



October 6
BLESSING OF THE FLEET

St. Clement's Island Museum, 38370 Point Breeze Road, Colton's Point, MD 20626. 11 AM – 10 PM. This family-friendly festival features live music, family entertainment and activities, crafters, Southern Maryland food, free boat excursions, local wine tastings and tours of St. Clement's Island, Blackstone Lighthouse, and St. Clement's Island Museum. Rain date Oct. 7. Admission. HC. 301-769-3125. 7thdistrictoptimist.org/blessing.html

October 6 – 7
RIVERSIDE WINEFEST AT SOTTERLEY PLANTATION

Sotterley Plantation, 44300 Sotterley Lane, Hollywood, MD 20636. Sat. 12 PM – 6 PM, Sun. 12 PM – 5 PM. Celebrate the best of Maryland wines with over 20 Maryland wineries, live music, local food, cooking demos, local beer tastings, and artisan marketplace. Admission. 301-373-2280. Sotterley.org

October 19, 20, 25, 26, 27
GHOSTS OF SOTTERLEY

Sotterley Plantation, 44300 Sotterley Lane, Hollywood, MD 20636. 7 PM. A spooky, dramatic production and walking tour around Sotterley. Reservations required. Not suitable for young children. Admission. 301-373-2280. Sotterley.org

October 20
HAUNTED SHIP

Historic St. Mary's City, 18751 Hogaboom Lane, St. Mary's City, MD 20686. 4:30 PM – 8 PM. Come in costume and experience the Maryland Dove's not-so-scary Halloween make-over. Trick-or-Treating, face painting, games, and more. Donation. 240-895-4990. hsmcdigshistory.org

October 27 – 28
INVASION! THE WAR OF 1812 AT POINT LOOKOUT

Point Lookout State Park - Fort Lincoln, 11175 Point Lookout Road, Scotland, MD 20687. Sat. 10 AM – 4 PM., Sun. 10 AM – 3 PM. War of 1812 living history program that features tactical, small arms and artillery demonstrations along with other living history displays and scenarios. Park entry fee. 301-872-5688.

October 31 – November 4
WORLD CUP FINALS

Maryland International Raceway, 27861 Budds Creek Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659. 8 AM – 10 PM. The largest motorsports event in Maryland, featuring Import vs. Domestic drag racing, car show, over 400 cars from around the world, and more. Admission. HC. 301-884-9833. RaceMDIR.com

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October 20 – 21
U.S. OYSTER FESTIVAL IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY

St. Mary's County Fairgrounds, 42455 Fairgrounds Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Sat. 10 AM – 6 PM, Sun. 11 AM – 6 PM. Celebrate the opening of oyster season on the Chesapeake Bay and take part in one of the oldest and most popular oyster festivals in the United States. This annual festival features the U.S. National Oyster Shucking Championships and National Oyster Cook-Off. Known for its exquisite range of seafood and exhibition of cultural activities surrounding oysters and the waterman's way of life in St. Mary's County, this national festival also includes live music, local foods, arts, crafts, craft beer tasting, and general family fun. Admission. HC. 301-863-5015. USOysterfest.com

November 11
VETERANS DAY PARADE

Leonardtown Square. 10 AM. Marching bands, military units, scouts, floats, and local organizations honor our Veterans at one of the state's largest Veterans Day parades. Memorial Ceremony follows. Free. HC. 301-475-9791. Leonardtown.somd.com

November 17
AMISH QUILT AUCTION

Grove Farm Lane, Mechanicsville, MD 20659. 9 AM – 5 PM. Bid on Amish quilts and other hand-stitched items at this traditional Amish auction. HC. 240-538-7408. VisitStMarysMD.com

November 23
CHRISTMAS ON THE SQUARE & ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Leonardtown Square. 4 PM – 8 PM. Ring in the holiday season in festive Historic Leonardtown. Family activities include a petting zoo, live nativity, choirs, sleigh rides, fire trucks, stories with Mrs. Claus, and see Santa lighting the tree. Rain date: Nov. 24 (tree lighting only at 7 PM). Free. HC. 301-475-9791. Leonardtown.somd.com

November 23 – 24
HEARTH AND HOME IN EARLY MARYLAND

Historic St. Mary's City, 18751 Hogaboom Lane, St. Mary's City, MD 20686. 10 AM – 4 PM. Explore the colonial table and discover how Maryland's first citizens celebrated the harvest. Admission. HC. 240-895-4990. hsmcdigshistory.org

