



an annual  
exploration  
of the histories of  
the Patapsco Valley

Creating Change in the 20th Century

**March 2019**

**PASSPORTS:** *Passports listing all Patapsco Day programs will be distributed at the opening and at subsequent events. Passports are a chance for participants to check off the events in which they have participated and enter to win a raffle at the closing event of "Patapsco Days".*

**KICK OFF EVENT:**

**Redlining: A Patapsco Perspective**

Saturday, March 2, 2pm

Elkridge Library

Inspired by the Undesign the Redline, an exhibition from design studio Designing the We, this program will explore the history of structural racism and classism, how these designs compounded each other from redlining maps until today, and how we can come together to undesign these systems with intentionality. Specific insight will be given for examples in Howard County including the Rouse Company, Fels Lane, and more. Pre-registration is requested.

**CCC/WWII Conscientious Objectors Camp Hike**

Saturday, March 9, 1-2:30PM

Avalon Area of Patapsco Valley State Park at Shelter 1, 5120 South Street, Baltimore, MD 21227

Learn about Roosevelt's CCC (Civilian Conservation Corp) and the very first

WWII Conscientious Objectors camp in the country, and their place at Patapsco Valley State Park. See the area where history made its mark, and finish the visit with a 1.5-mile hike exploring the Ridge Trail and Valley View Trail. Moderate in difficulty. Dress for the weather. Sturdy boots/shoes.

**Columbia Families in Nature: Trash to Treasure Events**

Sunday, March 10, 2-4PM

Sucker Branch at Howard Crossing Apartments and the Normandy Shopping Center

This year marks the 49th anniversary of Earth Day, which was created to energize the emerging public consciousness about air and water pollution and to help force environmental protection onto the national political agenda. Shortly thereafter a variety of groups began to form to help clean up America's polluted waterways. In this tradition, join us for a "Trash to Treasure" event in which families will clean up areas of

the Patapsco watershed and use the trash and nearby natural materials to create collaborative art pieces that express how the participants feel about why the Patapsco watershed is a treasure that we need to take care of. All the art pieces will be photographed and in the spring five pieces of art from each event in this four-part series will be printed and displayed in a public setting.

### **From Ruins to Revival- Saving a Local Education Landmark**

Thursday, March 14, 7PM

Ellicott City Train Station Museum

From Ruins to Revival explores the post-occupancy era of the Patapsco Female Institute and highlights the grassroots efforts of a local group to save the building. This presentation will give a brief overview of the PFI timeline before delving into the period of vacancy and how the efforts of the Friends of the Patapsco Female Institute allowed the ruins to be stabilized and rededicated as the Patapsco Female Institute Historic Park.

### **Oella Historical Society: Guided Walking Tour of Oella Cemetery**

Saturday, March 16, 3PM

515 Rest Ave, Catonsville, MD 21228

A guided walking tour of the Oella Cemetery, the only known company cemetery in Maryland. Walk will explain the unique nature of the company town, and how the company provided for the workers and their families. 30 to 45 minutes in length. Meet across from 515 Rest Ave, Catonsville at 3:00 PM. Please wear sturdy shoes or boots (rocky, hilly terrain).

### **Howard County Historical Society**

Saturday, March 16, 5-6:30PM

8328 Court Ave, Ellicott City, MD 21043

The Howard County Historical Society and the Howard County African American History Project are proud to partner with Patapsco Heritage Greenway for History Days in March. "Fire Next Door" is a compelling documentary on the tragic and controversial 1965 Fire on Fells Lane, a black community in Ellicott City. There will be an introduction by Historical Society Executive Director, Shawn Gladden and commentary / Q&A with Tyrone Tyler, Fells Lane resident and the documentary's producer. Light refreshments will be provided. Reservations are recommended since seating is limited. Please call 410-480-3250 or email [info@hchsmd.org](mailto:info@hchsmd.org) to reserve space.

### **Catonsville Rails to Trails Hike**

Saturday, March 23, 10AM

Meet at 55 Wade Ave, Catonsville, MD 21228

Spring Grove Hospital was founded in 1797 and is the second oldest continuously operating psychiatric hospital in the United States. It originated in Baltimore City, but moved to the Catonsville location in the 1870s. The Catonsville Short Line Rail Road began service in 1884 and included service to the Spring Grove facility. The Catonsville Rails to Trails organization has converted portions of the Short Line into a hiking/ biking trail, including a section adjacent to Spring Grove.

The proposed historical walk will begin at the trail head of the Spring Grove Short Line trail and we'll provide a 3/4-mile historic walk through Spring Grove and trail, that will discuss the history of the Short Line RR, the Spring Grove Hospital, and the effort to get the rail converted to the trail—the beginning of Catonsville Rails to Trails.

