

Calvert County House and Garden Pilgrimage Tour
Saturday, May 10, 2008 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Rain or shine
Buses Welcome

Tickets: Advance Purchase tickets are \$30 and are available at these locations: Dunkirk Florist and Gifts, Town Center Blvd., Dunkirk; Second Looks Books, Fox Run Shopping Cntr., Prince Frederick and Maertens Fine Jewelry & Gifts, HG Trueman Rd., Solomons. Tickets will also be available the day of the tour for \$35 at the featured tour homes. For advance purchase from outside of Calvert County, please contact Adele McGuire at 410-586-9353.

Bus Tour: If there is sufficient interest, a package price will be offered to those interested in doing the tour by bus. The cost is \$51, including admission to the sites, or \$63 (Maryland country ham box lunch) or \$66 (crab cake box lunch) for admission to the sites and lunch. To make a reservation, please send your name, address, phone number and check made payable to Calvert Garden Club to Susan Cole, PO Box 343, Sunderland, MD 20680, **no later than April 25**. For further information, please contact Susan at 410-286-8772

Lunch: Box lunches, including dessert and beverage, will be served in the Parish Hall at St. Paul's Episcopal Church (Site 4) from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for \$12 (Southern Maryland country ham) or \$15 (crab cake). Lunches may also be purchased to go. Reservations are requested for large groups. For further information and reservations, call Barbara Porter at (410) 535-2897. Restrooms are available in the Parish Hall.

Special Project: Tour proceeds will be used for a "Sensory Meditation Garden" at the Burnett-Calvert Hospice House in Prince Frederick, MD. The Burnett-Calvert Hospice House will be available on a first-come, first-served basis to anyone in Calvert County living their final days and for whom hospice care in their own homes is not an option.

About Calvert County: Calvert County was established in 1654 and is one of the oldest counties in the United States. Only three counties in the state are older: St. Mary's founded in 1637, Kent in 1637, and Anne Arundel in 1650. In 1695 Calvert County was partitioned into St. Mary's, Charles, and Prince George's, and the boundaries became essentially what they are today, a peninsula about forty miles long and ten miles wide. Native people lived in the county 9,000 years ago according to evidence unearthed by archaeologists at Jefferson Patterson Park. Colonists arriving from England were attracted to the rich farmlands on which native people grew corn and tobacco. British troops invaded Calvert County during the War of 1812. In 1814 the American Navy did not have any large vessels to defend the Chesapeake Bay. The job was left to Commodore Joshua Barney and his small flotilla of barges who sought refuge from the British rockets in St. Leonard's Creek. The British blockaded the entrance to the creek but were forced to leave after the Americans damaged their fleet. Life in Calvert County did not change much until the later part of the 20th Century.

Improvements that have fueled the remarkable growth in the county include the construction of MD Route 4, a four-lane highway running the entire length of the county and the Thomas Johnson Bridge connecting Calvert to St. Mary's County.

TOUR DIRECTIONS

Routes from Baltimore: Beltway (Rt. 695) to Rt. 97 South to Rts. 3/301 to Upper Marlboro interchange and Rt. 4 East/South. Take right turn ramp off Rt. 4 to MD 260 (Chesapeake Beach Rd. W.), go 1.8 miles and turn right onto Cedar Run Lane. Go < 0.1 to Site #1.

From Washington: MD. Rt. 4 south, follow above directions.

From Annapolis: South on MD Rt.2, turn right at MD Rt. 260 (Chesapeake Beach Rd), go 2.0 miles, turn left onto Cedar Run Lane, go 0.1 miles to Site #1.

From Solomons: MD Rt. 2/4 north to the traffic light and Rt. 2/4 split at Sunderland, go 4.3 miles to MD Rt. 260 (Chesapeake Beach Rd.) traffic light, turn left at the traffic light, go 2.0 miles to Cedar Run Lane, turn left, go 0.1 miles to Site # 1.

