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On the Cover...

In this issue, the Concord Point Lighthouse is a part of nearly every feature article. The lighthouse is a most picturesque location for wedding photos. It's a beacon for boats off the shores of our city. Each year thousands climb its stairs to learn of its history and a bit of the lifestyle of its time. Many come to appreciate the architectural structure, and still others just to enjoy the view from its deck.

The long history of this historic guiding light speaks to many of us of calm in a storm, guidance in uneasy times, steadfastness and continuity in moments of chaos. I find that, personally, the small stature of our lighthouse speaks largely to our present day. At a height of merely 32', Concord Point Lighthouse has weathered the test of time, bringing sailors safely to our shores, reminding us that the smallness of our stature is no comparison to the brightness of our light.

The area around the Concord Point Lighthouse has seen continual change in its 175+ years. Beginning in the late 1970s Friends of the Concord Point Lighthouse saved the structure itself from decay and created the beautiful park area upon which it now sits. In recent years they have spent countless hours and money restoring the Light Keepers House that now preserves much of its historic treasures and gift shop.

Other changes over the years include the building of the Decoy Museum, the pleasant gazebo and promenade, the city's signature sidewalks, and the newest addition — the Maritime Museum. The entire area is now a Cultural Heritage Park where many celebrations and festivities are offered to the public each year.

This cover photo is unique in that it's taken from another vantage point that would not have been easily available a couple years ago. Part of the Heron Harbor Waterfront Condos includes a public access pier. It is from this pier that I was able to take the photo. The long pier offers a great fishing location as well as a perfect photo spot. This development, too, is part of our changing city.

From north to the south, the waterfront not only teases us to come and enjoy, to play and to rest, to share with friends; but as the gaps are filled, I sense a coming together of our community. North and south are now only direction as the 'ends' of the city become more connected visually and physically to our center. The signature sidewalk continues to expand along the city's eastern edge as

close to the water as possible. The sections that at one time may not have easily enticed us to continue, now urge us to explore another block. Then another. And another.

I see the center — the historic downtown area — becoming 'the meeting place.' No matter where you might start or end, you're certain to join someone at a shop or restaurant downtown. Hopefully, the community will grow ever more pedestrian friendly. And you'll take a moment to notice the gardens and neighborhoods that you pass as you meander through town.

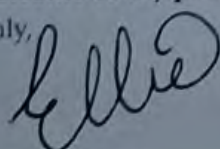
The Concord Point Lighthouse has been here to protect and to guide for nearly two centuries. As our community continues to grow and thrive, enticing newcomers and visitors while still embracing those that have called it home for generations, the lighthouse still calls to us.

As you walk our community's streets, I know you will sense the pride we have for our city. I can only hope that each of us, resident and visitor alike, will leave only our footprints and take away a wonderful feeling of joy and neighborliness.

As long as folks are able to sit on a park bench, chat in a local coffee shop, share a meal, shop downtown, paddle, sail or motor the waters, enjoy a historic lecture, watch a parade, or just ... watch people, they will surely have experienced a sense of place.

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The Art of PLEIN AIR PAINTING

By Cindy Height



Robert Barber



Barber's Morning at the Ritz



Stewart White (below) working on *Plein Air Painter* (left). Stewart was painting Barber while Barber was painting *Morning at the Ritz*.



The resurgence of getting back to nature has been a growing trend in many areas of life internationally. This Renaissance of sorts has also encompassed the art world, in particular the world of painting with going back to basics and painting en plein air.



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En plein air is a French expression which means "in the open air," and is particularly used to describe the act of painting in the outside environment rather than indoors (such as in a studio).

Artists have long painted outdoors, but in the mid-1800s working in natural light became particularly important to the Barbizon school and Impressionism. The popularity of painting en plein air increased with introduction in the 1870s of paints in tubes (resembling modern toothpaste tubes). Previously, each painter made their own paints by grinding and mixing dry pigment powders with linseed oil.

It was during this period that the "Box Easel" was invented — typically known as the French Box Easel. It is uncertain who developed it first, but these highly portable easels with telescoping legs and built in paint box and palette made treks into the forest and up the hillsides less onerous. Still made today, they remain a popular choice even for home use since they fold up to the size of a brief case and thus store away quite easily.

French Impressionist painters such as Claude Monet, Camille Pissarro, and Pierre-Auguste Renoir advocated en plein air painting, and much of their work was done outdoors. American Impressionists were also avid painters en plein air. The popularity of outdoor painting remained constant throughout the 20th century and has



Plein Air painting competitors A. J. Alper and Will Williams discuss Williams painting early one morning.



A. J. Alpers at work.



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The City of Havre de Grace became the subject of the plein air painting scene last year when Soroptimist International of Havre de Grace hosted the First Havre de Grace Plein Air Painting Competition. Thirteen artists were selected from throughout the United States by juror Kathryn McMahon, Signature Member of the International Plein Air Painters Association and completed on a three-day paint out.

This year, the Second Annual Havre de Grace Plein Air Painting Competition is guaranteed to be an exciting event with painters being selected by Jacqueline Baldini of Niagara Falls, Ontario Canada. Jacqueline is a painter and master photographer and is the Founder, Director and also a Signature Member of the International Plein Air Painters Association Worldwide. Competitors will be selected by Ms. Baldini from all over the world to paint within the city limits of Havre de Grace August 1st through 4th.

During the competition each artist will paint plein air and submit into the competition two finished and framed paintings done during that time period to be judged by Barbara Perrotti of Ormond Beach, Florida. Barbara is included in numerous prominent collections including the National Infantry Museum, Georgia and Disney World, Fl. She is listed in Who's Who in American Art and is an active member in the following organizations: International Plein Air Painters Association (*Signature Status, SE Ambassador*), the National Museum of Women in the Arts, American Impressionist Society, Southern Ladies Art Conference, Plein Air Florida (*Signature Status*), she co-founded both East Coast Plein Air and Group of Eight. Ms. Perrotti takes part in various plein air invitational and competitions.

