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NEWS RELEASE *for Immediate Release*

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February 2, 2026, 9 a.m.

**Donate Pieces of Local History during “Community Day” at St. Clement’s
Island Museum & Piney Point Lighthouse Museum**

LEONARDTOWN, MD – Have you ever wanted to contribute to a museum exhibit? The St. Clement’s Island Museum in Colton’s Point and the Piney Point Lighthouse Museum in Piney Point will host “**Community Day**” on **Friday, February 13, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

This day allows the public to get involved with the planning of new exhibits by sharing 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, as well as objects related to Piney Point and maritime history of the Potomac and Chesapeake.

The museums are seeking information and items about local boat builders; information about the Golden Hotel, the Shirley K Hotel, the Hotel on St. Clement’s Island, Tolson Hotel and Swann’s Hotel in Piney Point, and the Blackistone Island Canning Company or other oyster companies; photos of the island and the Blackistone Lighthouse or Piney Point Lighthouse; information about living on St. Clement’s Island and/or living in Colton’s Point or Piney Point; any photos of steamboats at Colton’s Point landing; U.S. Coast Guard or U.S. Navy history related to Piney Point; holiday and Christmas décor and decorations, specifically glass ornaments and related items; and more.

Museum staff will be available to scan photos and documents, or photograph objects and people, with the permission of the owner, for potential new exhibits or collections. If you do not have any items that could be applicable but still wish to support the museums, the public is welcome to make monetary donations towards exhibits or other museum programs either in person or online at: <https://friendsmuseumstore.square.site>.

For more information, contact Christina Barbour, St. Clement’s Island Museum Manager at (301) 769-2222 or Ken Burke, Piney Point Lighthouse Museum Manager at (301) 994-1471.

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For more information on museum hours of operation, programs, events, admission prices, and more, follow our museums on Facebook at:

- St. Clement's Island Museum: [Facebook.com/SCIMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/SCIMuseum)
- Piney Point Lighthouse Museum: [Facebook.com/1836Light](https://www.facebook.com/1836Light)

About the Friends of St. Clement's Island & Piney Point Museums

The Friends of St. Clement's Island & Piney Point Museums raise funds to support historical interpretation, education programs, and special needs of the sites managed by the Museum Division of St. Mary's County Government's Department of Recreation and Parks. The Friends organization is a 501(c) 3 organization sponsoring events, assisting with acquisitions, and supporting efforts to broaden the understanding of our culture and community's heritage. Learn more or become a member at: www.stmaryscountymd.gov/FOM.

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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