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anyone else knew she was out on the water. We chatted, waved, and photographed to our hearts' content for nearly an hour. Then the waters filled with small powerboats, sailboats, canoes, and kayaks to welcome her to our shores. A tugboat and barge passed slowly as they moved upriver.

When the shallop docked at the City Yacht Basin, hundreds greeted her, including county and city officials. The crew was gracious with all the fanfare and patient with our questions. Throughout the day, folks enjoyed the National Geographic Exhibit documenting the original exploration of Capt. John Smith, as well as the Mari*Fest sponsored by the Havre de Grace Maritime Museum. The city event was sponsored by many local and county organizations as well as the Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway (www.hitourtrails.com)

At the heart of the Captain John Smith Four Hundred Project is the crew of 12 modern explorers who will endeavor to complete a 121-day, open-boat voyage retracing John Smith's 1608 expedition. Without benefit of any mechanized propulsion, this crew will either row or sail the John Smith shallop 1,500 miles. (from their website: www.JohnSmith400.org)

The cover photos are a once-in-a-lifetime experience for me. But for everyone who had the opportunity to greet the shallop's crew as she made her way around the bay,

the experience is equally compelling. Upon her arrival at historic Jamestowne in Virginia on September 8th, the last day of her re-enactment adventure, the shallop will be placed in a museum in Chestertown, MD (see www.SultanaProjects.org)

The work of Capt. John Smith was truly outstanding. When you study the maps he drew (with little surveying experience) and the amount of information gathered from the Native American tribes and any colonists in the area as he and his crew

Photo courtesy of Leo Heppner

traveled up the many tributaries around the Bay, the actual voyage was only half of his remarkable accomplishments.

Both the 1607 and 2007 voyages with journals from each of the expeditions are on their website. I encourage each of you to browse their site, read the journals, enjoy the many photos, and listen to the crew. You'll surely go away with a remarkable view of one of America's early explorers.

Welcome to my place - Havre de Grace.

Ellie

Thanks to our friend, Capt. Karl Bunch, six of us were able to greet the shallop of Capt. John Smith as she crossed the waters where the Susquehanna River empties into the Upper Chesapeake Bay. She left Perryville, MD on the perfect, cool, summer morning of Sunday, July 21st, to meet an expectant crowd at the City Yacht Basin in Havre de Grace at 10 a.m.

Upon Capt. Karl's urging, we headed out earlier than we had planned. What a fortuitous decision for we met the shallop's crew before



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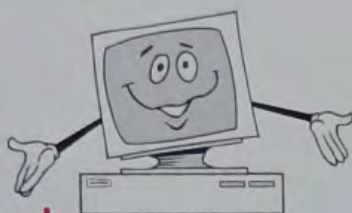
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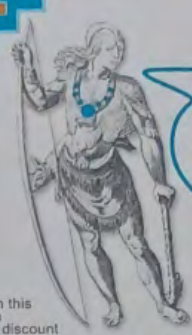
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Possibly the collector on your list absolutely loves holiday themed collectibles. No doubt about it. There

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Could a bit of art fill a need? Our fine art galleries along with the various shops offering fun and funky art will help in that arena. Possibly a 'fairy' in someone's stocking,

from **Dancing Heart** where there are many 'gifts to inspire,' will tickle his or her fancy. Or a thought-provoking metal sculpture from the new **Goldfish Gallery** may be the gift that a very special friend would enjoy.

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Perhaps your favorite person is a birdwatcher, stargazer, hiker or boater? A trip to Chesapeake Optics for any one of a line of telescopes and binoculars will certainly put a



Variety is the Spice: Brewmania at Bahoukas (RIGHT), (1) Sports memorabilia jackets at DnH Racing, (2) Unique garden accents at River City Garden Centre, and (3) global imports at Doodad's.

happy smile on his/her face. Tidewater Marine Outfitters offers everything a boater needs, plus apparel for hikers, bikers and boaters.

Still have some tough-to-buy-for-folks? Beautiful garden art from River City Garden Centre or beautiful works from around the globe available at Doodad's — a fair trade store — may be the gift that puts a twinkle in someone's eye.

Books are always appropriate and the variety available at Courtyard Bookshop or Washington Street Books will make it difficult to give just one! Antique to modern day novels, and just about every non-fiction topic imaginable, you'll find in town. Comics, how-to, history, and children's books are waiting for you!

