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## CBMM offers talk on Byron January 24

Come to the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum's Van Lennep Auditorium at 10am on Tuesday, January 24 to hear Gilbert Byron Society's Jacques Baker talk about Gilbert Byron and his work. The talk is free and open to the public, with pre-registration needed.

Byron, born in Chestertown, Maryland on July 12, 1903, lived nearly all of his 88 years on the Delmarva Peninsula where he taught school, wrote verse, articles, short stories and novels, mostly about the Chesapeake Bay area.

The late writer also shares the same birth date with Henry David Thoreau of Walden Pond. In all likelihood, this coincidence influenced not only Byron's writing, but his lifestyle as well. Whereas Thoreau spent two years, two months and two days in his house by Walden Pond, Byron lived alone for nearly 45 years in the cabin he built on Old House Cove.



No one else is considered to have written more words about the Chesapeake, and over a longer period of time, than Byron, who has come to be known as the *Chesapeake Thoreau* as well as the *Voice of the Chesapeake*.

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