

Annual Events

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DRAYDEN AFRICAN AMERICAN SCHOOLHOUSE

MONTHLY OPEN HOUSE

First Saturday of the Month, March through October, 11AM – 2PM (see website for additional dates)

Visit one of the nation's best-preserved one-room African American schoolhouses and learn about its rich history and importance in St. Mary's County. Staff will be available at the school during this time to answer any questions and provide information. FREE.

APPRAISER FAIR

Fourth Saturday in January, 10AM – 3PM
St. Clement's Island Museum
Visit with expert appraisers as they determine the value of your prized possessions at St. Clement's Island Museum. FREE Admission, various costs for item appraisal.

COMMUNITY DAY AT ST. CLEMENT'S ISLAND MUSEUM

Second Friday in February, 10AM – 4PM
St. Clement's Island Museum
Ever wanted to contribute to an exhibit at a museum? St. Clement's Island Museum is seeking historic documents, photos and other significant objects related to St. Clement's Island and the Colton's Point area from the 20th century and earlier. FREE.

MARYLAND DAY AT ST. CLEMENT'S ISLAND MUSEUM

On or around March 25
10AM – 5PM (museum open)
2PM – 3PM (ceremony)
St. Clement's Island Museum
Celebrate the founding of Maryland at the state's birthplace at St. Clement's Island Museum with a ceremony featuring guest speakers and program. FREE.

THE BLACK DIAMOND DISASTER - THE FORGOTTEN TRAGEDY ON THE POTOMAC

Last Sunday in April, 2PM – 3PM
St. Clement's Island Museum
Join us on St. Clement's Island for a program and ceremony commemorating a forgotten tragedy of the Civil War, the Black Diamond Disaster of 1865. Eighty-seven lives were lost when the Black Diamond and a steamer collided in the Potomac River near St. Clement's Island during the hunt for John Wilkes Booth. FREE.

ST. CLEMENT'S ISLAND HERITAGE DAY

First Saturday in June, 10AM – 3PM
St. Clement's Island Museum
Celebrate the history, heritage and natural beauty of St. Clement's Island with tons of fun, children's activities and programs for the whole family. FREE.

PIRATES ON THE POTOMAC

Last Saturday in July
9AM – 12PM and 1PM – 4PM
Piney Point Lighthouse Museum & Historic Park
Join your mates and a few scurvy scallags for some pirate fun at *Pirates on the Potomac*. \$10 per child; preregistration required. Event geared towards kids 4 - 9.

NATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE WEEKEND AT ST. CLEMENT'S ISLAND MUSEUM

First Weekend in August, 10AM – 3PM
Water taxi stops at 3PM
St. Clement's Island Museum
Head to St. Clement's Island for a fun Open House at Blackstone Lighthouse in recognition of National Lighthouse Day. Regular site fee applies.

NATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE WEEKEND AT PINEY POINT LIGHTHOUSE MUSEUM & HISTORIC PARK

First weekend of August, 10AM – 5PM
Piney Point Lighthouse Museum & Historic Park
Head to Piney Point Lighthouse for a fun Open House in recognition of National Lighthouse Day. FREE, donations accepted.

CHILDREN'S DAY AT ST. CLEMENT'S ISLAND MUSEUM

Third Saturday in August, 11AM – 2PM
St. Clement's Island Museum
Join St. Clement's Island Museum for a day of kid-friendly community fun, including games, crafts, face painting, a bike raffle, snow cones, balloons and lots more. FREE.

MUSEUM STORE SUNDAY

Sunday after Thanksgiving, 12PM – 4PM
St. Clement's Island Museum and Piney Point Lighthouse Museum & Historic Park
Get a jump on your holiday shopping by picking up unique items in the museum stores at both St. Clement's Island Museum and Piney Point Lighthouse Museum & Historic Park. Support your local museums while browsing a wide range of gifts, including Maryland and St. Mary's County themed items, clothing, books, local art and much, much more.

PINEY POINT LIGHTHOUSE MUSEUM & HISTORIC PARK HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Sunday after Thanksgiving, 12PM – 4PM
Piney Point Lighthouse Museum & Historic Park
Enjoy the opening of the holiday exhibit inside the museum and keeper's quarters with family activities, refreshments and more holiday fun. Get a jump on your holiday shopping in the museum store. FREE.

