

## REEDVILLE FISHERMEN'S MUSEUM

## STARRY BANNER

[www.rfmuseum.org](http://www.rfmuseum.org)*Walker House Bridal Exhibit*

A crab basket lid, hanging on a back door, is adorned with a tulle bow. This offers the first hint that a fishermen's museum and a vintage wedding display are a perfect match.

"With This Ring," a heartfelt collection of vintage wedding gowns, accessories, portraits and other memorabilia, has been loaned or donated to the Reedville Fishermen's Museum for this special display in the traditional wedding month.



Families with connections to Reedville, some going back generations, combed through a treasure trove of heirlooms for the display, which is on view through June 29 during museum open hours.

At last count there are 18 dresses on display, including bridal gowns and bridal party attire. The display is in the Walker House, the original home of the museum. Since 1990 the house has been decorated as a typical family home of the early 20th century. The gowns and accessories look right at home in the inviting space.

The oldest wedding dress, dating to 1902, holds pride of place in the dining room. The beautifully embroidered dress was worn by Margaret Haynie on her marriage to William Armsworthy.

Nearby is a coral junior bridesmaid's dress, worn by Olivia Cockrell, then 9 years old, in her sister's wedding in 1970. The dress was made by the late Marguerite Walker, the last member of the Walker family to live in the house. She altered and created many outfits for the women of her day.

Mid-20th century wedding cake toppers are displayed on an antique sideboard.







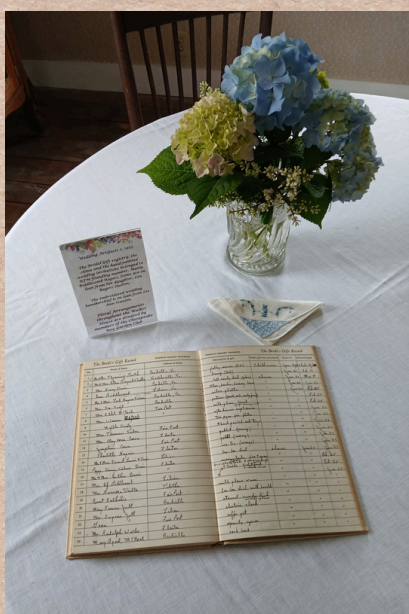
The dining table holds a Miller & Rhoads wedding gift registry book belonging to Maria Elizabeth Biddlecomb, who married Frederick Ray Rogers Jr. in 1953. The couple received dozens of gifts, such as glass pie plates, a milk glass vase, an organdy apron and a white candlewick bedspread.

That wedding almost can be brought to life in the parlor, where her sumptuous gown and bridal party outfits are on display. Her two sisters also wore the gown in their weddings: Johanna May Biddlecomb to Donald B. Shahan in 1956, and Winifred Elaine Biddlecomb to Wilber Beale Delano in 1962.

The flower girl dress worn by Maria and Ray's daughter, Lou (Louise Rogers Shelton) in her Aunt Winifred's wedding is nearby, and the little flower basket she carried.

In the second-floor sewing room, where Marguerite Walker would have fitted and sewn clothing for the area's ladies, is a dress worn by Gertrude Blackowicz for her marriage to Edward Durkin in Baltimore in 1941. Many Reedville families have had strong ties to Baltimore because the Chesapeake Bay steamboats were once the village's lifeline to the bigger world. Other items throughout the house include formal bridal portraits, bridesmaid's dresses, wedding china, hand-lettered wedding invitations, hand-embroidered wedding handkerchief, bride dolls, silk wedding bouquet, ring bearer pillow, wedding cards, shoes and gloves.

Museum board members LeeAnn Scanlon and Gayle Sterrett gathered, researched and expanded the display, building on an exhibit held many years ago.





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# NEWS, NEWS, NEWS

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## CONCERTS BY THE Creek



***Reedville Fishermen's Museum's Concerts by the Creek Series will present Faron Hamblin with favorite classic songs from 6-9 p.m. June 14. Hamblin, who hails from the Northern Neck, is a traditional country music artist who performs from Ashland to the Eastern Shore.***

***His first single is "Hurtin' Songs."***

***The show will be in the pavilion on the museum campus, 504 Main St. in Reedville. It's rain or shine event. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. No dogs or outside coolers will be permitted.***

***Tickets are \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. They will be sold online and at the door. All proceeds benefit the museum. For more information, 804-453-6529; [office@rfmuseum.org](mailto:office@rfmuseum.org); or [www.rfmuseum.org](http://www.rfmuseum.org).***





## RFM JULY 4

THE REEDVILLE FISHERMEN'S MUSEUM, IN THE CHARMING WATERFRONT VILLAGE OF REEDVILLE, VA., INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE AMERICA'S BIRTHDAY IN A BIG WAY, WITH THREE DAYS OF ACTIVITIES.

