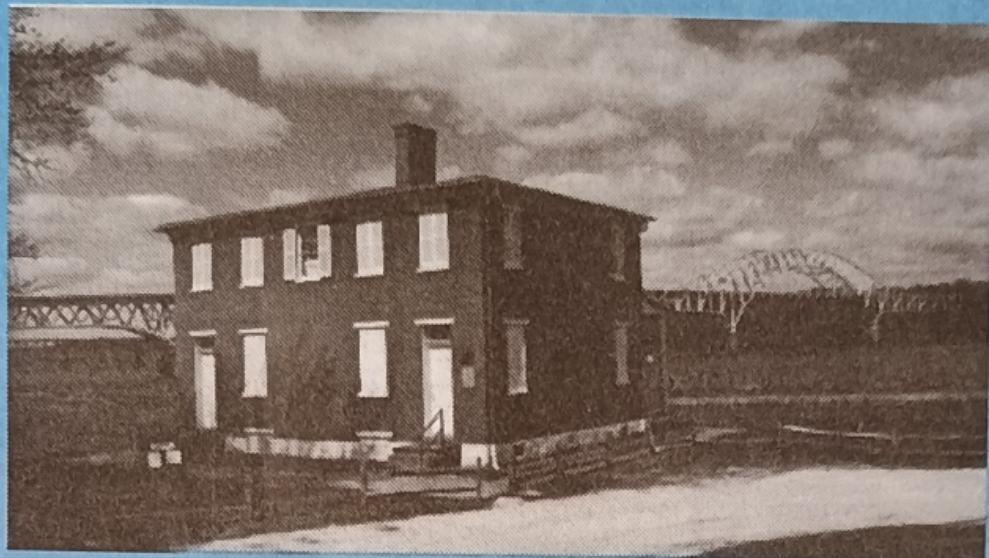


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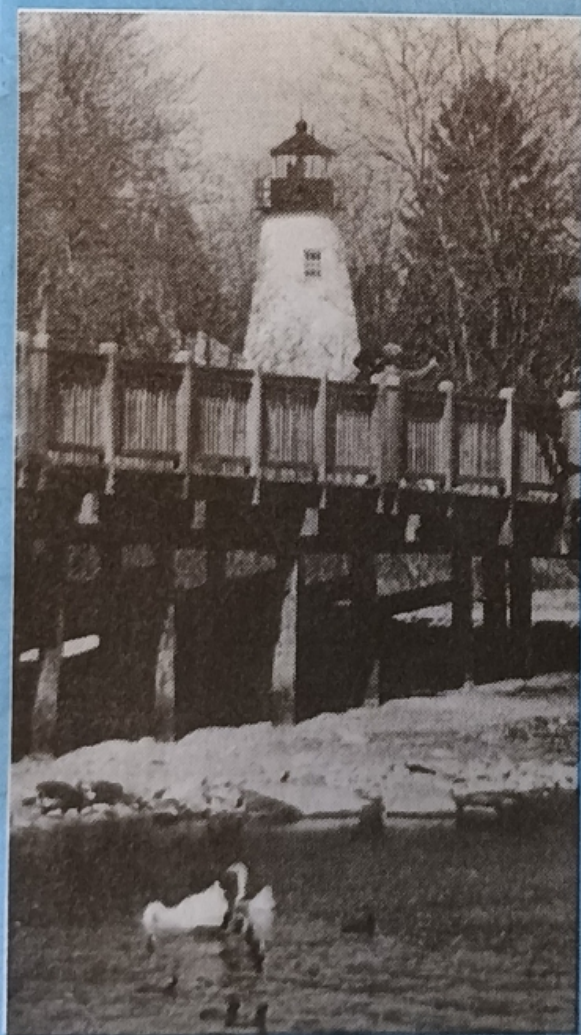


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Welcome to the Havre de Grace Experience

Those of us who live here have had a difficult time trying to define what the 'experience' means since each of us feels a little bit differently from the next person. In the columns throughout this issue, I hope to present some of our stories and to encourage every traveler passing through our town to explore their very own *Havre de Grace experience*.

Havre de Grace is a community of variety - in personality, skill, gifts and texture. Whether you enter by boat, tour bus, car, motorcycle, bicycle or hiking boot (did I miss anything?), you will find something special to remember us by - and that's what I think the *Havre de Grace experience* really is.

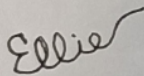
From the volunteers at the various museums, the shopkeepers, and the restaurant folks to the smiles you'll meet as you meander through our streets, you'll find unique and varied personalities ready to welcome you to our town.

The pace here may be a bit slower than you're used to, but don't be fooled. Though we may take the time to joke with a neighbor as we pass, stop in for a hug from a friend working at a shop, or sip a cup of coffee mid-day as though we'd been retired for years, we are very much aware of such modern complexities as cyberspace, cellular phones and voice-mail, and squeezing 25 hours into a 24 hour day.

But the water seems to draw us a bit closer to nature, restoring our inner clocks and quieting our busy minds. Rich with artists, entrepreneurs, professionals and a wide variety of skilled labor, we are always eager to share local events such as the brief watches of the 'mommy' duck that adopted 21 ducklings last summer. Yep, anytime you walked the Promenade someone would update you on the latest 'count' and no one was left out of this saga. That's all part of the *Havre de Grace experience*.

You'll enjoy some fun ways to learn about Havre de Grace within these pages. And, if by chance, you have an experience to share with us, just send a note, or leave an e-mail.

Warmly,



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We've done it! With a very basic concept and a lot of talking, I challenged each of you to take part in a project truly of, by and for our community. In developing this idea over the past month, I have been given more leads and ideas than I could possibly accomplish by deadline. But what a grand experiment!

Not only did I find enthusiasm alive and well, but I saw the spark of pride, the thrill of passion, and the energy of entrepreneurialism. What a gift! Each and every one of you deserve a pat on the back. I only hope I came close to your vision of this publication.

You have truly given me a most wonderful *Haure de Grace* experience.

There are so many people to thank I am slow to list them for fear I'll miss someone. I thank Ray Williams from the Country Store for guiding and encouraging me; Richard Tome for being so positive and energetic that I was afraid to even consider turning back; Stan Ruchlewicz for creating connections; Mayor Phil Barker for his support and ideas; Ron Kupferman of the Chamber of Commerce; Bill Watson of the Havre de Grace Tourism Commission; Diane Molnar of Discover Harford Co.; John Stanley and Linda Noll of Steppingstone Museum; and Bob Magee of

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But there are others like Millie and Izzie at Hickory, Joan - my typesetting buddy, and..... But in the end I would have to list each and everyone of you who advertised or helped because each of you shared something of yourself and encouraged me to continue.

