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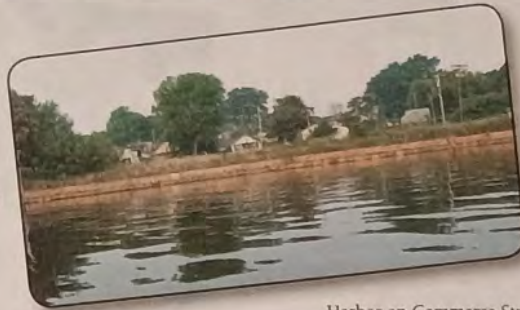
So, too, does a community face similar changes. As our community grows, the effect of those changes is sometimes very subtle. Shops come and go, often noted by the passerby as a new window display. Umbrella tables are placed outside an eatery, annoying some while making others smile. New facades are completed that we note as prettier or cleaner. These are big projects to the owners, but often-subtle changes to the passersby.

Change can also be dramatic. The new Tidewater Marina building on Market Street is one example of a community's conflicting reaction to change. It can be annoying to some of the locals for the inconvenience of disturbed routines due to blocked traffic or detours.

At the same time, the finished image creates a wonderful, walk-able link from downtown to Bomboy's Candy and on to the Concord Point Lighthouse, Promenade and the other museums at the south end of the city.

In considering some of the changes, I asked Karl Bunch (Karl's Bassin' Adventures) to give me a ride in his bass boat to view the city's shoreline. I realized that a number of locations would be changing as the planned developments are completed.

One of these locations is at the north end of town between Extreme Offshore and the Havre de Grace Marina (which is next to the Susquehanna Museum at the Lockhouse). This field and concrete area was once an oil company. Builder/developer Clark Turner has plans for townhouses on this property. After working with a concerned group of citizens, he has promised to include public access to the water view in his plans.



In this instance, I personally believe this is a real asset. An eyesore is cleaned up and offers great housing. A waterfront area pretty much inaccessible to most of us will be made available, very similar to the efforts made by Heron

Harbor on Commerce Street (near the lighthouse) with their long, public pier. As these changes occur, the street will be made more walker-friendly. This will make it even easier for folks to meander to the Susquehanna Museum at the Lockhouse and North Park Trail.

As our business community grows and changes, the desire to create new venues that encourage tourism is ever more evident. Our arts community is developing a very active presence. The River View Gallery and its alignment with the Harford Artists Association were the beginning. This summer we gained Gallery RoCa, offering national and international art. Broken Heart Café and Gallery will be open this fall, offering refreshment and art as you rest

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between your shopping/hiking/biking/sailing adventures. Unique shops have emerged, such as Doodad's (offering Fair Trade gifts from around the world) and Pampered Paws (offering gourmet pet treats and all the accessories any resplendent dog or cat could possibly desire). Older, more established shops continue evolving to answer the needs and desires of today's tourists as well as our local residents. It's a balancing act that never eases.

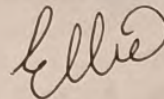
Again, some of the locals see these changes as making it inconvenient for parking and creating bothersome noise, to name just a couple issues. In some cases, they are right. But I've never seen a thriving community that isn't continually balancing these very same issues. And there is no 'answer,' there is only change.

It's an exciting time. And we'll do our best to keep you aware of the subtle changes that you might miss as you easily notice the more dramatic. No matter how you might feel about all of it, know that we love our community.

We encourage you to enjoy Havre de Grace as we do. Buy at the shops. Enjoy a meal with friends in local eateries. Dance to a live band, DJ or outdoor concert. Visit a museum or two. Enjoy the view from the water whether walking the Promenade, or aboard the Skipjack Martha Lewis, Paddleboat Lantern Queen, Mighty Tug Cornell, a sailboat, bass boat, canoe, kayak, or even a Jet Ski for that matter!

Change happens because we are alive! Stopping is not an option. Savoring the changes so that the 'perfect moments' are never lost to us are key to enjoying it all. I wish you many special moments while you experience Havre de Grace.

Warmly,



Ellie

PS. I have written and re-written this editorial between the tragedy of Hurricane Katrina and our press date. I returned to the original with this AFTERWORD: As we go about our daily lives in the coming months, let us not forget the hundreds of thousands who will begin to build new lives. Let us continue to give in all ways possible: money, homes, jobs, blood and compassion to name a few. But let us also remember to savor the special moments in our own lives, teach our children compassion and action, and protect ourselves from falling into a sense of helplessness as the effect of Katrina touches us all. Move forward, savoring life moment-by-moment.

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Access Computerz has offered reliable service in our community for nearly 8 years, with over 15 years computer experience. Many of us know Roger when we call to say, "Help! I think I have a virus! Can you save my data?" This is also when we learn about backing up our data, keeping all our programs together, etc.



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Several computer repair shops have come and gone since Access Computerz opened their shop. And I'm willing to bet he'll be here for several more decades! Check out his ad in this publication.

Atelier de Teresa is a wonderful clay studio and school, located at 558 Fountain Street. Phyllis Gill has joined owner/sculptor Teresa Yost Bennett as a member of the staff. Phyllis' interest started with a class she attended while Teresa was offering them in the basement of her home. As she worked with Teresa, she discovered a real love and talent for painting on clay.

Moving on to classes at the new Atelier de Teresa school and studio, Phyllis began to create a wonderfully distinctive line of jewelry and hand-painted tiles. And she loves to paint and create whimsical sculpture. So this combined talent of Teresa and Phyllis was bound to develop into a team!

You can enjoy their creations at the studio and at various art exhibits and shows around the area. Give them a call at the studio for more info on hours, classes, and event schedules: 443-243-8078.

Bank of Memories and the **Home Branch** are at it again! And you won't want to miss any of the changes. First the Lamp Shop will move back upstairs to Bank of Memories where they will now offer a full service jewelry store and lamp shop under one roof! But that's not all. They will carry a full line of Heritage Lace curtains, table toppers and placemats.