To open the painting competition exhibition The Second Annual Havre de Grace Plein Air Painting Competition Gala Preview Party will be held on August 4th. Attendees will have the opportunity to be the first to view these local works of art by the select master painters, meet the artists, and purchase the paintings. The exhibit and sale of these paintings will be open to the public from August 5th to 19th. All proceeds

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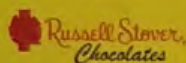
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Calendar of Events

May 31

SUNSET CRUISE

aboard the Skipjack Martha Lewis leaving from Tydings Park. Sail into the sunset. Call for departure time; \$25A, under 10 \$12; 410-939-4078; www.skipjackmarthalewis.org

JUNE

June 1

8TH ANNUAL HOSPICE REGATTA

6:30pm next to the Concord Point Lighthouse. Enjoy a sailing regatta, steak & chicken dinner by Outback Steakhouse, music, dancing and a silent auction: \$45 Info: 443-643-3316 or dbt.01@ex.uchs.org

FIRST FRIDAYS IN HDG

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FRIDAY CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Tydings Park 7:30-9pm offering Jennifer Rose and The Mixx - country. Bring chair or blanket. 410-939-5425 or 410-939-2100

June 3

LIGHTHOUSE CRUISE

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June 4-10

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June 8

FRIDAY CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Tydings Park 7:30-9pm. Enjoy and sing along to the folk music of Don Shappella and The Pick UPS. Bring chair or blanket. 410-939-5425 or 410-939-2100

June 9

ALL MD REPTILE SHOW

at the HdG Community Center, 9am-3pm. Live reptiles, books, supplies, caging equipment for sale and trade. Adults: \$5 / Ages 2-6: \$3 Info: 410-526-4184 or visit www.pythons.com

June 10

CELTIC FESTIVAL

Steppingstone Museum 461 Quaker Bottom Rd; Scottish clans, vendors, entertainment, sheepherding demos, spinning & weaving, pipe band music, dancers, food, tours. Noon -5pm; \$5 admission; 410-939-2299 or www.steppingstonemuseum.org



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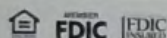
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June 11

LECTURE/CONCERT/FILM SERIES

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June 15

FRIDAY CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Tydings Park 7:30-9pm. Enjoy the contemporary music of Andy McIntyre's "Mojo Daddies." Bring chair or blanket. 410-939-5425 or 410-939-2100

PATRICK VINCENTI ROAST

Join us and have some fun at our celebrity carver "Roast". The dinner and auction will be held at the Bayou Restaurant in HdG. Reservations are required. Tickets are \$150.00 per couple / \$75.00 ea. Contact: 410-939-3739 or www.decoymuseum.com

June 16

SUMMER SALSA ON THE SUSQUEHANNA

Plan to party!! The Susquehanna Museum is hosting a tropical evening of salsa dancing (lessons will be available) and a Caribbean inspired menu. Margaritas will be the featured drink of the evening, but beer, wine and soft drinks will also be available. Both silent and live auctions will benefit the Susquehanna Museum. Mark your calendars and dig out your dancing shoes! HdG Community Center; 7pm; \$; www.lockhousemuseum.org or 410-939-5780

June 17

FATHER'S DAY CRUISE

sandwich, beverage & dessert. Skipjack Martha Lewis leaving from Tydings Park 11am, 1pm, 3pm or 5 pm; 410-939-4078; adults: \$30 & children under 10: \$15; reservations www.skipjackmarthalewis.org

June 22

FRIDAY CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Tydings Park 7:30-9pm. Paul Howshall's Chesapeake Jazz Quartet will certainly bring the flavor of music in the park! Bring chair or blanket 410-939-5425 or 410-939-2100

June 23

SUMMERTIME BLUES FESTIVAL

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June 25-29

TEEN BOAT BUILDING SCHOOL

9am-5pm; Teens 13-18 are invited to join our resident boat builders and build their own canoe. Built in 5 days, launched and taken home on the sixth! \$ visit www.hdgmaritimemuseum.org or 410-939-4800

June 29

Please Note: No Friday Night Concert due to the Carnival in the Park

June 29 - July 3

HdG INDEPENDENCE DAY CARNIVAL

Tydings Park; rides & games for everyone. Info: 410-939-4362 or 410-939-2100

June 30

GUIDED NATURE & HISTORICAL WALK OF THE NORTH PARK TRAIL

Susquehanna Museum; Nature/historic guided walk of approx. 1 hour. Meet at the Lock House at 10am; free; www.lockhousemuseum.org or 410-939-5780

INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION PARADE

2pm, the length of Union Avenue, HdG, info: 410-939-4362 or 410-939-2100

JULY

July 3

CONCERT & FIREWORKS, INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION

Concert begins at 7pm in Tydings Park; fireworks at dusk. Come celebrate with us! Info: 410-939-4362 or 410-939-2100

July 6

FRIDAY CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Tydings Park 7:30-9pm. Get up and dance with the rock music of Mercy Creek! Bring chair or blanket 410-939-5425 or 410-939-2100

FIRST FRIDAYS IN HDG!