December 1 – 31
CHRISTMAS DOLL & TRAIN EXHIBIT

St. Clement's Island Museum, 38370 Point Breeze Road, Colton's Point, MD 20626. Call for hours of operation. Enjoy antique and collectible dolls, trains and toys in festive holiday displays. Admission. HC. 301-769-2222. stmarysmd.com/recreate/Museums.asp

December 1 – 31
PINEY POINT LIGHTHOUSE HOLIDAY EXHIBIT

Piney Point Lighthouse, Museum & Historic Park, 44701 Lighthouse Road, Piney Point, MD 20674. Call for hours of operation. Lighthouse-themed exhibits in a holiday setting inside museum and keeper's quarters. Admission. HC. 301-994-1471. stmarysmd.com/recreate/Museums.asp

December 1
COLONIAL CHRISTMAS

Historic St. Mary's City, 18751 Hogaboom Lane, St. Mary's City, MD 20686. 11 AM – 4 PM. Tours depart 11 AM, 12 PM, 1 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM. Celebrate Christmas the way the first Maryland colonists did with a walking tour of colonial holiday traditions. Admission. HC. 240-895-4990. hsmcdigshistory.org

December 8
HOLIDAYS AT SOTTERLEY

Sotterley Plantation, 44300 Sotterley Lane, Hollywood, MD 20636. 10 AM – 4 PM. Family-friendly tours of the decorated Plantation House, a holiday scavenger hunt, a kid-friendly Colonial Gardens decorated with colorful nutcrackers, seasonal greens and hand-crafted items from Sotterley's Garden Guild, unique holiday gifts in the Sotterley Museum Shop, Santa's Secret Shop, craft vendors, live demonstrations and more. Admission. HC (limited). 301-373-2280. Sotterley.org

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LEONARDTOWN FIRST FRIDAYS

First Friday of every month, 5 PM – 8 PM.

Leonardtown Square and throughout the Town. Leonardtown retailers offer something unique including live music, poetry readings, book signings, cooking classes, wine tastings, and a host of dining and shopping specials. Browse art galleries and meet the artists. HC. 301-475-9791. FirstFridaysLeonardtown.com

March 24 MARYLAND DAY AT HISTORIC ST. MARY'S CITY

Historic St. Mary's City, 18751 Hogaboom Lane, St. Mary's City, MD 20686. 10 AM – 4 PM. Celebrate Maryland's founding with ceremony, pageantry, speeches, and free admission to living history and museum exhibits. Free. HC. 240-895-4990. hsmcdigshistory.org

March 26 MARYLAND DAY AT ST. CLEMENT'S ISLAND

St. Clement's Island Museum, 38370 Point Breeze Road, Colton's Point, MD 20626. 2 PM – 3 PM. Celebrate the founding of Maryland with guest speakers, dignitaries, and wreath laying. Free. HC. 301-769-2222. stmarysmd.com/recreate/Museums.asp

April 22 EARTH DAY ON THE SQUARE

Leonardtown Square. 12:30 PM – 4:30 PM. Live animals, hands-on education, eco-friendly products and entertainment come together in the Leonardtown Square, with kayak and boat rides at the Leonardtown Wharf Park. Free. HC. 301-475-9791. Leonardtown.somd.com

April 29 SPRING FLING CAR SHOW

Leonardtown Square. 8 AM – 4 PM. Over 350 antique and classic cars on the Square in Leonardtown. Trophies, music, shops, vendors, restaurants, trivia, kids games. Proceeds benefit Hospice of St. Mary's. Rain date: May 6. Admission. HC. 301-994-9666. StMarysRoadandClassic.com

May 4 – 5 PDRA NORTH-SOUTH SHOOTOUT DRAG RACE

Maryland International Raceway, 27861. 8 AM – 11 PM. Budds Creek Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659. See nearly 300 of the fastest and most extreme drag race door cars on the planet compete in this fan favorite race series. Admission. HC. 301-884-9833. RaceMDIR.com

May 5 MAY DAY

Historic St. Mary's City, 18751 Hogaboom Lane, St. Mary's City, MD 20686. 10 AM – 4 PM. Welcome spring with the Colonists. Celebrate with a maypole, games, crafts and more. Admission. HC. 240-895-4990. hsmcdigshistory.org