A special thank you to those personal friends who not only encouraged me, but also shared hugs and sent me motivational e-mail to keep me moving forward. John & Kathy, Clint, Shirl, Carrie, Joan, Larry, Teresa, If I missed anyone here, it was not intentional. Then there are those who live out of town but knew about the project and sent me notes: folks like Rita, Carla, my baby sis, Helen and Ab - all were there for me when I started to 'freeze up'. *Thank you.*

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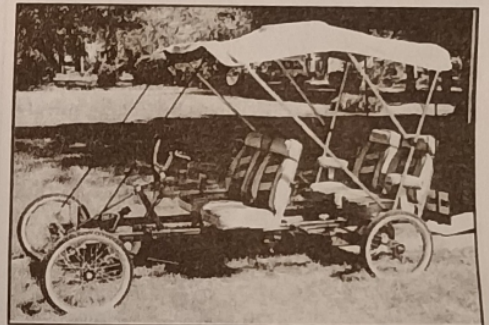
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Osprey Cozy Up To Amtrak

John Stephens, Sr. has been watching the Osprey who have chosen to live on the noisy Amtrak bridge behind the Stephens Clock Shop on St. John's Street. Though he says he's no ornithologist, his diligent watch has brought some interesting facts to light.

First, the Osprey have been in their "track" nest for three years. He recalls that for nearly two months in the first year, every time the train went over the bridge the pair would fly off the nest and return after the train went by. They quickly adapted and now pay no attention to the train, the noise, the vibration, or its whistle.

He explains that the lore of the bird is that they return to northern nests on St. Patrick's Day. He confirms that the Osprey on the bridge returned about 8:30 on the morning of St. Patrick's Day. "They don't nest right away. It usually takes two or three days," Stephens explains. "It's almost like they need to check around and make sure everything is safe and okay to stay."

"I've watched the male soar up river to the western shore for lumber to bring back to build their large nests," Mr. Stephens continues.

Their pattern of behavior has been that the female sits in the nest most of the time and you'll see the male resting on a nearby post. He seems to dote over her. He'll fish in the morning and bring her pieces to eat. While she eats in the nest, he'll sit on a roost nearby and eat. Occasionally the pair will soar together, quite a beautiful sight.

They had three kids last year and three the year before. A new nest this year on the lower pilings, seventh from the far shore if you're looking, has added more excitement to Osprey watching. He's seen a total of seven Osprey so far this year on the bridge.

"Fully grown the Osprey have a wingspread of about five feet. They have a little plume on their heads, beaks like an Eagle and talons that have a telescopic tendon that works like a ratchet to hold the prey secure," says Stephens.

So the next time you are anywhere near Stephens Clocks, walk to the deck railing or to the parking area behind the shop, take out your binoculars, and enjoy the magnificent family of Osprey. Maybe you'll be lucky enough to hear an update from Mr. Stephens!

Biking the Greenway

Though biking in the county is a common sight—it is my opinion that one of the better places that is being developed for this purpose is the Greenway along the Susquehanna River. At this point it has one section completed that begins at the mouth of Deer Creek in the Susquehanna State Park.

This Greenway is a trail that is being developed along the railroad line that runs along the river and was used to build the Conowingo Dam. It is well shaded, scenic and offers glimpses of the river, with walkways built to facilitate easy passage over obstacles. This trail ends at the Conowingo Dam where you may take a tour of this facility and stroll along a catwalk that passes over the locks that used to generate electricity.

In the coming years the Greenway will be extended along the Susquehanna River to the town of Havre de Grace with options being investigated to span the dam and develop a sister trail along the eastern bank of the river to extend down to the town of Perryville.

If you have time to spare, you may want to actually begin your trip at the boat launching facility at the foot of Lapidum Road and bicycle along the old canal on Stafford Road, and tour the Rock Run Mill. You can also tour the Museum and the Toll House situated at the mouth of Rock Run Creek. Then continue north along the canal till you reach the mouth of Deer Creek where the actual Greenway trail begins.

To reach the boat facility, which has ample parking, travel north on Route 155 out of town. You will climb a steep hill followed by a gradual incline for a total distance of approximately 3 miles. Then make a right onto Lapidum Road. Follow this to the end where the launching facility is found.

If you wish to begin at the actual Greenway, turn left onto Stafford Road and continue past the Rock Run Mill, cross over Rock Run, and travel about half a mile to the mouth of Deer Creek, where parking is available to the left of the road.

For those into mountain trail riding, you have a treat. If you travel north for another half a mile you will see a road into a picnic and fishing area on the left. Pull in there and to the back and right of the lot are entrances to trails that will keep you busy for a while.

Happy Trails.

Written for us by Ham Channel, Manager of the Havre de Grace Super 8 Motel and a cycling enthusiast.



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There are 350 boats docked at Tidewater Marina where they employ 40 people year round. When the gates are open, the public is always welcome. There's a great store offering a wide variety of boating supplies and souvenirs.

This event is sponsored by the Havre de Grace Yacht Club under Commodore Jeff Andrews. The public is welcome to watch the start of the race from the Tidewater Marina, any of the area docks or on the decks of several area restaurants.

While checking out the marina scene, I learned that membership to the Havre de Grace Yacht Club is only \$30 per year. "You mean I could become a card-carrying Yacht Club Member for only \$30 and no yacht?" I asked.

"Absolutely," Jeff answered with a chuckle. "Isn't it great! We're a fun, relaxed club, not the blue jacket and red tie group."



This year is the 20th Anniversary of the Havre de Grace Yacht Club. One of the activities of the club is a Welcome Regatta for the Harford County Special Olympics. The participants in the Olympics are given an opportunity to sail and receive a tee-shirt for their adventure. Chuck Sheets is a key energy behind this activity. Lots of smiles and plenty of stories circulate following the Welcome Regatta. Call Jeff for more information: 410-939-0950.

If you've never been on a sailboat and watching the races stirs the sailor spirit in you, then head for BaySail and talk with Kim Richards, President. You can enjoy a 3-hour Introduction to Sailing for \$30/person. Up to four people can enjoy this with the captain—a fine way to enjoy the bay and appreciate life on the water.

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Talent

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Janet Hughes Featured at Abbé Gallery

Approaching 71 years of age, Janet Hughes, a Perryville artist, continues to paint faster than her ability to acquire supplies. You will be amazed at her prolific works offered at Nancy Kinder's Abbé Gallery and Café, a wonderful palate of art for the eye and the tastebuds.

Known as "Zoro with a paintbrush" when she worked years ago with the Pocono Mountains Art Group, Janet explains, "I could do a painting in about an hour when I was offering a demonstration." And she chuckles.

Possibly her drive comes from the gift of improved sight following cataract surgery in the summer of 1992. This poignant story, along with many others, is offered by Janet with a sharp memory full of detail, a quick wit and an easy smile.

