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President's Note:

Members, Friends, and Neighbors — Greetings and Happy New Year,

Thank you to all who participated in our recent Membership and Budget Meeting last month. I think that I speak for all members of your Board when I express our sincere appreciation for your willingness to accept our proposed budget and the attendant increase of our fees. Your funding helps us to be better prepared to handle what nature and/or fate throws us during our operations this coming year.

About this time last year, the Moyaone was digging out of a significant winter storm. Many were without power for several days and some were trapped in their neighborhoods until roads became passable. Trees and branches, brought down by the heavy snow, reduced Cactus Hill Road to a narrow hiking trail through a snow-laden forest. I suspect this was a typical experience along most of our roadways. We recovered from that blizzard fairly quickly though, thanks to our volunteers, equipment, and operators available for clearing our roads, all supported by generous funding provided through our membership dues. While we may hope for a mild winter this year, we'll be prepared for multiple heavy weather events.

As I draft this letter, 2023 Dues Notices are being sent out to all property owners' households. Many thanks to those of you who have stepped up early and paid your 2023 dues. If you paid previous year's rates, please be advised we'll need an additional \$50 for each improved property and an additional \$10 for each unimproved property. I also want to use this opportunity to reach out to those property owners who don't pay. Please pay your annual dues. Our members are charitable, but our Association is not a charity. The majority should not have to subsidize the presence of the few in our community who do not contribute to the preservation of this special place. I'm prepared to have discussion with any delinquent owners regarding your reasons for not paying. Please feel free to contact me with

your concerns. My email is listed below.

In closing, thanks again to all for your support in preserving the Reserve.

Respectfully,

— John Rudzis

President, Moyaone Association

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Notice Regarding 2023 Moyaone Association Dues

Referencing the dues increase voted on at the Dec. 2022 Moyaone Association Budget Community Meeting, attached to the end of this issue of *Smoke Signals* are the 2023 dues forms (for residents and unimproved lots) as well as recurring and non-recurring ACH forms (for automated withdrawals from your bank account that you authorize). Please note that old ACH forms need to be re-done, as the fees are a different amount than in years prior to 2023. Questions on the consolidated fee are welcome: Moyaonecomptroller@gmail.com. Please see the attachments.

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Quick, join the cool group – AAA – and participate in the lively annual Valentine Art Exchange. It's easy. Fill out a membership form at www.accokeekartistsalliance.com.

Artists' Group Anticipates an Auspicious Year Ahead

Ending 2022 with a very successful Winter Market at the Wagner Community Center in December, the Accokeek Artists' Alliance (AAA) looks forward to events in 2023.



2023 Winter Market

After a recent meeting with Alice Ferguson Foundation Executive Director, Theresa Cullen, it was agreed that the 2023 Winter Market will be held in AFF's handsome and luxurious Cafritz Building. Everyone enjoyed that space in December 2021. We appreciate the AFF's willingness to partner with us for this event.

AAA Instagram Page

Click the link below to view a great summation of the talented AAA artists and shows over the years. https://www.instagram.com/reel/CI_hOJJNhTM/?igshid=MDJmNzVvMjY%3D The music alone is worth the click. The music is "Ça Plane Pour Moi", by Plastic Bertrand, and roughly translates to "This Life's For Me."

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

AAA artists will be showing their work at MCAC March 17–April 16. Deadline for AAA members to sign up for this via email (accokeekartistsalliance@gmail.com) is Jan. 20. To become an AAA member, fill out a membership form at www.accokeekartistsalliance.com. New members are welcome. If you are an art lover and/or art maker, join this inspiring group.

For more information about MCAC, see the website: <https://www.mattawomanart.org/>

Congratulations to AAA member Cindi Rudzis for being named to the MCAC Artist Advisory Board.

Date Change to Saturday, March 25

ANNUAL MOYAONE CHILI CHALLENGE

Due to the current rise in COVID cases, and our desire for warmer weather, the Moyaone Chili Challenge is moving from February 11 to **Saturday, March 25**.

This move gives chefs of the Moyaone extra time to create wonderfully delicious chili recipes. There will be prizes for the best plant-based chili and for the best chili with meat. The Moyaone brewers are busy making a variety of beer to compliment the chili. All chili fixings will also be available.

Mark your calendars for March 25 (rain date March 26). Contest entry details to follow.

Happy New Year from AFF



Happy New Year, neighbors and friends! The Alice Ferguson Foundation has a full calendar in the coming months with the return of overnight programs with Prince George's County fifth graders, continuing our day field trips with third graders from Charles County, and hosting weekend activities for our community to enjoy. Please take a look at what's happening at the Farm and make a note to join us.

