

**2023 Maryland Osprey and Nature Festival**  
**Saturday, April 1, 2023**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity/Program</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Bird Activities</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Outside – Festival Grounds</i></span>		
11:00 - 11:40 12:40 - 1:20 2:30 - 3:30	Live Bird Demonstrations	Mike Callahan of the Nanjemoy Creek Environmental Education Center will have several raptors including a Bald Eagle on display for closeup observation and will share his incredible wealth of knowledge about these amazing creatures.  Sponsored by The International Osprey Foundation.
Times will be announced	Live Bird Demonstrations	Tom Newquist of Raptor’s Eye will have falcons and owls on display enabling attendees an opportunity to observe the physical attributes that make these raptors such efficient hunters.
Times will be announced	Bird Identification Walk	Members of the Southern Maryland Audubon Society will lead guided walks throughout the Festival grounds and along the Patuxent River beach area to observe and identify birds found during the walk.
<b>Time</b> <span style="float: left;"><b>Speakers</b></span> <span style="float: right;"><i>Inside – Main Building</i></span>		
11:45 -12:00	<b>Sal Icaza</b>	<i>“Welcome to the Maryland Osprey and Nature Festival”</i> Sal is the photographer of Solomons Island Photography and is the founder and driving force behind the creation of the Maryland Osprey and Nature Festival.
12:00 - 12:30	<b>Ralph Eshelman</b>	<i>“Drum Point - a Surprising History at the Mouth of the Patuxent River”</i> Ralph is the former Director of the Calvert Marine Museum. Following the presentation, he will lead a walk onto the beach area to see the remnant screw piles of the Drum Point Lighthouse which was permanently moved to the Calvert Marine Museum.
2:00 - 2:45	<b>Liana Vitali</b>	<i>“Fins to Feathers: A Deep Dive into Participatory Science Opportunities at Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary”</i> Liana is the Citizen Science Coordinator at the Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary located in southern Anne Arundel County.
<b>Time</b> <span style="float: left;"><b>Exhibitors</b></span> <span style="float: right;"><i>Outside – Festival Grounds</i></span>		
	Solomons Island Photography	A variety of items including photographs and Osprey Festival clothing items will be available for purchase.

Exhibitors will be available all day.	Southern Maryland Audubon Society (SMAS)	SMAS was founded in 1971 and is the largest citizen group in Southern Maryland involved in nature study and natural resource conservation issues.
	Owl Moon Raptor Center	The mission of the Owl Moon Raptor Center is to rescue and rehabilitate injured, sick, and orphaned birds of prey and return them to the wild in a sound, athletic condition.
	Calvert Nature Society (CNS)	The CNS is dedicated to the protection and preservation of Calvert County's natural heritage and the creation of an environmentally literate and aware community.
	The International Osprey Foundation (TIOF)	The TIOF is dedicated to the protection and preservation of Ospreys worldwide. They strive to educate the world community and also offer research grants internationally.
	Virginia Osprey Festival	The core focus of the festival is to share information about Ospreys and introduce people to bird watching. The 2023 Festival will be held on April 15 <sup>th</sup> in Colonial Beach, VA.
	Maryland Bluebird Society (MBS)	The mission of MBS is to assist in monitoring and increasing the population of the Eastern Bluebird & other native cavity-nesting birds thru education, support, & research.
	American Chestnut Land Trust (ACLT)	ACLT promotes land conservation and preservation throughout Southern Maryland and provides environmentally sustainable public access to managed properties.
	Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum (JPPM)	JPPM connects people to the past through history and archaeology and supports the preservation of Maryland's cultural and natural resources.
	Cove Point Natural Heritage Trust (CPNHT)	The mission of CPNHT is to preserve and protect ecologically sensitive sites in Southern Maryland through land conservation, acquisition, scientific research, & education.
	Calvert County Senior Center	Every 9 seconds a bird dies from colliding with a building. Anne Sledge will be presenting information on preventive measures to reduce window strikes by birds.
	State Farm Insurance	Phil Riehl, Agent. Take your picture with Jake and enjoy other activities.
Friends of Mill Creek	The mission of the Friends Group is to engage support from residents, landowners, waterman, business owners, & developers in being stewards of our natural resources.	
<b>Hands on Displays/ Children's Activities</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Outside – Festival Grounds</i></span>		
All Day	Calvert Nature Society	animal pelts and other natural artifacts
	American Chestnut Land Trust	tablets with games, animal artifacts
	Jefferson Patterson Park	animal skins, JP Park artifacts, bird specific activities (measuring wingspan and such)
	Southern Maryland Audubon Society	coloring activity with cardboard bird masks, including Osprey
	Oscar the Osprey	Meet the Festival Mascot and have your photo taken with our birding ambassador.
	Make an Osprey or Owl Mask	Make your own Osprey or Owl mask – decorate it and wear it proudly. Kids & Adult masks.

All Day	Face Painting	Let our face painters transform you into a beautiful bird or other creature of your desire.
	Scavenger Hunt	Pick up your scavenger list and start your search of the festival grounds for various objects.
<b>Book Signing/ Meet &amp; Greet</b>		
TBD	Greg Kearns Book Signing	<i>Mr. Greg's Ospreys</i> is a book written to inspire young readers to become caretakers of nature. The story tells about the efforts of our Thursday speaker, Mr. Greg Kearns, to help manage the Osprey sanctuary at Jug Bay. He will be signing copies of the book and be available to answer any questions that you have about our signature bird.
<b>Time                      Award Presentations                      Outside - Pavilion Area</b>		
1:30 - 1:45	Oscar Awards	The Oscar Awards recognize those that give their time, utilize their skills and talents, and continue to strive through their actions to be exemplary stewards of our natural resources and wildlife.
	Photography Awards	Two categories: A) an Osprey only category sponsored by the International Osprey Foundation and MONF and B) Student category. Photos displayed inside main building.
3:40 - 4:00	Bird Calling Contest	The Festival will close with all attendees eligible to compete in a bird calling contest to be judged by those in attendance. The winner will be crowned as the 2023 MONF Bird Calling Champion and will retain that title until next year's Festival.
<b>Raffles/Silent Auction</b>		
Multiple Times	Raffles	Several raffles will be held at various times throughout the day. You must be present to win.
Thurs - Sat	Silent Auction	Items for auction will be on display and bids accepted from Thursday thru Saturday afternoon. Winning bidders will be contacted following the festival's conclusion.
<b>Transportation</b>		
All Day	Shuttle Buses	Shuttle buses are being provided courtesy of Berkshire Hathaway/PenFed Realty/McNelis & Associates. All parking except handicapped parking at Patuxent High School.
<b>Music                      Outside - Pavilion Area</b>		
Multiple sessions	Deanna Dove	Enjoy the music of Island Girl recording artist Deanne Dove thru the generous sponsorship of the Drum Point Club.
<b>Food                      Outside – Festival Grounds</b>		
All Day	Grizzly Mountain Grill	Food items such as Clawed Pork BBQ, Braised Beef or Buffalo Chicken Sandwiches, Beer Battered Brats, & Grilled Romaine Caesar Wraps will be available for purchase.
	Rita's Italian Ice	Free Rita's Italian Ice is provided courtesy of First Home Mortgage, the Rickwood Team.