Follow Pilgrimage Road Signs:

1. Tenebrae, 11500 Cedar Run Lane. Nestled in a "Sherwood Forest" setting, this nine-thousand-square foot home is beautifully appointed with high-end finishes, a gourmet kitchen, and a "kid friendly" atmosphere. Built in 1982, "Tenebrae" was renovated in 2001. Six twenty-foot white Georgian columns supporting a massive circular windowed gable give the feeling of "Southern Style Hospitality." The front porch is graced with two double wicker rockers and beautiful faux stone urns filled with delightfully abundant ferns. Arizona sandstone sidewalks of intertwined colors of blush, peach and pink are flanked by tulips, daffodils, red and pink carpet roses, and two tender young dogwood trees. Cut glass paneled French doors lead to a Travertine marble foyer with an Italian inlaid mosaic medallion and an enormous Austrian crystal chandelier. The Australian cypress floors, Ralph Lauren leather furniture, and "Rooms of England"-inspired kitchen were designed to meet the test of time with this family of four children ranging in age from three to seven. Antiques, fine finishes from around the world, and cherished family heirlooms reflect the owners' creative touch. Many of the walls are colored with Italian Venetian stucco ranging in shades from ruby red and charcoal gray to a relaxing sea-foam green. The main living areas have a seemingly intricate plaster finish aged with a deep caramel color. Owners: Brooke and Rafael Steuart.

Return to MD Rt.260, turn right, go 2.0 miles to intersection of MD Rt. 2 (traffic light), turn right, go 1.5 miles to Mount Harmony Rd., turn left (east) at the traffic light, go 1.3 miles, turn right onto Stevens Rd., go 0.3 miles to Site #2.

2. Bittersweet Hill, 8446 Stevens Road. The original farmhouse, built in the mid 1800s, was destroyed in a fire. The present house was built by Isaiah Dowell in 1902, and was part of a large land tract known as Dowell Farm, which was a working farm. In 2003 the present owners bought the old yellow farmhouse and started their journey of historic restoration. Dropped ceilings, layers of flooring, and wallpaper were all removed to reveal original hardwood floors and beadboard paneling. A mix of antiques and reproduction pieces fill the rooms and appear as though they have been handed down through the generations. Several outbuildings, such as a 150-year-old barn and the old summer kitchen have also been restored. Owners: Ms. Cynthia Turner and Mr. Don Harden.

Return to Mount Harmony Rd. Turn left, go 1.3 miles, turn left at the traffic light at MD Rt.2, go 2.7 miles south to Sunderland and the MD Rt. 2/4 junction, make a left turn heading south on Rts. 2/4, go 5.4 miles, turn left onto MD-263 (Plum Point Rd. at the bowling alley), go 1.6 miles just past the Middle School, make a right turn onto Old Plum Point Road, turn left, go < 0.1 mile to. Site #3.

3. The Old Bowen Farm at Sandy Bottom, 1525 Old Plum Point Road. William I. Bowen purchased this early farmhouse, located on 750 acres of land known as Tillington and Littleworth, in 1832 from George H. Gibson. In 1906, William I. Bowen's son Reuben Bowen added an addition that boasted manufactured millwork, doors, and mantels brought by steamboat from Baltimore. The new two-story balloon frame addition measured five bays wide by two bays deep with an offset cross-gable and two Victorian porches. In 1938, Reuben Bowen's son William West Bowen began final transformation of the family home. His wife, Mary Rebecca, refused to occupy the home until the roof was raised on the original structure, carboranda lights were replaced with electricity, and the house was equipped with modern heat and indoor plumbing. Mary Rebecca traveled to Baltimore to pick out wallpaper, and bartered farm produce and chickens for the labor to complete the renovation. After their mother's death in 1966, the three sons of William West Bowen continued to own the family home and several hundred acres of the original farm they inherited from their father. The deaths of two of the sons, Glen and J. Kenneth Bowen, resulted in the sale of the family home in 1991, ending a tradition that had lasted more than 150 years. The current owners, who carefully renovated the house in 1991, wish to preserve it for future generations of Calvert County. Owners: Ms. Mary Mathis and Mr. Norm Cuevas

Return to MD Rt. 2/4, make a left turn at the traffic light and go towards Prince Frederick, go 3.4 miles to Prince Frederick, proceed through Prince Frederick, turn left at the traffic light onto Church St./ Rt. 231 E., (just past the Wal-Mart shopping center), go 0.1 miles, Saint Paul's Episcopal Church is on the right, Site # 4.