Jan. 22 69th Annual Member Meeting. *See membership details below.*

Mar. 11 [Unfor-goat-able Adventures](#)

Apr. 1 [Legen-dairy Discoveries](#)

Apr. 15 [35th Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup at Piscataway Park](#)

May 13 [Spring Fest!](#)

June 10 ["Egg"-citement](#)

July 2023 Summer Adventure Camp. *Details coming soon.*

Sept. 9 Pinot on the Potomac. *Please note the new date.*

We can't wait to see you at the Farm soon!

Become a Member of the Alice Ferguson Foundation

There's still time to become a part of our member community. With exclusive perks, brand new swag, and your lasting impact on local children experiencing the outdoors, need we say more?



Were you a member in 2022? Please remember to renew your membership to maintain access to all of your awesome benefits. Scan the QR code with your mobile phone or visit this link [here](#) to become a member today.

Alice Ferguson Foundation, 2001 Bryan Point Road
fergusonfoundation.org

Upcoming Charles County Youth Orchestra Events

The Charles County Youth Orchestra (CCYO) announces auditions for all four of its ensembles: Prelude Strings, Encore Band, Encore Strings, and the Charles County Youth Orchestra on Sat., Jan. 21, 9 am–1 pm, at Christ Church, 112 Charles St., La Plata. Information and sign-ups: <https://www.charlescountyyouthorchestra.org/auditions>.

In addition, the popular "Bring a Friend Day" where new students can sit in with current students to discover the joy of making music together will be the last week of January.

CCYO's annual Winter Concert on Sunday Jan. 15, will begin at 3:30 pm and will be held at Thomas Stone High School, 3785 Leonardtown Rd, Waldorf. This concert is free and open to the public.

CCYO presents two large concerts and several smaller concerts each year, a three-week Chamber Music Festival with three additional chamber music concerts, a Concerto Competition concert as well as masterclasses and sectionals for students in all four of CCYO's ensembles.

Dr. Osman Kivrak is CCYO Director; with Encore Band, Takako Mato, Director; Encore Strings, Teri Lazar, Director; and Prelude Strings, Dennis Murphy, Director.

CCYO is one of the largest youth organizations in Southern Maryland, providing music education and performance opportunities for talented young musicians ages 8 to 18 in Charles, Prince George's, St. Mary's, and Calvert counties.

RESOURCES from the MD Dept. of Natural Resources

Still Time to Order Trees for Spring

Orders are still being accepted for the spring 2023 planting season for shrubs and trees from the [John S. Ayton State Tree Nursery](#), managed by the [Maryland Department of Natural Resources](#).

The nursery offers more than 50 conifer and deciduous species each year to meet a variety of aesthetic preferences and conservation needs. Visit the [nursery page](#) to order. We continue to provide UPS seedling delivery to your door. UPS shipping fees will be included in your order total. Your order will ship in March or April depending on your shipping address. You also have the option of picking up your seedlings at the nursery.

Enjoy Our Public Lands This Winter

Maryland is known as "America in Miniature" due to its diverse terrain, and that also means that our outdoors can provide fun for all seasons. Winter activities can be found on Maryland's public lands from the mountains to the coast.

Winter in Maryland presents opportunities for hiking, camping, snow sports, hunting, fishing, nature photography, and more. [Read about winter recreation](#) on the DNR website.



ACCOKEEK FOUNDATION at Piscataway Park



Happy New Year!

The Accokeek Foundation's 65th year was full of incredible opportunities, challenges, and achievements. As Anjela Barnes steps into the role of interim President, we look forward to everything that 2023 has in store!

Appreciation

The Accokeek Foundation is grateful for the generosity of our neighbors and dedicated park stewards. Through our collective efforts, together we are preserving this special place many calls home! Thank you for serving and being a part of our community. We hope you will join us for one of these upcoming opportunities to connect this season!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Invasive Plant Management

Every Friday, 9–11 am. Free

Please join Foundation staff and volunteers every Friday for the systematic removal of invasive plant species changing the ecosystems of Piscataway Park and preserve the park's biodiversity.

Winter Storytime (Virtual)

Jan. 24 & 31, Feb. 7 & 14; 10:30–11 am. Free, \$2 for optional activities

With four unique themes, join our librarian from the comfort of your home for the Accokeek Foundation at Piscataway Park's virtual story time. With crafts, songs, and awesome activities, these are the perfect winter activity for the kiddos.

