

THE VILLAGE CRIER

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The Annapolis Villagers

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SPRING TIME IN THE VILLAGE

It's spring time and The Villagers have two exciting events planned. First up is the May meeting. Many of us display our villages only at Christmas but wish we could keep some of it on display all year long. Bob Eustice has planned a "Make and Take" for our May meeting where up to 20 members will create a Spring Display with their favorite house. This will be a good opportunity to watch others and learn some display techniques. If you are interested in participating, see *page 3* for details.

As we move into June, we have our annual spring outing planned. Instead of a Sunday Brunch in Annapolis, we will travel down to Occoquan, VA for lunch and a fun day in the historic town. Details are on *page 4*. Hope you can join us.



MEMBERS' MEETING

Our next meeting is Tuesday, 7:00 P.M., May 14, 2002, American Legion, Post 175, Manhattan Beach Road, Severna Park, MD

AGENDA

- Business Meeting
- Display Make & Take

WANTED

Newsletter Editor for
The Annapolis Villagers

No Experience Required

If you are interested in expressing your creative talents, the Annapolis Villagers need you. The position provides low pay (none-but all newsletter expenses are reimbursed), high job satisfaction and the deep appreciation of all Villagers.

The only job requirements are a computer, printer and a desire to edit and publish a great newsletter. Assistance will be provided to help you get started. If interested or would like more information, contact John Ehrenreich at (410)647-1680 for details.

Charles Dickens Trivia

What bad rock band from the 1970s took its name from a 'very 'umble person' and sycophantic blackmailer in Dickens' 'David Copperfield'??

1. Jethro Tull
2. Judas Priest
3. Led Zeppelin
4. Lynyrd Skynyrd
5. Uriah Heep

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THE PREZ SAYS.....

I think everyone enjoyed our March meeting's "Lets Make A Deal". We have never done a game night like that before. With that success, I hope we can plan more games for future meetings.

Well, Spring is here, I think! While some of us are just finishing putting away our displays from last Christmas, other are starting to acquire the new pieces announced last December and await the May 8 Mid Year Announcements. I'm sure very few are actually thinking displays yet. As you read this newsletter, you'll see that we hope to change that. At our May meeting we have a Make an' Take planned using Spring accessories that will start you thinking about displaying your village year around. Another Spring Thing is our Annual Spring Brunch. This year, it is more a Lunch and the location is Occoquan, VA. This promises to be a fun outing. I want to thank Bob Eustice for organizing both Spring activities.

As we move into Summer, we will have our Annual Christmas In July party, which Peter & Trudi Baer have graciously agreed to host again. During the party we will have a short business meeting which will include elections for President and Secretary. While most of you may feel that the incumbents are doing a good job I don't believe that it is in the best interest of the club to expect the same people to always be there. Also, new people bring new ideas that keeps the club's activities fresh and exciting. Please consider running for an office or otherwise get involved. Along the same lines, we are still looking for a newsletter editor. The want ad on the front page is somewhat tongue-in-cheek but it is accurate. Minimal computer skills are needed and it can be a very rewarding experience.

This is our Tenth Anniversary Year. That is a milestone for any club. Lets make it a great year.

See you at the next meeting,

Joan

Charles Dickens Trivia

What bad 1970s rock band took its name from a 'very 'umble person' and sycophantic blackmailer in 'David Copperfield'??

The answer is URIAH HEEP. The book, said to be Dickens' favorite, is semi-autobiographical. Wilkins Micawber was based on Dickens' own father, John, a careless navy payroll clerk who rarely had the money to support his family. When Charles was 12, John was sent to the Marshalsea debtor's prison. Charles had to work for a few months in the miserable Warren's Blacking Factory, where he pasted labels on shoe polish bottles. The experience made him a lifelong critic of industrial England.

**For Charles Dickens trivia, games, quotes and more visit:
http://www.perryweb.com/Dickens/quote_main.shtml**

**March Meeting Highlights
Lets Make A Deal**

After a brief business meeting at the March General Membership Meeting the Villagers got down to some serious game playing. It was the Annapolis Villagers' version of "Lets Make A Deal" and it was laughs all evening long.