In the Home Branch right next door, you'll find a full line of Maryland and Havre de Grace souvenirs. By Christmas they'll even have available their Havre de Grace throw and a wider variety of Havre de Grace items. Now all your friends and family will be able to receive a unique gift representing the community.

Home Branch will also carry many gift items, specialty foods and local pottery. Stop by and shop the new layout at 319-323 St. John Street. They're ready to help make your gift giving much easier.

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They offer a slightly different menu 'Next Door' that includes their new gourmet pizzas—personal or family-size. Though their entrées will not be available in the new addition, known as 'Next Door,' they will offer appetizers, burgers, wraps (with a few new ones to tantalize your taste buds) along with fun, games, and dancing. And when we say dancing, we mean on a real dance floor!

Of course, if it's sports that draw you in, you won't be disappointed with their 20 TVs and Direct TV's NFL Sports Package. Not only football but also March Madness w/ college basketball! The place 'Next Door' will open at 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon on Saturday and Sunday.

Stop in and join Dwayne Coakley and his sister, Margie Coakley-Logan, as they celebrate this 3rd expansion in 8-1/2 years, still offering great food at affordable prices with something for everyone. Carry out available and beer-to-go. And keep your eye out for the 'river rat,' that's their newest logo on their T-shirts!

The **COUNTRY MARKET** at 500 N. Union Avenue (next to Country Flowers) opened mid-summer. Bringing us fresh produce and baked goods from the Amish country of Pennsylvania, this new shop is a very welcome addition to our community. The Daniel Stoltefoos family intends to have their shop open 3 days a week, Thursday through Saturday from 9a-5p, with an extra hour (until 6p) on Friday evenings for your convenience.

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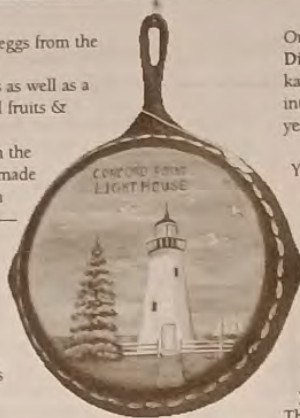
- ▶ Cheese & free range eggs from the Nottingham area
- ▶ James, jellies, relishes as well as a selection of preserved fruits & vegetables
- ▶ Delicious yogurt from the Pequea Valley Farm, made with whole milk from grass-fed Jersey cows—mmm...mmm
- ▶ And a variety of crafts with an Amish flavor

Stop in soon and say, "Hello" to Daniel and his family:

CURVES® has two locations: 502 Warren Street in Havre de Grace and 304 Aiken Avenue in Perryville. We've been watching this organization grow around the country. Now I understand that they've added two new programs to their operations. The first is a Weight Management Program. Hate exercise? Hate dieting? Then this may be made just for you! And you don't even have to be a member of **CURVES®** to take advantage of these classes.

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Whether you're looking for One-Day Decorating, New home or Remodeling Consultations, or working with a designer through an entire project, you'll very much enjoy the enthusiastic, very approachable, yet professional relationship you'll have with Billee. There is definitely nothing 'cookie-cutter' in her response to your needs. She loves to get to know you and your lifestyle, and willingly works within your budget.

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Gotham Antiques, recently having moved to 116 N. Washington Street next to Java by the Bay, is open from 10 - 5 Thursday through Monday. Ed and Bev McMillan offer quality 18th and 19th century antiques, a quality collection of jewelry, glassware, pottery, oriental rugs and more. Stop in today and be sure to say 'hi' to Joanne.

Gryphon's Jewelry has moved! Now located on the first corner of Union Avenue & Warren Street in Legion Square, it's the perfect last stop on your Havre de Grace tour. If you like unique jewelry & gifts, this is definitely the store for you. There's something for every shopper as prices start under \$10. **Gryphon's Jewelry** has the area's largest selection of Estate Jewelry plus handmade &

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designer pieces. Gryphon's Jewelry is a feast for the eyes. It's well worth the stop.

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Open Wednesday through Sunday for lunch and afternoon tea, you'll find an unhurried, relaxed atmosphere. They generally prefer reservations, but will take 'walk-ins' if space permits. They also will schedule group gatherings for social or business get-togethers as well as bridal/baby showers and children's parties. One room seats up to 22 comfortably, with the other seating 12. And there's a smaller back room filled with hats and dress-up clothes for children's parties.

The first Sunday of every month are special events offering such wonderful venues as Afternoon Chocolate Tea, Sisters Tea, Mommy & Me Dress-up Tea, and Holiday Teas. These have been wildly successful and require reservations.

Heritage Tea also offers a colorful choice of teapots and teacups, accessories, cards and, of course, many varieties of teas. You can create



a beautiful holiday gift with her wonderful selections. Whether you desire a quiet place to enjoy on your own, with a friend or friends, a group meeting or a special event, or you just need a special gift idea, you must give this splendid shop a visit soon.

Laura's Antiques should be open by the time this paper goes to press. Located at 114 N. Washington Street, this shop used to be housed in the Seneca Cannery. Owner Laura Dunman has outgrown the space (and her own home, I've been told) and is excited to have her own storefront. She will be open from 10-5 Thursday through Monday (closed Tuesday and Wednesday). Laura's will offer an eclectic blend from small furniture, Depression Glass (including such names as McKee Rock Crystal, Fenton, L.E. Smith, Westmoreland, Kings crown, Jeannette Glass and Indiana Glass), decanters and assorted wine glasses, assorted kitchen items (including Anchor Hocking, Pyrex and FireKing), to such unique items as railroad lanterns, seasonal decorations and kitchen linens (table runners, doilies, etc). Be sure to say, "Ellie sent you."

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Treasures by the Bay offered us some exciting information just before we went to press. They will be moving from their present location at 107 N. Washington just down the street to 141 N. Washington (the corner of N. Washington and Pennington). With more room and great display windows, you can be certain that they'll be enjoying finding us great new gifts ideas. By October they should be ready to greet you with an extended line of gifts and chocolates just in time for the coming holiday season. They will have their Grand Re-Opening at their new location during First Friday in November. Stop in and see them.

