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Saturday, March 25, 2017

10:00 am until 2:00 pm

at Davidsonville Elementary School

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GREEN UP MARYLAND

People make this happen! DACA needs the help of many volunteers and helping hands to work on this grand event on March 25. If you can give an hour or two for your community, please send email to Gail at info@daca-md.org or call Kerry Monroe or Chris Asher. Phone numbers are on the back page of the Villager. Gail invites volunteers to lend an hour or so at the welcome table from 8:00 am and throughout the day. When a friend calls to ask you for help, please say yes!

Will Biddle has ordered 400 tree seedlings to give away. He will need volunteers to take an hour shift to help wrap them for safe transport to your yard.

DACA will provide reusable tote bags for you to carry your trees, literature, free samples, and purchases.

Many thanks to DACA board members Kerry Monroe and Melissa Stanton

DACA invites businesses and organizations that offer sustainable choices or information about reducing environmental impact to display their literature and wares at this popular Expo, open and free to the public.

Kerry Monroe volunteered in October to chair Green Expo 2017 and jumped on the massive task of telephoning previous exhibitors to verify their information and update all the names. Melissa Stanton updated the vendor/exhibitor application form and posted it on DACA's website. Kerry sent it on January 10 to everyone on the contact list.

We eagerly await exhibitor responses! If you wish to exhibit your organization's work for the preservation of your environment, go to www.daca-md.org and click on Green Expo 2017. Read Melissa's priceless prose to learn more, then click on the exhibitor/sponsor registration form. You can print it and mail it to DACA, PO Box 222, Davidsonville, MD 21035 with your check if you are a business, or no cost for nonprofits or government departments. Or, you can register and pay online.

Learn more about DACA. At the website, you can review past Green Expos and past issues of the Villager. There is a vacancy on the board of directors for the term ending June 2019. Call any member to volunteer and come to a board meeting, first Thursday of each month in the conference room of Ford Hall at the Davidsonville Family Recreation Center.

This space for addresses sent by USPS

DACA people

Farewell and many thanks to Don Opedal, a faithful member of DACA's board since 2007 and maintaining his DACA membership through April 2020. Don and his wife have moved from Cambria to a smaller home in Odenton. While on DACA's board he gracefully reviewed the Minutes for Gail and willingly volunteered for Green Expo. He was also president of the Cambria Home Owners Association and recruited members to serve on DACA's board.

Welcome new member David Scheler and thanks to Winterson Hittle for this gift membership. Thanks also to Martha Greenwell, Martha Blaxall and Joe Dickey, and to Bruce Stein for their contributions to DACA in addition to renewing their dues. Welcome new member Janice Heller and thanks for her contribution also.

My goodness! Sounds like a wonderful issue chock full of interesting articles. Again, thanks for all your work on behalf of DACA, Gail. Fran Canavan 11/18

Thank you Gail -- and thank you for the page for the Powerhawks event December 17th. Looks great! Have a great Thanksgiving, Pat Meinhold 11/19

Join DACA

Dues are \$10 per person per year

You can join DACA electronically at the daca-md.org web site and send your dues by PayPal. Thanks to our website genius Melissa Stanton for setting up this account. Thank you, Marilyn Clemes, for being the first to renew online!

Come to Green Expo and become a member of your civic association. This is an easy opportunity to join DACA. You can register and pay dues at the welcome table in the central hall of the elementary school. Dues are \$10 per person per year and you can pay for more than one year at a time. You will have access to all issues of the Villager at the web site, or you can receive it six times every year by USPS mail. Members who get the Villager by USPS can see their membership expiration date with their postal address.

In memoriam

Frederick A. Hodge

DACA member 1985 ~ 1991

January 10, 1939 ~ December 12, 2016

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How do you know when you've arrived in Davidsonville?



Chances are, most people don't know. Other than a few small signs about our community's history, there is no signage to indicate that we're here or to inform our visitors that they've arrived. After many years of effort, DACA has secured permission from the State Highway Administration to post a "Welcome to Davidsonville" sign on the hillside on Davidsonville Road near Rutland Road south of route 50.