Some Villagers came in costume while others were provided funny costume accessories for the evening. Our game night was organized by Dean Stevenson, who provided the costume accessories and served as our game host. Assisting Dean was Ina Devine, who kept the prizes flowing and John Ehrenreich, who provided the questions to our contestants.

All members present were able to participate and everyone left with at least one game prize. This was the first time we have tried a game night and by everyone's reaction, it was a huge success.

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

At the May Membership Meeting a Nominating Committee will be announced whose task it is to find candidates for the office of President and Secretary for elections to be held in July. If contacted, we hope you would consider running for office.

If you are unable to run for an office, please consider volunteering to help with one of the committee.

Our club is successful only because of efforts put forth by some of our members and we could use more help.

CALL FOR BY-LAW CHANGES

At the May Membership Meeting there will be a call for proposed By-Law changes. If you wish to propose changes to the By-Laws of The Annapolis Villagers, they are to be submitted to Kate Eustice prior to June 11. At the Board of Directors Meeting on June 11 all proposed By-Law changes will be considered and their recommendation will be presented to the membership at the July Membership Meeting. At that time the membership will vote on all proposed changes. For more information or for a copy of the By-Laws, contact Kate Eustice at (301)552-1858.

**CREATE A SPRING DISPLAY
AT THE MAY MEETING**

By Bob Eustice

There are a few slots remaining for the Make and Take at the members' meeting on Tuesday, May 14th. This is an opportunity to create a small spring cottage and garden display scene. Bring any cottage or a similar house from your favorite village collection and a couple of accessory figurines. The club will provide the required landscaping materials and mentors will be available for instruction and guidance.

Some Suggested Candidate houses are:

CIC Gardengate House
Mrs. Stover's Bungalow
Candies

Dickens' Maylie Cotage
Cobb Cottage
Browning Cottage
Crooked Fence Cottage
McShane Cottage
Hedgerow Garden

Cottage

A Ideburgh Music Box

Shop

Lilycott Garden
Conservatory

NEV Ichabod Crane's Cottage
Bobwhite Cottage

SV 2000 Holly Lane
Hidden Ponds House
The Brandon Bungalow
Boulder Springs House
Carmel Cottage
Grandma's Cottage
North Creek Cottage
Happy Easter House

Of course, you are not limited to using the above suggestions. If you have another house that you would like to use in a spring display, please do so.

To help defray the cost of materials, a nominal fee of \$5.00 will be assessed for each display (payable at the May meeting). Please call Bob Eustice at (301) 552-1858 by Friday, May 10th to sign up. **Registration will be limited to 20 displays (two persons, i.e., one household membership, can work on one display). Since material must be**

ANNAPOLIS VILLAGERS PRESENT

A DAY IN OCCOQUAN

Saturday, June 22, 2002

By Bob Eustice

Schedule for A Day In Occoquan:

- 10:30 a.m.** Meet in front of the Sea Sea & Co. Restaurant (201 Mill Street).
- 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Lunch at Sea Sea & Co.
- 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Shop, explore and visit historic sites
- 3:15 p.m.** Meet in front of Town Hall (314 Mill Street) for drawing of door prizes donated by participating shops
- 4:00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.** River Cruise on the Harbor Lady

Enjoy a day in the authentic and historic riverfront town of Occoquan, Va. Occoquan features more than 100 specialty shops housed in original historic buildings. They offer antiques, crafts home décor, gifts, fine jewelry and clothing. The Golden Goose is a Department 56 Gold Key Dealer that features extensive village displays and carries an array of accessories and landscaping items.

Occoquan was a natural site for water-borne commerce from the earliest days of Virginia and features many historic buildings that reflect a rich history as a busy mill town and inland port. Sites of special interest are the Mill House Museum and the Rockledge Mansion. The Mill House Museum (413 Mill Street) is located in the only remaining part of an 18th century grist mill. The museum contains many interesting exhibits of Occoquan's history. The Rockledge Mansion (410 Mill Street) is a Georgian mansion built by a local industrialist in 1758 with the help of a master builder. The mansion is now a private residence.