May 12 HOLLYWOOD BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

St. Mary's County Fairgrounds, 42455 Fairgrounds Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. 12 PM – 8 PM. See featured musicians perform at this fun bluegrass festival. Food and more available. Admission. HC. 301-737-3004. HVRS.org

DOWNTOWN TUNES

Fourth Saturday of May, June, July and August

Leonardtown Square. 6 PM. Family-friendly music series in downtown Leonardtown featuring various genres including jazz, country, bluegrass, rock & roll and more. Bring a chair or blanket and sit on the green. Free. HC. 301-475-9791. Leonardtown.somd.com

June 2 ST. CLEMENT'S ISLAND HERITAGE DAY

St. Clement's Island Museum, 38370 Point Breeze Road, Colton's Point, MD 20626. 10 AM – 3 PM. Celebrate the history and heritage of St. Clement's Island with water taxi rides to the island, children's games, and much more. Free. HC. 301-769-2222. stmarysmd.com/recreate/Museums.asp

June 9 ST. MARY'S COUNTY CRAB FESTIVAL

St. Mary's County Fairgrounds, 42455 Fairgrounds Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. 12 PM – 5 PM. Annual crab festival celebrating the best of the Bay. Highlights include crab picking contests, live music, and a car, bike and craft show. Admission. HC. 301-475-8384.

June 9 – 10 BLUE AND GRAY DAYS

Point Lookout State Park - Fort Lincoln, 11175 Point Lookout Road, Scotland, MD 20687. Sat. 10 AM – 4 PM., Sun. 10 AM – 3 PM. Experience living history programs, including open camps, period weapons demos, and more at Civil War sites around Point Lookout State Park, site of Point Lookout prisoner of war camp during the American Civil War. Park entry fee. 301-872-5688.

June 16 JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

John G. Lancaster Park, 21550 Willows Road, Lexington Park, MD 20653. 12 PM – 8 PM. Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. Music, family entertainment and activities, food and fun for everyone. Free. HC. 301-862-4868. ucaonline.org

June 23 BEERFEST

Historic St. Mary's City, 18751 Hogaboom Lane, St. Mary's City, MD 20686. 12 PM – 6 PM. Enjoy Historic St. Mary's City's annual celebration of brews, food, and music! Sample select craft brews, local cuisine, artisans, demos, activities and live music. Admission. HC. 240-895-4977. stmaryscitybeerfest.org

July 14 POTOMAC JAZZ & SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

St. Clement's Island Museum, 38370 Point Breeze Road, Colton's Point, MD 20626. 12 PM – 8 PM. Relax riverside on the museum lawn and enjoy live jazz artists, lots of delicious seafood delicacies, and gorgeous views of St. Clement's Island at this popular signature yearly event. Advanced Tickets Required. HC. 301-769-2222. stmarysmd.com/recreate/Museums.asp

RIVER CONCERT SERIES

June 22, 29 (fireworks), July 6, 13, 20, 21
St. Mary's College of Maryland, Townhouse Green, North Campus 18952 E. Fisher Road, St. Mary's City, MD 20686. 7 PM – 9 PM.
Music Director Jeff Silberschlag leads the acclaimed Chesapeake Orchestra in six free family-friendly concerts. Free. HC. SMCM.edu/RiverConcert

July 21 – 22 TIDEWATER ARCHAEOLOGY DAYS

Historic St. Mary's City, 18751 Hogaboom Lane, St. Mary's City, MD 20686. 10 AM – 4 PM. Get down and dirty with the pros at one of the nation's best-preserved colonial archaeology sites. Take a guided tour of excavations, and don't miss a once-a-year opportunity to explore the archaeology laboratory. Admission. HC. 240-895-4990. hsmcdigshistory.org

July 28 – 29 SOUTHERN MARYLAND BOAT CLUB SUMMER REGATTA

Leonardtown Wharf. 9 AM – 3 PM. Vintage racing boats hearken back to a bygone era and put on quite a show as they compete in various heats on the waters of Breton Bay all afternoon. Free. HC. 301-475-9791. Leonardtown.somd.com

August 3 – 5 ST. MARY'S COLLEGE OF MD GOVERNOR'S CUP YACHT RACE

St. Mary's College of Maryland, 18952 E. Fisher Road, St. Mary's City, MD 20686. The oldest and longest overnight race on the Chesapeake, this race starts in Annapolis and ends in St. Mary's City. Free. HC. 240-895-3246. smcm.edu/events/govcup

