

Maryland Archaeology Month Historic St. Mary's City

Spring Season 2008 - March 11 through June 14

Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. On Sundays, living history exhibits are closed while the Visitor Center, Exhibit Hall, The Shop at Farthing's Ordinary, and museum grounds remain open. \$10.00 adult, \$8 seniors (60+), \$6.00 student (13-18 years or college ID), \$3.50 ages 6-12, Child (5 and under) free. Audio tour rentals are an additional \$3.

Summer Season 2007 - June 18 through September 14

The entire museum will be open Wednesday - Sunday, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. \$10.00 adult, \$8 seniors (60+), \$6.00 student (13-18 years or college ID), \$3.50 ages 6-12, Child (5 and under) free. Audio tour rentals are an additional \$3.

Fall Season 2007 - September 16 through November 29

Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. \$10.00 adult, \$8 seniors (60+), \$6.00 student (13-18 years or college ID), \$3.50 ages 6-12, Child (5 and under) free. Audio tour rentals are an additional \$3. On Sundays, living history exhibits are closed while the Visitor Center, Exhibit Hall, The Shop at Farthing's Ordinary, and museum grounds remain open. Reduced admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children over 6 years. An audio tour may be rented for an additional \$3.

Ongoing Exhibit: **Once the Metropolis of Maryland: The History and Archaeology of Maryland's First Capital**

An exhibit that chronicles the history and archaeology of St. Mary's City. The exhibit features original paintings, artifacts, and reproduced graphics to introduce and orient visitors to Historic St. Mary's City.

Sponsor: Historic St. Mary's City
Location: Historic St. Mary's City Visitor's Center
Time: see above
Fee: Free with purchase of museum admission
Contact: 1-800-SMC-1634 or 240-895-4990

Ongoing Exhibit: **Figures in Clay: Exploring an Artistic Expression**

An exhibit that explores the phenomena of white pipe clay figurines found on 17th-century archaeological sites in St. Mary's County. The exhibit includes the headless king figurine recovered in excavations aboard the Patuxent Naval Air Station, which was featured on the 2005 Maryland Archaeology Month poster, and comparable specimens from the excavations in St. Mary's City.

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Ongoing Exhibit: **Rebuilding the Brick Chapel**

An exhibit that outlines the history and archaeology of the Chapel of 1667 in St. Mary's City. The exhibit features paintings, artifacts, and reproduced graphics to explain the process of recreating this unique and significant building.

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Ongoing Tour: **Living History and More**

Historic St. Mary's City offers a variety of historic interpretations of Maryland in the 17th century. Reconstructions include a Woodland Indian Hamlet, William Nuthead's Printhouse, Smith's Ordinary, Cordea's Hope, the State House of 1676, the *Maryland Dove* (a recreated 17th-century ship), and a 17th-century tobacco plantation. Other exhibits include a range of 17th-century archaeological sites such as the Brick Chapel, and Leonard Calvert's house.

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April 26 Exhibit: **Grand Opening of the Van Sweringen Archaeological Exhibit**

Garrett Van Sweringen was one of the more durable characters of St. Mary's City during the period of the capital. A Dutch immigrant from Delaware, Van Sweringen operated an exclusive lodging house in St. Mary's City which catered to the elite. Van Sweringen served as alderman and mayor of the city and was one of the most enterprising entrepreneurs in early Maryland. The new exhibit, on the actual archaeological site, tells the story of Van Sweringen and the history and archaeology that allow us to tell his saga.

Sponsor: Historic St. Mary's City
Location: Van Sweringen Site Exhibit
Time: 2:00 pm
Fee: Free with museum admission ticket.
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June 4 – August 3

Excavations **2008 Archaeological Field School at the Leonard Calvert House**
An opportunity to visit the excavations and talk to the field school students and the archaeologist about the most recent discoveries and how they are made.

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Location: Town Center area
Time: During museum hours (call in advance in case field school is off site)
Fee: Free with museum admission ticket.
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June 14

Event: **Maritime Heritage Day**
Big boats, little boats, skipjack cruises, sea shanties, hands-on activities, and demonstrations.

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July 26- 27

Dig: **Tidewater Archaeology Dig**
Experience a hands-on opportunity to be an archaeologist for a day at the site of Maryland's first capital. Help screen and sift through the dirt to uncover artifacts from Maryland's past. Special behind the scenes guided tours.

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September 6

Event: **Woodland Indian Discovery Day**
Come to Historic St. Mary's City to witness how American Indians lived. Special hands-on activities including bead making, archery, pottery, and flintknapping alongside demonstrations in cooking, hide preparation. Traditional dancing completes the program.

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October 4

Event: **Militia Muster**
Gather for drills, mock combat, and camp life with St. Maries City Militia.
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Nov. 28 - 29

Event: **Hearth & Home in Early Maryland.** . Historic St. Mary's City. Following the harvest, the colonists made preparations for the long winter. Learn about homely skills in the 17th century by watching demonstrations and trying hands-on activities. Included with museum admission.
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