PINEY POINT LIGHTHOUSE MUSEUM & HISTORIC PARK HOLIDAY EXHIBIT

Sunday after Thanksgiving through first Sunday in January, 12PM – 4PM (Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day)
Piney Point Lighthouse Museum & Historic Park
Enjoy a holiday exhibit inside the museum and keeper's quarters. Complete your holiday shopping inside the museum store. Regular site fees apply.

ST. CLEMENT'S ISLAND HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

First Sunday in December, 12PM – 4PM
St. Clement's Island Museum
Enjoy the opening of the holiday exhibit inside the museum with family activities, refreshments and more holiday fun. Get a jump on your holiday shopping in the museum store. FREE.

ST. CLEMENT'S ISLAND MUSEUM DOLL & TRAIN HOLIDAY EXHIBIT

December 1st through first Sunday in January, 12PM – 4PM (Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day)
St. Clement's Island Museum
Complete your holiday shopping inside the Museum Store. Regular site fees apply.

Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival!



Second Saturday in July, 12PM – 8PM (Performances at 3PM, 5PM and 7PM)
St. Clement's Island Museum

Relax waterside on the museum lawn and enjoy live national jazz artists, lots of delicious seafood and gorgeous views of the Potomac and St. Clement's Island at this popular signature event. \$65 per person online in advanced, \$85 at the door.

www.PotomacJazzAndSeafoodFestival.com, 301-769-2222

Check out our periodic "Dinner & A Cruise" series exploring fascinating St. Clement's Island themes. See social media for more info!



Water Taxi Service at St. Clement's Island Museum

While at the museum, enjoy a boat ride to St. Clement's Island, the site where the first settlers landed in 1634.

The museum water taxi may also be chartered for private groups during the week. On select dates, the St. Clement's Hundred provides volunteers for guided tours of the Blackstone Lighthouse. There is no fee for guided tours but donations are gratefully accepted and are used for lighthouse maintenance expenses. Call the St. Clement's Island Museum for information.

Hours: Daily, Maryland Day through October 31, 10AM - 3PM (Last boat leaves museum at 2 PM.) Please call ahead to verify hours and weather conditions. High wind, rough water, rain or storms will cancel service.

Fees: \$7 per person, all ages (includes admission to museum)



The Museum Stores at St. Clement's Island Museum and Piney Point Lighthouse Museum

Discover a delightful treasure of your own at a museum store, and know that your dollars make a difference!

You're sure to find something special to commemorate your visit. Our museum stores showcase a broad assortment of unique and local items, including books, jewelry, children's products, home accessories and local artisans' and authors' offerings. Proceeds from the museum stores support these heritage sites. Museum stores are open during museum hours; see reverse.

All sites located in St. Mary's County in beautiful Southern Maryland.



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St. Clement's Island Museum

Piney Point Lighthouse Museum and Historic Park

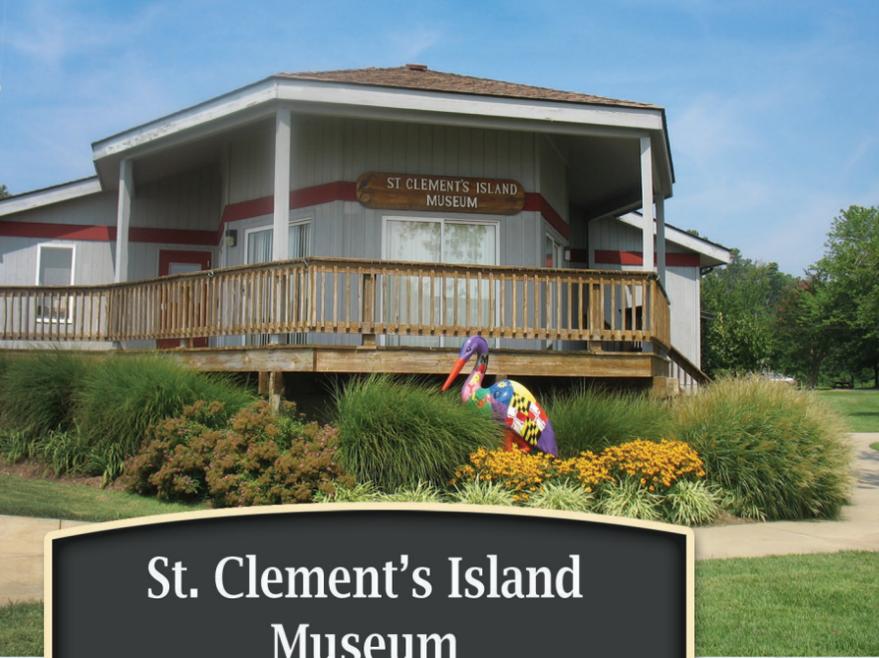
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Discover fascinating stories, fabulous water views and a full year of fun events in St. Mary's County, Maryland!