The following shops will be participating in our visit by offering door prizes, etc. Other shops may be added:

- The Golden Goose** 302 Mill Street Goodie Bags, Door Prizes and Token for Ice Cream Cone at the Ice Cream & Fudge Shop
- The Christmas Gallery** 304 Mill Street Door Prize
- Ye Olde Dominion Wine Shoppe** 408 Mill Street Door Prize and Wine Tasting

Members will make their own transportation arrangements to Occoquan. For Lunch, each person will order items from the regular menu at the Sea Sea & Co. Restaurant. One check will be given for each table of four.

If you have already signed up for the river cruise, payment of \$11.00 per person must be received by the May 14th meeting. Currently, the cruise is booked for the 32 guest limit, and a wait list is being maintained by Bob Eustice in the event that space becomes available.

**For additional information please contact:
Barbara Schubring (301)262-5802, or Bob Eustice (301)552-1858**

MARK Your Calendar

CHRISTMAS IN JULY PARTY

JULY 20, 2002
2:00 PM till

Hosted At The Home Of Peter & Trudi Baer

Games, Prizes, Gift Exchange, Demonstrations, Fun & Food

Look for more details in the next newsletter

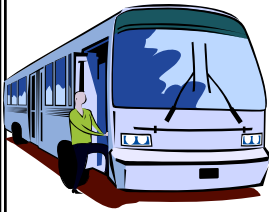
MARCH 14-16, 2003

Mid Atlantic Village Gathering
New location—Reston VA

The Hyatt is now taking reservations. Call 800-233-1234 and ask for the MAVG Rate (\$99.00).

Check out the MAVG web site at www.MAVG.org See a slide show of the Hyatt Regency, host hotel for the gathering, as well as a photo recap of the 2001 gathering. More information will be posted on the web site and in this newsletter as it becomes available.

APPLE HARVEST FESTIVAL BUS TRIP October 12, 2002



The Annapolis Villagers are planning another bus trip this fall, something totally new and exciting. This will be an all day trip starting at the American Legion and heading toward the 38th Annual National Apple Harvest Festival in Arendtsville, PA (near Gettysburg). The festival attractions include: Continuous Free Live Entertainment on 6 stages; 300 Arts & Crafts Vendors; Mini Tractor Pull; Antique Gas Engines, Farm Equipment and Classic Cars; Pie Eating Contest; Demonstrations and Food. For more info on the Apple Harvest Festival check their web site at www.appleharvest.com. Snack and lunch will be on your own at the festival.



From the festival, we will travel to Mercersburg, PA to attend the Pennsylvania Opry at the historic Old Star Theater. After the show, we head home but not before we stop at the Antrim House Restaurant in Greencastle, PA for a Buffet Dinner consisting of 4 Entrees, 4—5 Vegetables, 12—15 Salads, Dessert Bar, and choice of Coffee, Tea or Soft Drinks.

Refreshments will be served on the bus, and of course, prizes, games, fun and more will be part of the trip. A complete schedule of the day's events will be published in a later newsletter.



Cost of the Bus Trip is \$75.00 per member and includes bus, admissions to the Apple Harvest Festival & Pennsylvania Opry and Dinner. A sign up sheet will be available at the May meeting. Attendance is limited to the capacity of the bus and available on a *first paid* basis. Please pay Barbara Schubring or contact Barbara at 301-262-5802 for more information.



MARK YOUR CALANDER!!!

ANNAPOLIS VILLAGERS 10th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

In the past, our Anniversary Dinners have been well attended gala events. Lat year's dinner was held at Timbuktu and those who attended gave it rave reviews. This year the Annapolis Villagers will celebrate our Tenth Anniversary—a great milestone. For this special occasion, we have again booked the Banquet Hall at Timbuktu. The Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2002 and we hope an even larger number of members will attend.

More information will be in the next newsletter. If you would like to be on the 10th Anniversary Dinner Committee, please contact Barbara Schubring at 301-262-5802.

NCC ANNIVERSARY CRUISE

It is not too late to join in on the National Council of 56 Clubs (NCC) 10th Anniversary Alaska Cruise. The cruise line has lowered their prices, so you may want to give it serious consideration. For details contact the cruise coordinator, Tim Kearney, at TimD56er@aol.com

NEWS FROM DEPARTMENT 56

Say Goodbye To...

