

Join us all year long as we...

# ★ CELEBRATE 375! ★



The "Celebrate 375!" symbol designates our featured events throughout the year.

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## March 25 \*CELEBRATE 375\* Maryland Day

St. Clements Island Museum, Colton's Point, off Route 242. 11 AM. Celebrate Maryland's 375th birthday at the site of the first colonial landing in 1634. Outdoor event, guest speakers, birthday cake! Free. HC. 301-769-2222. [stmarysmd.com/recreate/museums](http://stmarysmd.com/recreate/museums)

## March 29 \*CELEBRATE 375\* Maryland Day

Historic St. Mary's City, St. Mary's City, off Route 5. 10 AM - 5 PM. Celebrate Maryland's founding at Maryland's first colony and first capital. Pageantry, special activities and fun! Free. HC. 800-762-1634. 240-895-4990. [stmaryscity.org](http://stmaryscity.org)

## 1st Saturdays, April - November Point Lookout Lighthouse Open House

Point Lookout State Park, Scotland, off Route 5. 10 AM - 2 PM. (Moved to second Saturdays in July & Sept.) Learn about the lighthouse and local maritime history from those who have lived in it. Admission. 301-872-5688. [plps.org](http://plps.org)

## April 19 \*CELEBRATE 375\* Earth Day on the Square

Washington Street, Leonardtown Square. 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM. Celebrate the Earth: organic plants and produce, land/sea/bay conservation, recycling, music, games, food, entertainment. Free. HC. 301-475-9791. [leonardtown.somd.com](http://leonardtown.somd.com)

## April 25 & 26 \*CELEBRATE 375\* The Garden Fair at Sotterley Plantation

Sotterley Plantation, Hollywood, off Route 245. 9 AM - 4 PM. Find inspiration for your garden in our fabulous gardens! Demonstrations, vendors and hands-on activities. Admission. HC (limited). 800-681-0850. 301-373-2280. [sotterley.org](http://sotterley.org)

## April 26 Spring Fling XXIII Classic Car Show

Washington Street, Leonardtown Square. 8 AM - 4 PM. Classic and antique cars galore. Trophies, music, games, prizes and refreshments. (Rain date: May 3) Admission. HC. 301-994-9666. [stmarysrodandclassic.com](http://stmarysrodandclassic.com)

## May 9 & 10 \*CELEBRATE 375\* Piney Point Lighthouse Waterfront Festival

Piney Point Lighthouse, Museum and Historic Park, Piney Point. Sat: 10 AM - 4 PM. Sun: Noon - 4 PM. Maritime exhibits, demonstrations, kids' activities, food, lighthouse tours. Potomac River Wade In on Saturday! Fun for the whole family. Free. HC. 301-994-1471. [stmarysmd.com/recreate/museums](http://stmarysmd.com/recreate/museums)



## May 23 & 24 Air Expo '09

Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Lexington Park, Rt. 235. Thrilling, high-precision flying by the U.S. Navy's Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels, plus other aerial acts, demonstrations, entertainment and food. Free. 301-757-EXPO.



## June 13 & 14 Blue & Gray Days

Point Lookout State Park, Scotland, off Route 5. Sat: 10 AM - 4 PM. Sun: 11 AM - 3 PM. At Fort Lincoln and Camp Hoffman. Experience Civil War history through infantry drills and musket demonstrations. Exhibits on life in the garrison and prisoners of war camp. Admission. HC. 301-872-5688. [dnr.maryland.gov](http://dnr.maryland.gov)

## June 14 St. Mary's Crab Festival

St. Mary's County Fairgrounds, Leonardtown, off Route 5. 11 AM - 5 PM. All things crabby including steamed crabs! Plus a car show, demonstrations, country music and dancing. Admission. HC. 301-475-4200 ext. 1404. [stmaryscrabfestival.com](http://stmaryscrabfestival.com)



## October 17 & 18 \*CELEBRATE 375\* St. Mary's County Oyster Festival

St. Mary's County Fairgrounds, Leonardtown, off Route 5. Sat: 10 AM - 6 PM. Sun: 11 AM - 6 PM. Food, fun and entertainment for the whole family. National Oyster Shucking Championship and National Oyster Cook-off. Admission. HC. 301-863-5015. [usoysterfest.com](http://usoysterfest.com)