Brian Riddle offered to provide labor from Homestead Gardens to install the sign, but DACA needs to pay Apple Signs, whose state-approved design is pictured above, to manufacture the sign.

We are seeking funds to cover the cost of the "Welcome to Davidsonville" sign, and we invite you to donate and encourage your non-member neighbors to donate and to join DACA.

Donations and dues payments can be made online by visiting the Payments page of www.daca-md.org. Checks can be mailed to DACA, PO Box 222, Davidsonville 21035. Please indicate on your check what the funds are for. M.S.

Concrete planning for a long-awaited sign!

Stay tuned to Facebook and the DACA web site—www.daca-md.org—for exciting updates on the construction of the sign. Our web master Melissa Stanton is going to have a lot to add to them if this all works. Will Biddle, Kerry Monroe, and Gail Enright had a very creative meeting with Pamela Cole Finley at Homestead Gardens, and the ideas flew and multiplied! There may even be a party in it. Will has grabbed this project by the horns and has set his sights on the dollars.

Return of a novice fly fisher to DFRC

The Free State Fly Fishers meet at the Davidsonville Family Recreation Center at 7:30 pm until 9:00 pm except in the summer. On Saturdays during the winter, 10:00 am until noon, we meet to tie fly fishing lures.

FSFF is just so very thankful for this wonderful facility and our location. I have found it interesting that my Dad (Dale Slayton, who passed in 2012), once took me to the DFRC location many years ago, when he was an electronics technician whose job was to maintain the guidance/radar systems for the Nike surface-to-air missiles at this and six other locations in Maryland. A small world, as it turns out, that I am back trying (not very good at all so far) to learn how to fly fish (catch and release, of course, as I fell in love with these wonderful aquatic creatures some 50 years ago).

Joe Slayton



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AA County Council current bills to amend the Zoning Code

DACA's founding purpose was to limit commercial zoning in Davidsonville, and after 43 years it remains important for civic organizations to continue the vigilance to protect the quality of life of South County.

Bill No. 75-16, Composting facilities in RA districts, was passed without further amendments.

Bill No. 73-16, Public notification of zoning change applications, introduced by Mr. Trumbauer to require public notice of last minute spot zoning/upzoning, was amended on December 5 and again on January 3 to prevent restrictions on council members to amend a comprehensive zoning bill with or without notice, which pretty much guts the purpose of the bill.

Bill No. 82-16, Rural Conservation Boundary Line, introduced by Derek Fink at the request of County Executive Schuh, was defeated on January 3. It would have drawn a line around RA portions of South County for the purpose of conserving rural land by making spot zone/upzoning more difficult.

especially in the Mayo peninsula, felt that such conservation would impact their neighborhoods. Only John Grasso, R-Glen Burnie, and Derek Fink, R-Pasadena, supported the bill. The concept is good, but it should be made part of the GDP process instead.

Above information from Growth Action Network and The Capital, January 4, by Amanda Yeager.

Shannahan application for child care center

Hardesty Estates residents are appealing the decision by County Hearing Officer Douglas Holman granting approval for a special exception to allow a childcare center in an RA zone on property accessible only through Hardesty Estates.

At the first hearing before the Board of Appeals on January 10, the Shannahans presented evidence in favor of their application. Residents of Hardesty Estates will present testimony at the second hearing on April 4, 6:30 until 8:30 pm, at Arundel Center, 44 Calvert Street.

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Start School Later works for safer school hours

In his Fiscal Year 2018 budget address on December 21, Board of Education Superintendent George Arlotto did not include any funding for healthier and safer school hours for the 2018-2019 school year. Additional school buses will be needed to accommodate the time shift.

The Board of Education will not amend the budget to fix the known concerns with Anne Arundel’s school hours unless you persuade them with your letters and testimony. The 13 and 15 minute slides set for next year are not enough for high school students and are problematic for late starts and releases for elementary and middle schools. Next year’s 7:30 am high school start time should not be the final answer for our students. If you think healthy, safe, and developmentally appropriate school hours are necessary for all Anne Arundel K-12 students, you must speak out.