Being the Decoy Capital, a stop at the Havre de Grace Decoy Museum would be a must. And a visit to Vincenti



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Still have a fussy person on your gift list? Consider a beautiful leather item from **Blue Earth Leather**. The motorcycle enthusiast will love a gift from here. Then there's always jewelry. We all know that small boxes quite often have our favorite gift tucked inside.

Gryphon's Jewelry offers one-of-a-kind unique pieces or can have something special made-to-order. And along with **Doc's Gun and Pawn**, these shops offer a superb selection of estate jewelry. A stunning collection of estate and costume jewelry waits for you at **Andy & Bill's**, too.

Maybe it's a Vera Bradley™ tote from **Island Jack**, a great outfit for him or her at **Joseph's Dept. Store**, or take the bride-to-be to visit our newest shop, **Camelot Bridal**. Surely, we're getting close to filling your holiday needs.

For the home, a beautiful grandfather or wall clock from **Stephens and Stephens** will be treasured for generations. **Distinctive Décor** not only offers interior design consultation, but the shop is full to the rafters with gifts in every price range for your holiday decorating and gift giving. **The House Downtown** with their "comfortable, stylish and always unpretentious" line of furnishings and gifts will actually make it difficult to give the gift away!

Kids on your list? **Amuse II**, a new shop, offers toys for babies and young-

sters to discerning adults who want to expose the children in their lives to quality toys. Along with collectibles, **Washington St. Books** offers collector edition comics and Star Trek™ and Star Wars™ toys. **Karen's Natural Market** offers shelves of gift ideas for the person searching for healthy, green alternatives — whether for health, food, cosmetics, toys or the household.

Food is always a perfect gift. Chocolate, of course, comes to mind. **Treasures by the Bay** offers a complete line of chocolates and candies, cards and gifts. **Bomboy's** continues to treat us to their homemade chocolates. Cookbooks from our bookstores and various shops; gift certificates from any eatery; coffees, teas, natural chocolates, all are available in historic, downtown Havre de Grace.

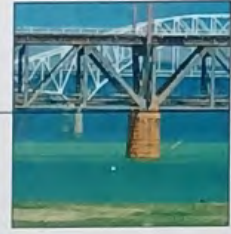
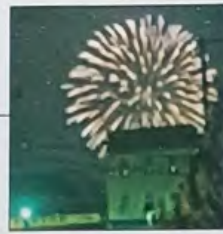
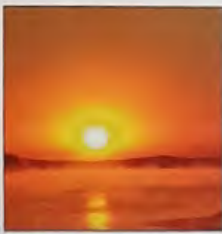
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Oct 13

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Oct 20

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Oct 21

COSTUME WORKSHOP

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Oct 21, 26 or 28

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how the American Indians celebrated their holidays and special
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non-members www.hdgmaritimemuseum.org 410-939-4800

Dec 8 & 9

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE
Susquehanna Museum; The Christmas Boutique is held in the
historic Lock House. Come and buy handmade gifts, wreaths,
greens arrangements, gourmet foods; Sat. 9am-1pm and Sun.
noon - 8pm. visit www.lockhousemuseum.org; 410-939-5780

Dec 9

35TH ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT TOUR OF HISTORIC HDG HOMES
4pm-8pm. Susquehanna Museum; Visitors will tour historic and
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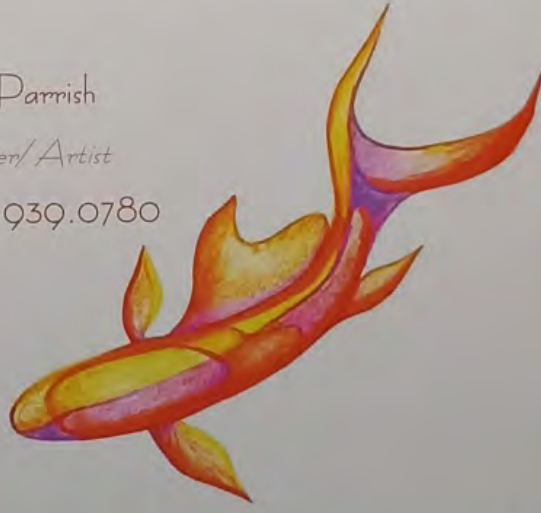
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This guided walk of the North Park Trail is FREE to the public. Approx. 1 hour. Meet at the Lock House at the Susquehanna Museum. Walk begins at 10 am. 410-939-5780 or visit www.lockhousemuseum.org

Jan 9

ELLSWORTH B. SHANK HISTORICAL LECTURE SERIES.