"Military Appreciation Friday" – a red, white & blue celebration of the armed forces of the United States. Street fair atmosphere, live music, family entertainment, and merchant specials in downtown HdG; 5-9pm; Free, 410-939-1811; Visit www.mainstreethdg.org

July 7

THE PIRATES ARE COMING

to the Susquehanna Museum at the Lock House. Visit the Pirates in their camps, watch the "attacks" on the town and cheer your favorites! "A Great Photo Opportunity for the Kids" Info: www.lockhousemuseum.org or 410-939-5780

PERRYVILLE DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH TRIATHLON

begins and ends at the Perryville Community Park. Entrants will swim 1-mile in the upper Chesapeake Bay, bike 27-miles through beautiful northwestern Cecil Co. and end with a 5-mile run along the spectacular Susquehanna River. For info or to enter: E-mail to: nsemmel@piranha-sports.com or call locally, 410-642-6066

July 8

SUMMER FUN DAY & LAWN MOWER RACES

Steppingstone Museum, 461 Quaker Bottom Rd; noon- 4pm; Lawn mower races, classic car show, ice cream eating contests, frog jumping, turtle races, seed spitting contests, crafts; \$5; 410-939-2299 or www.steppingstonemuseum.org

SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK

presenting The Tempest offered by the National Players, the touring company of Olney Centre Theater. Bring your blanket, munchies, kids, and chairs and get ready to enjoy a night out under the stars as you partake in outdoor theatre. No charge (though donations are always appreciated) Begins at 7:30pm. Location: on the grounds between the Maritime and Decoy Museums. Info: 410-939-5544 Sponsored by the HdG Arts Commission



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July 9-13

CHILDREN'S DAY CAMP BY THE BAY

A one week-long day camp adventure, discovering heritage and history in your own backyard! 9am-5pm; \$; visit www.hdgmaritimemuseum.org or 410-939-4800

July 13

FRIDAY CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Tydings Park 7-9:00pm. Enjoy the sounds of Blues & Jazz by The Swanns. Bring chair or blanket 410-939-5425 or 410-939-2100

July 14

ALL MD REPTILE SHOW

at the HdG Community Center, 9am-3pm. Live reptiles, books, supplies, caging equipment for sale and trade. Adults: \$5 / Ages 2-6: \$3 Info: 410-526-4184 or visit www.pythons.com

July 20-22

NEW & EXCITING! MARI*FEST

Our biggest event of the year--the Maritime Heritage Festival. In honor of the 400th Anniversary of John Smith's Voyage up the Chesapeake Bay, a replica of Smith's Discovery Vessel, or "shallop," will sail into Havre de Grace from Jamestown, VA. Representatives from numerous state and national organizations will be present to celebrate, including the National Geographic Society, the National Park Services, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, and the Maryland Humanities Council. The event will have venues throughout the city! Come join us as we celebrate and become a part of History! Live music, boat building demonstrations, local foods and crafts, living history displays, kids activities, a boat raffle and more! \$; visit www.hdgmaritimemuseum.org or 410-939-4800

July 20

FRIDAY CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Tydings Park 7:30-9pm. Enjoy the unique blend of traditional and contemporary bluegrass music by the Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition. Bring chair or blanket 410-939-5425 or 410-939-2100

July 22

CAPTAIN JOHN SMITH'S 1608 VOYAGE

Hutchins Park - 10am-5pm, Join the commemoration of Captain John Smith's 1608 voyage. On hand will be the John Smith's shallop - a 30' open boat. Retrace Smith's route around the Chesapeake Bay, an interactive exhibit tent and the shallop's crew of modern day explorers.

Info: www.JohnSmith400.org

July 27

FRIDAY CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Tydings Park 7-9:00pm. Go ahead and get up out of your chair for the Swing Era sounds of the Zim Zemarel Combo. Bring chair or blanket 410-939-5425 or 410-939-2100

AUGUST

Aug 1 - 4

2ND ANNUAL HDG PLEIN AIR PAINTING COMPETITION

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Aug 3 & 4

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Aug 4

2ND ANNUAL HDG PLEIN AIR PAINTING – GALA PREVIEW PARTY

Exhibit and sales Aug 5 – 19. Location: TBA Info: 410-939-9342 or www.hdgartshow.org

Aug 6 & 7

BAYQUEST ADVENTURE

Skipjack Martha Lewis leaving from Tydings Park; Special 2-day camp for ages 11-15. \$200; Cruise and camp on a remote island; Leaves 9am on the 6th. Returns at 3pm on the 7th; 410-939-4078; www.skipjackmarthalewis.org

Aug 11

ALL MD REPTILE SHOW

at the HdG Community Center, 9am-3pm. Live reptiles, books, supplies, caging equipment for sale and trade. Adults: \$5 / Ages 2-6: \$3 Info: 410-526-4184 or visit www.pythons.com

August 11-12

27TH ANNUAL SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

in Tydings Park. Free family event on the Bay with food, artisans, crafters and entertainment. Sat. 11-7, Sun. 11-6. Info: 410-939-1525 or email: seafoodfes@aol.com

Aug 18 & 19

44TH ANNUAL HDG ART SHOW

Tydings Park; Presented by the Soroptimist International. Over 250 artists and crafters from throughout the U.S. display and sell work, food and entertainment. Free shuttle from designated parking to the show, downtown, and attractions. Boat accessible. 10am-5pm Sat. and Sun. 410-939-9342; E-mail to: hdgartshow@hotmail.com

SEPTEMBER

Sept 7

FIRST FRIDAYS IN HDG!

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CHILDREN'S ART FESTIVAL

Tydings Park, 10am-2pm. Arts, crafts and entertainment for children age 3 to 10 years. Admission: \$3 per child. 410-272-5516