We welcome Marilyn Eben of Re/Max Elite Realty of Havre de Grace to our list of advertisers. With more than 12 years experience in the real estate industry and one of the top-ranked agents in Maryland, Marilyn is highly respected among her peers and with her clients.



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Havre de Grace's Talent Spotlight

LEO HEPPNER, photographer



A native of Havre de Grace, Leo Heppner has been a freelance photographer with twenty-seven years of experience. You can't be very active in town without having been at an event where Leo is quietly moving about taking pictures. Whether he's moving through the crowd of a Havre de Grace Chamber event, photographing an

award recipient at a City Council meeting, or at your best friend's wedding reception, he's always busy.

This pleasant, quiet-spoken man is much sought after as a portrait, publicity and special event photographer. But he also has received numerous awards for his nature-inspired wall décor images. His 1996 "Carved Art" Decoy Calendar has been recognized as "Calendar of the Year" by *Shutterbug* magazine. Most recently, his photograph of decoy carver Patrick Vincenti has been made into a special event commemorative Postal Service envelope, dedicated at the 2002 Havre de Grace Decoy and Wildlife Festival. It was also the event's logo.

For 2005, Leo has published a full color poster, "The Ladies of the Chesapeake," featuring twelve swimsuit models who have appeared in *Nor'easter* Magazine. Models from the Mid-Atlantic Region frequently travel several hours to be photographed by Leo.

Along with this very busy schedule, Leo finds time to write a monthly column, "Photo Gadgets," that appears in the nationally distributed *Digital Camera Magazine*. He also teaches advanced photographic techniques at the college level, workshops on digital photography, and speaks at local and national photography conferences.

Here at *Lockhouse to Lighthouse*, we hope to use Leo's need for a change of pace and present his nature, landscape, and event photos whenever possible. Look for his ad in this publication. This versatile photographer is a pleasure to work with.

DIANE M. WYLIE PUBLISHES NOVEL



My Enemy, My Love is the first published novel from Diane Wylie, who makes her home with her family in Havre de Grace

"I like a book to take me on an emotional roller coaster ride," says Diane. And she offers her own audience this historical romance filled with action, adventure, and passion... deep passion that comes from love. Set during the Civil War, it creates a conflict that will leave you refusing to be interrupted as you hang to every line.

Here's a tasty morsel to whet your appetite for more: *Someone had once told him that dying was quite painless. He didn't believe it though he secretly hoped it was true as he and his men prepared to ride into chaos and horror... She knew that the war had begun two years ago, but had been insulated from it all by her father. Little did she know that her life was about to irrevocably change and she would be tested to the limits of her courage and endurance for a man—a man who was the enemy.*

My Enemy, My Love is available at Washington Street Books or from the publisher: www.WhiskeyCreekPress.com for \$13.95 This historical novel is serious in its portrayal of war—the Civil War, and moving in its story of moving beyond our boundaries toward love.

By trade Diane Wylie is a scientific technical writer. She lives in Havre de Grace with her husband, two children...and several dogs, I believe! She loves gardening when she's not busy caring for her family or writing. And I've heard that she already has her second novel tickling her imagination.

Congratulations, Diane!

LINDA NOLL, writer

Images of America, Around Susquehanna State Park

Most of us know Linda Noll as the executive director of the Steppingstone Museum located in *Susquehanna State Park*. It was thrilling to talk with Linda and discover how her own family history had come full circle as a result of working on her book.

Arcadia publishers had approached Linda for a book on Havre de Grace. Knowing that a number of books had

just been published and many of those authors much more familiar with Havre de Grace history, she suggested a book on the area where she's worked for 19 seasons

"I knew families who had lived or are still living in the area. Some of my family members had lived in the area as well. I thought it would be a great opportunity to learn more," said Linda.

Beginning in November 2004, Linda completed the manuscript in May 2005. When asked about any discoveries while researching the book, she commented, "I learned what an important economic role this area played during the late 1800s to early 1900s, especially relative to the fishing industry. I did not realize that the river villages of Conowingo, Stafford, Rock Run, and Lapidum were thriving places at one time. There was a hotel in Lapidum for ferry travelers, and a teahouse—visited by President and Mrs. Warren Harding! I was very fortunate to meet a wonderful lady, Mary Macklem Peal, whose family owned a lot of the land at one time. She had just turned 101 years old this past February! What a treasure!"



The wonderful vintage photographs that Linda was able to find create a book that easily tells a story. Third and fourth generation families still living in the area will truly enjoy the memories given to them in this book.

"As the rolling hills and farm lands of Harford County slowly disappear due to development, I think people will enjoy knowing that this park (Susquehanna State Park)

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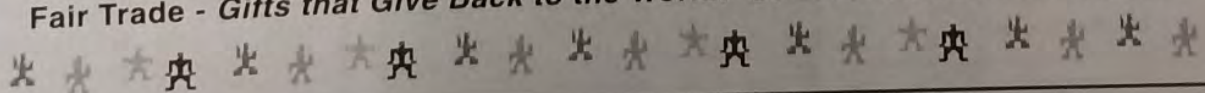
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remains untouched and preserved for future generations. It is really a wonderful, picturesque escape from all of the hustle and bustle of our busy lives," said Linda.

This book, *Images of America, Around Susquehanna State Park*, can be found at Washington Street Books or through www.ArcadiaPublishing.com for \$19.99. You can enjoy photos of the Indian petroglyphs, the English settlements, up to the present-day Susquehanna State Park. It's the perfect tribute to the 35th Anniversary of the Steppingstone Museum!

In closing, Linda Noll shared this personal comment: *As a young girl, my grandfather brought us to see relatives who lived in Lapidum on the river. I remember playing down at the old mill, which was closed and in sad need of repair. Who would have thought that one day, I would be working in the same area. Talk about coming full circle!*

Congratulations, Linda on a job well done!


Note: Portions of the proceeds of *Images of America, Around Susquehanna State Park* will be donated to the Steppingstone Museum and the Historical Society of Harford County, Inc.

