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## ***President's Note:***

### **Dear Friends and Neighbors,**

Greetings. First, I'd like to express my sincere gratitude to you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your President. Second, it is my pleasure to welcome more new members of your Moyaone Association Board: Logan Kistler, our new Vice President, and Jim Wickman, our new Secretary. With high regard, we are privileged to serve on the Board with Karen, our Comptroller, and Rose, who has assumed the role of Director-at-Large.

I also want to thank Rose, Lindsay, Lona, Karen, and Mike, who set the table for us during their tenure on the previous Board. We will do everything in our power to carry forward their winning ways. We are also privileged to serve with the chairs and members of all our Standing Committees. I'm looking very much forward to working with our committees and with all of our membership during 2022 and 2023. We have a few items already on our plate and are ready to press forward in the service of our community.

*With kindest regards,  
John "JR" Rudzis*

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## ***Pulse of the Pool***

The Moyaone Association community pool is now open through Labor Day. We held work parties to remove the pool cover April 23, to complete various clean-up and set-up tasks on May 14 and 21, and to prepare the Commons for the picnic on May 29.

We want to thank and recognize the following individuals and families for helping to prepare the pool for this year's opening day: Kerry Cook; Kirkup family; Bennett family; Gheen family; John Hollyfield; Paola Carts; Micah Dixon; Crystal, Esther, Luke, Ben, and Betsy Garcia; Madeleine Kochen; Linda Massey; Bill Robertson; Jamie Kucab; John Mitchell; Doug Hattaway; Andrew Palmeteer; Gwen Peters; Ron and Becky Pollack; Tina, Josef, Johannes, Ginny, and Elsalore Shotwell; Alex and Axel Naar; Rhonda Hanson; John and Cindy Rudzis; Anne Stokes; Michael Micknick; and our grill master duo, Chris Aills and Tom Garcia. Apologies if you were missed: We are so thankful for our willing and helpful neighbors! Please take a moment to thank our pool manager, Will Micknick, for leading and keeping us organized.

This year's Memorial Day potluck social was well attended (see photos on page 2). If you didn't make it out this time, we hope you'll consider joining us for the Labor Day picnic and social in early September.

Also, we are excited to announce that the Accokeek Gators will be swimming their home meets on June 18 and July 9. Come out and cheer for the home team! Check out all of the new deck chairs and chaise loungers too. Full pool hours begin June 15, and until then the pool opens weekdays at 3:30 pm and weekends as scheduled.

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# Pulse of the Pool

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## Moyaone Association Pool Hours

### Sat/Sun

9:30–11 Early Morning Swim  
11–8 Recreational Swim (1 lap lane)  
(½ hour cleanup after closing)

### M/W/F

7:30–9 Early morning Swim  
9–11 Swim Team  
11–8 Recreational Swim (1 lap lane)  
(½ hour cleanup after closing)

### Tu/Th

7:30–9 Early morning swim  
9–11 Pool maintenance  
11–8 Recreational Swim (1 lap lane until 6 pm)  
6–8 Swim team in 4 lanes  
8–9 Adult swim  
(½ hour cleanup after closing)

The 2022 Pool Committee is comprised of the following community members: Crystal Garcia, Ben Grenoble, Rhonda Hanson, Michael Leventhal, Will Micknick, Hsin-I Russell, and Nancy Weiman. We welcome all who are interested in helping. Please come to our next meeting on Tuesday, June 21, at 6:30 pm, at 2311 Bryan Point Road. Reach out to any of us, or to me (email [russelhc@yahoo.com](mailto:russelhc@yahoo.com) or text 240-383-9708), to reserve a spot.







## yART Sale Change of Date New Date: Saturday, June 25

The yART sale sponsored by the Accokeek Artists Alliance (AAA) will happen on Saturday, June 25 (not the 18th). This sale is open to all — no need to be an AAA member. For creative souls in every media. Now is the time to clean your studios, workshops, storage places and replace with newly inspiring art materials. Whether selling or buying, this will be great for home-schoolers, those of you looking for new directions in your art making, and those of you looking for tidier work spaces.

The sale will take place at the Moyaone Association Commons (2311 Bryan Point Road). Register by June 17 by sending an email of intent to: [Accokeekartistsalliance@gmail.com](mailto:Accokeekartistsalliance@gmail.com). Set up will be at 7:30 am, sales start at 8. Coffee and snacks will be available at the Tiki Bar where participants will be serenaded by none other than singer/songwriter Lynn Hollyfield on guitar.