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St. Clement's Island Museum

EXPLORE the site where the first English Colonists set foot in the new world. ENJOY the museum's colorful exhibits, then take the water taxi to nearby St. Clement's Island State Park where the first Colonists landed in 1634.

The museum grounds are also home to a 19th century, one-room schoolhouse, picnic area, pier and docking facility. Water taxi service to St. Clement's Island State Park is available daily, Maryland Day to October 31, weather permitting. Take part in our annual signature events, like the popular Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival or Children's Day.

Fees
 5 and Under: Free
 Child (6-18): \$1.50
 Adult: \$3.00
 Senior: \$2.00
 Military: \$2.00
 Water Taxi: \$7.00 (includes museum admission)

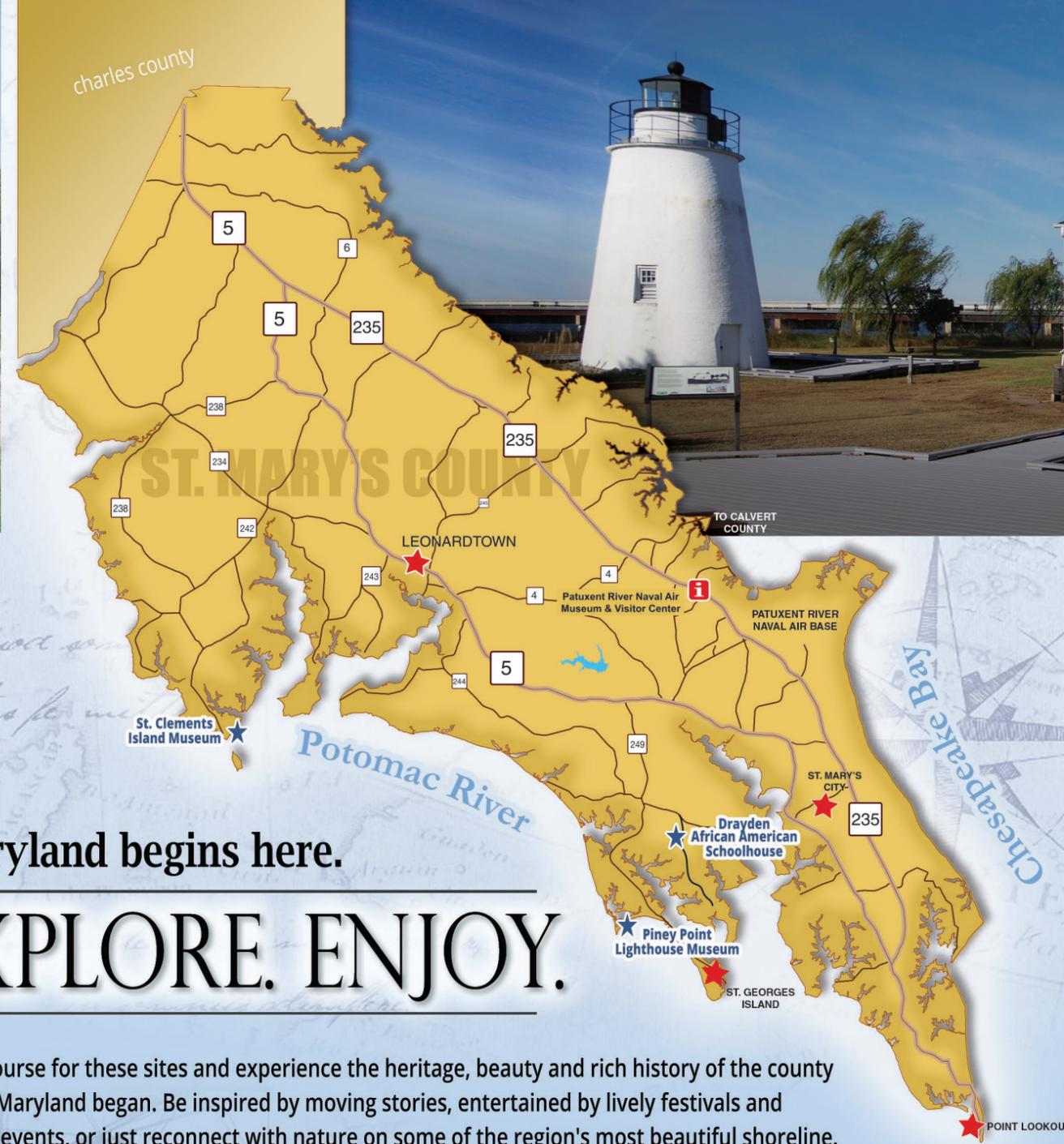
Hours
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 10 AM - 5 PM
 Winter (November 1 - March 24)
 12 PM - 4 PM
 Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day