D56 Announces Snowbunny Retirements

On March 22, 2002, D56 announced the latest round of Snowbunny retirements. For availability, check with your dealer.

- [56.26158](#) "I'll Love You Forever" \$16.00
- [56.26286](#) "A Tisket Tasket Basket" \$45.00
- [56.26303](#) "Loves Me, Loves Me Not" \$16.50
- [56.26310](#) "Happy Easter" Hinged Box \$15.00
- [56.26320](#) "Stop & Smell The Roses", S/2 \$20.00
- [56.26321](#) "Master Gardener", S/4 \$20.00
- [56.26322](#) "Butterfly Kisses" \$20.00
- [56.26323](#) "Just For You" \$16.50
- [56.26324](#) "Ewe Haul" \$20.00
- [56.26326](#) "Animals On Parade", Set of 4 \$17.50
- [56.26327](#) "Bunny Hug" \$25.00
- [56.26328](#) "Garden Park Bench", Resin \$15.00
- [56.26329](#) "Full of Blooms", Resin, S/6 \$15.00
- [56.26330](#) "Trellis In Bloom", Resin \$12.50
- [56.26331](#) "Eye To Eye" Hinged Box \$15.00
- [56.26335](#) "Mini Ornaments", 6 Assorted \$7.50
- [56.26340](#) "Garden Picket Fence", Resin, S/4 \$30.00
- [56.26341](#) "Afternoon In The Garden", Resin \$32.50
- [56.26352](#) "Chick Chat" \$16.50
- [56.26353](#) "For The Birds" \$16.50
- [56.26354](#) "Captain of The Seas" \$20.00
- [56.26355](#) "I'll Pick You" \$16.50 \$25.00
- [56.26356](#) "Swimming Lessons" \$20.00
- [56.26358](#) "Kiss Me?", Set of 2 \$28.00

- [56.26359](#) "Airplane Ride" \$18.00
- [56.26360](#) "These Are For You" \$15.00
- [56.26362](#) "Go, Bunny, Go!" Hinged Box \$15.00
- [56.26363](#) "Rock-A-Bye Birdie" Hinged Box \$15.00
- [56.26364](#) "Flower Basket" \$6.00
- [56.26365](#) "Lily Pad" \$7.50
- [56.26366](#) "Picture Frames", 3 Assorted \$7.50
- [56.26367](#) "Ornament Display Tree" \$25.00
- [56.26368](#) "Showers Bring Flowers" Waterglobe \$20.00
- [56.26381](#) "May Luck Be With You" \$18.00
- [56.26382](#) "May Day Delivery" \$18.00
- [56.26383](#) "Love Grows" \$18.00
- [56.26384](#) "Birch Bench" \$15.00
- [56.26385](#) "Spring Topiary" Small, 3 Assorted \$10.00
- [56.26386](#) "Spring Topiary" Medium, 3 Asst. \$30.00
- [56.26388](#) "Puddle Pals" \$24.00
- [56.26389](#) "On the Fast Track" (Limited To Year of Production 2002) \$30.00
- [56.26390](#) "I Need A Little Push, Please"
- [56.26392](#) "Alleluia Chorus" \$36.00
- [56.26394](#) "Bee My Baby" \$16.50
- [56.26395](#) "I'm All Dressed Up" \$16.50 \$
- [56.26397](#) "Easter Egg Photo Frame Ornaments", 3 assorted \$5.00
- [56.26399](#) "Lamb, Chick And Bunny Tea Light" \$7.50
- [56.26400](#) "Flower Handle Treat Basket", 2 Asst. \$7.50
- [56.26401](#) "Flower Placecard Easel" \$5.00
- [56.26403](#) "Walk A Mile In My Shoes" \$16.50
- [56.26404](#) "Fill It Up", Set of 2 \$30.00
- [56.26405](#) "Catch Me If You Can" Waterglobe \$25.00
- [56.26406](#) "Tulips For My Baby" Mini Waterglobe \$8.50
- [56.26409](#) "Flower Pot Candles", 2 Assorted \$7.50
- [56.26410](#) "Oval Flower Frame" \$7.50
- [56.26415](#) "Spring Topiary," Large Yellow \$95.00
- [56.26416](#) "Spring Topiary", Large Pink \$95.00
- [56.26417](#) "Spring Topiary", Large Violet \$95.00

What will they think of next?