4. Saint Paul's Episcopal Church. 25 Church Street, Prince Frederick. Saint Paul's Church was built in 1842, and the first service was held on Christmas Day of that year. A census taken in 1860 showed about 20 households in the Prince Frederick area were members of the church. Calvert County at the time was largely covered with forests of

oak, chestnut and pine. In 1882 a fire in Prince Frederick destroyed almost every building, including the courthouse, the office of the local newspaper, the post office, law offices and several homes. Saint Paul's Church was miraculously spared. The parish hall was built in 1992.

Leaving the church, turn left, cross over Rt. 2/4 onto MD Rt.231 W. (Hallowing Point Road), go 2.8 miles to MD Rt. 508 (Adelina Rd.) make a left turn, go 2.3 miles make a right onto Sheridan Point Road, go 0.8 miles to 5930 Sheridan Point Rd., proceed down the driveway to Site #5.

5. Cedar Wind, 5930 Sheridan Point Road. Judge and Mrs. Perry G. Bowen, Jr built cedar Wind, originally known as Homeplace, in 1965. The house was designed by architect George Tilghman and was built by Amos Bowen and Jack Hammett. The original center of the house was constructed on an old Indian shell pile or campground. Oyster shells can still be found in the soil of the planting beds. The living room and dining room are black walnut, as is the paneling and shelving in the library. The foyer and part of the kitchen floor are hickory. All of the wood was milled in Hughesville. Kushwa rose range colonial bricks with grape vine joints were used for the original house. A bomb shelter is located in the basement under the library. The library floor has sixteen inches of double-reinforced concrete. Today the shelter is used for storage and as a wine cellar. In 2000 the current owners bought the house and farm, and added a master bedroom wing in 2001 and a family room, breezeway, and garage in 2002-2003. Owners: Michael and Wanda King

Return to Adelina Road, make a left turn, go 1.1 miles, turn right onto Sixes Road (Rt.506), go 1.9 miles, make a right turn onto Grays Road, go 3.1 miles and turn right onto Broomes Island Rd. (MD-264), go right 1.1 miles and turn right onto Hance Rd. (corner has a red brick Montessori School), go 1.6 miles to 3980 Hance Rd. on the left, Site #6.

6. Little Cove Farm, 3980 Hance Road. The house at *Little Cove Farm* telescopes over 200 years of architectural styles as seen in Calvert County. The original 18th century 1 ½ story cypress log cabin, now the dining room, was enlarged by a mid – 1800's 2 ½ story post and beam addition. The early 20th century addition has been enlarged, decorated, and furnished in the early 20th century Arts and Crafts style, complete with antique stained glass and Stickley furnishings. Each section of the house has been furnished with antiques and furnishings appropriate to its period, truly representing a coastal telescope or generation house. Previous owners include the John B. Gray family, who later moved to *Linden* and provided the county with one of its outstanding judges, and the George Hance family. Extensive gardens surround the home and connect it to the two historic tobacco barns on the property. *Little Cove Farm* is listed as site 44 in the Calvert County Historic District register. Owners: Nancy and Richard Thompson.

Return to Broomes Island Rd. (MD Rt.264), turn left, go 2.7 miles to MD Rt. 2/4, turn right at traffic light, go 7.7 miles to Pardoe Rd., turn right, go 0.1 miles turning left and staying on Pardoe Rd., go 0.2 miles turn slightly right onto Sollers

Wharf Rd., go 1.6 miles, turn right onto McQueen Rd., go 0.8 miles to New Marsh, proceed through the gate at the brick wall, continue following home and garden signs to Site #7.

7. New Marsh, 13 McQueen Rd. This home, which overlooks St. Leonard's Creek, is the former residence of J. Russell and Margaret McQueen, who purchased the property when Mr. McQueen was President of BG&E. One of his sons, James McQueen, while serving as Commodore of the New York Yacht Club, hosted the Yacht Club's Cruise on the Chesapeake and party afterwards at his parents' home. One still hears stories about the wonderful parties on the McQueens' beautiful front lawn. After the death of the McQueens, Dr. Charles Engh, Sr, who made major renovations, including the addition of an elaborate front porch with a long vista down St. Loenard's Creek, purchased the property in 1988. The house is beautifully decorated with comfort in mind, and makes use of rich fabrics and fine woods. The grounds have been extensively improved through the addition of brick walls and an abundance of boxwood plantings. In 2004, Dr. Andy Engh acquired the property, and remodeled the dockside structure and caretaker's cottage. He also added a four-car garage and a pool house to accompany the infinity pool, with it's landscaping of lavender and crepe myrtle. The property is now used as the Engh Family compound, and features a harmonious blend of buildings and grounds, including several homes, a boathouse, a remodeled gardener's shed, a large barn/storage building, and a small greenhouse and garage. The landscape design emphasizes natural meadow-like areas of plantings, as well as several formal gardens of hollies, boxwood, and Leyland cypress with ornate structures and a fountain. Owners: Dr. and Mrs. Andy Engh