Free Admission Days: Mother's Day (for moms), Father's Day (for dads), Armed Forces Day (for active or retired military, proper ID required.)

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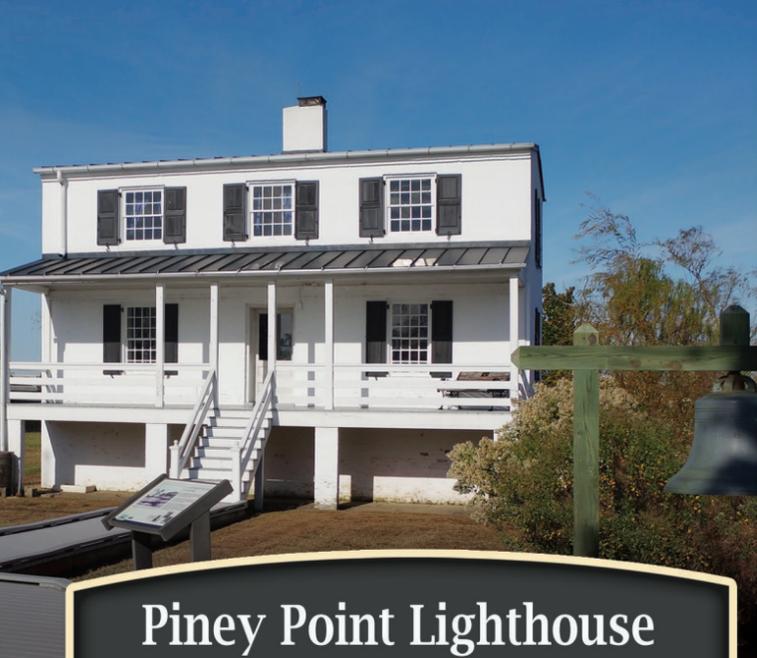


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Set a course for these sites and experience the heritage, beauty and rich history of the county where Maryland began. Be inspired by moving stories, entertained by lively festivals and special events, or just reconnect with nature on some of the region's most beautiful shoreline.

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Piney Point Lighthouse Museum and Historic Park

EXPLORE the oldest lighthouse on the Potomac and bask in the spectacular setting on the shores of this beautiful river. ENJOY a foray into maritime history in the adjacent museum.

Discover the U1105 Historic Shipwreck Dive Preserve exhibit (designated Maryland's first Historic Shipwreck Preserve in 1995) or just stroll the beach. Enjoy the picnic area, kayak launch, and six acres of park, pier and more. Additional adventures await during special events like Pirates on the Potomac. Ahoy!

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- Instagram.com/pineypointlighthousemuseum



Drayden African American Schoolhouse

EXPLORE the stories of struggle of the African American community during an era of segregated education at this authentically restored schoolhouse in the heart of St. Mary's County.

ENJOY a self-guided tour (interpretive panels on site) or a private group tour (by appointment) of one of the best preserved African-American schoolhouses in the country. This recently renovated, one-room structure stands on its original site and has not been significantly altered. Built circa 1890, it was in use until 1944.

Hours
 Open first Saturday of the month, March - October. 11 AM - 2 PM
 Paid visitors to Piney Point Lighthouse Museum can request entrance to site. Private tours available for groups; call for info.

No Fees

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