Will there be surprise retirements?

**We do not have to wait much longer—
Department 56 Will Make Mid Year Announcements in May**

**Check with your dealer
or**

**Check D56's website: www.department56.com for all the news on
mid year introductions and retirements.**

**Be sure to visit your dealer for Mother's Day, Graduation and Weddings gifts
*There is more of Department 56 than just villages!***

CALENDAR

2002

- May 8 **Mid Year Introductions announced**
- May 14 **Annapolis Villagers Members Meeting. Unique Make 'n' Take.** Detail on page 3.
- Jun 11 **Annapolis Villagers Board Meeting.**
- Jun 22 **A Day in Occoquan VA.** Details in newsletter, page 4.
- Jul 20 **Christmas In July Party and July Membership Meeting.** Hosted by Peter & Trudi Baer. Details to be announced.
- Aug 13 **Annapolis Villagers Board Meeting**
- Aug 22-25 **North Eastern Village Expo.** Crowne Plaza Hotel, Warwick, RI. Website: <http://members.home.net.debra561/neexpo2002/neve>
- Sep 10 **Annapolis Villagers Members**

Meeting. Ice Cream Social.

- Sep 21 **10th Anniversary Dinner at Timbuktu.** Contact Barbara Schubring (301-262-5802).
- Oct 8 **Annapolis Villagers Board Meeting**
- Oct 12 **AV Bus Trip.** Apple Harvest Festival, Dinner and PA Oprey. Detail on page 5. Contact Barbara Schubring (301-262-5802).
- Nov 12 **Annapolis Villagers Members Meeting.** Display Contest. Contact Dean Stevenson (410-923-2755).
- Nov ? **Ronald McDonald House Decorating.**
- Dec 3 **Hospice House Decorating.** Contact Dean Stevenson (410-923-2755).
- Dec 10 **Annual Old Fashion Christmas Party.** Details to be announced.

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- Jan 3-5 **Annual Villagers Open House.** Details to be announced.
- Jan 14 **Annapolis Villagers Membership Meeting**
- Feb 11 **Annapolis Villagers Board Meeting**
- Mar 11 **Annapolis Villagers Membership Meeting**
- Mar 14-16 **Mid-Atlantic Village Gathering.** Hyatt Regency, Reston, VA. Periodic updates in newsletter.

**Let us know about
Dealer Events, Open Houses,
Swap & Sells, Show & Sells,
etc.
and we will list it**

DIRECTIONS

Meetings Held At American Legion Post 175

Unless otherwise noted, all Annapolis Villagers' Membership Meetings and Board Meetings are held at The American Legion, Post 175, Severna Park in Manhattan Beach. Meetings start at 7 P.M.

From Rt. 50, take Rt. 2 North exit. Follow Rt. 2 N (Ritchie Highway) through Arnold. After the traffic light at Rt. 2 and College Parkway, the next light is Jones Station Rd. At the Rt. 2 N and Jones Station Rd intersection (Amoco and Crown gas Stations), turn right onto Jones Station Rd and make an immediate left onto Manhattan Beach Rd which is behind the Crown Station. Follow Manhattan Beach Rd approximately two tenths of a mile. Make a left into the parking lot of The American Legion Post 175. The entrance to the Banquet Room is to the left side of the parking lot in the rear.

From Baltimore Beltway, take Rt. 2 S. Follow Rt. 2 S (Ritchie Highway) through Severna Park. At Jones Station Rd, make a left. From Jones Station Rd., proceed as above.

**IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER,
WE WILL FOLLOW
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY SCHOOLS.**

From the Editor.....

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this edition of The Crier. If you are interested in editing The Village Crier, please see me at the March meeting or call me at 410-647-1680.

John Ehrenreich
Acting Editor , Village Crier

GOT NEWS?



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