## October 23 & 24 Spirits of Point Lookout

Point Lookout State Park, Scotland, off Route 5. 7 PM - 11 PM. Historically representative, interactive event featuring Point Lookout's many legendary tragedies and hauntings. Admission. HC. 888-316-5679. [stmaryskiwanis.org](http://stmaryskiwanis.org)

## November 11 \*CELEBRATE 375\* Veteran's Day Parade

Washington Street, Leonardtown Square. 10 AM. Marching bands, military units, bagpipers, antique cars, horses, scouts. Memorial ceremony. Free. HC. 301-475-9791. [leonardtown.somd.com](http://leonardtown.somd.com)



## November 22 Amish Quilt Auction

Grove Farm Lane, Mechanicsville, off Route 236/Thompson Corner Road. 9 AM - 4 PM. Quilts and crafts, all Amish, all local made. Free. HC. 301-373-4200. [stmarysmd.com/tourism](http://stmarysmd.com/tourism)

## November 27 \*CELEBRATE 375\* Christmas on the Square

Washington Street, Leonardtown Square. 5 PM - 9 PM. Holiday festivities, entertainment, music, food, carriage/sleigh rides, tree lighting and

Santa's arrival. (Rain date: November 28) Free. HC. 301-475-9791. [leonardtown.somd.com](http://leonardtown.somd.com)

## November 27 & 28 \*CELEBRATE 375\* Heath and Home in Early Maryland

Historic St. Mary's City, St. Mary's City, off Route 5. 10 AM - 5 PM. Discover the ways Maryland's first citizens prepared for winter before supermarkets and department stores. Hands-on activities. Admission. HC. 800-762-1634. 240-895-4990. [stmaryscity.org](http://stmaryscity.org)



## December 2 - January 10 \*CELEBRATE 375\* 23rd Annual Christmas Doll & Train Exhibit

St. Clements Island Museum, Colton's Point, off Route 242. Wed - Sun: Noon - 4 PM. Enchanting exhibit of antique and collectible dolls, toys and miniature trains. Admission. HC. 301-769-2222. [stmarysmd.com/recreate/museums](http://stmarysmd.com/recreate/museums)

## December 4 & 5 \*CELEBRATE 375\* Holiday Candlelight Tours

Sotterley Plantation, Hollywood, off Route 245. 6 PM - 10 PM. Tours by candlelight, historical drama, live seasonal music, food and drink. Reservations required. Admission. HC (limited). 800-681-0850. 301-373-2280. [sotterley.org](http://sotterley.org)



## December 5 \*CELEBRATE 375\* A Family Plantation Christmas

Sotterley Plantation, Hollywood, off Route 245. 10 AM - 4 PM. Old-fashioned fun with Santa Claus, horse-drawn taxi, crafts, refreshments and gifts for sale. Admission. HC (limited). 800-681-0850. 301-373-2280. [sotterley.org](http://sotterley.org)

