



WORD FROM THE WATERFRONT
PRESERVING HISTORY AND GROWING COMMUNITY
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From the Editor

This summer has been a great time for travel and fun. Don't hesitate to include a visit to the museum in your plans for family and friends. The museum is a fun place to tour and provides an excellent learning opportunity for people of every age. The grounds, surrounding neighborhood and waterfront are scenic, tranquil and picturesque. And, of course, don't forget about the ice cream-for-sale in the pavilion as a special treat.

As a new somewhat regular feature, we announce the . . .

"The Ice Cream Scoop"! 

Hooray!! And, first-up is a picture of some very happy and satisfied customers:

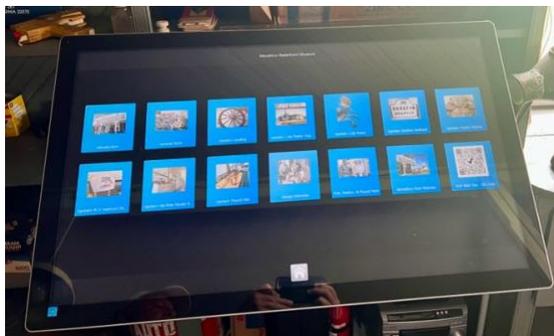


Recent Events

First of all, have you seen the **New Web Site?** It's FANTASTIC! An amazingly talented local "artist"

created the site for us. I use the term “artist” because this person received input, then created and implemented their incredible vision. Technical—oh, yes. But, an artist by all means. Thank you! Be sure to check it out—just enter or Google “<https://morattico.org>”.

A new **touchscreen kiosk** is working wonderfully inside the museum! You will love it! Many of the available segments were professionally recorded and edited. Be sure to stop by the museum to see what you’ve been missing! It promises to delight and, at times, perhaps bring a tear to your eye.



First Friday at the Museum, a social event, is hosted by local resident Rob McArdle from 5:30 to 7:30 on the first Friday of each month. Rob provides a theme. Everyone meets in the pavilion and provides an appetizer to share. (Bring your own beverage to enjoy.) Music is provided. Folks can mingle, munch

and enjoy a good time with neighbors, new friends and old acquaintances. Every first Friday has been very enjoyable. The themes, so far, have been “Cinco de Mayo”, “Hawaiian Luau”, “Beach Music” and for August it was “Evening in New Orleans”. Fun! Fun! Fun! What could the next theme possibly be???



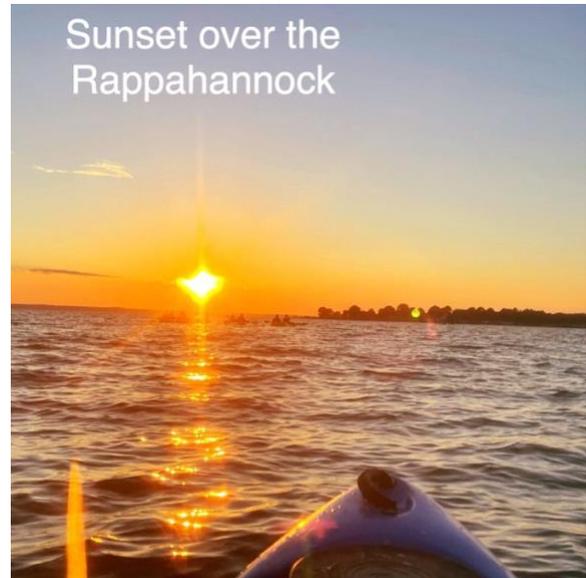
The morning of May 27th was a rather cool and windy start to the Memorial Day weekend but “**Community Coffee at the Museum**” accommodated approximately 20+ people. Once warmed and caffeinated, jolly merrymaking ensued by the attendees. Coffee at the Museum has become an anticipated and well-attended event . . . even if it is held from 8 to 10AM! Watch email, Facebook and/or the web site for the next “Community Coffee at the Museum”.

Shrimp-To-Go was held on the afternoon of Saturday, May 27th. Orders were placed in advance and pick-up was from 2 to 4PM. A \$2,000 profit was made on this shrimp-tacular event! Please give a big THANK YOU to all the volunteers that made this possible!!

The **Paddle and Oyster Education** on June 11th was a fantastic opportunity to learn about oyster aquaculture from the owners of the Steamboat Wharf Oyster Company. Sir Lance a Little (dog) provided excellent paddling directions for the adventure.



Sixteen people attended the **Sunset and Full Moon Paddle** with Friends of the Rappahannock on Tuesday, August 1st from 6:30 to 8:30PM. It was a beautiful evening. Always remember to sign up early for this event.



The **Paint and Sip Party** with canvas, design and paints provided by Becky Jones, took place on Saturday, August 5th from 10:00 to 12:00 noon. This is another event you should register for in advance. This one had 17 talented attendees and beautiful artwork was created!



The Museum is honored to have been asked to speak at the **Northern Neck Historical Society's** fall meeting. Additional information will be shared

in the next newsletter. Be sure to watch for it!

Upcoming 2023 Events

Community Coffee and Tea at the Museum - Saturday, September 2 from 8:00 am – 10:00

Join your old friends and meet your new neighbors

Be sure to watch the web site, email and Facebook for additional information! Tickets to the Crab Feast and Oyster Roast sell out *FAST!* *Get your tickets EARLY!!!*

12th Annual Crab Feast: Saturday, September 9, 4-6PM

14th Annual Oyster Roast: Saturday, October 21, 3-5PM

On the Maintenance Front

Oh, yes, the maintenance efforts continue! During July, flooring issues on the upstairs balcony were addressed. And, a major undertaking will begin once the museum closes at the end of the season. With any luck and lots of good weather we should have a brand-new front porch replacement by the opening of our 2024 season. We're excited! More to come in future newsletters on this incredible undertaking.

Kudos Corner



We love hearing from our members and guests. Be sure to sign-in when visiting the museum. Not only does it give us a reason to smile but it also helps when we're asked to provide a visitor count. Some of the recent comments received include:

- Love this place! Exceptional!
- Beautiful, well done.
- Great place for preserving memories.
- This place is amazing!
- Love this!
- Love it here!

Yes, the comments were totally unsolicited. They make our hearts go pitter-patter!

And Other Items...

Looking for a place to host an outdoor event during the 2023 season? The pavilion is available for rent to **MEMBERS-ONLY**. **You MUST be a member for a minimum of 1-year prior to the rental date and in good standing.** Cost is \$150 per day (\$100 for rent plus \$50 for security/cleaning fee which is refunded following a positive inspection of the property after the event). If interested, please email our rental coordinator, Marian

Howell, at
marian.howell@outlook.com.

20th Anniversary in 2024

The Morattico Waterfront Museum will be celebrating our 20th anniversary in 2024.

A committee is currently meeting to plan special events and projects that will make this significant milestone exceptional.

One of the projects is a cookbook to preserve and share recipes from all those amazing watermen, locals and their families that have made Morattico what it is today.

Please share your beloved recipes that tell the stories of the people of Morattico – past and present.

And we would also like to collect recipes from special events that have happened in our community over the years.

If you have recipes that fit either of those categories, please forward with their story

to MoratticoCurator@gmail.com by October 15, 2023. Thank YOU!

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Museum Hours for 2023

Opening Day: Saturday, May 6th

Saturday 12 to 4PM

Sunday 1 to 4PM

May Through October

THANK YOU for your continued support. Stay safe!

We look forward to seeing you soon!