Return to Sollers Wharf Rd., turn right onto Sollers Wharf Rd., go 0.4 miles turn left onto Mill Bridge Road, go 1.9 miles stay straight to go onto Coster Rd., go 1.1 miles turn right onto Hellen Creek Drive at Trueman Pointe, go 0.2 miles to 1250 Hellen Creek Dr., Site # 8.

8. 1250 Hellen Creek Drive. Hidden down a wooded curving driveway, this 2001 home built of cedar and stone sits on a point of land overlooking Tongue Cove. The unique design optimizes the view of the creek from almost every room. The open and spacious interior was designed for entertaining and raising children. Throughout the house are furniture and built-ins crafted by the owner of cherry and oak timbered from the lot or felled by hurricanes. Landscaping designed by the owner has enhanced the outside "living rooms" with a pool, a pond, decking, a fireplace, and a hot tub. Owners: Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Neel.

Return down the driveway, make a right turn onto Hellen Creek, go 0.1 miles and end at 1100 Hellen Creek Drive, Site #9.

9. 1100 Hellen Creek Drive. This house was patterned after the 1996 *Centennial Home*, Southern Living's "Idea Home," and was custom-built for the owners in 2001. The owners redesigned the interior themselves – a shared dream of theirs - especially for Mrs. Bodycomb who has a degree in Interior Design and Theater. The original plan

was to capture the dramatic views of the surrounding woods, wildlife, and the waterway at the back of the home where the owners' boats are docked. A majestic wide-leaf Linden tree more than 200 years old creates a natural centerpiece, and frames the extensive porch with white columns, as well as the sloping roof with an eyebrow window. The owners of the original farmhouse, which was built with hand-made nails and was in ruins when the present owners bought the land in 1997, may have planted the tree. Some of the brick from the chimney of that structure serves as a platform for a nautical sundial atop a birdbath in the courtyard above the in-ground pool. Special features of the interior include a two-story foyer and living room that look out on a deck facing the woods, paths around the property; ceiling-high Palladian windows provide a view of the cove. There is also custom-designed woodwork and fireplaces throughout and a cathedral-ceiling-high stone fireplace in the family room. A library and studio are on the main floor. The second story master and guest bedroom quarters at either ends of the home are connected by an open bridge and front and rear staircases. The home is decorated with collections from the owners' many travels abroad including masks, hats, puppets, and artwork. Owners: Jim and Linda Bodycomb.

Return to Coster Rd., turn left, go 1.1 miles to stop sign and traffic light to your right, turn right to light and turn right again onto Rte. 2-4. Proceed south 1.3 miles to Dowell Rd. Turn left on Dowell Rd. and drive .4 mile to Annmarie Sculpture Park and Arts Garden, 13480 Dowell Rd. Site #10 will be to your left.

10. Annmarie Garden Sculpture Park & Arts Center, 13480 Dowell Road.

Annmarie Garden, a 30-acre sculpture park and arts center associated with the Smithsonian Institution, is located in scenic Solomons, MD. The Garden features a shady walking path that meanders through the woods past permanent and loaned works of outdoor sculpture, many of which are world-class works from the Smithsonian. Be sure to pick up a Walking Guide before you begin your tour. The Garden is home to more than 500 Glen Dale azaleas developed in the late 1940s and 1950s by B.Y. Morrison at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Plant Introduction Station in Glenn Dale, MD. Spectacular pink, red, soft white and coral blooms appear beginning in mid-April.

To return to Rt. 4 and points north and south, turn right onto Dowell RD. Proceed .4 mile to Rt. 4.