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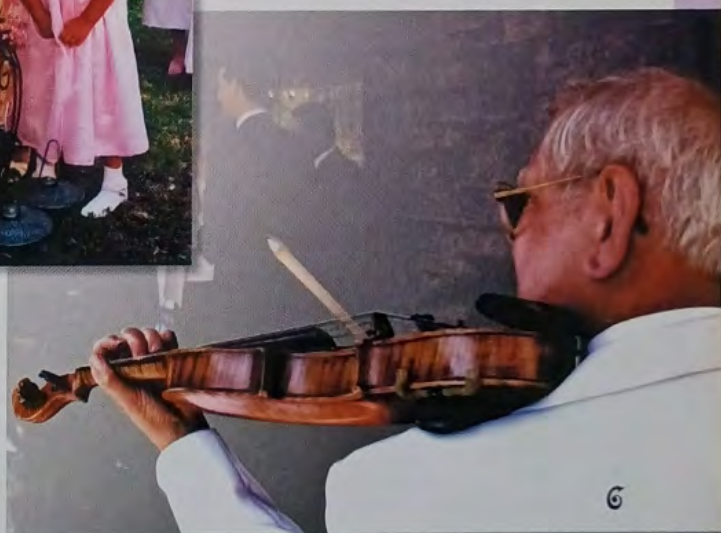
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The locations for weddings in Havre de Grace would begin with the historic church buildings in our city. From the oldest St. John's Episcopal Church or the magnificent United Methodist – both on Union Avenue, to the beautiful First Baptist on Stokes & Congress or historic St. Patrick's Catholic on Congress, the tradition and history of these churches and several others will answer the beauty and spiritual traditions for any marriage ceremony.

From here, the unique settings for weddings and receptions are as varied as the brides and grooms. One example begins with Karl Bunch's bass boat skimming along the water carrying the bride and groom from Hutchins Park to Swan Harbor Farm. At Swan Harbor, Rachel & David (*Serrato*) enjoy



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Still have your heart set on a boat? A wedding/reception aboard the historic Skipjack MARTHA LEWIS is truly a sail back in time. And though she's a working oyster boat, she can offer up a wonderful treat for a one-of-a-kind small, intimate wedding. Josh and Erica Denny enjoyed just such a beginning to their future together.

Not quite so adventurous? The Vandiver Inn, Spencer Silver Mansion and the Villa at Mount Felix are ready to offer all you will need for a small-to-medium size wedding party. These historic homes are photo-perfect and might include a bride's thoughtful moment in front of an antique dressing table, a flower-garden reception, or even a musician entertaining on a wrap-around

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Photos #10 and #15
Aboard the Skipjack MARTHA LEWIS
Courtesy Josh and Erica Denny

Sept 8

20TH ANNUAL DUCK FAIR

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Sept 9

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Sept 15

SUMMER SEND OFF CRAB FEAST

to benefit the Skipjack MARTHA LEWIS, 7-11pm (doors open at 6pm). Hutchins Park under the huge tent - all you can eat! Catered by the Wellwood Club, Limited tickets: \$45 Info: 410-939-4078 or www.SkipjackMarthaLewis.org

Sept 15-16

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Sept 22

WOODEN CANOE RENDEZVOUS

HdG Maritime Museum; 9am-5pm; Show off your wooden canoe along with our own Chesapeake Wooden Boat Builders. Antique canoe identifications! Free. visit www.hdgmaritimemuseum.org 410-939-4800

Sept 28

LOWER SUSQUEHANNA HERITAGE GREENWAY - CASINO NIGHT.

Wellwood Club, Charlestown, MD; 6-11pm \$ Info: 410-457-2482 or www.hitourtrails.com

Sept 29

GUIDED NATURE & HISTORICAL WALK OF THE NORTH PARK TRAIL

Susquehanna Museum; Nature/historic guided walk of approx. 1 hour. Meet at the Lock House at 10am; free; www.lockhousemuseum.org or 410-939-5780

Sept 29-30

FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL & CRAFT SHOW

Steppingstone Museum; 461 Quaker Bottom Rd; Bring the family for a great event with lots of fall activities for everyone. Scarecrow making, pumpkin painting, apple pressing & bobbing, hay rides, straw maze, music, square dancing, clogging, corn shelling, food, and tours, 11am-5pm; \$5 admission; 410-939-2299 or www.steppingstonemuseum.org



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OCTOBER

Oct 4

LIGHTHOUSE CRUISE

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Point, Turkey Point, Fishing Battery
Island Lighthouses; includes box lunch
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Oct 5

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Oct 6

MARGARITA CRUISE

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refreshment, Margaritas, beer & soda
incl. Skipjack Martha Lewis leaving from
Tydings Park; 5-7pm; \$35; reservations
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DARLINGTON APPLE FESTIVAL

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Oct 10

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Oct 12

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The rest of us also desire to be on or near the water and Havre de Grace offers ample opportunity to do so. With five area marinas, and five city parks, residents and visitors can enjoy walks along the shoreline, beautiful picnic areas, and room to throw a Frisbee or fly a kite, playgrounds or a quiet place to sit and enjoy the passing boats, wildlife, and ever-changing view.

Add the Susquehanna State Park to our north and Swan Harbor Farm to our south, and the connection to the water is abundant. Our neighbors across the Susquehanna River — Perryville, Port Deposit and North East — add the final enticement to cause you to want to hang out in our area for much longer than a day!

From the water:

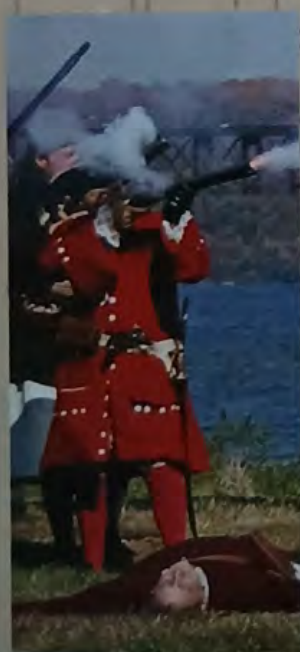
Beginning to our south, there is a beauti-

ful new pier at Swan Harbor Farm — a great starting point to paddle, sail or motor along the back channel towards the city. If you keep a watchful eye, you'll not only see heron and a variety of ducks and geese, but also hawks and bald eagles.

As you leave the back channel you'll enter the City Yacht Basin (below Tydings Park), here you'll find slips for 275 boats, a launching ramp plus transient docking. You can purchase hunting and fishing licenses and fuel. The Promenade Grille is just steps away from the water. Call ahead and they'll have it ready for you to pick up.