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But the real excitement is that they will now be open YEAR ROUND! This is made possible by their newest employee. Please be sure to welcome Wendy Osborne when you visit the museum. You'll find her in the store, in the office, giving tours, and helping wherever she may be needed. She's enthusiastic, energetic and flexible! What a gift to any group, but especially a non-profit!

Wendy has already had her 'trial by fire.' When Director Rebecca Fitzgerald forgot to lock the door while training Wendy, they had an onslaught of visitors! They welcomed them with open arms and, I hear that, Wendy jumped right in. Way to go, Wendy!

Please note that the museum also has a new website address: www.lockhousemuseum.org with a new e-mail to the director: director@lockhousemuseum.org

Congratulations to the Susquehanna Museum at the Lockhouse! One more Havre de Grace museum that's available to our residents and tourists all year. We are most certainly a lucky community!



Susquehanna Museum at the Lockhouse seen from the water early on a hot, summer August morning.



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First-time local author, Linda Noll, has just had her book released in late August 2005. Filled with vintage photographs and wonderful memories from 3rd & 4th generation families still living in the area, Linda bridges the gap between past and present.

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Share the Spirit of the Season 33rd Annual Candlelight Tour

Have you ever wondered what a candlelight tour was? Well, it's an enchanting experience that creates the perfect holiday mood. The tour includes a sampling of museums, inns, decoy shops, churches and a variety of homes. You are cordially invited to browse the locations that will be hosted by friendly folks sharing their holiday spirit. You'll enjoy unique and wonderful seasonal decorations.

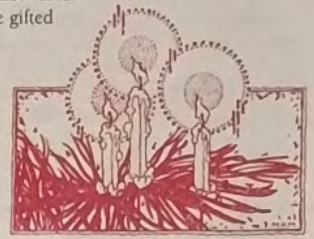
The Susquehanna Museum at the Lockhouse will be presenting their Annual Candlelight Tour of historic Havre de Grace on Sunday, December 11th from 4-8 p.m. And this 33rd year continues to excite the visitors with unique stops.

Just when we thought the Lockhouse coordinators wouldn't be able to come up with anything different, they've surprised us again! This year all the home locations are new


to the tour and range from new homes to historic ones. Each home clearly represents Havre de Grace as a vibrant and eclectic collection of time periods.

At the edge of town you'll visit Blenheim Mansion, a stately 19th century villa, situated on the grounds of the Bulle Rock Golf Community. This mansion was the 2005 Cancer Society Show House as well as a location for the film, "Tuck Everlasting." The Strader home at 323 Tidewater Drive in Bay View Estates is a modern home packed with artistic examples of the gifted couple's talents and tastes.

At the southern end of town the Smith family home at 655 Commerce Street, once known simply as the "Manse," has undergone a major renovation greatly enlarging this gorgeous house. The gardens and patio areas are also impressive and festively decorated. The Roberts home at 719 South Union Avenue is a home of the Charleston



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In the center of town at 552 Fountain Street, you'll find the home of Wini Roche, who relocated to Havre de Grace in 2003. She has created the perfect combination of historical features and modern comforts, decorating this gem in a warm country style.

At the north end of town, tour patrons may visit the newly restored Klair/League home at 716 Ontario Street. This treasure is situated on a leafy street and reflects the needs of a busy, young family.

Be sure not to miss the Train Garden at The Country Flower Shop, 500 N. Union Avenue. This year's theme will be National Parks. Mr. & Mrs. Claus will be there with Leo Heppner, photographer. Leo will be available to take photos of you with Mr. & Mrs. Claus. (There is a fee for this.)

During the tour, the museums are open to offer their holiday finery and an opportunity to purchase wonderful holiday presents from their gift shops. The downtown community will also have many shops open for you to enjoy their decorations and gift choices. This year once again will enthrall the seasoned tour patrons as well as the newcomers. This City by the Bay continues to captivate the imagination during this very special event.

Tickets are available for \$15/person. For questions and other information call: 410-939-5780 or e-mail: susqmuseum@erols.com

Train Garden Delights Young & Old

Trains are the passion of Richard Tome. He regularly travels on them to destinations around the country to bike trails in National Parks. He lives about as close as you can get to a train track. And he plays with them every holiday season to the delight of all his visitors and probably the consternation of his staff. (He plays; they work!) But everyone can share in Richard's love of trains by visiting the Train Garden at The Country Flower Shop, 500 N. Union Avenue.

Richard has 103 stamps in his passport to National Parks and Monuments.

The photos by Leo Heppner included in this article are an effort to show the many details of this train display. You'll see a memorial to 9/11, a local Susquehanna Hose Co. fireman gassing up the truck, to the details of a speeding train passing by the many buildings, houses,

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Many people are helping Richard develop pieces of the panorama this year. Local artist Susan Snodgrass is creating Devils Tower. Teresa Yost Bennett will sculpt Mt. Rushmore while Jim Narvell is creating the Golden Spike. Gryphon's Jewelers are creating a train car of jewels. Richard is working on Yellowstone National Park and others. Paul Mauldin is a tireless worker creating more track layout while Jim Spangler assists with the electronics.

Included on the 33rd Annual Candlelight Tour, there's no good excuse for not stopping in to visit the Train Garden to get in the spirit of the season. Photographer Leo Heppner will be there during the Candlelight Tour to offer the opportunity to purchase a photo of your visit with Mr. & Mrs. Claus at the Train Garden. You can contact The Country Flower Shop for more details at 410-939-2720.



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The 'Whip' - business manager, Pat Cimarelli

All of this goes on at Stephens & Stephens Clocks, 429 St. John Street, Havre de Grace. After eleven years working out of the retail shop, the customers still ask about the sound Pat will tilt her head to one side saying, "Hmmm. I don't really notice."

Pat Cimarelli is officially the business manager at Stephens & Stephens. She jokingly will tell you she's "The Whip!" John Stephens, owner, will tell

you, "I just call her M'am." But together they make a great team and love introducing you to their most intriguing world of clocks.

