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St. Mary's County Museums to Host Free Family Holiday Events & Exhibits

LEONARDTOWN, MD – St. Mary's County Government's Museum Division, which oversees Piney Point Lighthouse Museum, St. Clement's Island Museum, and the Old Jail Museum is pleased to present special events and exhibits during the holiday season at each historic site.

Piney Point Lighthouse Museum

- **Holiday Family Open House** (*Sunday, November 26, 2023, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.*) Kick off the holiday season with family activities, refreshments, and more! Get a jump on your holiday shopping at the Museum Store. Admission is free for the day.
- **Holiday Exhibit at Piney Point** (*daily from Sunday, November 26, 2023, until Sunday, January 1, 2024, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.*) Join us for a family friendly holiday exhibit where visitors can tour the museum, lighthouse, and historic park. Admission is \$7.00 for adults; \$3.50 for seniors, students, and military; and 5 and under free. The Museum Store will be open during museum hours for holiday shopping. Exhibits are closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

St. Clement's Island Museum

- **Christmas Doll & Train Exhibit Opening Event** (*Sunday, December 3, 2023, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.*) The museum will offer fun for the entire family, including kids' activities, music, refreshments, and much more. Run the model trains, see vintage dolls like Barbies and American Girls, and more! Get a jump on your holiday shopping with a wide variety of unique and local items inside the Museum Store. Admission is free for the day.
- **Christmas Doll & Train Exhibit** (*daily from December 1, 2023, to January 1, 2024, from 10 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*) Families can enjoy a holiday exhibit of antique and collectible dolls like Barbie and American Girl, classic trains, and other vintage toys in this festive holiday display. The cost for this exhibit is \$3.00 Adults, \$2.00 Seniors and Military, \$1.50 Children, 5 and under are free. The Museum Store will be open during museum hours for holiday shopping. Exhibits are closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Old Jail Museum

- **First Friday in Leonardtown & Daily** (*December 1, 2023, from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., or daily from 10 – 5 p.m.*) Come take a tour of this fascinating historic site or shop at the Museum Store for a variety of unique gifts. Admission is free.

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November 26, 2023, is also *Museum Store Sunday* at all three museum sites: Piney Point Lighthouse Museum, St. Clement's Island Museum, and the Old Jail Museum in Leonardtown. Our museums join over 700 museum stores to offer relaxing, inspired shopping inside your favorite St. Mary's County museums. *Museum Store Sunday* offers a special shopping experience in our one-of-a-kind stores, showcasing a broad assortment of unique, mission-specific gifts. From books to jewelry, to children's products, to home accessories, and offerings by local artisans and authors, there is something for everyone. Shop knowing you are supporting the museum mission and programs! If you cannot make it to any shop during the month, you can shop at the online Friends Museum Store 24/7, which offers contact-free local delivery and free shipping to friends and family outside the area: <https://friendsmuseumstore.square.site/>.

At the stores and online, you can pick up the 2023 Friends Christmas ornament. This special edition ornament features the unique stained-glass window at St. Clement's Island Museum which depicts the Ark and the Dove. Each year, the Museum Store designs a new ornament as the Friends' collectible ornament. Ornaments featuring the Drayden African American Schoolhouse, Piney Point Lighthouse with Keeper's Quarters, Old Jail Museum, Blackistone Lighthouse, Fresnel Lens, and Moll Dyer are also available.

For more information on hours of operation, programs, events, admission prices, and more, follow the Museum Division pages on social media at [Facebook.com/SCIMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/SCIMuseum), [Facebook.com/1836Light](https://www.facebook.com/1836Light), and [Facebook.com/TheOldJailMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/TheOldJailMuseum).

About the St. Mary's County Museum Division

The St. Mary's County Museum Division was established by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to collect, preserve, research, and interpret the historic sites and artifacts which illustrate the natural and cultural histories of St. Mary's County and the Potomac River. These sites include St. Clement's Island Museum, Piney Point Lighthouse Museum, the Old Jail Museum, and the Drayden African American Schoolhouse. With this as its charter, the Museum Division serves as a resource, liaison, and community advocate for all St. Mary's County public and private cultural assets. For more information, please visit: museums.stmarysmd.com.

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