Previous to the cataract surgery, Janet could not paint people or animals very well. Following the surgery she not only discovered new talent for painting people and animals, but all of her paintings gained more detail and brighter, livelier color. Her water colors are bright, vivid and energetic.

"I didn't know my eyes were that bad..." Janet remembers. But she also recalls the weekend following her first surgery (right eye) when she was sitting down by the Concord Point Lighthouse with her friend, Faith. "Oh look at that pretty bug on the fence there," Janet exclaimed.

Surprised, Faith looked at her saying, "My gosh, what's gonna' happen when you get the other eye done?" Both ladies laughed and Janet recalls that after the second surgery she could see across the bay and locate Turkey Point Lighthouse.

Janet has always been an artist. But one of her fondest memories is working for Binney and Smith (who own Crayola®) in 1956. Among her tasks was the creation of colors to balance the color wheel and offer choices to the customer. She often researched and helped to name these new colors. After the lab produced the water color or crayon, Janet would work with it to see how well it performed.

From this experience she developed several techniques to teach children of all ages to learn how the color wheel works and encourage their creativity. As you listen to Janet, her expressive face accents the story and information. You can't help but want to pick up a brush and give it a try. She has more stories than you'll have time to hear in one sitting. So plan to pay several visits with her at Abbé Gallery and Café. She'll be hanging out there to paint and offer demonstrations on weekends. You'll be sure to go away with a story, a smile and a new way of looking at the world around you.

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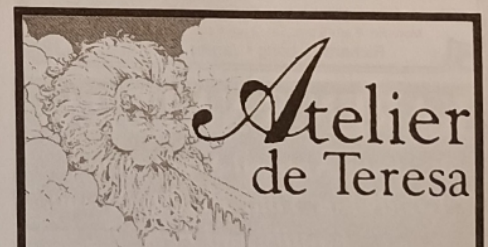
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The Picture Show Gallery

As you stroll through town you'll notice the whimsical sculptures on the doorsteps of The Picture Show, created by owner-artist, Teresa Yost Bennett, sculptor. Several times a year Teresa offers an artist reception and keeps their works on exhibit for a full month. May of this year Annemieke Lintzen will be the guest artist. Annemieke resides in Holland and is one of the foremost artists in the medium of paint on silk. With blends of colors and textures that are truly unique, you can see her beautiful silks offering a wide repertoire from landscapes to abstracts at The Picture Show. This exhibit will be available through June 1, 1998. Then return to see what new exhibits will be offered in the coming months.

While visiting the shop, take the time to enjoy a wide variety of works as well as the small room designed to offer the whimsical characters of Teresa's imagination. If she has time, you might want to ask Teresa to explain the process of creating bronze sculpture - her passion. It's a process that requires determination and perseverance to complete.

Teresa's latest major bronze sculpture has been accepted and approved by Franklin Square Hospital in Baltimore. The piece, titled "The Golden Child", will be installed later this year in the Women's Pavillion, a new wing of the hospital. Standing six feet long and four feet high, the sculpture depicts a hand with a clay-like texture, symbolizing the hospital, cradling a sleeping newborn. The baby is perfectly smooth and finished with a golden patina, symbolizing every baby.

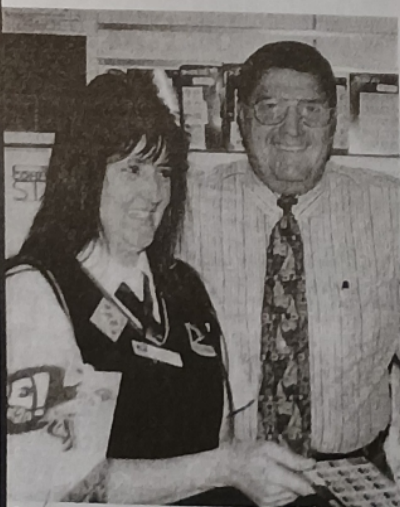


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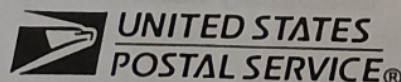
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Whether attending a reception, browsing the gallery, or chuckling over the latest chicken wire and paper maché character on her doorstep, The Picture Show is always an adventure.



Concerts in the Park/Art Show

The Havre de Grace Arts Commission offers concerts at Tydings Park on Friday evenings through June and July (see Calendar of Events). The entertainment is presented free for the public's enjoyment. There's enough variety that everyone is bound to find one or more evenings that they'll enjoy.

The Commission also hosts a Juried Art Exhibit July 12-25, 1998 offering two-dimensional fine arts media. For more information on the show, call 410-939-0738.

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New in town is a small restaurant that will offer wonderfully sinful, delicious desserts created by Stephanie Anderson-Costa (also of Decadent Delights catering). While relaxing and enjoying a fine cup of coffee or tea and slowly savoring a dessert that truly will melt in your mouth, you can also view the fine works of local artist, David Wells. David offers realistic water colors with striking attention to detail. Whether your home, your favorite pet or your farm, David's commission pieces are valued highly. So treat yourself to a delightful dessert and the pleasure of David Wells's fine artwork.

Vision Performing Arts

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During the summer you can watch the Vision Color Guard practice at the Havre de Grace High School most Wednesday evenings from 6-8 pm. Call 410-939-4230 for the latest information on the practice or performance schedule of this exciting group.

Sports

Havre de Grace also offers a variety of sports programs for children and teens including baseball, softball, tennis, and lacrosse. At Bay Lane and Revolution (near the bridge on Revolution St.) you'll see the ball parks where a great many practices and games take place. And, of course, each of the schools has recreation areas.

Walking

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Sept. 19 - Oct. 25 at 2 & 4 pm. \$10 - Info call: 800-406-0766

May 1, 2, 3

17th Annual Decoy, Wildlife Art & Sportamen's Festival - Havre de Grace Middle School, High School and Decoy Museum - Fri. 6 pm - 9 pm, Sat. 9 am to 5 pm, Sun. 9 am - 4 pm
Info call: 410-939-3739

May 2 - Farmer's Market - 9 am til noon

Pennington Ave. between Washington and Union (same block as Police Station)

May 3 - Civil War Living History Day

Steppingstone Museum - noon to 5 pm Info call: 410-939-229

May 9 - Farmer's Market - 10 am til 2 pm

Pennington Ave. between Washington and Union (same block as Police Station)

Special Music Concert - Lockhouse

Susquehanna Museum - opening of summer weekend season - 2 pm • Info call: 410-939-5780

May 10 - Mothers' Day Brunch Cruise

Skipjack Martha Lewis - Reservations required - Info call: 800-406-0766

May 16 - Farmer's Market - 10 am til 2 pm

Pennington Ave. between Washington and Union (same block as Police Station)

May 23 - Farmer's Market - 10 am til 2 pm

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May 30 - "Lock House Days Festival" - 10 am til 3 pm

Music, games, rides, crafts, Indian presentation, boat building demonstration, food and refreshments • Crafters please call 410-939-5780 for info. on tables/spaces and costs.

