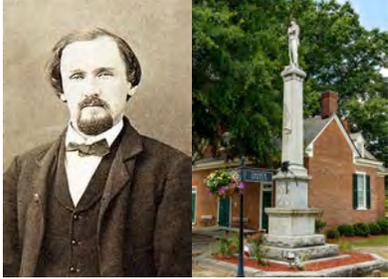


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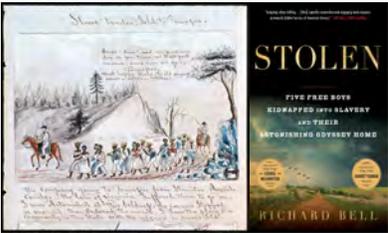


JANUARY 13 | 7PM

How John Yates Beall and His Men Became the Maritime Mosby Rangers

- Following a summer of battlefield disasters – Gettysburg, Vicksburg and Tullahoma in 1863 - what was needed was a glimmer of light, a show of daring, a triumph—of some kind. Confederate John Yates Beall and his band of special volunteers – Maritime Mosby Rangers -- would provide all three on the Chesapeake Bay.

Presenter: John Grady | Former Editor of *Navy Times*



JANUARY 20 | 7PM

Five Free Boys Kidnapped into Slavery and their Astonishing Odyssey Home

- An incredible story of five boys whose courage forever changed the fight against slavery in America.
- This story shines a glaring spotlight on the Reverse Underground Railroad, a black-market network of human traffickers who stole away thousands of legally free African-Americans to fuel slavery's rapid expansion in the decades before the Civil War.

Presenter: Richard Bell | Professor of History at the University of Maryland



JANUARY 27 | 7PM

The 6th Great Extinction: Devastating Wildlife and all of Biodiversity

- Learn about the grave threats to biodiversity threatening wildlife, insects including pollinators, and many other species. This is the only great extinction linked to humans, the last being 60 million years ago.
- Hear from Gerald Winegrad, an experienced naturalist with many years of work in wildlife conservation and trips around the globe to observe nature's fascinating creatures.
- He will be returning from an eco-expedition to Antarctica.

Presenter: Gerald Winegrad | Former State Senator and Author



FEBRUARY 3 | 7PM

Ancient Oysters and Modern Messes: How Archaeology Can Help Clean the Bay

- Oysters struggle to grow in much of the upper Chesapeake Bay today, but thousands of archaeological sites full of oyster shells tell us that they were once plentiful.
- These sites show how Indigenous people fished the Bay for thousands of years, and how the relationship between people and the Bay has shifted over the past few centuries.
- Address how Chesapeake environments and cultures have changed, and investigate a few archaeological clues about what we could do differently today.

Presenter: Leslie Reeder-Myers | Assistant Professor-Department of Anthropology at Temple University



FEBRUARY 10 | 7PM

Blacks of the Chesapeake's Campaign to Preserve A Local Legacy: Elktonia, Carr's, & Sparrow's Heritage Preservation Project

- Hear accounts and memories about famous beach venues owned and operated by Elizabeth Carr Smith and her sister Florence Carr Sparrow during the 1930s-1970s with a focus on music, entertainment and leisure during times of segregation.

Presenter: Vince Leggett | Founder and President of the Blacks of the Chesapeake Foundation



FEBRUARY 17 | 7PM

Commodore Matthew C. Perry: Sailor, Diplomat, Naval Educator

- This presentation will discuss Commodore Matthew Perry’s early accomplishments in 1820-30s at sea fighting piracy, claiming Key West for the U.S.A., repatriating free slaves to Africa, and repressing illegal slave trade.
- His leadership with naval steam power and commanding first steam-powered ships, including during the Mexican War and the expedition to Japan, where his successful Treaty of Peace and Amity ended over 200 years of isolation by Japan.

Presenter: Dr. Matthew Perry | Scientist Emeritus



FEBRUARY 24 | 7PM

Measuring Milestones and Meeting Goals: Progress in Bay Restoration

- This presentation focuses on the first watershed-wide EPA studies that were conducted 50 years ago to document the Chesapeake Bay’s problems. This triggered a massive restoration effort that is widely recognized among the most successful in the world.
- Progress in water quality is often discussed, but how are we progressing towards the other desired outcomes – crabs, oysters, wetlands, forests, and forest buffers? What measures are still needed to accelerate progress and ensure results.

Presenter: Ann Swanson | Executive Director of the Chesapeake Bay Commission



MARCH 3 | 7PM

Ospreys on the Patuxent: Their Important Role in this Ecosystem

- Explore osprey biology on the Patuxent River, diet behavior and threats to population
- The provision of nesting platforms and re-introduction efforts of the osprey
- Efforts to increase their numbers and public awareness with educational banding program
- Satellite tracking of migration

Presenter: Greg Kearns | Senior Park Naturalist-Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission

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