### THURSDAY, JULY 3:

5:30 P.M.: GOLF CART PARADE ALONG MAIN STREET FROM FESTIVAL HALLE, 177 MAIN STREET, TO THE WATERFRONT, THEN BACK UP MAIN TO THE BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PARKING LOT. LINE UP 4:45-5 P.M. AND RECEIVE A NUMBER. ABOUT 45 CARTS WERE ENTERED LAST YEAR. ENTRY FEE IS \$10. REGISTER AT THE WEB SITE [WWW.RFMUSEUM.ORG](http://WWW.RFMUSEUM.ORG) OR DAY OF.

6-9 P.M.: PAVILION PARTY WITH DJ RUSS. THE MUSEUM WILL SELL FOOD AND BEVERAGES.

### FRIDAY, JULY 4:

INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS WILL START CLOSE TO DARK NEAR THE LANDMARK MORRIS-FISHER STACK. VIEW THE DISPLAY FROM LAND OR SEA.

### SATURDAY, JULY 5:

8 A.M.: FIRECRACKER 5K RUN/WALK. THE ROUTE STARTS AT FESTIVAL HALLE, 177 MAIN ST. REGISTRATION IS \$40. PRE-REGISTER NOW ON THE WEB SITE ([WWW.RFMUSEUM.ORG](http://WWW.RFMUSEUM.ORG)). PRE-REGISTRATION ENDS AT 11:59 P.M. JULY 4. THERE WILL BE NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION.

(5-K PACKET PICKUP IS 9 A.M.-1 P.M. JULY 4 OR 6:45-7:45 A.M. JULY 5 AT FAIRFIELDS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, 119 MAIN ST.)

THE TOP THREE MALE AND FEMALE FINISHERS WILL RECEIVE A MEDAL AND SPECIAL MUSEUM PROMOTIONAL ITEM. THE TOP THREE MALES AND FEMALES IN THE FOLLOWING

AGE BRACKETS -- 12 AND UNDER, 13-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69 AND 70+ WILL RECEIVE A MEDAL.

AT THE END OF MAY, MORE THAN 250 PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY REGISTERED.

10 A.M.-NOON: FREE ACTIVITIES AND SNACKS FOR CHILDREN ON THE MUSEUM CAMPUS. WOODEN BOAT MODEL DECORATING (TO TAKE HOME), FACE PAINTING, TEMPORARY TATTOOS, PIE-EATING, SCRATCH ART AND MORE!

3 P.M.: PARADE SPONSORED BY THE FAIRFIELDS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT. LINE UP AT ROSELAND CEMETERY, ON ROUTE 360 NEAR THE ENTRANCE TO TOWN, THEN PROCEED ALONG MAIN STREET. EXPECT FLOATS, FIRE AND RESCUE APPARATUS, ANTIQUE TRACTORS AND MORE. ENTRY IS FREE.

THE MUSEUM CAMPUS IS AT 504 MAIN ST., REEDVILLE. FOR MORE INFORMATION: [WWW.RFMUSEUM.ORG](http://WWW.RFMUSEUM.ORG), [OFFICE@RFMUSEUM.ORG](mailto:OFFICE@RFMUSEUM.ORG) OR 804-453-6529.