With your urging, the Board of Education (BOE) can amend the proposed budget in February to include the necessary money to purchase additional buses and shift all grades to healthier, safer, and developmentally appropriate school hours. Send email to the Board of Education and Superintendent, with copies to the County Council and the County Executive. Ask the Board to amend the budget to include money for healthy, safe school hours for all students i.e., no school before 8:00 am, release before 4:00 pm, or whatever you think is reasonable.

The BOE members’ email addresses are:

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The County Council/County Executive emails are: exschu00@aacounty.org peter.smith@aacounty.org, john.grasso@aacounty.org dfink@aacounty.org ccprus00@aacounty.org (Andrew Pruski) and ccpero33@aacounty.org (Michael Peroutka) ctrumbauer@aacounty.org and jerry.walker@aacounty.org

Write a letter to the Editor of the Capital (maximum 250 words) regarding the budget, addressed to capletts@capgaznews.com.

Plan to attend the February 15th Board of Education meeting at 10:00 am, when they will vote on forwarding the budget to the County Executive. If the BOE does forward to County Executive Schuh a budget that includes funding requests for healthy and safe school hours, please plan to attend the County Council’s budget hearings on May 8th and 11th. More information will be available as this date gets closer.

Thank you for your continued support in this long war and thank you to those who have already sent emails to the Board!

Lisa VanBuskirk

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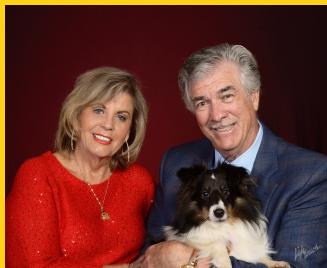
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Many thanks again to Anthony Clarke and Mike Galloway, owners of the Killarney House on Central Avenue. They agreed to sponsor the poster contest for the budding artists of our elementary schools and will provide gift certificates of \$75, \$35, and \$25 for meals at the restaurant. Announcement flyers will be sent to Davidsonville, Edgewater, Mayo, and Central Elementary schools.

Thanks to Brian Riddle and his enthusiastic staff, Homestead Gardens will beautify the DES venue of the Green Expo with potted flowers and shrubs, as well as promoting the Expo in their publicity. Muddy Creek Artists Guild will provide a judge for the poster contest. Composters Trio will sing from 11:00 to 1:00 in the dining area.

Exhibitor registrations are beginning to come in by mail and by online registration, starting with the Anne Arundel County Watershed Protection and Restoration Program (Thank you Rob Fish!), followed three minutes later by Kristen Lagana for the Anne Arundel County Recycling and Waste Reduction Division of the Department of Public Works, and Anne Biddle for the Baywise Master Gardeners of UMD Extension service. Welcome also a new exhibitor, Bath Fitter, promoting green cleaning bathtubs with natural products. Woo-hoo!

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A Message from the Patuxent Riverkeeper

Many thanks for your help making 2016 one of our busiest and most productive years ever! Lately the most persistent question we have heard from members and visitors at Riverkeeper Center in Nottingham is, "How will the outcome of the recent national election outcomes affect our ongoing work?" Early Presidential appointments look challenging for many of the issues we have traditionally worked on such as coal waste discharges, fossil fuel expansionism and destructive infrastructure, diversity, inclusion, enforcement of environmental laws and much more. But partisanship has never played a role in our efforts, and we hold any and all political parties to the same litmus test inasmuch as whether governmental initiatives to protect and restore the Patuxent make good sense, make a difference, and can alter the future of a river that presently has a D- grade for water quality. True, there may be lots of things important in addition to clean water, but few as vital or as precious as the water, without which life in this world could not exist. When we send probes to Mars, the most hopeful sign we seek is the presence of water! Clean water remains the bottom line, the gold standard, and the founda-