August 4 – 5 ST. MARY'S COUNTY NATIONAL LAWN MOWER RACING

Bowles Farms, 22880 Budds Creek Road, Clements, MD 20624. Fri. 5 PM – 10 PM, Sat. 2 PM – 10 PM. See racers from across the country compete in the thrilling annual St. Mary's County National Lawn Mower Races at Bowles Farms. Food, family activities, and much more. Admission. HC. 301-475-2139. BowlesFarms.com

August 4 BEACH PARTY ON THE SQUARE

Leonardtown Square and Leonardtown Wharf Park. 4 PM – 9 PM. Fun in the sun in downtown Leonardtown! Say goodbye to summer with sand volleyball, live band, fire truck hose downs, strolling entertainers, paddle boarding, large inflatable slides and lots of food and family activities. Free. HC. 301-475-9791. Leonardtown.somd.com

August 9 – 11 LIL' MARGARET'S BLUEGRASS & OLD TIME MUSIC FESTIVAL

Goddard Family Farm, 21810 Clay Hill Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Starts Thursday at 3 PM and ends Saturday at 10 PM. Featuring three days of music, this popular bluegrass festival showcases a lineup of some of today's top talented bluegrass artists. Admission. HC. 301-737-3004. lilmargaretsbluegrass.com

August 10, 11, 16, 17, 18 SHAKESPEARE IN THE CITY

Historic St. Mary's City, 18751 Hogaboom Lane, St. Mary's City, MD 20686. 7:30 PM – 10 PM. Pack a lawn chair and picnic and spend an evening on the State House Green enjoying one of Shakespeare's beloved masterpieces. Admission. HC. 240-895-4990. hsmcdigshistory.org

September 8 INDIAN DISCOVERY DAY

Historic St. Mary's City, 18751 Hogaboom Lane, St. Mary's City, MD 20686. 10 AM – 4 PM. Explore the life ways and culture of Maryland's first people through hands-on activities. Admission. HC. 240-895-4990. hsmcdigshistory.org

September 15 A TASTE OF ST. MARY'S

Leonardtown Square. 1 PM – 5:30 PM. Sample menu items from some of St. Mary's County's finest restaurants while enjoying family-friendly entertainment. Free. HC. Fee charged for samples. 301-737-3001. SmcChamber.com

FALL MAZES

September 15 – October 28

FORREST HALL FARM CRAZY CORN MAZE

Forrest Hall Farm, 39136 Avie Lane, Mechanicsville, MD 20659. Weekends 9 AM – 5 PM. Weekdays by appointment. Get lost in the popular corn maze, take a hayride, see farm animals, or relax at the children's play and picnic area. Farm shop on site features farm-grown produce, flowers, meat, and a variety of baked goods and snacks (open Mid-June through Mid-December). Group discounts. Admission. HC. 301-884-3086. ForrestHallFarm.com

September 29 – October 28

BOWLES FARMS CORN MAZE & PUMPKIN FARM

Bowles Farms, 22880 Budds Creek Road, Clements, MD 20624. Sat. and Sun. 10 AM – 6 PM. Weekdays by appointment (school groups, etc.). Corn maze, petting zoo, wagon rides, mini straw maze, corn box, pumpkins, food, and lots of family fun. Admission. HC. 301-475-2139. BowlesFarms.com

September 20 – 23 ST. MARY'S COUNTY FAIR

St. Mary's County Fairgrounds, 42455 Fairgrounds Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Thu. 3 PM – 9 PM, Fri. & Sat. 9 AM – 9 PM, Sun. 9 AM – 6 PM. Celebrate St. Mary's heritage at this traditional county fair. Livestock, home arts, flowers, field crops, 4-H and school exhibits, horse pulls, carnival. Admission. HC. 301-475-2256. SmcFair.somd.com

September 22 RIVERFEST & MILITIA MUSTER AT HISTORIC ST. MARY'S CITY

Historic St. Mary's City, 18751 Hogaboom Lane, St. Mary's City, MD 20686. Militia Muster: 10 AM – 4 PM. RiverFest: 11 AM – 4 PM. Learn ways to protect and enjoy our waterways. Live music, environmental and children's activities, kayaking, and muster demos by the St. Mary's City Militia. HC. 301-904-2387. SMRWA.org