



2026 WINTER LECTURE SERIES

Thursday, January 8 | 7:00-8:30 PM
The Poplar Island Restoration Project

Begin the New Year by exploring one of the Chesapeake Bay's most remarkable stories of innovation and restoration. Learn how federal and state partners worked with local communities to rebuild a lost island using dredged material from nearby shipping channels, creating thriving wetlands that now support diverse wildlife and improve the health of the Bay.

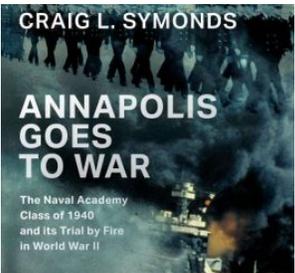
Presenter: Julia Moya, Senior Environmentalist, Maryland Environmental Service



Thursday, January 15 | 7:00-8:30 PM
Annapolis Goes to War

Join renowned naval historian Dr. Craig L. Symonds, Professor Emeritus at the U.S. Naval Academy and award-winning author of eighteen books. A recipient of the Lincoln Prize, Roosevelt Prize, and Pritzker Award for Lifetime Achievement, Symonds shares insights from his latest book, *Annapolis Goes to War*, exploring the Naval Academy Class of 1940 at the dawn of WWII.

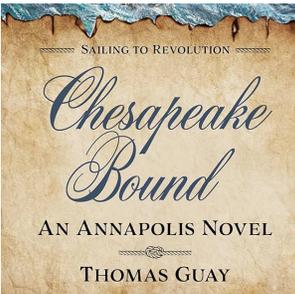
Presenter: Craig L. Symonds, Professor, Historian, and Author



Thursday, January 22 | 7:00-8:30 PM
Chesapeake Bound

Author and historian Thomas Guay brings colonial Annapolis to life through *Chesapeake Bound*, his gripping novel about ordinary Britons who risked years of indentured servitude for a new beginning in America. Drawing on his experience as a former Capitol Hill journalist and historical guide, Guay offers a vivid look at the people and forces that shaped the Chesapeake region.

Presenter: Thomas Guay, Author, Historian, Musician



Thursday, January 29 | 7:00-8:30 PM
The Winter Visitors: From Scapa Flow to Annapolis to Bletchley Park

In January 1941, a state-of-the-art British battleship charges up the Chesapeake Bay on a secret mission. With no fanfare or entourage, the president travels to Annapolis for the rendezvous. Meanwhile, a team of American code breakers pack their equipment and board a boat at Annapolis, on a secret mission of their own.

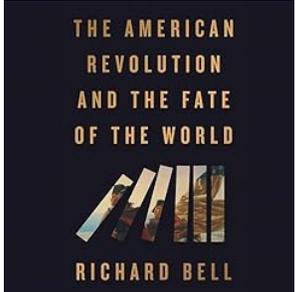
Presenter: David Gendell, Author and Sailor



Thursday, February 5 | 7:00-8:30 PM
The American Revolution and the Fate of the World

Dr. Richard Bell invites audiences to reconsider the American Revolution as a sweeping global conflict that reshaped lives across six continents. Drawing from his new book, *The American Revolution and the Fate of the World*, Bell traces the war's far-reaching upheaval from the Caribbean to India to the Canadian frontier and the people it displaced, empowered, or destroyed.

Presenter: Dr. Richard Bell, Historian, Professor, and Author





Thursday, February 12 | 7:00-8:30 PM

Ben Ross' Homeplace, Harriet Tubman Birthplace Archeology

Join archaeologist Dr. Julie Schablitsky as she presents the discovery of Harriet Tubman's father's home and a neighboring enslaved quarter in Maryland's Eastern Shore wetlands. Drawing on artifacts and historical documents, she reconstructs the lives of Ben Ross, his family, and their community, showing how they endured and resisted the brutal realities of slavery.

Presenter: Julie B. Schablitsky, PhD, Chief Archaeologist and Director, Office of Cultural Resources



Thursday, February 19 | 7:00-8:30 PM

Columbia Beach: "Gem of the Bay"

Discover the powerful history of Columbia Beach, one of Anne Arundel County's historic African American waterfront communities and the first in Maryland nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. Historic architect Mimi Giguère and longtime resident Faye Belt offer a behind-the-scenes look at the community engagement, family histories, and archival work that brought this vital "Black Coast" story to light.

**Presenters: Mimi Giguère, Principal Investigator and Historic Architect
Faye Belt, long-time Columbia Beach resident and former HOA President**



Thursday, February 26 | 7:00-8:30 PM

Ospreys on the Patuxent

Learn about the Chesapeake Bay's iconic Osprey from avian ecologist Alex Pellegrini, who studies and bands these remarkable raptors across Maryland. Pellegrini will explore Osprey biology, conservation history, and reintroduction efforts, highlighting how this once-imperiled species became one of the region's greatest wildlife success stories.

Presenter: Alex Pellegrini, Avian Ecologist



How to Join Us!

- Lectures are held in person at AMM's Museum, with live and virtual options.
- Pre-registration is required for members and non-members—spaces are first come, first served.
- Lectures are \$10 or FREE for First Mate members and above.
To become a member, visit amaritime.org/membership
- For more information, visit amaritime.org/events/wls. Registration opens December 18.

About the Annapolis Maritime Museum & Park (AMM)

The Annapolis Maritime Museum & Park (AMM) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to educating people of all ages about Annapolis' rich maritime heritage and the ecology of the Chesapeake Bay. With two waterfront campuses — one focused on exhibits and public programs, and the other home to award-winning environmental education — AMM offers rare Bay access, hands-on learning experiences, and a deep connection to the Bay's history, culture, and natural resources. Through immersive programs, engaging partnerships, and a commitment to stewardship, AMM inspires a lasting appreciation for the Chesapeake Bay and its vibrant maritime legacy.