Topic TBA FREE to the public. Havre de Grace City Hall at 7 pm. Info call: 410-939-5780 or visit www.lockhousemuseum.org

Jan 13

CONCERT

Folk singer Judy Cook "lifts the spirit" in an afternoon performance of traditional Anglo-American songs & ballads. Concert: 2pm w/light refreshments and CD sales. Admission: \$5 members; \$7.50 non-members Family rates available. www.hdgmaritimemuseum.org 410-939-4800

Jan 19

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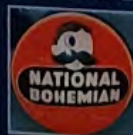
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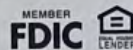
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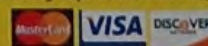
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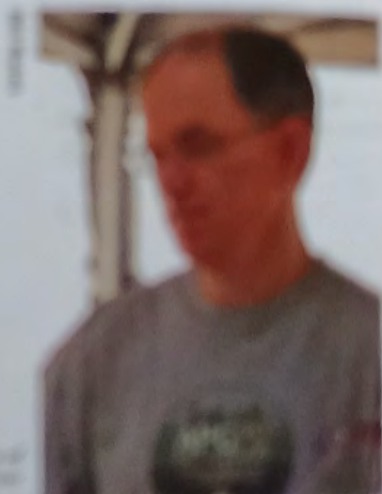


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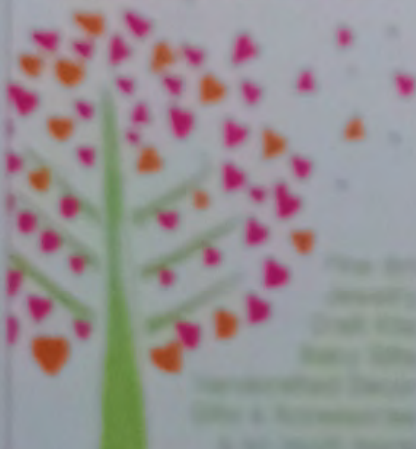
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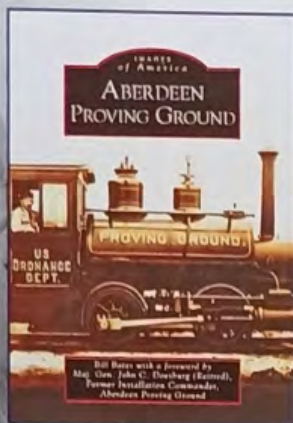
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*Excerpt from conclusion of
Images of America: Aberdeen Proving Ground,
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Mar 17

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April 12

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Surprisingly Havre de Grace fits well into the above statistics. Who knew Havre de Grace would become fairly well known as a pizza place (in addition, of course, to its other obvious food attractions)?

Just as the city has grown in leaps and bounds over the past several years yet maintained its integrity and charm, so too have the number and types of restaurants serving pizza.

From the newest newcomer, **Moore's Pizza** in the Harbor Shops on Pulaski Highway (Route 40) to the addition in recent years of **Seasons**, **Frank's**, **Nonnie's** and **La Cucina's**, and the old favorites such as **Pizza Hut** and **Pat's Pizza**, you'll find a 'pie' to please every palate in our fair city.

It seems just about everyone likes pizza. But when it comes to asking aficionados about their favorites, the opinions can be as varied as...well, the number of pizza places themselves.

We took an informal survey of Havre de Grace residents and pizza connoisseurs and found generally everyone loved pizza (surprise!) but were specifically passionate about their favorites for a wide range of reasons.

Tom Phelan, a volunteer firefighter in Havre de Grace, enjoys a lot of pizza with his wife and teenage daughter and son and has frequented most all of the local establishments.

When it comes to his favorite pizza, Tom says, "It depends on what you're looking for. For take out slices, it's La

Cucina. They have a nice New York style cheese or white vegetable. If I'm taking out, to me, it's Nonnie's vegetable, pepperoni and sausage pizza. You gotta eat it with a knife and fork. If you're going out, it's Pizza Hut. Most of the chain pizzas can be pretty bland, but Pizza Hut is good. We can all pick what we want with



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personal pizzas. And they have lots of other (food) options. It's affordable and they serve beer."

Others agree it depends on how you're actually getting or eating your pizza... i.e., by the slice, carry out, delivery or eat in.