This marina is also homeport for the Skip-jack MARTHA LEWIS. You'll see this magnificent living museum throughout the season introducing school children to the Chesapeake Bay environmental challenges, carrying folks for lighthouse and photo tours, celebrating

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As you continue along the shore, you'll pass the Concord Point Lighthouse and see a new pier that's open to the public at Heron Harbor. It's a beautiful structure with a unique view of the lighthouse. The Penn's Beach Marina at Heron Harbor offers 110 slips, a ships store, and pump-out station to name just a few amenities. This marina also offers transient slips.

Not far is the Marina at Log Pond, operated by the same folks as Water

Street Marina at the north end of the city. Log Pond has 68 slips and will also accept transient boaters for daystops, including kayaks, canoes and dinghies.

Within a stone's throw is the Tidewater Marina. Total slips are 160 with transient docking available. You'll notice scores of masts, but in-season you may be surprised to learn that about half the boats are powerboats. The modern, new store at the marina is a full service store for repairs, supplies, clothing and accessories for your boating experience. It's also a great store for hiking, biking and walking gear.

Jeff Andrews, Tidewater Marina man-

ager, explains, "Groups of boaters often meet here. They seem to really enjoy the historic charm of Havre de Grace. They especially like the fact that they can walk to restaurants, museums, shopping and pubs. Or they can stay right at their slip and enjoy a quiet evening."

While I sat in the second story office gathering information for this article, I looked out the window to watch a pair of hawks gliding over the marina. They were certainly majestic seeing them at eye level.

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Next to Tidewater Marina is Hutchins Park. Here you'll often see the Lantern Queen paddle wheeler. Folks are nearly always fishing off this busy pier where you may delight in finding the Sultana or Pride of Baltimore tied up as well.

Don't be surprised if you see some folks in wetsuits diving into the water around the area. Less than a block from the pier at Hutchins Park is The ScubaCenter. This business sits behind the Save-A-Lot grocery store. Offering a retail store as well as classes in a number of certified programs, the area welcomes this diverse business.

Beyond the next set of condos you'll notice the long seaplane dock jutting into the water. A couple seaplanes are often there. Next to it is the private dock for Tidewater Grille Restaurant. This is a busy area in the summertime. Kayaks, jet skis, sailboats and power-

boats of all sizes have been seen waiting for a turn at the dock. Even more interesting is to be there when a small helicopter lands to drop off its passengers so they can enjoy some fine dining. If you're a train enthusiast, you're in for a treat. An Amtrak will pass by quite regularly. This area is most definitely a very interesting 'transportation nook.'

Near where the Amtrak Bridge meets the land, you'll find the kayak and boat ramps at Jean Roberts Park. Right around this area you'll see lots of fishermen in their bass boats, canoes and kayaks as well as along the shore.

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Moving north, you'll see an area that's been recently cleared for condos. (And even visitors know that Price's Seafood is located in this area on Water Street.) Next you'll notice an intriguing little houseboat nestled in a cove.

Just beyond the houseboat is Water Street Marina, part of Havre de Grace Yacht Sales and Marina (also owner/operator of Log Pond Marina). There are 40 slips here with at least two dedicated to large transient boats (40-50 feet). They also are a full service marina with amenities.

Just beyond Water Street Marina you'll see a unique building that is

Susquehanna Museum at the Lock House. The history of the effect of transportation during the early days of the canal and railroads on our city's history can be traced here. The canal lock is being restored and hopefully the pier, destroyed by Hurricane Isabel, will soon be rebuilt. North Park begins here and offers shoreline fishing, hiking and biking trails, and a great picnic and playground area.

As you head up river, you'll see more fishing along the shoreline. From here you can visit Garrett Island, Perryville, Port Deposit, or Lapidum.

From the shore:

It might seem that I've ignored the landlubbers. But that wouldn't be true. First of all, nearly all the marinas offer amazing views from their locations. And you're welcome to walk in and check it out. Of course, we ask that you honor the folks who live and/or keep their boats there. These are not open to the public.

Each of the museums along our shores offers spectacular views of the waterfront. Take a camera because these views cannot be captured at any other location.



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There are many activities that happen in our parks from the Skipjack Bull & Oyster Roast, Maritime Festival, War of 1812 Re-enactments, Decoy Festivals, Hospice Regatta, Shakespeare in the Park, Art Festival, Seafood Festival, Children's Art Festival and of course



the Independence Day celebrations. If I missed any, just check our Calendar of Events.

Many of the parks offer public parking including Jean Roberts, David Craig, Hutchins and Tydings Parks. The end of nearly every street offers a view of the water and, quite often, there's a bench where you might sit and enjoy a moment, meditate or read. Several

restaurants have water views, from inside and outside. If you're strolling through town, many street benches scattered throughout the city offer a view of the water.

We are blessed with a great waterfront. We hope you'll enjoy your stay. And most importantly, we hope everyone will carry away whatever remains of their boating, picnic or walk. Take lots of photos, but leave no footprint. Let's each of us leave our visit even cleaner for the next person. Remember it really does 'take a village' to maintain our community and to keep the Chesapeake Bay alive! 🌿

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Log Pond – T

Water Street Marina - TFP5 (Full service)

Penn's Beach Marina at Heron Harbor – TP
410-939-4444

Tidewater Marina – TFP5L (Full Service)
410-939-0951

PARKS (see map)

David Craig and Jean Roberts Parks

Union Ave & Water Street – near Amtrak Rail

Hutchins Park

Foot of Congress Street at St. John

North Park & N. Park Trail

(not far from HdG Marina at Water St.)

Erie & Conestee Streets (Lock House area)

Tydings Park (above City Yacht Basin)

Also the entrance to the Promenade 7 mile boardwalk

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Giles Street
410-939-3730

HdG Maritime Museum
Lafayette Street
410-939-4800

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Docked at City Yacht Basin
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CAPT. KARL'S FISHING REPORT



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Capt. Karl Bunch is a USCG lic. Captain, Red Cross CPR & First Aid cert. and lic. in the state of Md., and commercially insured. We strictly practice Catch & Release of Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass.