John Stephens' dad started repairing clocks as a hobby when John's mom was sick with cancer. As a teen, if John wanted to chat with his dad, he'd "have to go to the basement and sit with him while he worked on a clock." Here began his fascination with clocks.

Around the age of 19, John went to Bowman Technical School. John says, "From the very moment I entered the school, I knew I had found what I wanted to do for the rest of my life." And he's been doing just that! For over 30 years he's been tweaking clocks, bringing them back to life.

They've arrived in pieces in a box. They've been carefully wrapped in blankets and tenderly carried to the counter. They've even been sent to him from hundreds of miles away. They've been brought



John Stephens, owner, leaning against the famous street clock outside his shop

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to him after being discovered in an attic. They've been gently handed to him while the customer shared their clocks life story. All to be carefully repaired by the gentle hands of John Stephens, Jr.

The retail shop today has many, many styles of clocks from as early as 1730 to present day. The list includes floor clocks, wall clocks, mantle clocks and ships clocks. They also have barometers, cuckoo clocks, novelty clocks and Art Deco ones. You'll also find new and antique pocket watches and wristwatches. Balance toys and ships models add a little variation to their large array of clocks.

When asked about his favorite, John admits, "They're all my favorites. Several years ago I stopped trying to buy what I thought would appeal to the customer. I started to buy what I liked, or one that Pat or one of the other employees liked."

It must have worked because they continue to sell beautiful clocks to people of all ages and lifestyles. After a little more encouragement, he acknowledged that he does have a special clock. The Obadiah Body clock, c. 1750 is one that he will gently touch and it brings a smile. This clock is from Battel, England, where the Battle of Hastings was fought (for those of you into your history). It has a metal dial.



The Nautical Corner



Cuckoo clocks



Pat's favorite - a Black Forest wall clock c.1880



John's favorite - the Obadiah Body floor clock c.1750



Clock 1 and 2 are examples of the beautiful reverse painted glass panels, c.1830. These panels are handpainted inside the glass (thus reverse-painted). They are totally American designs. Clock 1 is a Banjo clock (due to the shape). Clock 2 is a Barnes & Bartholomew and has wooden works (gears).



English c.1730 - besides being the oldest in the shop at this time, it's the fact that the dial has only one hand...thus a close-up is used for reference (see question & answer 3).



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A Sampling of wristwatches

When asked about the type of customer that buys one of these beautiful clocks, John will say, "In all honesty, we have very sweet customers." He explains that no matter their lifestyle, it's appreciation of the clocks that they have in common.


John mentions that a fine clock requires a combination of skills that include cabinetmaker, movement maker, part mathematician and blacksmith. And it seems that the clock takes on an 'aura' if you will. Customers seem to be attracted to a particular clock even






One small section of the shop

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when it's not what they originally had in mind. It's hard to know if there are traces of the personalities of the original clockmakers or the families who owned them that might be lingering in the beautiful cabinetry. It's equally difficult to ignore that possibility.

He and Pat have seen many times when a customer has walked in, scanned the shop, and walked directly to a clock. Touching it. Standing back and gazing at it. And quite often they'll say, "It's not really our style, but there's something about this clock..." Quite often, if they think about it awhile, they'll remember a relative from their childhood who "had a clock just like it." The fond memories seem to create a bond of some sort. Often there seems to be no rhyme or reason, just instant bonding.

Of course, there are some delightfully funny stories. Shortly after John opened the retail shop, he was carrying a grandfather clock over his shoulders to put in someone's van. As he walked down the sidewalk, a man walked by and, without missing a step, said, "Hey, why don't you just buy a watch like a regular person!"

They've also shared some stories that remind us of how dependent we've become on modern electronics. One young woman came in and asked to have a battery placed in her watch. It turns out that she merely needed to wind it.

Pat recalls a woman who had excitedly purchased a brand new cuckoo clock. Not long after returning home, she called the shop quite upset. The clock had stopped. She said the weights went all the way to the floor, then stopped! (Just in case the reader is unaware, you have to regularly reset the weights to keep your clock running.)

Stephens & Stephens Clocks is a great place to visit and a perfect place to buy that special clock for your home. Stop in and listen for yourself. Pat will tell you about the difference in the sounds of the chimes. See if you don't have a clock that sings (or is that 'ticks') to you!

P.S. And Charlie Monnin, if you read this, John says, "Please come back!"

DO YOU KNOW...

1. Who they name the clock after? The cabinet maker? The movement maker?
2. Why there's a lock and key on the door?
3. Do you know how they would tell time from the dial of this clock? Notice that it only has one hand.
4. Do you know what the word horology is?



Answers:

1. They name the clock after the movement maker. At the time that clocks were first built, wood working was a skill that many, many people had. But the person who created the exquisite detail work of the movement itself (the part that actually creates the time) was truly a master craftsman. So his name went on the clock.
2. Although many think the lock and key on the door was to keep children from tampering with the clock. Not so! If you think about the early 1700s-1800s, quite often the owner lived many miles from town. The town usually told people the correct time. If the owner of the clock were to set his timepiece and ride home many miles to correctly set his clock, he most certainly didn't want anyone tampering with it. Therefore, the lock and key!
3. If you look closely, there are 3 markings between the hours. If the hand was 1 mark after 3, it was then 3:15; 2 marks, it was 3:30 and 3 marks, it was 3:45. The next mark would be the new hour: 4 in this example.
4. H o r o l o g y is the science of measuring time.

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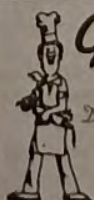
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Heron Yoga

I watched this phenomena from my kitchen window. It took me a while to figure out what this stealth-looking bird was doing. I'd never seen a heron drying it's wings. Although I've been told since that many of the large birds do this.

The romantic in me wants to think that this beautiful heron was offering its 'yoga salutation to the sun.' For at this very moment the sun was rising and it was truly remarkable to have watched the heron for nearly 15 minutes as it faced the sun, welcoming the morning. (And yes, maybe drying its wings!)