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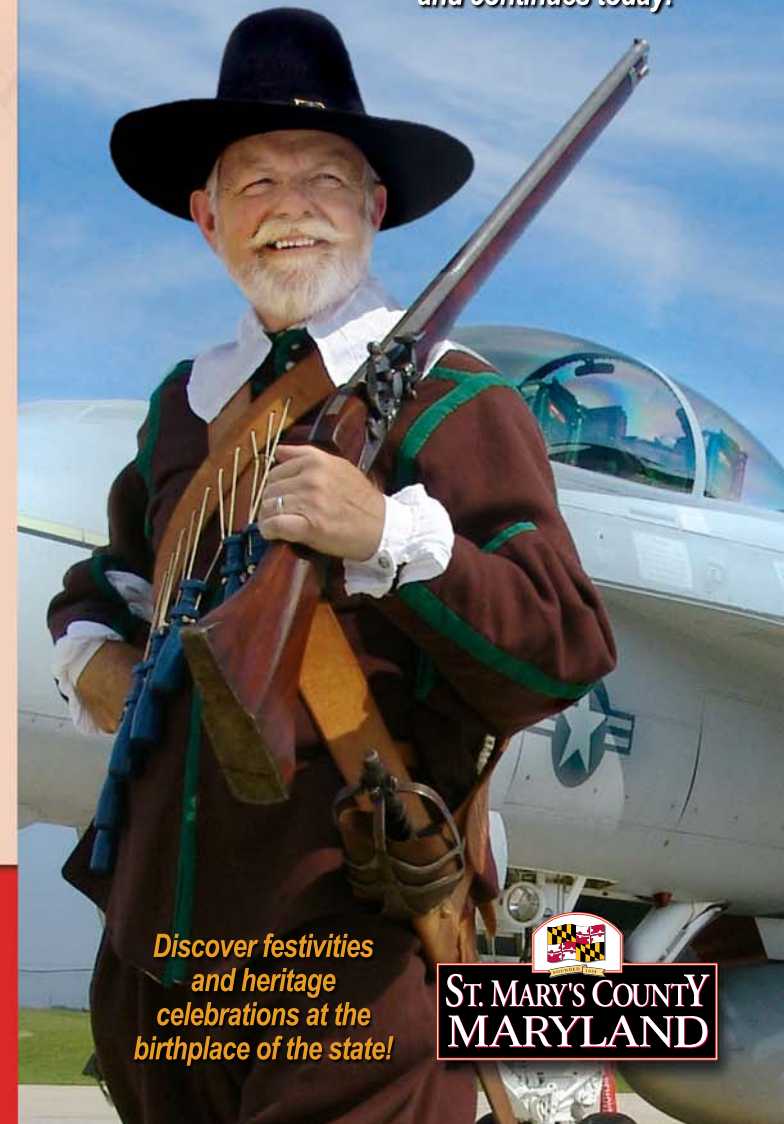
ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MD

# 2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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**WHAT WILL YOU DISCOVER?**  
Entertainment, education, excitement!



**June 19 and June 20**  
\*CELEBRATE 375!\*  
**Maryland's 375th Birthday Celebration Weekend**

Head on down to St. Mary's City for a weekend of Fun! Friday, start the weekend at the River Concert season opener with world premiere music in celebration of the 375th (see River Concert details below). Saturday, you're invited to Maryland's first capital where the celebration continues! Majestic tall ships, 17th-century style music, entertainment, children's activities and food, followed by an evening concert and fireworks, will make this birthday one to remember. Historic St. Mary's City, St. Mary's City, off Route 5. 10 AM - 5 PM.

**June 19, 20, 26**  
**July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31** \*CELEBRATE 375!\*  
**St. Mary's College of Maryland River Concert Series**  
Townhouse Green on College Campus, St. Mary's City, off Route 5. 7 PM. River Concert Series provides weekly world-class concerts featuring Jeffrey Silberschlag directing the Chesapeake Orchestra. Season opener on June 19 celebrates Maryland's 375th! Free. HC. 240-895-4107. riverconcertseries.com



**June 20** \*CELEBRATE 375!\*  
**6th Annual Juneteenth Celebration**  
Freedom Park, Lexington Park, Route 235 and Tulagi Place. Noon start. Entertainment for all ages, celebrating cultural diversity and freedom. Stay for the early evening jazz concert. Free. HC. 301-862-4868. ueaconline.org

**July 4**  
**Freedom Fest**  
St. Mary's County Fairgrounds, Leonardtown. 5 PM - 10 PM. Annual 4th of July celebration. Crafts, concessions and a variety of entertainment ending with a grand display of fireworks. Free. HC. 301-475-4200 ext. 1849.