# Friday, July 4th- Reedville Fireworks



Save the Dates for Independence Days in Reedville:

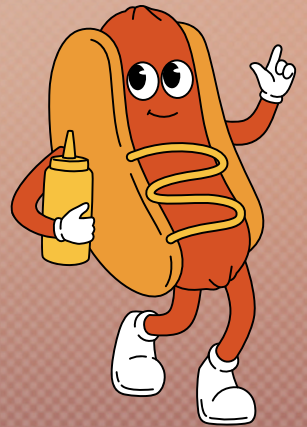


**Thursday, July 3rd-**

Golf Cart Parade (5:30)

Pavilion Party (6-9:00)

Food, Beverage and DJ



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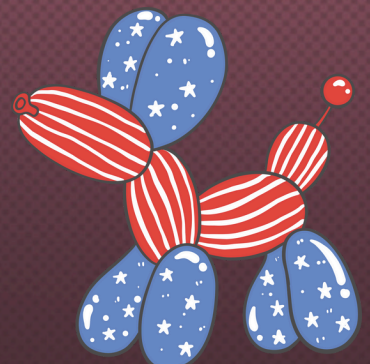
Note this is a slight change in normal date

**Saturday, July 5th - Carnival of Fun**

Firecracker 5K Race (8:00),

Kids Activities with games, food and beverages (10:00)

Parade (3:00)





## ***Reedville Festival Chorale***

*Present a concert on July 6 at Bethany Methodist Church, 3 pm.*

*Rodgers and Hammerstein musicals, other popular music and patriotic music will be featured.*

*Come hear your friends and neighbors sing in this concert, a Reedville tradition since 2008.*



***\*\* JULY 6th 2025 \*\****

***!!Put this Date on your Calendar!!***

***The Reedville Festival Chorale Presents***





# CONCERTS BY THE Creek

**SAVE THE DATE**

**AUG 9  
6P - 9P**



## Classic Boat Show



**Saturday,  
September 13th,  
2025  
10am - 4pm  
Reedville, VA.**

**Antique & Classic  
Boats / Land & Water**



**For more info email  
RFMuseum.org or call  
804-453-6529**



# Claud W. Somers

WE ARE NOW TAKING RESERVATIONS:

\$35 PER PERSON (NON-MEMBER)

\$30 PER PERSON (MEMBER)

AGE 10+

UP TO 20 PASSENGERS

PAYMENT IS DUE AT TIME OF RESERVATION

804-453-6529 OR [OFFICE@RFMUSEUM.ORG](mailto:OFFICE@RFMUSEUM.ORG)

JUNE 14 & 28

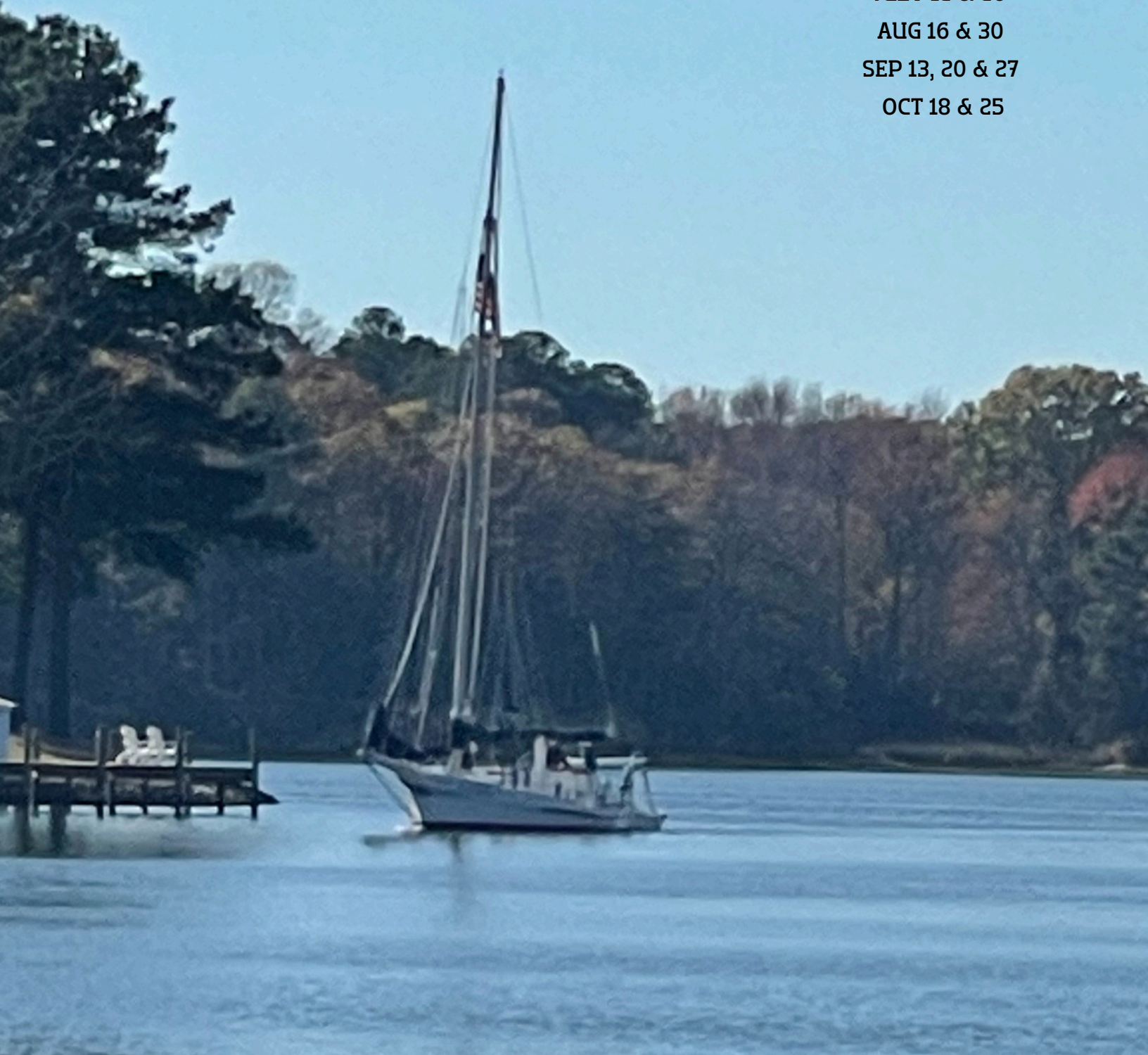
July 5th (TBD)