Welcome Aboard!

The 2007 fishing season is here and many anglers are curious as to how the new changes to Maryland's Striper/Rockfish regulations will affect their season. Before heading out on your fishing trip I recommend that you check with a local Maryland fishing license dealer or go to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources website www.dnr.maryland.gov for the latest and most accurate information on the 2007 fishing regulations.

In May of 2004 Readers Digest Magazine's America's Best 100 New Discoveries listed Havre de Grace, MD as the number one destination for anglers in search of the ever smart & elusive Largemouth Bass. The quote from the article cited the region as producing largemouth bass to seventeen pounds. It is believed by most anglers in the area that they were referring to the spring migration of striped bass locally known as rockfish, and now in 2007 the State of Maryland has been told by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission to cut Maryland's Rockfish quota in half to 30,000 fish. My advice is, even if you have been fishing this area for years, check the regulations before you head out on that first trip of the year. By the time the season starts there may be very recent changes.

Summer: June-August

During the hot, humid days of summer target the vast grass beds that the Susquehanna Flats area has to offer the fisherman. These grass beds provide the fish with cover from the sun and oxygen that they need to survive and keep active. Many of the shallow shorelines with the wood laydowns will have grass growing on them as well & will continue to hold good quality fish thru the summer months.

Spinnerbaits and any of the Topwa-



ter baits or shallow running Crankbaits will work fine until the grass gets too thick and dense. Then try Floating Frogs and large 12-14 inch Floating Worms. Work the baits across the heavily matted grass beds, but keep a tight grip on your fishing rod and be ready for that big Lunker you want to explode from under the grass on your Topwater bait! My Tidal River Drop Shot technique can be a very valuable fish catching technique this time of the year as well as 4 inch Worms & Tubes.

Striper/Rockfish:

The very popular Spring Catch & Release Striper/Rockfish season will be over by this time of year but don't put your light tackle Striper/Rockfish equipment away just yet. The Susquehanna Flats grass beds will continue to offer some of the best topwater Striper/Rockfish action in the region. I use a wide variety of lures during this season but one of my favorites is large poppers. I like to work them aggressively over the grass on the flats. Lipless crankbaits are another favorite of mine. Swimbait type lures are also a good choice.

Largemouth Bass Fishing:

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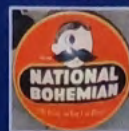


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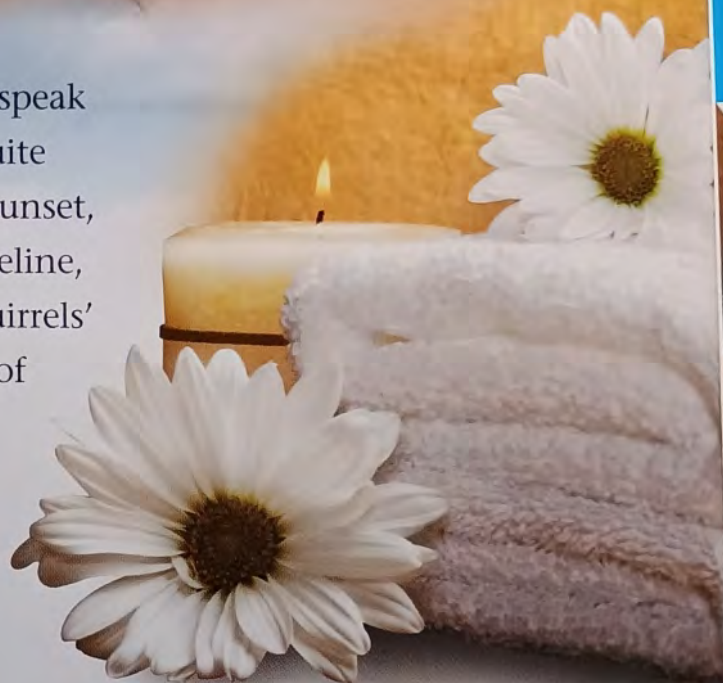
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Nature, when we stop a moment to let it speak to us, will create a sense of calm and, quite often, awe. An inspiring sunrise or sunset, the sound of the water moving against the shoreline, the birds announcing a spring morning, the squirrels' chatter warning of an intruder to their nest, all of these can make us pause and appreciate.

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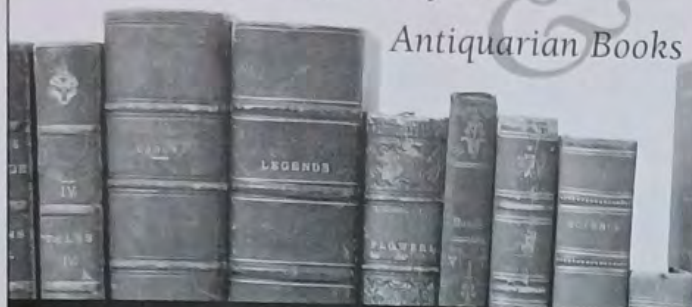
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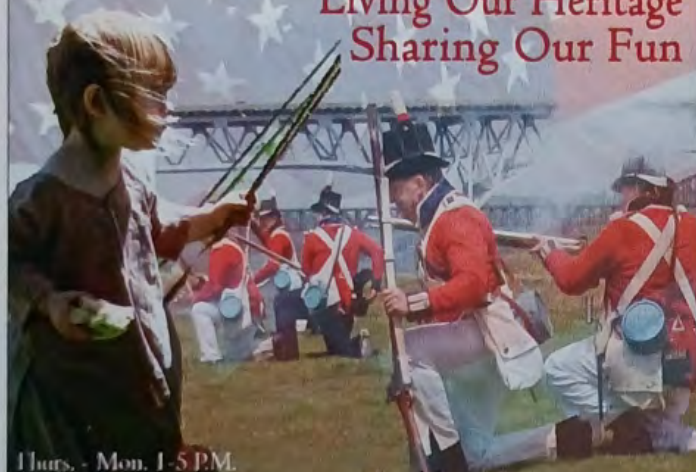