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BEAUTY and the BEAST presented by the Tidewater Players. All performances at "The Opera Hall," 121 N. Union Avenue (next to the Fire House), Havre de Grace. Adults: \$15 / Children: \$10 For reservations or specific times, call 410-939-5046 or e-mail: tidewaterplayers@comcast.net

Nov 12

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Dec 2

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Dec 3-4

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE at Steppingstone Museum located on Quaker Bottom Road just off Rte. 155. Noon-4p. Features tours of farmhouse decorated for the holidays, Christmas music, storytelling, cider and cookies, museum store open for gift buying. Call 410-939-2299/888-419-1762 or e-mail: steppingstonemuseum@msn.com

Dec 10-11

The **CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE** at the Lock House for the Susquehanna Museum of HdG—a historical setting for traditional sale of handmade holiday items and gifts, wreaths, greens and gourmet foods. Sat 9a-1p, Sun 4-8p. Call 410-939-5780 or e-mail: susqmuseum@erols.com

Dec 11

33rd ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT TOUR of HISTORIC HdG—fundraiser for the Susquehanna Museum of HdG. Tour various historic homes, museums, churches, B&Bs, and other featured attractions. Sun. 4-8p For tickets call 410-939-5780 or e-mail: susqmuseum@erols.com

MARITIME CHRISTMAS & CANDLELIGHT TOUR at the HdG Maritime Museum. Music, great food, crafts and nautical ornaments. 11a-8p Admission Info call 410-939-4800 or e-mail: museum@comcast.net

LEO HEPPNER PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT will be at the HdG Decoy Museum for the Holiday Candlelight Tour from 11a – 8p.

Dec 17

ALL MD REPTILE SHOW at the HdG Community Center. 9a-3p Live reptiles, books, supplies, caging equipment for sale & trade. Admission. Call 410-526-4184 or e-mail: hrbc@pythons.com

Dec 31

FIRST NIGHT FIRST LIGHT BOAT FESTIVAL PARADE at the HdG Maritime Museum 7-10p. Cover your yacht, cruiser, canoe or dingy with lights & decorations. Family friendly (no alcohol). Info: 410-939-4800 or e-mail: museum@comcast.net

NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS & DUCK DROP at HdG Middle School, midnight display—approx. 20

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- ramp which provides the visiting trailer-boater easy access to the Susquehanna River and the Susquehanna Flats, North East River, Mouth of the Elk River, Sassafras River, Bohemia River and the main body of the Northern Chesapeake Bay.
- 2. Frank Hutchins Park**—Located the foot of Congress Ave. There is a fishing pier at this location. This park is a free fishing location meaning that a Maryland fishing license is not required at this park. Large vessels visiting the city sometimes use this pier so you may want to check before planning your day.

- 3. Jean Roberts Park**—Located at the foot of Otsego Street is a small fishing area at the end of the property adjacent to the fence on the north side. This is a good location to fish for panfish and catfish year-round. There is a small vessel (16 ft. or less), kayak and canoe launch ramp at this location.
- 4. North Park**—located by the Susquehanna Museum at the Lockhouse off Erie Street.

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JANUARY

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2006!

Jan 7

2ND ANNUAL "FROST BITE WALK OF THE NORTH PARK TRAIL"—this guided nature and historical walk is free to the public. Approximate duration: one hour. Meet at the Lock House of the Susquehanna Museum. Walk begins at 10a. Call 410-939-5780 or e-mail: susqmuseum@erols.com

Jan. 11

1ST ELLSWORTH B. SHANK HISTORICAL LECTURE of the 2006 SERIES at HdG City Hall 7p. Topic to be announced. Check our website for updates: www.LockhouseToLighthouse.com Lecture sponsored by the Susquehanna Museum of HdG, free to the public. Info: 410-939-5780 or e-mail: susqmuseum@erols.com

FEBRUARY

Feb 8

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MARCH

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APRIL

Apr 12

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MAY

Mark your calendar and plan a weekend visiting Havre de Grace and enjoy the Decoy Festival and War of 1812 Reenactment to name just a few of the exciting spring events coming up!

May 5-7

25TH ANNUAL DECOY & WILDLIFE ART FESTIVAL—premier carvers & wildlife artists, carving competitions, live & silent auctions, retriever demonstrations, and children's activities. Free shuttle buses to event locations at HdG High School, Middle School and Decoy Museum. Fri: 6-8p; Sat: 9a-5p; Sun: 10a-4p. Admission. Info call 410-939-3739 or e-mail: decoymuseum@yahoo.com

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May 6-7

7th ANNUAL RE-ENACTMENT of the BRITISH ATTACK on HdG during the WAR of 1812 at the Lock House. Visit the various military encampments and a military hospital. Witness musket firing, cannon firing, marching drills and many more activities. Be part of 'living' history. 10a-5p Free admission. Call: 410-939-5780 or e-mail: susqmuseum@erols.com

May 10

5th ELLSWORTH B. SHANK HISTORICAL LECTURE of the 2006 SERIES at HdG City Hall 7p. Topic to be announced. Check our website for updates: www.LockhouseToLighthouse.com Lecture sponsored by the Susquehanna Museum of HdG, free to the public. Info: 410-939-5780 or e-mail: susqmuseum@erols.com

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Searching for the Perfect Gift



Holiday time is often a time of anguish. Searching for the gift that will bring a look of delight while still fitting your budget can be a challenge. But maybe our mystery shoppers can help you. They've learned that it doesn't need to be difficult and there are many choices right here!

ANTIQU-LOVERS: Havre de Grace most definitely offers a variety of antiques. Whether you love elegant Victorian, the clean lines of Traditional, or maybe even a bit of Art Deco, there are hidden gems throughout town.

Enjoy the cottage-style? You're in the right place. There are perfect furniture pieces, colorful glass collectibles, 50s lamps and accessories. If you prefer eclectic, you'll find the ideal mix-and-match combinations.

Add to these choices an array of decoys from the antique to the modern, working decoys to exquisite fine art. They can be found at **Vincenti Decoys**, the HdG **Decoy Museum** and throughout many shops.