La Cucina is another favorite for eating in, also because of the other food options available and the atmosphere, which is unique with its hand painted murals that make you feel, just for a little while, that you're in Italy. "My kids love La Cucina's pizza the best," says Val Kelly, who frequents the restaurant with her husband and two children. "I think it is the Italian atmosphere of the restaurant and the excitement of being in downtown Havre de Grace."

Nonnie's is a favorite for take out or delivery, which is a pleasant surprise given the fact you can get authentic brick oven pizza to go.

Seasons Pizza seems to be a new favorite among the "chain" pizza restaurants. Beth Brinsfield stands by it as her new favorite. "The pizza is yummy, affordable and the service is fast and friendly." Her family of four likes Seasons' cheese pizza, but she said, "Their white pizza is awesome!"

Pizza Hut, which has been around the longest, appears to be the favorite of families among the current establishments. "We eat a lot of pizza, at least three times a month, and go to all of them, but we like Pizza Hut best, especially the pan pizza," said Kevin Lewis, whose twin daughters nearby concurred.

The newest, Moore's Pizzeria, which just opened this summer, is already getting rave reviews as a place to go whether you're in a hurry or want to eat in. Kris Bonitatus stopped in with his daughter and a friend from New Orleans just weeks after it opened because he said they wanted to "try something new and different, not a chain restaurant" and saw it while driving by. He said the pizza, with its homemade ingredients, was very good. Moore's also offers a variety of other foods including wings, hoagies and more.

When it comes to teenagers (who, by unofficial statistics, probably consume the largest quantities of pizza per capita), it appears the "chain" restaurants like Pizza Hut, Pat's and Seasons are the faves. A recent survey of teens also surprisingly revealed that more traditional toppings like pepperoni and sausage are favored over fads or anything new.

But kids can be even pickier about pizza than adults, and all that we interviewed, across the board, said that the pizza dough or "crust" was what determined their choice for favorite pizza place, with Pizza Hut's stuffed crust being mentioned most frequently as best.

Perhaps the prevalence of such great pizza places caused the surprise closing of another well-known pizza chain...(dare we say the "D" word?)

Suffice it to say, you can spend weeks enjoying a 'taste test' of Havre de Grace pizza establishments. We encourage you to give it try. Then head to our website, www.HavredeGraceTheMeetingPlace.com for our survey and drawings!

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No matter where you stand on God and scientists, you have to admire what must have been their strut of certainty, white coats and robes swishing as they reeled off *Zebra Swallowtail* for the flitting butterfly, *Mummichug* for the flashing foil of tiny fish, all of creation wavering in uncertainty before the voices spoke, giving *Mink*, *Woodchuck*, *Aspen*, *Spice Bush*, *Moose*, *Sagebrush*, *Sedge Wren*, *Armadillo*.

This is not what bubbles up in my woodland jaunts—instead the uniform green blurs until my memory blots out what is individual, definite, so that I tentatively throw out *Jack-in-the-Pulpit* to the hooded, hidden green flower and then more wonder. All these tiny white *Garlic Mustard*? No, a patch of look-a-like *Sweet Cicely* and now I must revisit all white blooms I have filed away incorrectly in my mind.

Even those old white robes knew a thing or two about doubt and revision. One gnarled finger pointed out *Unicorn*, *Narwhal*, but later, younger hands prefaced such claims with *Mythical* and *Legendary*. When I call out *Old Squaw*, an invisible tapping reminds me *Long Tail* is now the name for such an elegant dabbling duck.

I tread carefully, wrapping the light veil of what I know around my heavier mantle of ignorance, finding my place in this chain of creation, classification, identification. I touch the daisies and pocket river stones as I go.

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Gently urging us to notice the many shades of green, Colleen takes us along as she trains for marathons, sails, kayaks, bikes or walks her dog, Daisy. All the while she moves us away from the daily hustle and bustle, out of our fears, and back to our quiet self. You cannot listen to her voice reading her poignant writings, without memories of sorting through the yard for a 4-leaf clover, or catching fireflies in an old jelly jar. Today, maybe you'll take a moment to stand against an old, very tall tree and sense the connection of past and future. More importantly, at that moment, breathe deeply, relax and notice! And in that moment, vital to our senses of well-being, lies the balance between our need for security and serenity. 🐾

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ENDNOTE:

Photo on page 17: From page 104, TANK REPAIR CREW. Women in overalls line-tune a tank — just one of the many traditionally male and military roles that civilian women filled on base during WW II. Despite working at some of the most physically demanding of jobs, women also had to work hard to get some changes made: Eleanor Roosevelt and other leading women of the day mounted a media campaign to get slacks adopted as acceptable work wear for women. (Courtesy the Historical Society of Harford County)

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Welcome Aboard! With the long, hot summer days behind us, now is a great time to plan a special fall family outing! Whether 2 or more, one of the secrets is to make it a fun activity for everyone involved—even the youngest. To accommodate everyone's attention span, it sometimes is better to fish for an hour, come in and visit a museum or park, then finish up the activity with another hour of fishing. It works best to keep the child/adult ratio to no more than 2/1. That way you will be able to safely supervise and assist with rigging the baits and casting the lures.

Keeping it simple will make the time flow nicely. Equipment can be a basic closed face starter reel and rod-fishing combo. That's all you will need for the younger kids. For the older kids or adults a basic starter spinning reel combo will work fine. Local fishing tackle stores should be able to help you select an inexpensive starter, rod and reel combo. Lifejackets for the kids are recommended anytime. Getting them used to wearing their lifejackets on their first or early fishing trips starts a great habit.

For bait, night crawlers and bloodworms work fine. Though available at many quick-stop stores these days, I have found that generally your local bait & tackle stores will have much fresher and livelier bait. They will also be able to give you a quick demonstration on how to rig the worms if needed.

For the younger kids I recommend using a bobber rigged on the fishing outfits. The visual aid of the bobber floating and being taken under the water will help the kids to know that the fish are biting.

Kids are often uncomfortable rigging the worms on the hooks; help them. You don't want to spoil the experience by making them uncomfortable on their first fishing trip. If you don't plan on keeping the fish to eat, that is fine. "Catch & release" fishing is becoming more popular than ever. Remember that once you have unhooked the fish, get that picture quickly. Then return the fish back into the water for another kid to catch and enjoy on another day.

An inexpensive one-time use waterproof camera is a must! Remember this is about them having fun. Take the time to make a big deal about each fish they catch whether it is a bluegill or catfish. Then be sure to capture it with a photo.

Fun and quality family time is the goal. Point out the beautiful surroundings and wildlife in the area with the kids. In my years as a guide I am always surprised how many of my clients have never gotten close enough to a Bald Eagle to take a picture. On my trips they often fly above us while we're fishing. And we've seen a family of foxes playing on the rural shorelines of the Upper Chesapeake Bay. Remember it is not all just about catching fish. The entire experience is important! 📸

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The Mid-Winter Blues

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Those dreary January-February days might seem far away if you're looking at this column in October. But we all know that feeling when we've been stuck inside too long. Television is just plain getting boring. Our families are tired of looking at each other. Eating out can help with the strain of the mid-winter blues. But we decided to find a unique indoor and outdoor solution that might really perk you up!

Robin Hood Paintball has their fields open year round on the weekends. Maybe during one of the cold, dreary weekends, you'll decide to give this sport a try. If you've already participated, you probably know the routine. So I inquired as to what to do if you want to take a first-time group to romp on a cold, dreary Saturday or Sunday.

Here's the best way to enjoy Robin Hood Paintball, located at 2429 Robin Hood Road, just off Route 40 on your way to Aberdeen (from Havre de Grace). The only restriction to this

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4. Load up on the necessary equipment: goggles, air, and paintballs.
5. Prepare to sneak and slither and line up your target.
6. Then shoot! Gotcha!

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Life Stages

Lately, I find myself saying, "When I was young..."

So, what am I now?

Was there a day I failed to note, when I passed to another year, another plane,

To something other than the world I knew

Will I one day say, "When I was old..."

Because if I am neither young or old

What will I have become?

Perhaps I should say, before I became one with the earth or just prior to becoming a dust bunny...

Maybe I should just live in the moment

Not thinking of what I was or what I might have been

And then, I can just enjoy being me and if I can't

I'll have a hot bowl of soup and a cup of tea or a big scoop of ice cream with chocolate sauce and marshmallows and ...

I'm sorry, what was the topic...

~ Karen Green — 7/19/07 — Express Yourself

Speaker? Oh, did I mention speaker? Well, I should have because Karen has spoken for many organizations and is always a hit! And organizer? Oh, yes, she's coordinated events, fundraisers, dedications—well, just too many to mention here.

