerings. Our own “Choose It!” sale of donated goods and services will help keep the fun going all year round.

As always, the day concludes with a $5,000 raffle, with tickets available in the community before the festival and at the event. (You do not need to be present to win.) Admission is $10, $5 for children under 12.

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Captain Avery Museum (CAM) is now a participating member of NARM (North American Reciprocal Museum Program), an affiliation of over 1,000 arts and cultural institutions throughout North America including Bermuda, Canada, El Salvador, Mexico and United States. Additional benefits for CAM members vary by level and may be viewed online: captainaverymuseum.org.

If you haven’t already sent in your membership, please take a moment now. Renew online or mail in the reply card.

A Vision To Be Fulfilled

With the help of our members, this "old house" is greeting the 21st century with open arms.

Captain Avery came home by boat. In a few months, the Avery house will have a welcoming entrance from the land side parking areas.

Additionally, there will be a new route through the house and grounds for experiencing the Museum’s history. New exhibits will pique interest in the past and the present.

All of this has been made possible through "seed money" from a $40,000 Bond Bill introduced by retired State Senator John Astle and a $23,000 grant from the Maryland Heritage Area Authority’s Four Rivers.

Major changes coming, besides the “front door” moving to the old “back door” include:

Entry space will begin telling the Museum stories and invite further exploration.

An original door will be reopened to create a natural flow to take visitors from the Avery House into the Great Room for special events.

"The Great Room,” built by Jewish families, will not only have exhibits reflecting that era, but will have a major renovation replacing the pillars with steel beams to support the second floor, thus opening the space for a wider variety of special events.

The front door and porch will both have handicapped-accessible entrances.

Enclosures will be built to separate the kitchen from restroom traffic.

Signage and exhibits will be developed to represent the Museum’s (and the area’s) three stories—water as a livelihood, recreation on the water, and Bay stewardship.

“We are grateful for the support of Senator Astle and Four Rivers and will welcome community assistance in meeting the additional costs involved in the renovations of structure and contents of the Museum,” Executive Director Deborah Gangloff stated.