JULY 12 & 26

AUG 16 & 30

SEP 13, 20 & 27

OCT 18 & 25







# KIDS *Summer* CAMP

**Registration Fee**

**\$100**

**Preregistration is required,  
limited spots available.**

**Ages 6+**



**504 Main Street  
Reedville, VA 22539**




**fun &  
creative  
outdoor  
activities**

**August 4-8  
9am - 11am**

**Please email us at [director@rfmuseum.org](mailto:director@rfmuseum.org) to register.**



# JUNE 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	4	5 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	6	7 <b>Ships on Air</b> 8a - 5p under the Pavilion <a href="https://n4wis.org/event/museum-ships-on-the-air/">https://n4wis.org/event/museum-ships-on-the-air/</a>
8 <b>Ships on Air</b> 8a - 3p under the Pavilion <a href="https://n4wis.org/event/museum-ships-on-the-air/">https://n4wis.org/event/museum-ships-on-the-air/</a>	9	10 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	11	12 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	13	14 <b>Faron Hamblin</b> <b>6p - 9p</b> <b>@RFM</b> <a href="https://rfmuseum.org/summer-concert-series">https://rfmuseum.org/summer-concert-series</a>
15	16	17 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	18	19 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a <b>Walker House Exhibit</b> <b>"With This Ring"</b> 4p-6p	20 Family Boat Build	21 Family Boat Build
22 Family Boat Build	23	24 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	25	26 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	27 <b>Cocktails on the Creek</b> 	28
29	30					

# JULY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	2	3 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a Golf Cart Parade (5:30) Pavilion Party (6-9:00) Food, Beverage and DJ	4 <b>REEDVILLE FIREWORKS!</b>  Start time depends on weather.	5 <b>Reedville Independence Day Celebration</b> Please see our website for details
6	7	8 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	9	10 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	11	12
13	14	15 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	16	17 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	18	19 <b>Take a Kid Crabbing</b> <b>@ RFM</b> <b>10-1</b>
20	21	22 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	23	24 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	25 <b>Cocktails on the Creek</b> 	26
27	28	29 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	30	31 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a		



# SALE

## Membership Incentives for 1<sup>st</sup> time New Members

### FIRST RESPONDER/EMT

### EDUCATOR SPECIAL

During June if you work in the schools 1st time family memberships are \$25.00 that is ½ price to join RFM for a full year.

During June and July if you work to **Serve, Protect and Save lives**; 1st time family memberships are \$25.00 that is ½ price to join RFM for a full year.

