Winter Speaker Series 2013: This Old Chesapeake House
Space limited and pre-registration is required for all events. Call 410-745-4941. Cost per session in this series: $6 for members, $8 for non-members, or register for all three sessions and save, $15 for members, $20 for non-members. Old houses are part of the flavor of the Chesapeake landscape, and remind us constantly of the presence of the past in our day-to-day lives. Join us as the Museum explores the legacy, history, and stories of these historic structures throughout the Bay region. Through three sessions, the series will cover the intimate history, painstaking restoration, and ongoing preservation efforts of old Chesapeake houses, large and small, public and private.

• Thursday, January 17, 10am in Van Lennep Auditorium. Not all old Chesapeake houses are on land, plenty are also on (or over) the water. Bay lighthouses are some of the Bay’s most treasured but also most endangered “old houses.” In this program, join Anne Arundel County’s Cultural Resource Planner Jane Cox as she talks about her career preserving some of the Chesapeake’s most iconic lighthouses, and her current efforts as a private owner to restore the Baltimore Harbor Lighthouse, one load of ferried-in supplies at a time.

• Thursday, January 31, 10am in Van Lennep Auditorium, Author and photographer Shirley Hampton Hunt will explore through story and pictures the process of writing and photographing images for her book, The Vanishing Landscape, which documents the history and collapse of abandoned old houses on the Eastern Shore, their relationship to a changing environment, and a population balancing the legacy of the past with the promise of the future.

• Tuesday, February 5, 1pm in Van Lennep Auditorium
Elizabeth Beckley of Preservation Maryland will discuss her career as a historical restorer, old house aficionado, owner, and preservationist. With a professional and personal life spent in, on, and under old Chesapeake houses, Beckley’s talk will be illustrated by the lively stories and photos of her restoration adventures.

Volunteer Education Meeting– Wednesday, January 16. 9:30am-11am, VLA. Chief Curator, Pete Lesher discusses the CBMM Strategic Plan and encourages input from volunteers. Please remember to sign-up on the volunteer website!

Member Nights: Savoring the Bay: Marsh, Muskrats & Meals. Tuesday, January 22, 5:30pm, Van Lennep Auditorium
Members FREE; Non-members $10. Reservations required. RSVP to Cheryl Miller at 410-745-4943 or email cmiller@cbmm.org by January 20. A skinny-tailed cousin of the beaver, muskrats make their homes around the many creeks that snake through the marshlands of the Chesapeake. Join us for an evening of muskrat talk and tasting to learn about traditional ways of trapping, cooking, and eating the furry creatures that some have called “Dorchester Marsh Rabbit.”

ChesAdventures- Children ages 4-9 can fill their Saturdays with two hours of fun-filled and challenging hands-on games, arts and crafts, and storytelling at the Museum’s ChesAdventures Program. Each Chesapeake-themed class has two sessions; 10-12noon for 4-6 year olds, and 1-3pm for 7-9 year olds. Pre-registration is required, call 410-745-4941 to reserve a spot. Visa, Mastercard, and Discover accepted. Gift certificates available. $12 for members, $15 non-members. A six-session pass is available for $68 for Museum members, and $80 for non-members. Scholarships for individual classes are available for qualifying students.

• Jan. 26 – Fish – make some fine, funny, finny, fabulous fish.
• Feb. 2 – Snow! Fun to play in, fun to watch, fun to make.
• Feb. 9 – Ducks, Geese, Birds of Winter - Feathers and Feeders
• Feb. 16 – Chesapeake Critter Creations – put bits and pieces of animals together in crazy ways.
• Feb. 23 – Rocks & Wool, Hard & Soft – Can you think of how to them together?
Thinking Ahead

Exhibit Spotlight- History on the Half Shell: Oystering on the Chesapeake
Wednesday, February 13, 2013, 5:30pm, Van Lennep Auditorium- Members $5; Non-members $10. Reservations required. RSVP to Cheryl Miller at 410-745-4943 or email cmiller@cbmm.org February 11. Join Director of Education Kate Livie as she explores the rich (and tasty!) 400-year relationship between the Chesapeake’s people and its “founding shellfish” through CBMM’s skipjacks, oyster cans, and dredges. Learn about the current controversies facing the traditional oyster fishery. Sample some of the new “aquaculture” oysters some small companies are growing as a sustainable option and enjoy a special brewed beverage.

Volunteer Programs: Upcoming Training Sessions
Van Lennep Auditorium. Become a docent volunteer and lead guided tours of the campus, exhibits, and artifacts for adults and children. No prior experience necessary. Each session of the general tour training is mandatory to complete the docent training and graduate the program. For more information, contact Director of Event and Volunteer Program, Melissa Spielman at 410-745-4956 or mspielman@cbmm.org.

Week 1: Thursday, Feb 7 and Friday, Feb 8, 10:00 AM- 12:30 PM
Week 2: Thursday, Feb 14 and Friday, Feb 15, 10:00 AM- 12:30 PM
Week 3: Thursday, Feb 21 and Friday, Feb 22, 10:00 AM- 12:30 PM
Week 4: Thursday, Feb 28 and Friday, Mar 01, 10:00 AM- 12:30 PM

Volunteer Education Meeting– Wednesday, February 20, 9:30am-11am, VLA. Director of Education, Kate Livie and Director of CCS, Robert Forloney present “Checking It Out Challenge” a fun way of tackling a new approach to exhibit interpretation and object observation. Please remember to sign-up on the volunteer website!

As always, please visit the CBMM website, www.cbmm.org for more info and additional programs including AFAD and more.

Thank you for all you do for CBMM!