**July 5** \*CELEBRATE 375!\*  
**Independence Day Celebration Concert at Sotterley**  
Sotterley Plantation, Hollywood, off Route 245. 1 PM - 4 PM. Celebrate our nation's birth with a concert on the lawn. Food and drink available. Admission. HC (limited). 800-861-0850. 301-373-2280. sotterley.org



**July 11** \*CELEBRATE 375!\*  
**Potomac Jazz and Seafood Festival**  
St. Clements Island Museum, Colton's Point, off Route 242. 4 PM - 10 PM. Three dynamic jazz groups and an array of seafood specialties. Come early for a boat ride to St. Clements Island! Admission. HC. 301-769-2222. stmarysmd.com/recreate/museums

**July 25** \*CELEBRATE 375!\*  
**St. Clements Island History & Heritage Day**  
St. Clements Island Museum, Colton's Point, off Route 242. 11 AM - 3 PM. Bring a camera and picnic lunch! Enjoy scenic views, lighthouse tours and children's games. 301-769-2222. stmarysmd.com/recreate/museums

**July 25 & 26** \*CELEBRATE 375!\*  
**Tidewater Archaeology Weekend**  
Historic St. Mary's City, St. Mary's City, off Route 5. 10 AM - 4 PM. Help archaeologists uncover Maryland's past. Watch as artifacts are identified. Lab tours. Admission. HC. 800-762-1634. 240-895-4990. stmaryscity.org

**August 6 & 8** \*CELEBRATE 375!\*  
**Lil Margaret's Bluegrass and Old Time Country Music Festival**  
Goddard Family Farm, 21810 Clay Hill Road, Leonardtown. Thurs: 2 PM - 11 PM. Fri: 1 PM - 11 PM. Sat: 10 AM - 11 PM. Bluegrass music, home-cooked food, crafts, old cars and lots of fun. Admission. HC. 301-475-8191. lilmargaretsbluegrass.com. bluegrassville.com/lilmarg



**August 7 & 8**  
**St. Mary's College of Maryland Governor's Cup Yacht Race**  
St. Mary's College Waterfront, St. Mary's City, off Route 5. Race is Fri. at 6 PM, followed by party on Sat. beginning at noon. Food and live music. Admission for yacht race; Free for Saturday activities. HC. 240-895-3039. smcm.edu/govcup

**August 8** \*CELEBRATE 375!\*  
**Beach Party on the Square**  
Washington Street, Leonardtown Square. 4 PM - 9 PM. The square comes alive with music, sand volleyball, antique cars, face painting, crafts, fire truck hose downs, food. Free. HC. 301-475-9791. Leonardtown.somd.com

**A-MAZE-ING**  
**September 5 - November 8**  
**Forrest Hall Farm Crazy Corn Maze**  
Forrest Hall Farm, Mechanicsville, Avie Lane. Weekends 11 AM - Dusk. Weekdays by appointment. Family fun on the farm. Maze, hayride, farm animals, activities and a pumpkin (seasonal) included in ticket price. Farm shop open for fresh produce, gifts & baked goods. Admission. HC. 301-884-3086. forresthallfarm.com

**September 19 - November 1**  
**Bowles Farms Corn Maze**  
Bowles Farms, Clements, Budds Creek Road. Mon. - Fri: by appointment only. Sat: 10 AM - 8 PM. Sun: 10 AM - 6 PM. Southern Maryland's largest corn maze is five acres of corn. See why getting lost means having fun. Admission. HC. 301-475-2139. bowlesfarms.com



**September 12** \*CELEBRATE 375!\*  
**Woodland Indian Discovery Day**  
Historic St. Mary's City, St. Mary's City, off Route 5. 10 AM - 5 PM. Explore American Indian culture and skills through demonstrations and hands-on activities. Admission. HC. 800-762-1634. 240-895-4990. stmaryscity.org

**September 12** \*CELEBRATE 375!\*  
**Fall Follies on the Square**  
Washington Street, Leonardtown Square. 10 AM - 3 PM. Arts and crafts, paintings, wood carvings, stained glass, ceramics, jewelry. (Rain date: Sept. 13) Free. HC. 301-997-1644. Leonardtown.somd.com

**September 12** \*CELEBRATE 375!\*  
**Leonardtown Wharf Waterfront Celebration**  
Leonardtown Wharf. Noon - 5 PM. Join the fun. Sailboat races, water-related exhibits, kayak and canoe guided tours, food, entertainment. Free. HC. 301-475-9791. Leonardtown.somd.com