## FIRST RESPONDER SPECIAL

During June and July if you work Law Enforcement, Vol Fire Dept., Sea Rescue, EMS 1st time family memberships are \$25.00 that is ½ price to join RFM for a full year.

**Reserve your spot for a ride on  
Fannie or Elva C prior to Cocktails  
on June 27th!  
Depart the dock at 4:15  
office@rfmuseum.org**



**TAKE A KID CRABBING**

**JULY 19**

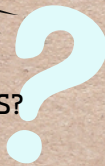
**10-1P**

**@RFM**

**PLEASE RSVP TO  
OFFICE@RFMUSEUM.ORG**

**DO YOU HAVE A TEEN NEEDING SERVICE HOURS?**

**EMAIL DIRECTOR@RFMUSEUM**



### THIS IS IMPORTANT!

RFM HAS LAUNCHED OUR NEW E-MEMBERSHIP PLATFORM. THIS NEW PROGRAM WILL DO AWAY WITH THE PAPER MEMBERSHIP CARD AND GUEST PASSES AND ALLOW FOR MEMBERS TO SIMPLY BE LOOKED UP IN OUR SYSTEM BY PHONE NUMBER! OUR NEW APP WILL BE USED TO OFFER COUPONS AND DISCOUNTS AS WELL. PLEASE GIVE US A CALL TO UPDATE YOUR PHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL IN OUR SYSTEM OR IF YOU EXPERIENCE DIFFICULTIES.

Did you enjoy the music last season for  
Outdoor Cocktails on the Creek?  
Please consider a pledge this spring so we can  
enjoy it again this coming summer season!



# JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL



**Advancing the Legacy of Juneteenth through  
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**SATURDAY, JUNE 14TH 12-5PM**

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# SMALLER CATCHES

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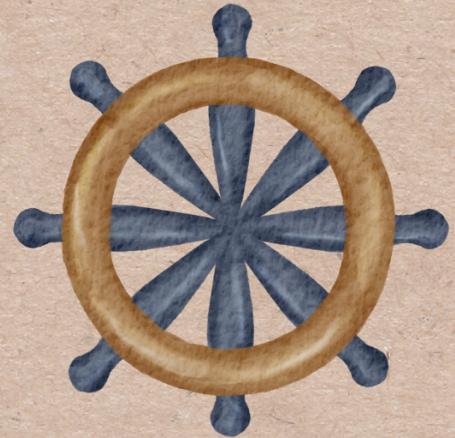
## SAVE THE DATES

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- June 14<sup>th</sup> -Faron Hamblin Concert
- June 19<sup>th</sup> - "With This Ring" Open House 4-6
- Independence Day Festivities- See Flyer
- July 19<sup>th</sup> - Take A Kid Crabbing
- August 9<sup>th</sup> -Porch Gliders Concert

Please visit our website for All Events!

[WWW.RFMUSEUM.ORG](http://WWW.RFMUSEUM.ORG)




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## NOW ACCEPTING, CAR DONATIONS!

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The majority of the museum's operating budget comes from the sale of donated boats and other items. This year we have expanded our program to include cars! Our inventory is low. Please consider the museum when deciding how to dispose of a boat or vehicle that you no longer need. We can pick up the vessel or car and provide the necessary paperwork for tax purposes. Your contributions greatly help the local community and our beloved museum. Please email us at [donations@rfmuseum.org](mailto:donations@rfmuseum.org) for more information on how to donate or to inquire about our current inventory!

**SALE**  
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37' Trojan International 10 Meter  
1991 Thompson Fishermen 240  
1995 Bayliner  
Custom-made wooden rowboat  
Sun Cat 17.1 designed by Clark Mills

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CURRENT INVENTORY  
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# team work



Get to know the people you may see around the museum! Here's a summary of a conversation with David Clark, boat shop volunteer, director of the Family Boat Building event and co-founder of the Northern Neck Wooden Boat School.

1. What brought you to the Northern Neck?

It was an accident! My wife Eileen and I were spending three months in the area intending to move to Ireland. We toured around and discovered all the wonderful things in the area. We drove down Reedville's Main Street and closed on our house in February 2023.

2. What do you do at the museum?

I'm a retired master woodworker. I went straight to the boat shop to volunteer. They said I had to be a member first, so I walked to the office to join. When the volunteer who headed up the Family Boat Build retired, "How could I say no?"