June 5 - Concert in the Park

Sponsored by the HdG Arts Commission - Tydings Park - 7:30 pm • "Hula Monsters"

Info call: 410-939-4441

June 5,6 - Book Sale

Sponsored by Friends of the Library - location TBA - 10 am to 3 pm • Info call: 410-939-6700

June 6 - Concord Point Lighthouse Antique Show

9 am - 4 pm Info call: 410-939-1730

June 6 - Farmer's Market - 10 am til 2 pm

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June 7 - Scottish Festival

Steppingstone Museum - noon to 5 pm • Info call: 410-939-2299

June 12 - Concert in the Park

Tydings Park - 7 pm • "After Hours"

June 12,13 - Book Sale

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June 13 - Farmer's Market - 9 am til noon

Pennington Ave. between Washington and Union (same block as Police Station)

June 14 - Flag Day Ceremony & Concert

Susquehanna Museum of HdG at the Lockhouse - 2 pm

Info call: 410-939-5780

June 19 - Concert in the Park • Tydings Park

7:30 pm • "Chester County Concert Band"

Info call: 410-939-4441

June 20 - Farmer's Market - 9 am til noon

Pennington Ave. between Washington and Union (same block as Police Station)

June 19, 20 - Book Sale

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June 20, 21 - 9th Annual Maritime Festival

Tydings Park - Sat. & Sun. 10 am to 5 pm • Info call: 410-939-4800

Susquehanna Wine Festival

Steppingstone Museum - Sat. & Sun. noon to 6 pm

Info call: 410-939-2299

June 21 - Fathers' Day Brunch Cruise

Skipjack Martha Lewis - Reservations required - Info call: 800-406-0766

June 26 - Concert in the Park

Tydings Park - "The 4 pms" - 7:30 pm

June 27 - Farmer's Market - 9 am til noon

Pennington Ave. between Washington and Union (same block as Police Station)

Evening of Wine & Jazz - Decoy Museum

sponsored by the Susquehanna Museum, 6:30 pm

Info call: 410-939-5780

June 30 through July 5

Independence Celebration Week Carnival

Tydings Park - evenings 7 pm. • Info call: 410-939-4362

July 4 - Farmer's Market - 9 am til noon

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July 5 - Independence Celebration Parade

Union Avenue - 2 pm. Info call: 410-939-4362

Fireworks - HdG Yacht Basin

(Tydings Park area) - dusk

Fireworks Cruise - Skipjack Martha Lewis

Reservations required - Info call: 800-406-0766

July 10 - Concert in the Park

Tydings Park - 7:30 pm. • "Jamie Nocks Jazz Quartet"

Info call: 410-939-4441

July 11 - Farmer's Market - 9 am til noon

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July 11 thru 25 - Juried Art Show

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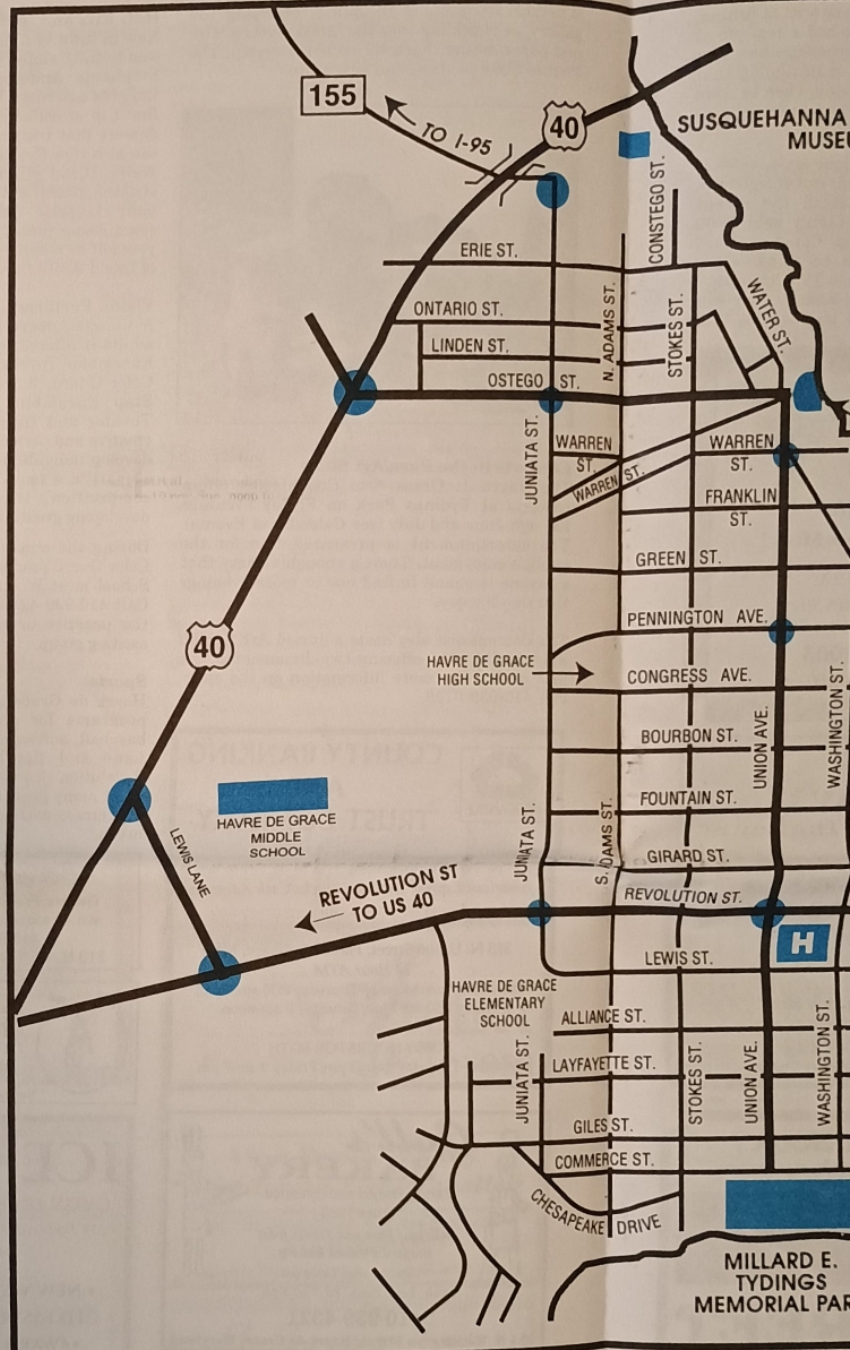
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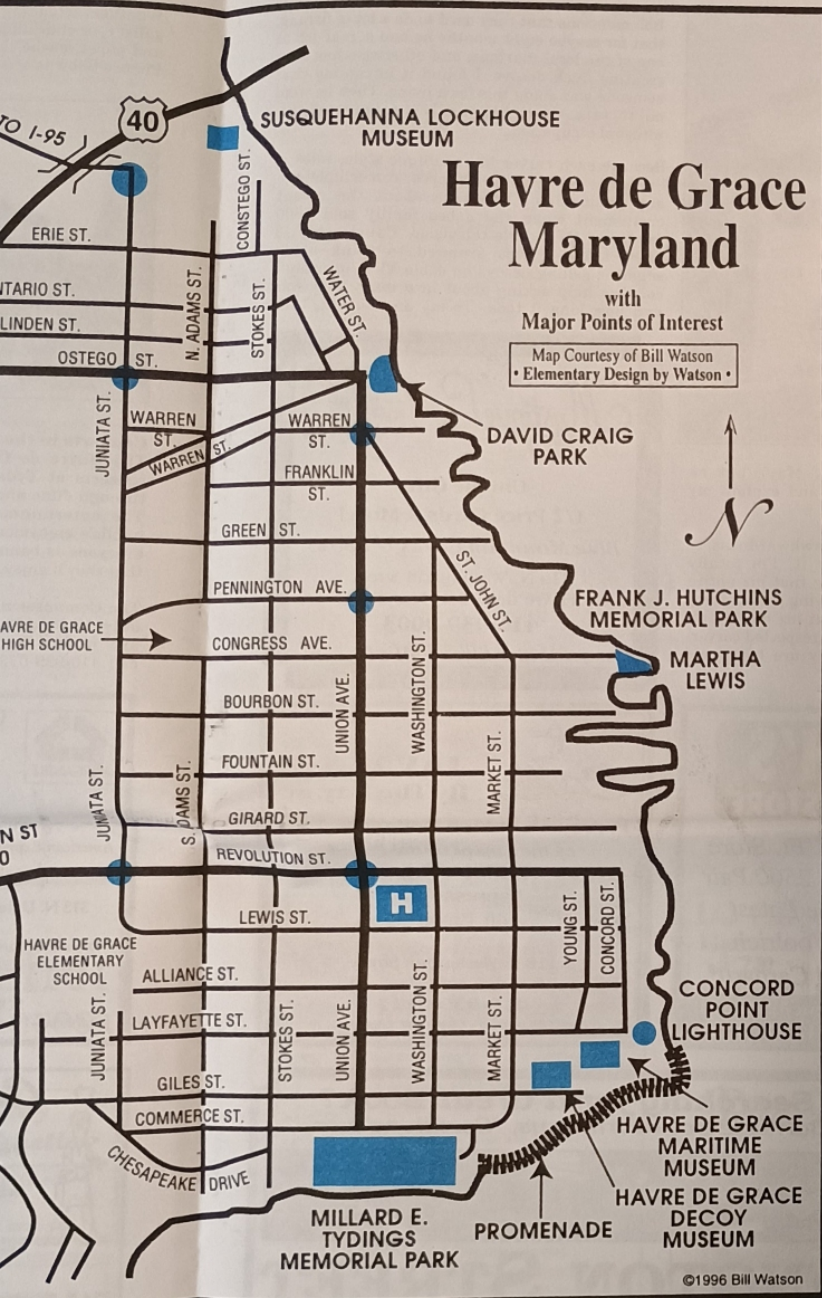
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July 17 - Concert in the Park
Tydings Park - 7:30 pm • "Bobby Griffin Band"
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July 18 - Farmer's Market - 9 am til noon
Pennington Ave. between Washington & Union (same block as Police Station)