Bring your own table. Please remember, we are looking only for art and materials related to the creation of art. Still puzzled? Here are a some suggestions:

- actual art (prints, paintings, sculptures) that need new homes
- canvas (painted or unpainted), frames, easels, paints, brushes, pencils, markers
- art-related tools and hardware
- art books, music books, poetry books, textbooks about the arts
- instruments, sheet music, records, tapes
- fiber arts-related materials including looms, dyes, yarn, thread, fabric
- clay, ceramic tools, stamps, anything useful in a ceramic studio
- jewelry findings, glass work paraphernalia, leather ...

### Forest Fest Fun This Saturday

Saturday, June 11, is Forest Fest from 4 to 9 pm! It's our own little music festival in the woods, featuring Moyaone musicians and other guests who are sure to inspire and delight! This is a family-friendly event that is free for Moyaoners. Proceeds from the optional ticket sales will go to cover the event's costs.

The event takes place at Mina and Tim's farm, 1290 Old Landing Road. We'll have beer, pizza, games, and a bonfire to celebrate the magic of summer in our lovely woods.

RSVPing is encouraged for us to provide enough food. RSVP on Eventbrite or email: [minameister@gmail.com](mailto:minameister@gmail.com)

### Three June Events at Chapman State Park

The Friends of Chapman State Park have three events in June at Mount Aventine, 3452 Ferry Place, Indian Head, MD.

**Friday, June 10:** We are having a plein aire painting session at Mount Aventine from 10 to noon. Basic materials will be provided. All are welcome. Session led by Vicki Marckel. Everyone is invited to share their artwork with the group at noon on the back porch while enjoying sweet tea and treats. Rain date is Sunday, June 12, from 1 to 3 pm.

**Sunday, June 12:** Flag Day celebration with music by John O'loughlin — strings and traditional music — from 1:00 to 3:30 pm. Brief business meeting followed by music and food.

**Sunday, June 26:** Music in the Park from 1 to 2:30 pm with percussionist Abasi Johnson and Ensemble playing African, Latin, Jazz, and Reggae music. Bring your own drum and join in! Refreshments.

For more information: [friendsofchapmansp.org](http://friendsofchapmansp.org)

### Multi-family Yard Sale

All welcome to participate; must bring own set-up, must monitor and maintain, and take away at end of sale. Please call or text for available space: 301-266-5585. Or come to shop for household items, antiques, lawn mower, furniture, garden and other tools.

**14400 Farmington Creek Road, Accokeek  
Saturday, June 25, 8 am–2 pm**

**ARTS IN THE WOODS  
UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Grand Reopening Planned  
for Hard Bargain Farm's Amphitheater**

Come celebrate with neighbors as Lynn Hollyfield and Friends host a concert to celebrate the grand reopening of the Alice Ferguson Foundation Hard Bargain's amphitheater! The concert is scheduled for Saturday, July 23, at 7:30 pm.

The history of the creation of an amphitheater interestingly correlates with current affairs. Alice Ferguson had the amphitheater built as part of a rescue effort when Accokeek was facing hard times. In her book *Adventures in Southern Maryland*, Alice recounts how the neighbors suffered a rough winter after a long drought and the Depression. She had the unique idea to use her resources to employ as many out-of-work men as she could from the village. She arranged a loan from the local bank and with local labor the amphitheater was built in 1931. The Fergusons used this place to gather with friends, dressing up in elaborate costumes and putting on a spontaneous play for their own amusement. It soon became a meeting place for the community.

The pandemic forced us to adapt to new ways of attending school, performing work, and experiencing play. At Hard Bargain, schools canceled field trips and staff developed virtual classes for teaching environmental science. Remote work became the new normal and the amphitheater was temporarily closed.

Help us make it a community meeting place once again. The Alice Ferguson Foundation is looking for volunteers to prepare the theater for the grand reopening. Tasks include clearing paths, spreading mulch, cleaning chairs, and preparing to serve refreshments. Contact Alice Ferguson Foundation Board Member Kay Powell by email at [kaypowell@verizon.net](mailto:kaypowell@verizon.net) to volunteer and share ideas.

We are excited to revive a long-standing tradition in our community!



**Summer Events  
at the Alice Ferguson Foundation**

**Thank You for a Fantastic Pinot on the Potomac!**

Thank you all who attended and donated to the 2022 Pinot on the Potomac! We had a wonderful turnout and beautiful weather as we enjoyed an evening of family and friends in support of the work at Alice Ferguson Foundation (AFF). Stay tuned for some more pictures.