tion for all that we know in a prudent and viable society. Thirteen years into the Patuxent Riverkeeper journey, we are consistently amazed by the many voices, vistas and stories this amazing river has to share with those willing to listen and likewise the unsinkable spirit of those who refuse to give up on its future. Saving the Patuxent is not only a cause worth fighting and struggling for, but truly we cannot imagine any sincere effort to protect this river that does not involve fighting or struggle at least some of the time. So, whoever is in the State House, the White House or any of the nearly one million "houses" located in this watershed, we will continue to fight for what is right and to help turn the tide against the sheer momentum of years of indifference, sloth, foot-dragging and bureaucracy that have all but failed to save this priceless gift that belongs to all of us. In the spirit of that unifying struggle, we wish you and yours peace, happiness, useful (sustainable) work, and clean water in 2017. Many thanks for your support in past years and we look forward to earning your support again in 2017!

Happy 2017 New Year on behalf of the Board of Directors and the Staff of Patuxent Riverkeeper.
Fred Tutman

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CLA’s newest staff member, Molly Brown, joined the team on January 18. You can learn more at www.chesapeakelegal.org.

Five years ago, DACA entered a law suit against the Anne Arundel County Executive’s Office for failing to enforce the zoning code when the County Council overrode the Executive’s veto of 16 spot zoning changes. DACA contributed \$3,000 to the Chesapeake Legal Alliance to defray the cost of legal documentation in the case. Attorney Russell Stephens served as pro bono legal council arguing the plaintiff’s case. Unfortunately, the case was lost to increased density of the 16 zoning changes. CLA refunded DACA’s share of the unspent legal fund; DACA contributed \$500 of that amount to CLA for its ongoing expenses.

Farmers Market, Riva Road

Each year the Anne Arundel County Farmers Market has shown its support for DACA with a financial contribution. DACA members and many others shop at the Farmers Market and enjoy the produce of local farmers and craftsmen. The Villager is pleased and proud to feature the Market prominently on its back page. DACA is grateful for the Market’s contribution of \$150 for 2017.



The Market is closed for the winter and will reopen in April. Members invite you to participate in the Maryland Day Weekend for Annapolis and Southern Anne Arundel County on March 24, 25, and 26, 2017.

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Jousting in the early 1900s as told by Benjamin Watkins III

In 1692, the first jousting tournament in America was sponsored by All Hallows Parish in Davidsonville. At that earliest event each knight aimed his long lance at a wooden knight astride a wooden horse.

Benjamin Watkins III, who lived through most of the twentieth century at Locust Farm, now owned by Bobby and Cathy Rossback, told Gail Enright about many aspects of that era of life in Davidsonville, including jousting. Gail’s mother and other relatives also contributed to these stories. This account was first printed in the Villager in 1978.

In Maryland’s five southern counties—Anne Arundel, Calvert, Prince George’s, Charles, and St. Mary’s—jousting and baseball were the sports that inspired intense rivalry among individuals and regions. Baseball games and jousting tournaments were the occasions for social gatherings of distant neighbors and relatives throughout Southern Maryland. People who lived a long distance from the baseball and jousting fields would leave home the day before, riding on horseback or driving a horse-drawn wagon, and could count on stabling their animals at the farm of a friend. The same horse that pulled a plow or a wagon one day would be transformed the next into a

snorting charger carrying a costumed knight or a lady bearing a lance.

Every year, the Davidsonville United Methodist Church, All Hallows, and Holy Family at Dodon held fund raising fairs at which jousting tournaments and baseball games were featured events. In addition to the Dodon Fair, jousts were held at several other farms in Davidsonville. Tilden Lawn, Friends Choice, Summer Hill, and Idlewilde hosted the gala events. The Peach Orchard Level, part of Idlewilde now owned by the Covingtons, was easy to reach at the intersection of Double Gate Road.