5th Annual Decoy Museum Yard Sale
Museum Grounds & Bayou Condo Lawn - 8 am to 2 pm

July 24 - Concert in the Park
Tydings Park - 7:30 pm • "Lone Starlet Band"
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July 25 - Farmer's Market - 9 am til noon
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Senior Citizens Reception
Susquehanna Museum of HdG at the Lockhouse - 1 pm
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July 31 - Concert in the Park
Tydings Park - 7:30 pm - "Upper Chesapeake Community Band" • Info call: 410-939-4441

August 1 & 8 - Farmer's Market - 9 am til noon
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August 8, 9 - Seafood Festival
Tydings Park - Sat. noon to 10 pm; Sun. noon to 8 pm
Seafood, crafts, entertainment, Upper Chesapeake Crabcake Contest, silent auction • Info call: 410-939-3303

August 10 - Oyster Art & Skipjack Art
Skipjack Martha Lewis - Info call: 800-406-0766

August 15 - Farmer's Market - 9 am til noon
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August 15, 16 - 35th Annual Arts & Crafts Show
Tydings Park & City Yacht Basin - Sat. & Sun. 10 am to 5 pm
Info call: 410-939-9342

August 22 & 29 - Farmer's Market - 9 am til noon
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Sept. 5 & 12 - Farmer's Market - 9 am til noon
Pennington Ave. between Washington & Union (same block as Police Station)

Sept. 12 - 10th Annual Children's Arts Festival
Tydings Park - 10 am to 3 pm. Rain location, HdG High School gym • Info call: 410-939-1090

Sept. 12, 13 - 11th Annual Duck Fair
Decoy Museum & Bayou Condo Grounds, Sat. 9 am - 5 pm; Sun. 10 am - 4 pm • Info call: 410-939-3739

Sept. 13 - Septemberfest
Street Fair in Downtown HdG - 10 am to 5 pm
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Sept. 19 - Farmer's Market - 9 am til noon
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Sept. 19 - Fall Flower Sale & Flea Market
Concord Point Lighthouse - 9 am to 4 pm. Info call: 410-939-0768

Sept. 19 - Aberdeen HS Music Dept. Concert on Lockhouse Grounds - 2 pm

Sept. 26 - Farmer's Market - 10 am to 2 pm
Pennington Ave. between Washington & Union (same block as Police Station)

Sept. 26, 27 - Fall Harvest Festival & Craft Show
Steppingstone Museum - 11 am to 5 pm
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Sept. 27 - Annual Classic Car Show
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Jack Russell Terrier Trials
Steppingstone Museum - info call: 410-939-2299

Oct. 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 & 17 - Book Sale - 10 am to 3 pm
Sponsored by Friends of the Library - location TBA
Info call: 410-939-6700

Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 - Farmer's Market - 9 am til noon
Pennington Ave. between Washington & Union (same block as Police Station)

Oct. 30 - Halloween Costume Parade
Downtown HdG - 6:30 pm. Info call: 410-939-6600

Nov. 26 - Thanksgiving Dinner
Given by S.M.I.L.E.S. - HdG High School
Info call: 410-939-6600

Dec. 4 - Christmas Parade
Downtown HdG - 6:30 pm

Dec. 12 - Christmas Boutique
Susquehanna Museum at the Lockhouse Info call: 410-939-5780

Dec. 12, 13 - Christmas Open House
Steppingstone Museum - info call: 410-939-2299

Dec. 13 - 26th Annual Candlelight Tour of Historic HdG
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Then I met Capt. Bob Jobs.

