THE CALVERT MARINE MUSEUM AT TWENTY-FIVE

During 1995, the Bugeye Times will feature articles appropriate to the museum's silver anniversary as part of a year that recognizes its opening in 1970. Events with an anniversary theme will begin with Patuxent Family Discovery Day on May 6, and will include International Museum Day and evening "Open House" on May 18, a special behind-the-scenes look at museum operations for CMM members on June 23, the Sharkfest on July 15, the annual Bugeye Ball on September 22, and Patuxent River Appreciation Days on October 7 and 8. A special invitation "Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Party" is scheduled for October 21. Promotional items will be on sale in the museum store during the year. Watch the quarterly calendars for details of all events and opportunities.

If the title of this article seems familiar, it is because a similar article appeared in the spring 1990 issue at the time of the museum's twentieth anniversary. That article described the beginnings of the museum in 1970 and summarized the major events of the first twenty years—a period during which the Calvert Marine Museum grew from a twenty-four by forty-foot building on a small lot on Solomons Island to the present complex of buildings on some ten acres one-half mile to the north. There was similar dramatic growth in staff and programs as described in articles in the subsequent three issues of 1990.

There have been further changes at the museum during the past five years—important, but not as dramatic as those of the first twenty years. Exhibits have been completed in the Exhibition Building, the museum building of 1975-1989 has been renovated as the main Administration Building, the North Annex has been improved for offices, the East Annex has been abandoned, and a new maritime storage facility erected on county land in Lusby. In 1990 the Maritime History Hall was the only major exhibit area open in the new Exhibition Building. One of the remaining two major exhibits—the Estuarium—was opened in February 1992, and the river otter portion of that exhibit was finally completed and opened in the summer of 1994, with very positive public response. Work on the third major exhibit—the Paleontology Hall—is progressing rapidly, and portions will be completed this year. A few other physical changes in the Exhibition Building have made it more hospitable for visitors, staff, and volunteers.

The major facility change since 1990 is the renovation of the 1925 Solomons School, the museum's principal building from 1975 until 1989, into the Administration Building, now housing offices, work space, collections storage, and the library and archives. As part of the planning for reopening the building, museum staff reviewed the early history of the museum to clear the roles of those responsible for its establishment and opening in October 1970. Although it is documented that a committee of the Calvert County Historical Society provided funding and oversight for the construction and outfitting of the first small museum building on Solomons Island, the source of the original "idea" for a local maritime museum is less clear. During the 1993 ceremony of dedication for the renovated Administration Building, the museum's Board of Governors honored the following principal "founders" with life memberships in the Calvert

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The success of many of the educational programs, as well as other facets of museum operations, is due in large measure to the support of volunteers, now numbering 120. Establishment of the Volunteer Council has helped to recruit and train new volunteer staff members, as well as to strengthen and formalize the entire volunteer program. Support from volunteers amounts to over twelve thousand hours annually.

Planning for the future has also engaged the attention of museum staff and committees of the Board of Governors. With the end in sight for the completion of the museum's 1979 Master Development Plan, new objectives have been formulated into a strategic plan aiming toward the year 2000, but also looking farther into the future. Although the details are too numerous for listing in this article, it can be reported that additional improvements are under consideration for the museum's facilities, for educational and publishing programs, for strengthening the collections, for improving financial support, and for promoting the museum to increase attendance and memberships.

Although the Calvert Marine Museum has accomplished an amazing growth in its first twenty-five years, it is recognized that there are still challenges to be met. Some of the accomplishments and challenges will be described in other issues of the Bugeye Times this year, and future anniversaries will provide opportunities to review achievements to come.

W.M. B. TENNISON
TENNISON SEASON STARTS MAY 3

The museum's historic bugeye and passenger boat, Wm. B. Tennison, will begin its cruising season on Wednesday, May 3. Hour-long cruises are offered of the Solomons Harbor and the lower Patuxent River, from May through October, departing from the Drum Point Lighthouse at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday, weather permitting. If there is demand, an additional cruise is made at 3:00 p.m. On Saturdays and Sundays in July and August, the Tennison offers a run at 12:30 p.m. All trips, however, require a minimum of fifteen passengers, with a maximum capacity of forty-five. The vessel may also be chartered for special events when not on regular cruises.