- Jan. 24 Wool
- Jan. 31 Winter on the Farm
- Feb. 7 Anansi Stories
- Feb. 14 Winter in the Forest

Pocketful of Stories (Virtual)

Feb. 4, 10 am–12 pm. \$20/registration; \$10/optional activity kit (kit sale closes Jan. 21)

Our clothes tell a story of our values, beliefs, and history. Clothing has the power to even transport us back into time. Sew your own 18th-century-style pocket in this virtual beginner's workshop. Create and share your own story as we explore the reuse of fabric in the 18th century through patchwork, while learning basic hand-sewing stitches and patchwork techniques to create a traditional pocket.

— *The Accokeek Foundation (Accokeek.org) is located at 3400 Bryan Point Road. Note that the Visitor Center will be closed from Dec. 19, 2022, through Mar. 17, 2023.*

73,000
PARK VISITORS

3,138
STUDENTS TAUGHT

4,752 FEET
OF SHORELINE
MONITORED

2,614 VOLUNTEER
HOURS SERVED

1,007 LBS
OF TRASH REMOVED

1,889
BOOKS CATALOGED

246 INVASIVE
TREES REMOVED

29 VEGETABLE
TYPES PLANTED

29 HERITAGE BREED
BABIES BORN

67 BLUEBIRDS
HATCHED

7 TRAILS MANAGED

2022

by the numbers



Homegrown Coffeehouse Returns on Fri., Jan. 27

with great **BLUES Show** featuring
*Phil Wiggins, Memphis Gold, and
Steve Wolf*

The concert will be 7:30–9:30 pm at the National Colonial Farm Adult Education Building, 3400 Bryan Point Road. Admission at the Door: \$25. Doors open at 6 pm. Lite Fare available 6–7:30 pm: homemade soups, bread, cheese, desserts, coffee, and tea. More info: (240) 305-0876.



Phil Wiggins

Phil Wiggins recently joined the ranks of his eminent elders, a recipient of the NEA National Heritage Fellowship. The fellowship puts him in the company of some of the greatest luminaries in traditional blues and folk music. Phil is a versatile traditional harmonica player, continuing the Piedmont blues tradition, a gentle and melodic blues style of the mid-Atlantic region. His sound is not shaped by the gear, the microphone, or amplifier when performing on stage, but instead by his complex syncopated patterns, breath-control and rhythm, stylistic virtuosity and fiery solo runs. Within the past year he has performed in Sweden, Australia and throughout the US, so it is a rare opportunity to see him in the intimate setting of the Homegrown Coffeehouse.
www.PhilWiggins.com

Memphis Gold

This special concert will also feature the music of Memphis Gold, who has graced the cover of numerous blues and music publications, and has shared this uniquely American art form with audiences around the world. In this time of musical fads and gimmicks, his music is real and heartfelt. Here's how the British publication *Blues & Rhythm* describes him: "Memphis Gold stands with one foot in the past and one foot in the present...[he] could be one of the youngest (and one of the last) to have picked cotton on the Dockery and Stovall plantations. Appreciative of his roots, yet too young to be completely anchored in the past, his original music moves forward with funky rhythms, odd chord changes and structures, and his own idiosyncratic view of life."
www.MemphisGold.com

Steve Wolf

The musicians above will be accompanied by bassist extraordinaire Steve Wolf, who has backed many of the finest R&B artists in the mid-Atlantic, plus a range of national artists such as Chuck Barry, Bo Diddly, The Marvettes, and Dr. John. Steve was recently described by blues writer Tommy Lofgren in the Swedish blues magazine *Jefferson* as "Very likely the best blues bassist I have ever seen; versatile with innovative solos. He is well known in Scandinavia after many tours with Tom Principato, pianist Deanna Bogart, and others."



Lynn Hollyfield Show with Shenandoah Run

"Where the Heart Is" — Sat., Feb. 11, 7:30 pm

Alexandria Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., in Old Town Alexandria, VA.

Shenandoah Run

A wonderful eight-member ensemble presents traditional and contemporary folk music, along with a wide selection of Americana from the acoustic 60s and 70s in a manner that delights a diverse mix of music lovers of all ages. We'll be all singing along.

Lynn Hollyfield will be joined by **Steve Wolf** and **Jimmy Brink** and other special guests. Reservations: www.ShenandoahRun.com; Advance tickets: \$25; Door \$30.



Davies Concert Series Returns February 5

The Davies Concert Series returns on Sun., Feb. 5 at 4pm at Davies Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 7400 Temple Hill Road, Camp Springs. Ronn McFarlane (lute) and Carolyn Surrick (viola da gamba) have been champions of their respective instruments for decades. Join them for an immersion in music from Renaissance to Baroque, and from Ireland to Scotland. Tickets are Pay-What-You-Can and available at the door. <https://www.daviesconcertseries.com>