Maybe the perfect gift is a cookie jar, old toy, beer memorabilia, phonograph record, beautiful glass vase, or a doll. Keep strolling. It's there!

ART: It's rather interesting when you mention art. What first comes to mind are the galleries. **River View Gallery** offers a wonderful selection of local art. It changes frequently, so don't let that piece you've been eyeing from the window slip out of your hand.

Last summer **Gallery RoCa** opened their doors offering a beautiful selection of national and international Art. And **Broken Heart Café & Gallery** will be offering art when they open their doors this fall.

But don't forget to browse the shops. You just might miss that perfect piece you so desire. To mention just a couple, **Treasures By The Bay** carries prints from Aubrey Bodine, a 20th century photographer from the Baltimore area, and beautiful glass art. **Andy & Bill's** offers a large selection of framed art and other unique items.

Of course our mystery shoppers would be remiss if they didn't remind you of **The Picture Show**. They offer custom framing and an art gallery. Looking for something specific, visit **The Picture Show**. Need to have memorabilia perfectly framed to present as a gift? Yep, visit **The Picture Show**.

Oh, add to the list, **BarnesLeigh Creative**. Iris can restore your old photographs, saving those pictures you thought were really hopeless. And speaking of photographs, **Leo Heppner** is a great photographer who can create the family portrait you've been putting off. Or you can purchase a print of many of his photographs for the perfect holiday gift.

BAKERY PERFECT! What would the holiday be without the aroma and taste of baked goods? **Goll's Bakery** offers a number of specialty items for the holidays as well as their very yummy, apple or cherry tarts (a personal choice of our mystery shoppers)! Whether you need a hostess gift or need to present dessert for your holiday dinner, they'll have what you need.

The **Havre de Grace Ritz Gourmet Café** offers a very large and diverse selection of desserts to eat-in or take out. Trust me, you won't be able to eat 'just one.'

BOOKS: Obviously our two fine bookstores, **Washington Street Books** and **Courtyard Books**, would come to mind first. Between the two of them you'll find everything from historic to romantic, comics to fine art, how-to-do-it to already-done-it (autobiographies).

At both bookstores and throughout several shops there are books of local flavor. The museums carry titles related to their interests. Plus there are a number of Havre de Grace authors offering historic, culture, romantic novels and more.

CANDLES: What would the holiday season be without the scent of candles. The obvious shop would be **Chesapeake Country Candles**. They

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create their lines on the premises, offering unique blends throughout the year. They also have a beautiful line of candleholders and other accessories to make your gift-giving easy.

But there are several other shops that offer candle lines as well. As you'll see over and over again throughout the article, you truly must take some time to browse the shops.

CANDY: Bomboy's Candy offers our very own, made in Havre de Grace, line of candies. They have a number of very specific Havre de Grace assortments that make a great gift to send to friends and family.

Treasures By The Bay offers an assortment of Asher Candies and Lyon's Pharmacy offers Russell Stover Candies. Between the three shops, you'll find exactly what you're looking for, including a line of no-sugar and diabetic candy.

CLOTHING: Joseph's Department Store continues their tradition of carrying a fine line of clothing including Pendleton, Carhartt, Timberland, a great selection of brand-name jeans, and many other items perfect for your holiday outfit or the ideal gift.

The new Tidewater Marine shop will be carrying a great line of clothing that will be perfect, not only for the boater, but for everyone. Many other shops carry specialty items and souvenir shirts, jackets, purses, etc. Doodad's will be offering a colorful line of Alpaca clothing this fall—just in time for holiday gifts or for wearing! And, of course, our museums all carry their own line of clothing and accessories. No reason not to find that perfect gift.

COFFEE & TEA: Of course, you'll think of Java by the Bay and Heritage Tea. Both of these shops carry a wide variety of gift items and will make up gift baskets for you. They also offer gift certificates—the perfect choice when you're not certain what flavors that special person on your list really, really likes.

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Opening soon will be the **Broken Heart Café & Gallery** where you'll be able to enjoy a fine cup of coffee. I'm sure they'll have gift certificates available once they're settled in. Plus there are many shops throughout the community that offer a gift line of teas and coffees.

FLOWERS: We have two great shops in town for flowers, **Amanda's** and **The Country Flower Shop**. They can meet all your holiday needs for decorating, parties, and gift giving. Whether you're looking for a fresh bouquet or a silk or dried arrangement, they can match it perfectly to your taste.

FOOD: With **Havre de Grace** practically the best small-city eatery in America, you can't go wrong giving a gift certificate or taking someone to dinner for the holidays. And the menus are as varied as the number of restaurants. It's obvious to one of our mystery shoppers that you'll need to start now. Taste-test by having a meal at every restaurant, then you'll know exactly which gift certificate to give each person on your list!

HOME DÉCOR: As the community grows, our new shops add dimension to the line of products available. **Distinctive Décor, Ltd.** is a new decorating service. Here you'll find everything from consulting to custom-made furniture and accessories. And **The House Downtown** has been offering a wonderful line of furnishings and home decorating gifts for a couple years.

Lamps and Heritage Lace at **Bank of Memories** gives you additional choices making gift giving even easier. Whether it's a new homeowner or someone who just needs an accent piece to brighten their day and their home, these shops will help.

JEWELRY: Again, you must browse the town to find the perfect piece. From the unique lines carried at **Gryphon's**, the beautiful gems individually crafted at **Gems of Grace**, to the estate jewelry at **Bank of Memories**. Many shops carry specialty jewelry lines to fit every wallet whether you're 8 or 80.

LODGING: Have folks you wish would visit? Send them a gift certificate to a local B&B or motel. That should bring them into town. And this gift is perfect for everyone. You can host your guests with ease while everyone has a bit of private space away from each other.

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Doodad's offers unique gifts items from around the world through Fair Trade. Whether you need the perfect hostess gift or a wonderful item for your child's holiday party, you'll find delightful items here.