Struggling to complete some articles at the last minute, I walked down the path between two homes where the sign encouraged you to follow it behind the house. Feeling a bit out of my element, I stepped into the shop of carver Bob Jobs. I explained who I was and that I actually wanted to pick his brain about some ways to encourage kids to enjoy the Promenade. Of course, I wanted to know if he would like to advertise.

From that moment I was hooked, moving into an unknown world that was fascinating. Having been to the Decoy Museum, I had a little background. But it had never dawned on me that someone might actually make a living at this 'hobby.'

Looking around the shop, I see baskets of mini-ducks, each hand-carved and painted, ordered for table decorations for a banquet. All around me are shelves of various sizes and shapes of waterfowl. And Bob explains that he is busily trying to get ready for next weekend's Decoy



Festival (first full weekend of May), but he encourages me to have a seat and explain my visit.

It doesn't take long for the awkwardness to disappear and, before I know it, I'm totally absorbed in his stories. Sharing that his entire family is involved in decoy carving and making their living at it, he talks about his dad, Capt. Harry Jobs of Aberdeen, a well respected carver. His brothers Charles and Joey are both avid carvers.

from Lockhouse to Lighthouse

Bob mentions that they used to do a lot of fishing, that for maybe eight months he had a 'real' job at one of the local marinas, and otherwise has been creating duck decoys. I found it intriguing that someone was doing this for a living. Then he went on to talk about his family's support of this unusual occupation.

Because each carver has a unique style, sales is limited to how many that carver can complete in any given time. Bob tells about the recent excitement when the Jobs family sold 1600 decoys on QVC cable television. Caught short, I must admit I was stunned to think about someone selling decoys on cable TV. Curiously I couldn't help asking about how many they sold and how long it took. To my amazement, "The

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first 650 were sold in three minutes," Bob quietly explains.

"It was quick. You're in. They're sold. And they move you out. Just like that. The second time we sold 950 in 15 minutes," he tells. Bob also mentioned that the folks calling in to order the decoys were from all over the country.

While chatting with Capt. Bob, I asked him to talk a little about the area. He encourages youngsters to look for the Mallard nests this time of year. The Mallard has a green head. Their grassy, round nests can be seen on the lawn and areas around the Promenade and on the small island in the City Yacht Basin. He mentions that you'll probably see pairs of Canadian Geese on the same island.

We both shared common pleasure at the sight of Blue Herons and the little Coots (sometimes called Mush Hens or Crowbills). The Coots are the small black ducks with the light bill. They seem to have personality! Of course, there are always a variety of seagulls. And Osprey can be seen, as well as Bald Eagles that are easily seen at the Conowingo Dam or Aberdeen Proving Grounds.

Fishing is great around the area for Rock Fish, Perch and Stripers. Hutchins Park and the City Yacht Basin have an area where fishing without a license is permitted. The shore along the Lockhouse area is another favorite spot.

If you desire to stop in at Capt. Bob's Decoy Shop, it's located on Otsego Street. Just look for the black lab sitting on the porch roof.

Vincenti Decoys is another great shop to visit. From the hunting decoy to the decorative art decoy, there is a fine selection of work in this shop on Pennington Avenue. Carrying other fine craftsmen's works, there are also the fine works of Patrick Vincenti himself.

Another example of a carver making a living from his craft, Patrick left a full time job as baker to develop his decoy business. His wife Jeannie followed and now works side by side in this successful operation.

The Smithsonian Institute in Washington, DC has displayed their works. And Ducks Unlimited has purchased and sold their decoys at many of their functions across the US Patrick has been featured in Southern Living Magazine and in an article for the book, "Upper Chesapeake Bay Decoys and Their Makers" by Dave and Joan Hagan, and in 1994 *Good Morning, America* visited the shop.

Be sure to stop in and talk with Patrick or Jeannie and browse their shop.

As you listen to the various decoy carvers you'll hear names like R. Madison Mitchell, Jim Pierce and many others. When you visit the Decoy Museum you'll find out just who these carvers are. When you put the entire picture together, it is truly another example of American ingenuity and success.



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Love At The Lighthouse

If you haven't yet met Bob and Alice Singer, well, you're in for a pleasant treat. Alice, originally from Smoke Hole, West Virginia and Bob, from Scranton, Pennsylvania seemed almost destined to meet. Alice was living in Baltimore when she and her friend, Pat, came to a Craft Fair in August 1994. They spent a weekend here and really enjoyed the area.

In 1996, feeling pretty lonely, she decided to put a personals ad in the Baltimore Sun. Feeling adventurous, she waited to see what would happen.

In the meantime, Bob was in the Philadelphia area. In the early 40s his dad kept a boat in Northeast, Maryland and they would come to Havre de Grace for gas. (He remembers vaguely something about being able to use ration stamps or something....) Many years later following the death of his wife, he came back to Havre de Grace to relax and enjoy an area that felt like home.

Then the intriguing hand of destiny took over the paths of these two folks. Bob was watching an apartment for a neighbor who lived upstairs and was going out of town for a while. The neighbor told him to go ahead and keep the newspaper while he was away. Bob, not a very avid reader of the Sunday paper, was browsing the classifieds when he curiously stopped to check out the personals. For some unknown reason, he responded to one of those ads and the rest, as they say, is history!

He left a message for Alice. She called back and they chatted for 45 minutes. The next day they were to meet for lunch. She was to watch for a tall man in a blue blazer and red tie. She didn't see him at first and was deciding to forget the whole idea. Turning to browse a couple shops, she happened to notice a man that fit the description. She turned to inquire and they were together for four and a half hours sharing lunch!

They have been together ever since, marrying last October. Alice tells me that recently they had put their condominium up for sale and were planning to move to a senior residence. But within a couple weeks and after investigating the beautiful new setting, they returned to their Havre de Grace residence, called the real estate company, and said, "Nope, we've decided we're staying here."



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Bob and Alice live close to the Concord Point Lighthouse where they both are active volunteers in the Lighthouse Keepers Program. One month out of the year, they work at least one afternoon introducing tourists to the Lighthouse. Bob loves the history and Alice would be a car salesman's dream if you listened to her enthusiasm about the Lighthouse and the Havre de Grace area.

Bob, board member of Friends of Concord Point Lighthouse, is very involved in the Lighthouse organization's efforts to restore the lighthouse keeper's home—the O'Neill House. You'll see it directly across the street from the door of the lighthouse. Bob says that by the end of the summer you'll be able to see major renovations taking place.