Fares remain the same as in 1994: $4.00 each for adults, $2.00 each for children ages 5 through 12 (children under 5 are free with an accompanying adult). Tickets should be obtained at the museum's admissions desk in the Exhibition Building. For further information and charter reservations, please call CMM on (410) 326-8217.
MUSEUM LOSES FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS

Four important friends and supporters of the museum were lost during the first two months of 1995. All four were associated with the museum from its early days, and all will be missed by their many friends on the museum staff and in the local community.

Anna Weems Ewalt's name has been linked with the Drum Point Lighthouse since before the lighthouse was moved to the CMM property in 1975. She was born in the lighthouse in 1906 and had many memories of life at the mouth of the Patuxent River in the early days of the twentieth century. Although she moved to Baltimore with her family as a young girl, she maintained contacts in Southern Maryland, attending St. Mary's Female Seminary (now St. Mary's College) in St. Mary's City where she graduated in 1925. Her career and marriage to George L. Ewalt, Jr., kept her in the Baltimore area until 1966 when she returned to Calvert County to live at Barstow.

Because of her early association with the Drum Point Lighthouse, it was logical that she should be involved with the efforts towards its preservation and eventual relocation to its current site at the museum. Anna Ewalt was instrumental in furnishing the lighthouse as it existed when she lived there, selecting many authentic items and providing some of her own. She was unstinting in her help to staff and visitors interested in the lighthouse and the early days of Solomons and she conducted tours as long as she was able. When she left Calvert County in 1990 for a home in Silver Spring, she was made an honorary member of the museum and received a twentieth anniversary Volunteer Achievement Award, and she continued to advise by letter and phone until her death in early January. Memorial contributions may be made to the Drum Point Lighthouse Endowment Fund at CMM.

Both Dorothy Gwynn Oursler and B. Edgar Woodburn were former members of the museum's Board of Governors who also performed many volunteer services and provided substantial financial support to the museum. Dorothy Oursler was a board member and its secretary from 1980 through 1982. She and her husband Buzz, also a CMM board member from 1986 through 1991, have volunteered help with projects whenever called upon. The Ourslers, whose home is next to CMM, have life membership in the museum and were named emeritus volunteers in 1993. Edgar Woodburn was among the small group of local volunteers involved in the construction and development of the museum at its first location on Solomons Island in 1969 and 1970. He continued his support, both directly and through his ownership of Woodburn's Food Market, finally joining the CMM board in 1985 for a three-year term. Through his active business and community associations in Solomons and the county, Edgar Woodburn had opportunities to encourage the support of others for the museum. He and his wife, Isabelle, hold membership in the Bugeye Society.

Virginia Bell Lore was the fourth loss to the museum this winter. Wife of Joseph C. Lore, Jr., whose relationship to CMM was described in the spring 1993 issue of the Bugeye Times, Virginia Lore was also a strong supporter. Although not a native of the area—she and Mr. Lore met during her visits to Solomons from Western Maryland—she spent her married life here, mostly in the house at the corner of Lore Street and Solomons Island Road which they built "out in a cornfield" in 1930. As a teacher in the Solomons School, now the Administration Building of the museum, she knew several generations of students and their families, and was generous in answering queries about Solomons history. (Mrs. Lore and her daughters are pictured in the winter issue of the Bugeye Times at the presentation of the National Historic Landmark plaque for the Wm. B. Tennison.) The Lores were CMM life members.

RECIPES WANTED FOR CMM COOKBOOK

Be a part of CMM's twenty-fifth anniversary cookbook, a collection of recipes from museum members. We're planning the usual categories plus galley recipes, kids in the kitchen, and cooking for crowds. Feel free to add any comments about your entries. Send your favorites to the:

COOKBOOK SELECTION COMMITTEE
CALVERT MARINE MUSEUM
P. O. BOX 97 - SOLOMONS, MD 20688

Make sure your name, address, and phone number are included.
DEADLINE: May 1, 1995
VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT — "Introducing — Sunday Brunch"

It was a hit with both volunteers and staff. The Volunteer Council Members Recognition Brunch had its debut on Sunday, January 22, and successfully threw its dinner predecessor out of the events running.