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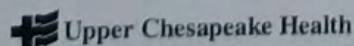
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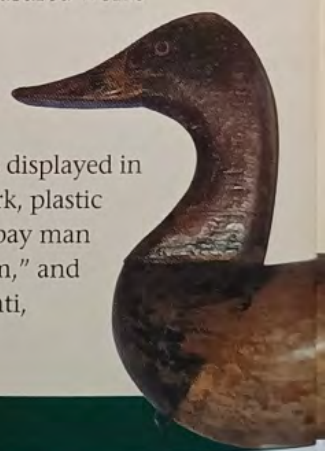


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"The museum's purpose is to tell the story of decoys," commented museum vice-president Pat Vincenti, "and the new exhibit helps us present decoys past, present, and future in a very dramatic fashion." 'What Is A Decoy' was conceived over 15 years ago and the museum was only able to create this gallery thanks to a major grant from the Chesapeake Bay Gateways program. Significant support from the museum's major donors such as the R. Madison Mitchell Endowment Fund and constant contributions from its membership enabled this project to move forward. "The museum is so fortunate to have so many great patrons," Ed Watts reflected.

"Even though we still have a few more dollars to raise, 'What Is A Decoy' has set the standard for the museum's future exhibit improvements."



'What Is A Decoy' contains some of the museum's finest artifacts integrated into a chronological story of the decoy's artistic and historic transitions. The gallery starts with the Frank 'Home Run' Baker rig featuring over 200 Holly, Barnes, McGaw, Graham, Gibson, and Mitchell decoys displayed with an old gunning boat made by Havre de Grace decoy maker Dick Hipple.

The exhibit evolves into an explanation of the types of decoys using such examples as a Mannie Haywood canvas whistling swan and a Jim Currier canvasback. This section is followed by a description of how decoys are a carver's reflection of waterfowl and a survey of decoy making styles from all of the major North American flyways. A nice roothead coot made by Jimmy Rowe of Chincoteague, Virginia, and a pair of elegant pintails made by the famous aviator Lt. Gen. Jimmy Doolittle, are displayed in this exhibit area depicting regional styles.

Visitors can then interact with Charlie Joiner's sinkbox model and decoys made by some of the Susquehanna Flats great decoy makers like Sam

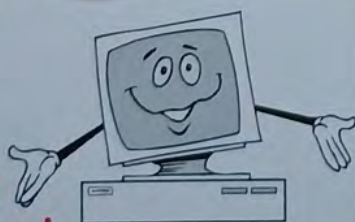


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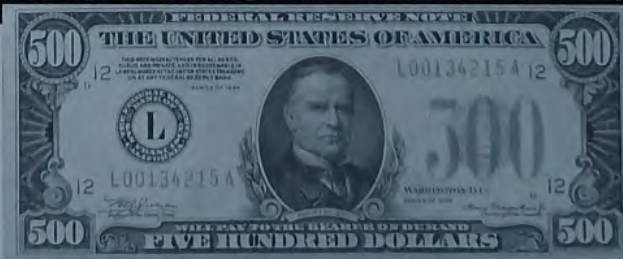
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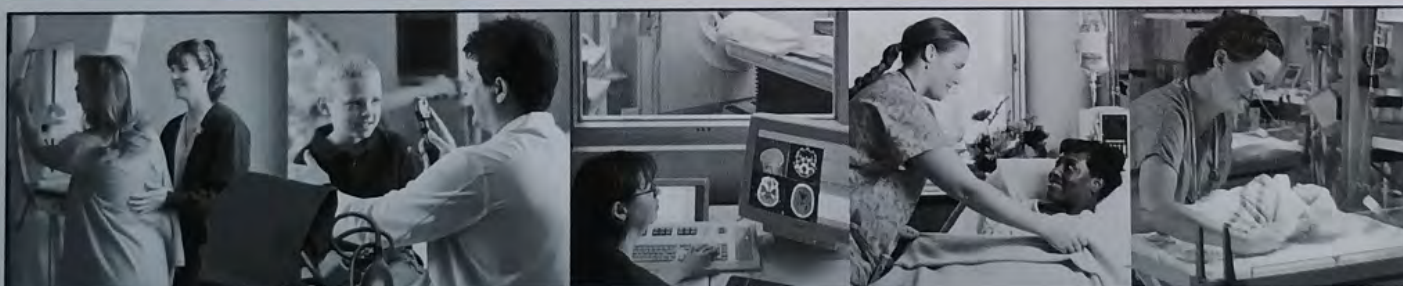
Perhaps the exhibit's most meaningful lessons are found in the displays detailing how decoys once were made.

Interactive videos express carving techniques enabling patrons to place into context iconic objects like Steve Ward's chopping block, Madison Mitchell's lathe, and Paul Gibson's band saw. The lathe, which was used by both Mitchell and Gibson, is the gallery's largest artifact. Restored by decoy maker Bobby Jobs, the lathe tells how decoy making changed through the use of power tools. The paint section, however,

clarifies how each decoy was a unique expression of the maker.

'What Is A Decoy' concludes with its final chapter — a presentation of factory made decoys and decoratives. The 'fancy duck' episode of the 'What Is A Decoy' story features such beautiful birds as a canvasback miniature by Sam Barnes, a pair of Ward Brothers flying green-winged Teal, and a mallard hen by Jan Calvert. Maps, murals, carving tools, and gunning memorabilia enhance all of these wonderful decoys. The large photo panels and unique decoy placement, created by the award-winning design team of Capitol Exhibits, John Quarstein, and Chris White, beckon visitors into the gallery's experience.