But he also has taken a great interest in the premier lighthouse builder, John Donahoo. Donahoo built 12 of 14 lighthouses in Maryland from 1825 to 1853. He was from Havre de Grace, native born. Active in the War of 1812 and Town Commissioner for 16 years are just a few of the interesting facts about this man. If you want to really get Bob excited, get him to talk about this favorite topic, John Donahoo.

Both Bob and Alice are active in a variety of activities. With five children between them and six grandchildren, that certainly takes a portion of their time. Alice lost a son, Bobby, to aids in

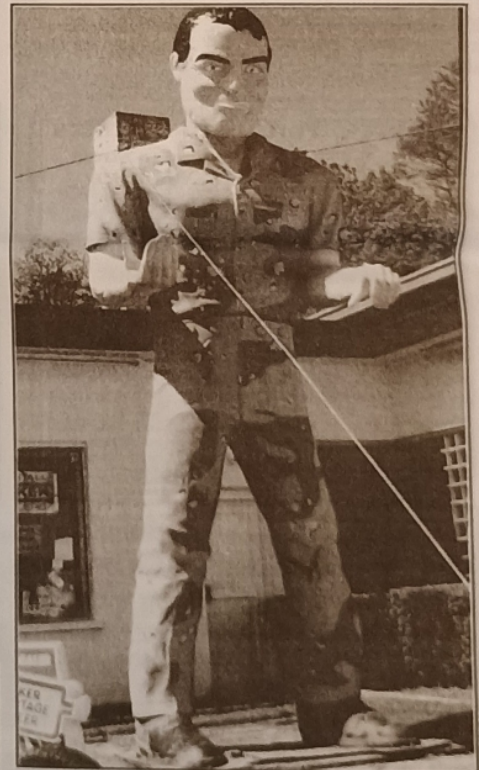
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1991. Before moving to Harford County she was very active in aids education and awareness. Here she is a force to be reckoned with in the SAFE organization - Susquehanna Aids Fund for Emergencies - in Harford and Cecil County. This organization offers support for people living with aids. Bob has taken Alice's hand and become a strong support of her efforts in educating others about aids.

This easy going couple are a delight to know. Their varied interests make them a joy to be around. Their passions create an energy that can't help but affect you. But the sparkle in their eyes when they tell how they met and how their lives have seemed to flow together so smoothly are what you'll take away. I see it as a miracle mixed with a little touch of magic.

The Concord Point Lighthouse is open to visitors from May to October from 1 pm to 5 pm, Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. Searving as a beacon for sailors and boaters in the Upper Chesapeake Bay for over 160 years, it is the oldest continuously operated lighthouse in the State of Maryland. For information or to schedule a tour, call 410-939-9040.

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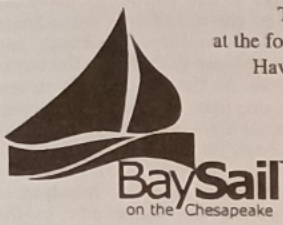
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The park is characterized by steep wooded slopes along the Susquehanna River, open rolling farmland on the upper elevations, and is divided into segments by a network of narrow wooded stream valleys. The Susquehanna River is the single dominant feature in the park.

Of the many historic sites located in the park the most significant are the water-powered grist mill built in 1794 and still operational, the Carter-Archer Mansion which was the home of Confederate General John Archer, the Miller's House and the Jersey Toll House, all of which make the Rock Run Area of the park a major historic and tourist attraction.

Other park development includes a camping area with 74 campsites, a picnic area and a boat launching area at Lapidum. The campground is located off of Craigs Corner Road and is open from the last weekend in April until the first weekend in October. Each site has a picnic table and fire ring. Restrooms and hot showers are provided in each camping loop. A fee of \$13.00 a night plus a \$7.00 reservation fee is charged per campsite. Reservations can be made by calling 1-410-557-7994.

Also a popular attraction in Susquehanna are the 12 miles of scenic hiking, biking and horseback riding trails which are available, connecting various points of interest in the park. A portion (2 1/2 miles) of the Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenways Trail travels through the park and is very popular with families with small children because of its stone dust base and flatness and its proximity to the Susquehanna River. Many wildflowers and different birds can be seen while leisurely walking the Greenways Trail.

There are many other programs and activities available at Susquehanna State Park. The State Forest and Park Service strives to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for you and your family. We hope you have the opportunity to visit us in the near future.

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Picnics

Havre de Grace offers a number of wonderful places for picnics. From Tydings Park and the City Yacht Basin to the Lighthouse, there are a number of places to spread a blanket and enjoy a warm weather meal. At Tydings Park you'll find tables and grills, a gazebo and a wonderful playground and sand for the kids to play.

Just down the hill is *Archies by the Bay* if you prefer to buy a snack and eat in the park. Of course, you can always munch while sitting on a bench along the Promenade if you don't feed the ducks and gulls.

There is also plenty of ground to lay down a blanket and munch around the Lighthouse at the foot of Lafayette Street and lawn around the Decoy Museum.

There are great little park benches throughout town where you can stop and have a bite to eat. Then on your way to the Susquehanna Lockhouse, you'll find Hutchins Park and David Craig Park.

At the Lockhouse in North Park you'll find a lot of land for walking and relaxing. Plus there's a great playground for the kids. They don't even mind if you want to sit on the Lockhouse porch and enjoy your lunch.

Of course you can always enjoy a school playground for some rest while the kids unwind. There's plenty of space around them to have a picnic. And with the variety of eateries and food stores that we have, we're sure to be able to please every tastebud in your group.

Photographs

Havre de Grace offers a wonderful variety for the avid camera carrying daytripper. From sailboats to gardens, architectural structures to waterfowl, you can have a grand time being a shutterbug.

The sailboats on the water are always beautiful, but try getting some photos at the start of the Thursday Night Sailboat Races at Tidewater Marina. You'll also want to be sure to get photos of the Skipjack Martha Lewis.

Add the museums in the area for some great picture taking. For instance, the Decoy Museum has wonderful windows offering spectacular views of the Bay as does the top of the Lighthouse. And the Lockhouse generally has its windows and shutters open offering a great way to get some grand photos of the Susquehanna River and the bridges.

Of course, the various parks are always ideal for those looking for that unique candid shot. If you have a telephoto lens, you may be able to capture a heron, hawk, osprey or possibly even an eagle. Or maybe you're looking for a great shot of those wonderful human dynamos, called children. Be sure to include Steppingstone Museum at Susquehanna State Park on your list.