**Say Cheese! Join us June 18 at 4 pm for Fun on the Farm**

Test your skills at churning butter and learn about what it takes to make cheese at Hard Bargain Farm! Learn more about our farm animals while spending your afternoon with our AFF farmers and educators. Guaranteed fun for the whole family. Sign up and learn more information [here!](#)

**School is out and Summer is here! Sign up for Summer Camp at Hard Bargain Farm**

Open to children ages 5–12 years old, kids will explore the woods, wetlands, and Potomac riverbank, with activities such as hiking, finding tadpoles, and watching the eagles! Session 1 begins July 18. Learn more about our summer camp and sign up [here](#).

Alice Ferguson Foundation, 2001 Bryan Point Rd.  
[fergusonfoundation.org](http://fergusonfoundation.org)





## Upcoming Summer Programs at the Accokeek Foundation

### **Kids Quest: Water Wonders**

*Saturday, June 11, 10 am–12 pm*

Calling all adventurers! Journey through a day of exploration and investigation by getting your hands dirty (literally!) and discovering the role you play in water health. Observe macroinvertebrates, go on a river shoreline scavenger hunt, and use a microscope to see river critters. Piscataway People will share their historical tools and fishing techniques, traditional foods from their homeland's waterways, and the ecological relationships among aquatic lifeforms. Recommended for ages 5–13. \$14/child. Discount for 3+ children. [Register here.](#)

### **Fiber Arts with Stitch 'n Time: Wool Washing**

*Saturday, June 25, 1-4 pm*

Try your hand at fiber arts with the Stitch 'n Time volunteers. Watch experts show off their skills and drop in for hands-on activities. Our sheep were shorn in May and now we need extra hands to get it ready! [Register here.](#)

### **Summer Solstice: Fairy Trail Opening**

*Saturday, June 25, 6–8 pm*

It's back! Celebrate the grand reopening of the Piscataway Park Fairy Trail near the summer solstice—a magical day for the fairy folk. The Forest Fairies of Piscataway Park are once again opening up their homes and inviting visitors into their world to learn about the forest they call home. This year they will take you on an enchanted adventure under the soil! \$15/fairy and \$5/fairy-guardian. Trail open from June 25 through November. [Register here.](#)

### **Friday Farm Tours**

*1st & 3rd Fridays, 1–2 pm & 2:30–3:30 pm*

Explore the grounds of a working tobacco farm and meet its two- and four-legged residents. Suitable for all ages. [Register here.](#)

*The Accokeek Foundation at Piscataway Park is located at 3400 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek; [info@accokeek.org](mailto:info@accokeek.org)*



*Member of the Charles County Youth Orchestra provided music at the Alice Ferguson Foundation's Pinot on the Potomac event on June 4. From left to right: Blythe McCammon, Kelsey Njembu, Esther Bonney, Joseph Bonney, Candace Jackson, and James Olmsted.*

## **Charles County Youth Orchestra to Perform on Saturday at CCAA ArtsFest 2022**

On Saturday, June 11, the Charles County Youth Orchestra (CCYO) will perform the opening concert at noon on the East Lawn stage at ArtFest 2022 sponsored by the Charles County Arts Alliance. Events take place at the La Plata Town Hall, 305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata.

All four of CCYO's groups will perform: Prelude Strings, Encore Strings, Encore Band, and the Charles County Youth Orchestra. Music performed will include popular works such as Pachelbel's Canon, Handel's "Water Music" and popular fiddle tunes. The concert will conclude with a rousing rendition of Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" with all four groups performing together.

In July, the 2022 CCYO Chamber Music Festival Secret Garden Concerts will be held at Christ Church, La Plata on three consecutive Saturday evenings. The deadline for registration for students for the Chamber Music Festival is June 15; forms and information can be found at: [charlescountyyouthorchestra.org/chamber-music-festival](https://charlescountyyouthorchestra.org/chamber-music-festival)

Recently, two CCYO String Quartets were finalists in the prestigious Washington Performing Arts Society Misbin Chamber Music Competition in Washington, DC. CCYO has been spotlighted in an online film by the Charles County Arts Alliance and has been featured on WTOP radio.

Auditions for CCYO's 2022–2023 season will be held in September and sign-ups can be found at: [charlescountyyouthorchestra.org/auditions](https://charlescountyyouthorchestra.org/auditions)

For more information, contact Dr. Osman Kivrak, Director, CCYO (301 375-7109; [charlescountyyouthorchestra.org](https://charlescountyyouthorchestra.org)).

*Charles County Youth Orchestra, Osman Kivrak, Director; with Encore Band, Takako Mato, Director; Encore Strings, Krisztina Noble, Director; and Prelude Strings, Teri Lazar, Director.*