For your favorite pet (or pet-lover), you'll definitely need to visit **Pampered Paws Gourmet Treats**. Here you'll find wonderful, healthy treats for your favorite cat or dog, as well as a fine line of toys and accessories. It's a fun place for anyone looking to delight his or her pet or pet-loving friend.

Blue Earth Leather can satisfy the desires of your favorite motorcycle-loving friend with a fine line of leather items. But don't stop there. Consider purses, briefcases, hats and more for the professional in your life. Custom-made gifts can be ordered and Tammy also does repairs.

A great set of binoculars or a telescope for the kids might be on your holiday list. Stop by **Chesapeake Optics** for an extensive product line. There's also a number of books available that will help you identify what you see through the lens!

Christmas Magic is THE shop for the season! Here you'll find exactly what you had in mind for decorating this year. From Disney Characters to nearly every conceivable line of ornaments, you'll find that perfect piece to add to someone's collection. Stocking stuffers? There's an ornament for every interest from butterflies to baseballs, the Wizard of Oz to Harry Potter, ballerinas to kayaks, decoys to lighthouses. ...oh, need I go on.

Karen's Natural Market offers a very interesting display of children's gift ideas, natural personal care products, massage, and more. Find a really different gift idea for the kids, or give a gift certificate for your health-conscious friend.

Karl's Bassin' Adventures is a unique gift. Whether for your bass fishing friend, photography lover, or someone who would just enjoy seeing the area from the water, Karl can offer a great trip along the shoreline. Gift certificates for the **Skipjack Martha Lewis**, **Lantern Queen** or at **BaySail** are also great choices, unique to our area.

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Not enough choices for shopping in town? Our mystery shoppers would say you haven't really been looking at what the local businesses have to offer. They also mention that they've not covered every available choice. But they did try to give you enough variety that you'll want to spend some time in Havre de Grace and start really looking for yourself!

Enjoy the holidays and have a great time finding the perfect holiday gift—right here in Havre de Grace.

The Mystery Shoppers



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Photo 1: Fishing from a kayak. I'd say that's about as close to being heron-like as you might get on our shores.

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Photo 3 & 4: I've seen these on the water but have no idea what they are or where they came from. Does anyone know? They certainly add interest to our waters. If you know about either of these boats, e-mail me: ellieoops@aol.com

Photo 5: Skipjack MARTHA LEWIS

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The Back Channel:

In the days following the tragedies of Hurricane Katrina, we were all made very aware of nature's violent strength. But let us not forget nature's gentle beauty.

I mentioned in the editorial that I had the opportunity to ride with Karl Bunch in his bass boat to view the shoreline. One of the places I have never been is along the back channel, below the City Yacht Basin. It's very shallow in many spots making it dangerous for most boats to get back in there. But if you have the opportunity (you can always call Karl's Bassin' Adventures), it is well worth it.

The day we took these photos it was a sultry, hot, July morning. But the beauty was awe-inspiring. No wonder Karl is out on the water nearly every day. I had a glimpse of the other reason folks love to fish!

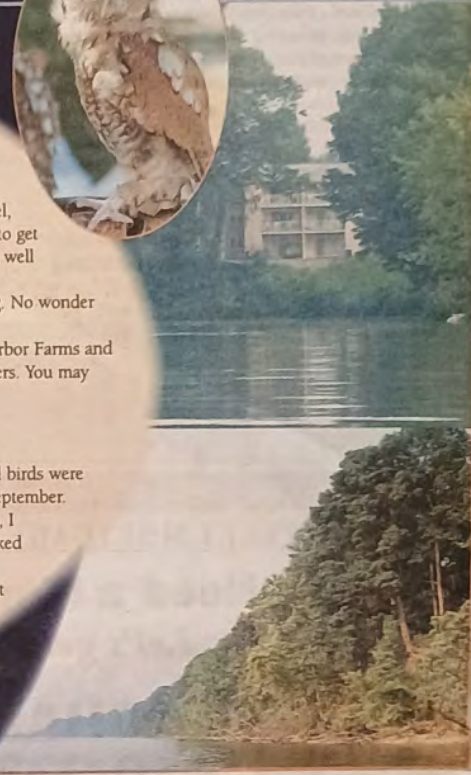
The back channel offers a shoreline where you can see quiet coves and inlets, the shore of Swan Harbor Farms and Father Martin's Ashley. There are areas where scores of herons sit in the trees and walk the shallow waters. You may even see the Bald Eagles.

The Woods & Meadows:

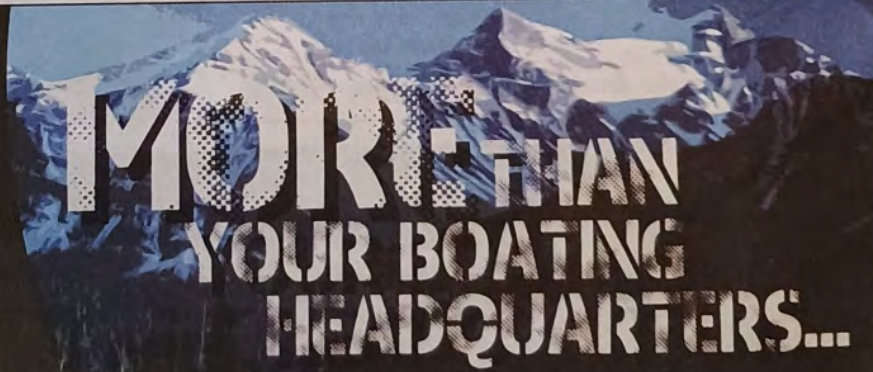
The other photos included here are some of our wood and meadow inhabitants. These wonderful birds were part of a display by the Dept. of Natural Resources at the Havre de Grace Decoy Festival in early September.

These owls are truly majestic. The little Screech Owl is a mere 8 or 9 inches. When I first looked, I thought he was a toy. He reminded me of the 'gremlins' in the movie. Then he moved and looked right at me. (Well, I thought he did.)

The next time you stroll the promenade or walk the North Park Trail, you might want to look just a bit closer. Possibly, you'll be lucky enough to notice one of the owls sitting in a tree - watching you!



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