**September 19 & 20**  
**Lighthouse Challenge**  
Point Lookout State Park, Scotland, off Route 5. Sat: 8 AM - 6 PM. Sun: 8 AM - 6 PM. Annual Lighthouse Challenge sponsored by the Chesapeake Chapter USLHS. Admission. 301-872-5688. cheslights.org

**September 20**  
**A Taste of St. Mary's**  
Washington Street, Leonardtown Square. Noon - 5 PM. Stroll the square and savor samples from our county's best restaurants! 301-737-3001. smechamber.com



**September 24 - 27** \*CELEBRATE 375!\*  
**St. Mary's County Fair**  
St. Mary's County Fairgrounds, Leonardtown, off Route 5. Thurs: 3 PM - 9 PM. Fri - Sat: 9 AM - 9 PM. Sun: 9 AM - 6 PM. Traditional

county fair with livestock, home arts, flowers, 4-H exhibits, horse pulls and carnival. Admission. HC. 301-475-8434. smcfair.somd.com



**September 25 - 27** \*CELEBRATE 375!\*  
**IHRA President's Cup Nationals**  
Maryland International Raceway, Mechanicsville, off Route 234. 9 AM - Close. IHRA Championship drag racing with 300 mile per hour Top Fuel Dragsters & Nitro Funny Cars. Admission. HC. 301-884-9833. midrag.com

**September 27**  
**RiverFest**  
Historic St. Mary's City, St. Mary's City, off Route 5. Noon - 5 PM. A celebration of the St. Mary's River presented by the St. Mary's River Watershed Association. Live music, games, prizes, hands-on activities, exhibits, free boat rides, kayaking. Free. HC. 301-737-2903. smrwa.org



**October 3 & 4** \*CELEBRATE 375!\*  
**Blessing of the Fleet**  
St. Clements Island Museum, Colton's Point, off Route 242. 10 AM - 10 PM. Seafood, music, children's fun. Take a boat ride to St. Clements Island and tour Blackstone Lighthouse. Fireworks on Saturday. Admission. HC. 301-769-2222. 301-769-2019. 7thdistrictoptimist.org



**October 3 & 4** \*CELEBRATE 375!\*  
**Riverside WineFest at Sotterley**  
Sotterley Plantation, Hollywood, off Route 245. Noon - 6 PM. Wine tastings, live music, exhibits, demonstrations, food and artisan vendors, children's programs in a breathtaking setting. Admission. HC (limited). 800-681-0850. 301-373-2280. sotterley.org



**October 10 & 11** \*CELEBRATE 375!\*  
**Southern Maryland Farm Life Festival**  
John K. Parlett Farm, Charlotte Hall, corner of Route 5 and Route 6. Sat: 9 AM - 5 PM. Sun: 10 AM - 5 PM. 60,000 sq. feet of indoor farm life exhibits, demonstrations, antique tractors, engine show, music, crafts, children's activities, food. Admission. HC. 301-290-1621. christmasinaprilsmc.org



**October 15 - 17** \*CELEBRATE 375!\*  
**Ghosts of Sotterley Tour**  
Sotterley Plantation, Hollywood, off Route 245. 7 PM - 10:30 PM. Walking tour featuring re-created legends and history, live music, refreshments. Reservations required. Admission. HC (limited). 800-861-0850. 301-373-2280. sotterley.org

**October 17**  
**Summerseat Annual Quilt Auction**  
Summerseat Farm, Mechanicsville, off Route 235. 9 AM - 2 PM (Preview: 9 AM; Auction: 10 AM). Auction of handmade quilts in an 18th-century farm setting. Some handmade crafts, food and drink. Free. HC. 301-481-9189. summerseat.org

**YEAR-ROUND!**  
**The Newtowne Players at the Three Notch Theatre**  
Three Notch Theatre, 21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park. Home of the Newtowne Players, St. Mary's finest and only community theatre. Admission. HC. For events, dates, and times: 301-737-5447 www.newtowneplayers.org