Mr. Watkins explained how the tournaments were operated. The “lists” were formed by a line-up of carriages and wagons full of spectators; the tiny rings were clipped to metal strips hanging from an overhead arch. Each knight had three chances to score, and the smallest rings were used as tie-breakers. Professional jousters competed for cash prizes; amateurs competed for the glory and the privilege of crowning the tournament queen.

Opening ceremonies featured a speaker, usually a visiting dignitary, talking about the days of Ivanhoe and knighthood, and made a charge of responsibility to the knights. The marshal gave the signals *(next page please)*

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Jousting in the 'Ville, *from previous page*
to the riders: "Sir Knight, prepare to charge!" and then, "Charge, Sir Knight!" Wax (William Wellington) Townshend of Idlewilde frequently served as marshal, suitably mounted on Sidney, his big white gelding. Another marshal, Dr. J. Mortimer Hayes, rode a big white horse named Billy, who posed and tossed his head haughtily.

Each knight chose a title with personal significance, a family name or the name of his farm. Ben Watkins was the Knight of Locust Farm; Newman Suitt rode as the Knight of the Ace of Spades; Ed Duckett was the King of Hearts; his brother Ben Duckett and his sister Bertie rode as the Knight and the Lady of Tilden Lawn. George Townshend was the Knight of Willow Glen, riding his gray horse Bud, who in his off hours taught children how to ride.

Neighborhood teen-agers served as mounted aides who cleared the field of spectators by galloping through the course before and after each charge. Virginia Townshend, Louise Townshend, and Ella Lee Hodges enjoyed the opportunity to run their horses back and forth in front of the crowd. As they grew up, Frances Townshend and Genie Ellershaw Tucker assumed the privilege as errand runners

on horseback. At the end of the competition, the victorious knight, escorted by the aides with a fanfare of trumpets, rode to the judge's stand to receive a crown of flowers placed on the tip of his lance. He then rode down the row of spectators' carriages until he reached the place where his lady sat and placed the crown on her head. Ben remembered that Marcelena Tucker was crowned queen at least once.

However, if the winning knight did not wish to crown a queen, or if he lost his money betting on the tournament, he could sell the crown and the honor of naming the tournament queen. But if a fellow promised a crown to a girl and then lost or sold it, he was in deep trouble with the lady and her friends!

Afterwards at the church hall, the first dance was the royal waltz, more likely a two-step or foxtrot, led off by the victorious knight and his queen.

In 1962, Henry J. Fowler, State Delegate from St. Mary's County, introduced legislation to adopt jousting as the official state sport of Maryland. Governor Millard J. Tawes signed it into law on June first of that year. St. Margaret's Episcopal Church still presents jousts at a summer festival. The September-October 1992 Villager reported on Davidsonville's last joust.

On August 23, 1992, All Hallows Parish celebrated its Tercentenary by sponsoring a jousting tournament at the Ruritan field on Davidsonville Road. The Eastern Shore Jousting Association provided competitors and pageantry. The festivities included prayers and a blessing by the Rev. Michael O. Moore, Interim Rector of All Hallows. The Davidsonville Ruritan sold hot dogs, snacks and drinks and church members held a bake sale.

Modern knights must charge through a series of three arches 30 yards apart in nine seconds or less, to spear with their lances the rings ranging in diameter from 1 3/4 inches down to a quarter inch. They spend hours and years training their horses and practicing a steady grip on their lances.

Costumed knights and ladies on brightly caparisoned, noble steeds paraded the field. A pageant demonstrated the prowess of jousting through the ages, from hand-to-hand combat on foot and on horseback, up through today's contests won by the rider with the fastest, steadiest horse and the steadiest arm and eye. Contests at the professional, semi-professional and novice levels tested the skills of riders from age ten to 75 years. A Robin Hood skit entertained and amused children of all ages.

All Hallows parishioner Mary Hoffman chaired the event and served as liaison between the Eastern Shore Jousting Association and All Hallows Parish.

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SCCA's concerts are held in the Southern High School auditorium on Route 2 in Harwood. Subscribers are also welcome to attend the remaining concerts offered by Anne Arundel Community Concert Association in Severna Park and the Maryland Concert Series in Ferndale.