Planned as the formal thank-you to CMM's volunteer staff, the daytime gathering proved to be a lighter, brighter version of the annual dinner held at the Solomons Island Yacht Club, now with a harbor view.

A wake-up hour downstairs beside the fire was followed by a buffet in the dining room served to volunteers and their guests by CMM staff. The menu of citrus fruit, baked ham and biscuits, Carolina shrimp and cheese grits, quiche, scalloped apples, and buttermilk pancakes ended with staff-prepared muffins and coffee cakes. Flowers donated by Solomons Island Florist decorated each table.

Speaking "for the management," Board of Governors' chairman, Jack Williams, himself a volunteer, began the recognition program with thanks to all those in attendance. He paid special tribute to two CMM supporters, Dorothy Oursler and Anna Weems Ewalt, whose recent deaths were felt by the museum family.

Departmental recognition followed as staff curators and department representatives gave out hand-lettered certificates of appreciation to volunteers who served 100 or more hours in 1994. New volunteers in each area and those earning their Volunteer Council name badges were also welcomed and applauded.

The Maritime History Department awards finished the program. The two highest numbers of hours given to CMM belonged to volunteers Paul Adams (837 hours) and Paul Berry (886). Because of his work making the museum's darkroom a reality and on a special project for the Solomons Christmas Walk, Paul Adams received a photograph by Bob Hall of the skipjack Marie Theresa, showing the holiday lights placed on the boat's stays by Paul Adams. Paul Berry, editor of the Bugeye Times and CMM librarian, received a booklover's mug and champagne as a toast to his year's service. For lifetime hours to CMM, now past the 10,000 hour mark, Paul Berry received an unprecedented honor — his own parking space in the museum lot.

Also recognized for cumulative hours of service: Bill Lake, 1,000 hours; Zelma Margelos, 2,500 hours; Paul Adams, 4,000 hours; and Pepper Langley, volunteer emeritus, 6,000 hours. Each received a new name badge with a gold star engraved for each 1,000 hours. Brass name plates for Bill Lake and Zelma Margelos have been added to the 1,000 hour and 2,500 hour volunteer plaques that hang in the museum lounge. A new 10,000 hour plaque is in the design stage.

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Alexander Lavish was awarded the afternoon’s top honor as the 1994 Volunteer Achievement Award volunteer. CMM boatwright Jack Krolak made the presentation to the co-founder of the Patuxent Small Craft Guild and long-time museum supporter. Al received a framed certificate, a brass anchor paperweight, and dinner coupons donated by Guido’s Restaurant and the Captain's Table.

CMM’s 120 volunteers donated 12,414.25 hours to the museum in 1994. This constitutes a value of $120,806.81 added to the museum’s operations. CMM director Doug Alves realizes the importance of this ongoing support: “We all know how important volunteers are to the successful operation of the museum, but when you see thousands of hours given, it really highlights the hard work and dedication given by all our volunteers. We can’t thank them enough.” (Layne Bergin)
BOOKS PRODUCED BY CMM AUTHORS

Two authors who have worked with CMM have produced new books recently, both published by Tidewater Publishers in Centreville.

Dr. David C. Holly's book, Chesapeake Steamboats: Vanished Fleet, expands on his earlier works on bay steamboats — the President Warfield (later the Exodus), the Emma Giles, and the vessels of the Weems Steamboat Company. The scope of Chesapeake Steamboats covers the entire period of bay steamboats — 1813 to 1963 — providing new insights on steamboat history. Especially important is the chapter on the first steamboats on the bay. Dr. Holly's research files on his first three books are in the museum's archives.

Donald G. Shomette, whose earlier work for the museum resulted in his book Flotilla: Battle for the Patuxent (Calvert Marine Museum Press, 1981), has now provided further details on the underwater archaeology of the Patuxent River in his book Tidewater Time Capsule: History Beneath the Patuxent. Most of the book deals with the survey of the tidewater Patuxent carried out as a research project with CMM director Ralph Eshelman for the museum in 1978-80, but surveys of the wreck of the New Jersey in the bay and investigations on Kent Island are also covered. Don Shomette will discuss his book and sign copies at CMM on April 28 (see calendar).

Both books are on sale in the museum store.