The festivities around town offer even more great photo opportunities. From the various art shows to the 4th of July parade, from the Candlelight Tours at Christmastime to the changes of the seasons, there are always beautiful pictures for you to discover.

from Lockhouse to Lighthouse

One of my favorites is the absolutely awesome view just at dusk on the 4th of July when boats of all sizes - canoes to large sailboats and everything in-between - are gathered in the bay to watch the Fireworks. As the sun goes down and their lights come on, just at the very moment when it's light enough to see the detail of the boats but dark enough for the lights to be vivid, the bay appears to be a living Christmas tree. There, floating on the water, sit hundred of boats. The crowds on the bank add to the excitement. And when the weather cooperates, absolutely no one is disappointed by the evening's explosion of color.

Enjoy the area, it's sure to be an adventure for the photographer with a creative perspective.

Desert Storm Muffler Man

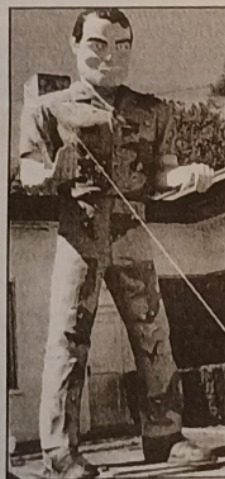
Ron and Maxine Lynch who run the Super Service on Route 40 have been the keepers of their Muffler Man for a good many years now. Ron painted the original service station attendant in 1991 to show his honest support of the US troops involved in Desert Storm in the Persian Gulf.

Painted in camouflage fatigues, the Desert Storm M-Man stands ready and waiting. His hat was painted camouflage, too, but had to be removed due to fractures in the fiberglass caused by high winds.

Ron took him off his roof and created a platform so that he could put him in the Independence Day Parade that summer. In order to move the figure through town, he had to be wired and rigged to lay back when they went under wires.

"But it was all worth it," says Ron, as he grins. "And we'll keep him for a long time to come."

Ron talks about a couple guys who came by to take pictures and get information on muffler men for a website. If you want to check out this site, you can find it at:
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Museums – Full of Life

Susquehanna Museum at the Lockhouse is not a boring place to visit. Don't let the sedate appearance of the building fool you, there's a wealth of historical information available and a fun experience for children of all ages hidden within its walls.



Future plans are to be able to demonstrate how the lock actually worked by pumping water from the bay into the pond, using it to raise the water level in the lock and move a boat through it.

The museum is located next to 47 acres of North Park. The park offers plenty of space for kids to run and includes a playground. You'll also find herons, ducks, gulls and other wildlife sharing the park with you. The four bridges that can be seen from the lockhouse create a spectacular image over the water. And if you have a Maryland fishing license, the shore and pier are great places to throw in a line.

The museum offers an interesting gift shop and a special Christmas Boutique of handmade crafts from local artisans during the Candlelight Tour Weekend. It is open from 1 pm to 5 pm on Saturday and Sunday, May through October. Call to schedule group tours any time of year, 410-939-5780.

Havre de Grace Decoy Museum is another unexpected treat. Celebrating the carving talents of a long tradition, the hunting decoy is well documented in this museum. Master carvers and backyard craftsmen display their talents here. Carvers demonstrate their craft every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year.

The history of hunting waterfowl is also well documented, offering an interesting look at the sport. You'll be shown a variety of ingenious methods used to hunt ducks and geese in the Chesapeake Bay area.

You'll also see a selection of fine art in the decorative decoy carvings. Some of the pieces are so exquisitely detailed that you'll want to reach out and touch the feathers to see if they move. Recently opened is a replica of R. Madison Mitchell's shop. Here you can experience the craft as it was years ago.

And if we still haven't encouraged you to stop in, I think it's worth the \$4 for adults, \$2 for seniors and children (children under 8 are free) just to see the wax figures. Actual plaster casts were taken of several of the carvers while they were still alive and used to make the figures that were then dressed with their own clothing. It's not unusual to find yourself turning to comment to someone only to find it to be one of these finely crafted figures. Open daily 11 am to 4 pm, take the time to browse the museum. For more information call 410-939-3739.



Important to mention is that there is a guide that children can use while touring the museum that will help them to enjoy it more. There is also a fine gift shop where you'll be able to purchase an array of fine art, books and souvenirs. See you there!

Steppingstone Museum is located in the Susquehanna State Park, just minutes out of town. Here you'll find rural arts and crafts of the late 1800s and early 1900s. Open weekends from May to October from 1 pm to 5 pm, for a general admission of \$2, with children 12 and under free, spend the afternoon touring the sites of a once working Harford County farm, including a farm house, the Foard Blacksmith Shop, tool shops, veterinarian's office, general store and display barn. A gift shop features some of the hand-crafted articles made by Steppingstone friends.

The museum also offers a range of special weekends including Civil War Encampment, Scottish Festival, Susquehanna Wine Festival, Children's Games Day, and more. Call 410-939-2299 for information for special admission fees, schedules of events or to arrange for a private tour.

"The main purpose of the museum," says museum director, Bob Magee, "is to tell the story of the history of Havre de Grace and its environs, and includes the Susquehanna and Tidewater Canal history."

With admission only \$2 for adults, \$1 for senior citizens and free for students if accompanied by an adult, it's a great experience for all. For those interested in research, the museum library is available to use on premise. The 9 minute - 41 second video (accurately timed by some students during their tour) shows the history of the canal and gives an excellent visual image of how the canal worked. Moving boats 45 miles through a change of elevation of 233 feet by the use of 29 locks connected Havre de Grace to Wrightsville, PA and destinations in-between.

"The tour is very child-friendly," explains Bob. "There are many artifacts they can touch and hold. And we share wonderful stories to help them relate to lifestyles of the era." The highlight of every tour is to open and close the pivot bridge that would have allowed a boat to move up or down the canal. Each boat would wait its turn to move through the lock to continue its trip through the canal, which was much wider than the lock - 50 feet wide and 4 to 6 feet deep with boats moving in both directions.

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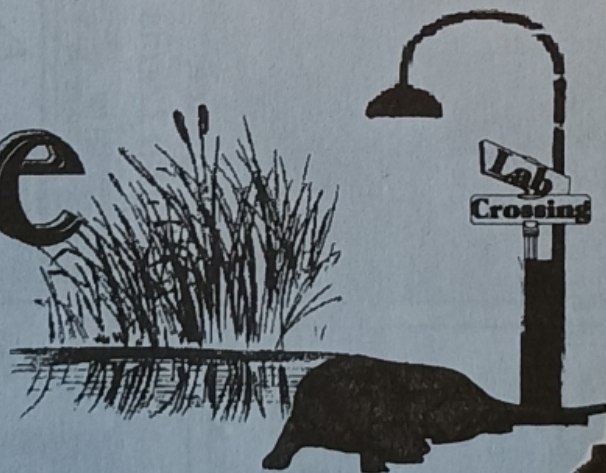
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