After learning of Karen's many and varied interests and skills, I had to ask what brought her to this Parks & Rec. position more than 25 years ago. Karen shared this story.

"As a child I had always been involved in Parks and Rec. programs. In college, I became a junior counselor. Following college, I worked for the State of Maryland in the Drug and Alcohol Program.

"One day, a man pulled a hunting knife on me! The police took 20 minutes to respond (not in Havre de Grace). During

that time I did a bit of bargaining with God, "If I get out of this, I'll do something different and meaningful with my life."

She survived the ordeal unscathed, though never quite forgetting the fear. Shortly after, her dad handed her an application for the Harford County Parks and Recreation Department. She remembers reading it and thinking, "Oh my, this sounds like a bookkeeping job!" She kept reading about the reports to be filed, etc.

Over 25 years later, Karen is still keeping the kids active, on a straighter path, and smiling every day. I'm not sure we really want to thank 'the man who pulled the knife on her.' But we definitely want to thank God for listening to her plea and giving her the opportunity to touch so many lives in our community. 🙏

NOTE: Below are three more facets of this beautifully spirited lady.

Me and Brudder Gregg

Once,

We Al Caponed our way to the creek

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And shot down all the ants

On the south side ...

~ Karen Green

This Mourning

Outside, the wind propositions the trees
The cats in the alley sing their wanton blues

And me, I sing my siren song

Tonight, only the carpet

Climbs my stairs

~ Karen Green

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Karen Green

Owed to Havre de Grace ...

I was born along this river
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My body might have wandered
But my heart has always stayed...

~ Karen Green

Right up front I'll admit that Karen Green is one of the special people that I truly admire. Not because she's perfect! But because she's brilliant, talented, hilarious, persistent, a team-player, and truly a humanitarian! I don't believe I've met a person who, while being so unassuming, accomplishes such a great deal. (Maybe that is the lesson for the rest of us!)

Many folks in our community know Karen as the Havre de Grace Parks & Recreation Specialist. Well, we just know she runs the show. And with the new Havre de Grace Activity Center at 351 Lewis Lane, she also is now the building manager. No small task!

A story that describes the fondness many have for Karen came from Terri Glenn, who helps operate the Senior Center within the HdG Activity Center. Terri's son, Shawn met Karen when he was about 3 years old. That very first day he offered her a stick of gum. They've been buddies ever since. Karen shared that even when she was out sick, he'd mail her gum and LifeSavers™ so that she'd get well quickly.

Shawn is now 16 and during the summer was helping with camps at Harford Community College. And as Karen shared this, she opened her desk drawer, pulled out a pack of gum, grinned and said, "From Shawn."

The kids that enjoy Karen's support have great respect for her. She's fair and forthright. Whatever the rules are for the kids — go for the grownups! If the kids can't take food into a particular area, she'll tell the adults the same rule. This act alone has earned her a very positive response from the young people at the Center.

Throughout the year the Center offers more than 60 programs that include a variety of sports, dance and drama activities. The Activity Center is also responsible for the Halloween Parade and the Easter Egg Hunt. Of course, Karen will be the first to tell you that without

the dedicated volunteers, very few of these programs would be possible.

Karen has many facets to that gem of a personality. She has volunteered 20+ years at the Hopkins Children Center, including training volunteers for the RadioThon and TeleThon fundraisers.

She's spent the same number of years as an adult volunteer for our local S.M.I.L.E.S group. And somewhere in all that activity, she actually ran her own catering business for 5 years. She mentioned creating an 8-tier octagonal cake created with no flour! (Kind of makes me feel rather lazy!)

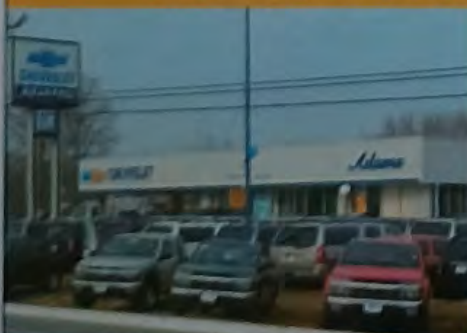
Karen loves being around the theater and has chaired the Phoenix Festival Theater Advisory Board. When Quackers Productions was operating in Havre de Grace, she was stage manager. She smiles and says, "I really enjoyed that job."



Karen Green

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