SEA TURTLE STRANDING SURVEY

Each spring the Calvert Marine Museum is interested in learning of any sightings of live or dead sea turtles. These large turtles, primarily loggerheads, migrate occasionally into the Chesapeake Bay, especially in the spring. Although they are large (approximately two feet in diameter), the sea turtles we see are actually juveniles, about ten years old, which have just completed a migration here from the Sargasso Sea.

These turtles are often weakened from their long journey and are, unfortunately, struck by boats or die of other causes and then wash up on the beach. CMM wants to identify and measure any stranded sea turtles and will send the data to state and federal agencies that monitor turtle populations.

To verify that you have a sea turtle, check for the following:

1. Are the front feet flipper-like?
2. Is the turtle over one foot long?
3. Is the turtle located at the bay or in a tidal tributary (not a pond)?
4. Is the turtle over five pounds?
5. Are there three or fewer claws on the front feet?

If most of the above answers are "yes," you probably have a sea turtle.

No sea turtles nest within the Chesapeake Bay, and any nesting turtles would be on a beach facing the open ocean, usually at night. Nesting sea turtles will be over three feet long, and over 150 pounds. The diamondback terrapin is the turtle most often reported as a sea turtle, since terrapins live in the bay. Terrapins are usually gray/black mottled, have five claws on the front feet, and do not have paddle-like feet. Terrapins resemble typical freshwater turtles.

If you see a sea turtle, please note the location and call Ken Kaumeyer or Paula Bohaska at the museum. An attempt will be made to visit the site to determine the species, sex, size, and certain other information.

A BOAT TO DONATE?

CMM's Patuxent Small Craft Guild is still seeking likely boats to raffle this year to help raise funds for the guild's waterfront activities and projects. Boats should be sixteen feet and under, preferably of wood, although fiberglass is acceptable, and be in good condition. If you would like to donate, please call George Surgent at (410) 586-1893 or Richard Dodds at (410) 326-2042.
The Board of Governors and staff of the Calvert Marine Museum thank the following 213 donors to the 1994 Year-End Appeal for contributions exceeding $12,500. This support will add significantly to the museum's ability to carry out educational and conservation programs in 1995.

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WATERSIDE MUSIC FESTIVAL, 1995 – "LOS LOBOS" IN CONCERT

Calvert Marine Museum and the Waterside Music Festival Committee are presenting a very special twenty-fifth anniversary concert. On Saturday, May 27, 1995, Slash/Warner Brothers recording artists “Los Lobos” will appear on the grounds of the Calvert Marine Museum. This internationally famous group’s performance runs from flawless Mexican ballads and folk songs to contemporary rock and roll. We guarantee there will be something to please everyone during this unprecedented event!

Since only 1,800 tickets will be available, advance sales are recommended, preferably through the mail. Credit cards (Visa and MasterCard), checks, and money orders will be accepted. For museum members, preferred “Waterside 100” seats are priced at $30.00 ($35.00 non-members), and will include a reception with the artists just prior to the concert. Second tier seating will sell for $22.50 (members) and $25.00 (non-members), and some 900 lawn seating slots will sell for $18.00 (members) and $20.00 (non-members).

The Waterside Music Festival will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. (museum grounds will be open from 6:30). Vendors from several local restaurants will be on hand to sell light fare; beer, wine, and sodas will be on sale as well. Parking is to be available across the street from the museum, but please do not bring your own beverages to the concert area.

We anticipate a sell-out crowd for this exciting program, so mail your coupon and payment in quickly! Member requests postmarked before April 12 will be filled before our sales open to the general public. This issue of the Bugeye Times includes a flyer and coupon designed to help you purchase “Los Lobos” tickets through the mail.

All proceeds from the Waterside Music Festival will help to fund exhibits and programs of the Calvert Marine Museum through the Calvert Marine Museum Society, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

The Waterside Music Festival Committee is also looking for major sponsors to help underwrite the concert costs. Development Director Lee Ann Wright will be glad to forward a sponsorship packet to anyone who would like to see their business name promoted as an investor in popular music and a museum supporter. Many marketing and advertising incentives exist for Waterside sponsors, as well as premier concert tickets and special membership benefits.

The telephone number for ticket information beginning April 1 is (410) 326-1563. Please do not call Calvert Marine Museum’s main phone number regarding Waterside Festival ticket sales.