Winter-Spring 2017 Concert Season
South County Concert Association

Southern High School, 4400 Solomons Island Road, Harwood, MD 20776

All concerts begin at 7:30 pm

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- Retro Rockets Saturday, February 11, 2017
- Jim Witter, A Tribute to Barry Manilow Monday, March 20, 2017
- Capital Steps Tuesday, May 23, 2017

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60 Robinson Road, Severna Park, MD 21146

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The Young Columbians

Saturday, June 10, 2017

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United States Army Field Band's Soldiers Chorus

Saturday, January 28, 2017 7:30 pm

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Sunday, February 12, 2017 3:00 pm

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If you cannot attend a particular concert, you can lend your subscriber card(s) to a friend. Subscribers will receive a guest card to give to a friend or neighbor as a way of introducing others to SCCA. The guest card is for SCCA performances only and is **not valid** for Capital Steps.

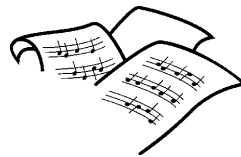
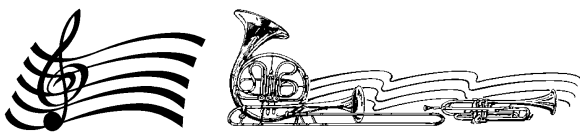
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**Stream and Wetland
Restoration Projects
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*Killarney House and Neighbors
Community Best Management Practices*

The objective of this project, located in the Beards Creek subwatershed of the South River, is to treat polluted stormwater runoff. Currently, stormwater enters the five-acre property behind Killarney House from surrounding upland areas. Runoff collected by and from this property flows across the commercial property, travels across Maryland Route 214 and then through three private properties before entering Marriots Branch of Beards Creek.

The project will create forested wetlands, bioretention swales, and install a reforestation buffer as part of the series. This will assist in the conversion of stormwater to groundwater, stripping runoff of its nutrients, sediment, and erosive energy.

In 2015, the owners of Killarney House contacted the South River Federation for help to address stormwater issues on both their commercial property and their new parcel where they were willing to dedicate a significant space on their recently purchased property to treating stormwater. Three downhill neighbors are also

participating in this project, for which SRF received a Chesapeake Bay Trust Watershed Assistance Grant in November 2015. Underwood & Associates has been retained for the design and construction is planned for 2016.

Davidsonville Wildlife Sanctuary

Formerly the site of an algae-filled farm pond with barren banks where any vegetative growth was either quickly trampled or consumed by the rehabilitating animals in the area, we now have a beautiful wetland system. The goal of this project was to enhance the Sanctuary property as well as create a series of post-treatment wetlands to reduce densities of coliform bacteria leaving the site before the water arrives at Beard’s Creek. This site was the #1 priority for restoration in the 2007 tributary study for Beard’s Creek.

The project slows the movement of storm flows through the pond setting a series of grade controls through its length. The soils around the pond are re-hydrated by raising the height of its outfall and creating a series of terraced wetlands, fenced off from the rest of the enclosure to allow vegetative growth.

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Patuxent Wetland Park, 1426 Mt. Zion-Marlboro Road, Lothian, is open dawn to dusk with car-top boat launch and a fishing pier. Dog friendly Wootons Landing Wetland Park, 4550 Sands Road, Harwood offers car-top boat launch, hiking trails and wildlife viewing. The Glendening Preserve is dog friendly and open to the public 9:00 am - 5:00 pm every day for hiking, wildlife viewing, and picnics, but closed on holidays.

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February 11 & 18, 9:00 am Winter tree identification. Learn to recognize trees when the leaves are gone, by bark, buds, and twigs. Forester Bud Reaves conducts a practice session followed by a hike in the woods.

February 25, 10:00 - 2:00 Egg decorating workshop to learn Ukrainian egg decorating techniques. Bring a bag lunch. Pre-registration at \$25 per person required by February 10. Call 410-741-9330 or go to programs@jugbay.org.

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