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St. Mary's County Museums Invite Residents to Shop With Purpose on Museum Store Sunday

LEONARDTOWN, MD – November 16, 2026 – The St. Mary's County Museum Division and the Friends of St. Clement's Island & Piney Point Museums invite residents to shop local and support county museums during the 10th annual Museum Store Sunday on Nov. 29, 2026.

Museum Store Sunday is a worldwide initiative encouraging shoppers to purchase unique, meaningful gifts while supporting museums and cultural institutions. This year, more than 2,360 museum stores across 25 countries will participate in the event.

St. Mary's County museum stores offer a variety of locally made crafts, books, artwork and specialty gifts created by Southern Maryland artisans and authors. Every purchase helps support museum exhibits, educational programs and historic preservation efforts.

"We are delighted to continue our participation in Museum Store Sunday and offer a unique shopping experience at our museums," said Karen Stone, Museum Division manager. "We are also excited to showcase our broad assortments of local crafts, books and art produced by Southern Maryland artisans and authors. We invite everyone to 'Be A Patron,' as every purchase from our museum stores directly supports the mission of the St. Mary's County Museum Division."

Residents can shop at the following museum stores throughout the holiday season:

- **Piney Point Lighthouse Museum**
- **St. Clement's Island Museum** (Annex Building)
- **Old Jail Museum & Leonardtown Visitor Center**

All three stores are open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., except Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Launched by the Museum Store Association in 2017, Museum Store Sunday promotes the importance of shopping at museums and supporting local cultural institutions. This year's 10th anniversary celebration also features a special online holiday gift guide highlighting 168 products from more than 80 museum stores worldwide.

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