3. What do you enjoy doing when you're not at the museum?

I love gardening and I have a woodworking shop at the house. I also enjoy cooking, especially fish.

4. When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

An architect. After college as an art major, I wanted to create but not starve. I got a job at a woodworking shop, then later owned a business making wooden toys. I've always loved everything I've done.

5. What is on your bucket list?

Ireland! And I want to build a 19-foot Bartender. And a Aroha 30-footer, but I'll need a bigger shop for that one.

6. What is a phrase you live by? "We come into this world without asking. We go out the same way." My father's father said this his whole life, and he meant, "Don't sweat the small stuff."

Get to know the people you may see around the museum! Here's a summary of a conversation with member Katie Wilkins, co-founder of the Northern Neck Wooden Boat School.

1. What brought you to the Northern Neck?

"Love brought me here full-time -- and family." I am from the Richmond area. My grandparents and later my parents had places here, so I spent weekends and summers here for many years. About 10 years ago I met my now-husband, Shannon, who is a "from here." I became gifted and talented coordinator in Middlesex County schools and formed a bond with Shauna, who at that time held the same position with Northumberland County. Now Shauna is here and I'm in Shauna's previous position in Northumberland.

2. What do you do at the museum?

I bring students here for field trips. I teach boat building skills in the classroom and on site, and I worked with David to establish the Northern Neck, Wooden Boat School. I taught at the boat school's first boat build summer camp, which was held here at the museum last June.

3. What do you enjoy doing when you're not at the museum?

"I love to be on the water." We boat and fish a lot. We built a house so I like gardening and decorating.

4. When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

"I've always really wanted to help people," aiming for the medical field until unfortunate reactions to shots and the sight of blood. I have a business degree (marketing and hospitality) and worked in event planning for a few years. I went back to college for a teaching license and gifted endorsement. My mother -- a lifelong educator -- always told me I'd be a teacher!

5. What is on your bucket list?

We have a lot of island destinations in mind for travel and possibly retirement. We would like to do the "Great Loop" and see the country by boat.

6. What is a phrase you live by?

"Always be kind."



*Build - Contribute - Learn*

Interviews by: Tina McCloud



# RFM'S NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

Cathy & George Armes	Shirley & Warren Haynie	Sandy & Matt Newton
Nicole Barrett	Connie Henderson	William & Virginia Pierson
Susan & Tab Bass	Wylia & Mike Holbrooks	Cynthia Powers
Harry Bastow	Gregg Holmes	Lisa Ray
Marguerite & Russ Bertino	Margaret & Chip Hudnall	Reg & Janet Ridgley
Ann & Mark Billings	Faye Hughes	Wade & Maria Robinson
Kristen & Bill Blackwell	Catherine Johnson	Frederick & Christine Rogers
Rebecca Brady	Mimi & Mark Joyner	Linda & David Ryan
Walter Brodtman	Michelle & Omar Kaba	Donald Scott
George Butler	Sloane & Bob Kane	Whitney Shelton
Sergio Capocelli	Peter Kaurup	Mary & Bill Small
Ilse & Ray Clements	John Kines	James Smith
Michael & Jency Clopper	Mary & Bill King	Diane & Steve Staub
Ruthie Cockrell	Wendy Kolar	Elizabeth Steinruck
Helen Del Grosso	George Kranda	Matt & Nancy Stone
Chelsea & Cyle Duncan	Candace & Donald Lavoy	Connie & Craig Taylor
Michael Dunn	Latasha Lee	James R. Taylor
Keri Dunn	Janet & Emory Lewis	Harry Towne
Charles & Terry Dutcher	Elizabeth & Kevin MacNair	Wilma & John Tripodi
Lisa Dutton	Walter Mallorie	Nancy Tripp
Barbara & Norris Dyke	Ingrid & Hunter Manson	Ann Trullender
Susan & John Dyson	Elizabeth McCarthy	Jean Turner
Shelly & Ed Forcke	Diane & George McGuire	David & Robin Vitale
John & Zoe Forsyth	Dee & Larry McMurray	Lionel Whitcomb
Anne & Robert Haas	Shannon & Richard Meagher	Frank White & Tracy Bond
Alex Hall & Hannah Rogers	John Meenan	Olivia & Charles Williams
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Wanda & Dwight Hassler	Kat Nelson	

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