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Several artists had tried to create what I kept seeing in my mind's eye. Why was it so hard? Well, picture this. When I draw a 'smiley face,' in order to make it smile I have to draw additional lines at the top of each side of its mouth. Picture it as putting cheeks or 'dimples' on it. Without the additional lines, my smiley face looks more like an angry Chinese man.

Now take that poorly executed smiley face and imagine my frustration trying to share my concept with an artist. Indeed! I'm sure you sense the angst that occurs with both parties.

Then last year a unique (miraculous?) series of events occurred. While working on an article titled "Wall Art" for the fall/winter 2006 edition of havredegrace Magazine, I mentioned my concept to children's illustrator, Valerie Lloyd. (www.ValerieLloyd.com)

In a week, she had sketched the basic concept of my logo. What excitement! I now had a concept... no longer in my head! Now it was on paper! It was delightful working with Valerie, almost as if she were able to read my mind.

The next step was to take Valerie's concept and pass it to my Philly friend and artist, Julie Borden. I needed Julie to stylize my logo. (www.JulieBorden.com) With a concept on paper that Julie could not begin to tweak, it again went through several incarnations. But we were getting close ... really close!

Then just before I'd begun to tire of the effort (artists can be so ... perfectionist), I downloaded the logo. No! I mean I downloaded THE logo. I danced around my kitchen, literally jumping up and down with excitement. I had my logo! And now I share it with you.

Here is my dream made visible! 🎨





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The www.MarylandWine.com site points out the unoaked Chardonnay and Pinot Gris paired with crab cakes will delight your taste buds. Other suggestions that you might find if you search the Internet are Shiraz and a fruity Zinfandel.

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Discussing his many projects from 1/5-scale models to rocking horses, it didn't take long to realize that Mitch enjoys each of the tasks needed to create his masterpieces. He loves the challenge of measuring and re-measuring, creating the drawings, and designing them so that he can actually get in them and take them on the water. The towboat took nine months for him to complete because he was still working full time. The *Lantern Queen* required about 5 months often working long days.

It also didn't take long to realize that Mitch immerses himself in his projects! When I ask "Kit," his delightful wife, if he was ever home, she rolled her eyes and grinned. Then she

graciously led me through her home to point out the wonderful cabinets and shelves that Mitch created especially for her. A payoff? Maybe. I like to think of it as 'good barter.' I think that's the way Kit sees it.

More than an hour later, we walked out to the 'Depot.' That's the shed where his model trains wait for his attention. No matter your age or interest, this shed's treasures will bring out the child in you. And if you're a model train buff, well, you could visit with Mitch for hours talking trains!

I noticed an old photo of Mitch's first train that his dad had given him for Christmas. This was the beginning of his love for model trains. He fondly recalled many delightful holidays sharing his love for the train with his dad. And much of the joy was recreated in the 'Depot.'

From G to N-scale, Mitch loves his trains. He can give you history of the trains, details of the models, and work the controls simultaneously. All the while he's truly enjoying himself! As the engine huffs, smoke stacks puff, and you're soon lost in another time.

Hours later, I'm preparing to leave his home. The time has gone quickly.

As I say my good-byes, once again I'm thankful for having the opportunity to meet another of the many wonderfully talented people that live in our community.

Mitch Mitchell is well known for his talents. He's even better known for being a great neighbor and an involved citizen. He lends a hand to his friends and neighbors in a dozen ways. He's owned a building company, retired as a building inspector for the county, and sits on several community boards today. There's so much that can be written about Mitch, but his talent for creating and inventing always make for delightful conversation. Be sure to look for the *Lantern Queen* or the *Lafayette* when you're visiting Havre de Grace. You never know where you'll see them next!



Mitch

It was his hands that intrigued me most ~ large, strong, short-fingered. It was difficult to imagine him leaning over a desk with tweezers to create a tiny little sign for his model railroad.

I had first met R. Madison "Mitch" Mitchell, Jr. at the Havre de Grace Maritime Museum several years ago where I marveled at the 1/5th scale replicas of the *Lafayette* towboat and the *Lantern Queen* paddle wheeler. These unique models were not only detail perfect, but designed so that he could pilot them in the water under their own power.

This past year, he created a 1/5th scale model of the Concord Point Lighthouse for the Lighthouse Diner Restaurant on Route 40 ~ just because he could! Mitch shared that the real challenge with this project was calculating the 9-sided light.

Then recently I learned of the beautiful outdoor train garden Mitch had created in years past, highlighted by the gorgeous foliage and flowers planted and cared for by his wife, Kit. I had heard stories of several summer Open Houses with as many as 300 people visiting. Mitch had even created a miniature railroad car to be used as a unique lemonade

stand for the kids! It's since been taken down and moved indoors.

Now I knew I had to visit Mitch and learn a bit more.

Sitting in the kitchen of his home, it was easy to see Mitch's handiwork everywhere — wonderful wall decorations, beautiful cabinetry, wood carved pictures and wooden rocking horses. Then he brought me a number of albums showing more of his projects including etched glass mirrors and trivets carved in Corian.®

The variety of projects was astounding. His gift for carving and woodworking was obviously nurtured while sitting alongside his dad, famed decoy carver, R. Madison Mitchell. One main difference between Mitch and his dad was that Mitch didn't like making 20 of the same thing. That attitude led to the diverse projects shared with me during my visit.



Mitch stands next to one of the pieces he made for his wife Kit.



A wood carved picture created by Mitch



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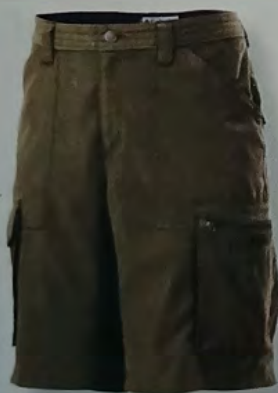
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