### **Hit & Stay Film Screening and Q&A**

Saturday, March 23, 12-3PM

Community College of Baltimore County, Catonsville

Join CCBC's Community Education Program for a film screening of "Hit and Stay" followed by a director Q&A. **Hit & Stay** is a 2013 documentary directed by Joe Tropea and Skizz Cyzyk. It looks at the actions of The Catonsville Nine and The Baltimore Four taken in protest of The Vietnam War, and the influence of

these actions and the activists behind them on subsequent progressive political protests. Prior registration required, email [ssmith18@ccbcmd.edu](mailto:ssmith18@ccbcmd.edu) for more information.

### **Columbia Families in Nature: Trash to Treasure Events**

Sunday, March 24, 2-4PM

Daniels area of Patapsco Valley State Park

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### **Tree Huggers & Hippies: A History of Patapsco Valley Activism in the 1970's**

Wednesday, March 27, 7PM

Historic Woman's Club House, 10 St. Timothy Lane, Catonsville, MD 21228

Old Forester and City Planner, Jim Himel leads a conversation about how tree huggers and hippies stopped I-70 and I-195 cold, before they could destroy 2 premier Maryland parks. And introduces a new concept to de-construct a 2 mile portion of I-895 along the south edge of the Patapsco State Park. Old tree huggers and hippies are encouraged to bring and share their old photos and stories. Mark your calendars now to continue the good work with the Catonsville Tree Canopy Project at their Spring 2019 Tree Planting Saturday, April 6.

### **CCC/WWII Conscientious Objectors Camp Hike**

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### **Tour of Black History Sites in Howard County**

Saturday, March 30, 9:30AM-2PM

Patapsco Female Institute

Join the Living History and Heritage Program as we explore some of the important sites in Howard County's Black History. The tour starts with a visit to a few historic sites in Ellicott City, including the Colored School, Restored, and then continues to sites around the county. Tour will include information on Civil Rights Activism. Transportation between sites included. Bring lunch or purchase during the tour.

Info: Emily Mosher, 410-313-0419 or [emosher@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:emosher@howardcountymd.gov).

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### **Women's History Month: Women in Maryland**

Sunday, March 31, 3PM-5PM

B&O EC Station Museum

From spies and detectives to suffragettes, join the Living History and Heritage Program for a discussion on some of Maryland's famous women. Local author Lauren Silberman shares her research on some tenacious and adventurous women, including old and new favorites.

Info: Emily Mosher, 410-313-0419 or [emosher@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:emosher@howardcountymd.gov).

RP9979.223 All ages B&O EC Station Museum Mar 31 3-5pm Su \$12

## **CLOSING EVENT:**

### **Saving the Patapsco – 100 years of activism with Ned Tillman**

Sunday, March 31, 2pm

Benjamin Banneker Historical Park and Museum

Ned has been walking, canoeing, and studying the Patapsco for 40 years. He has written about it in his first two books. He will tell us a few of the stories that made the river legendary, describing the people and the efforts who have been important to the river's health in the past, in the present, and what is needed to keep it healthy in the future. Ned will have copies of his new book, "The Big Melt" for sale. Pre-registration is requested.

## **THROUGHOUT MARCH:**

### ***Almira Hart Lincoln Phelps: Her Students and Her Legacy at the Patapsco Female Institute***

Ellicott City Train Station Museum

View artifacts and primary documents from the 1841-1856 era of the Patapsco Female Institute. Learn about Phelps as a renowned educator and the students who came from across the US (and sometimes the world) to attend one of the earliest schools to teach young women math and science." Exhibit includes section on the activists who worked to save the landmark.

Wed-Thurs: 10-2; Friday: 10-6; Sat: 10-7; Sun noon-5.

### ***El Sueño Americano/ The American Dream***

February 4 – May 23, 2018

Albin O. Kuhn Library Gallery

1000 Hilltop Circle, Baltimore, MD 21250

*El Sueño Americano/The American Dream* features 59 photographs by Arizona-based artist Tom Kiefer depicting everyday objects carried by migrants detained after crossing the U.S.-Mexico border. Considered non-essential by U.S. Customs and Border Control and thus discarded, these personal belongings—from gloves to rosaries and wallets to water bottles—were valued by their owners for their utilitarian, spiritual, or sentimental value. In Kiefer's graphically striking photographs, these items serve as traces of individual stories that humanize the current migrant crisis.

### ***Migration Stories: Selections from the UMBC Photography Collections***

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1000 Hilltop Circle, Baltimore, MD 21250

Drawn from UMBC's collections, this exhibition features some twenty photographs that address human migration from a variety of perspectives. The installation explores the role of photography in shaping the public image of this issue and in conveying individual narratives of translocation and displacement.

### **Howard County Library System**

Visit [HCLibrary.org](http://HCLibrary.org) for a "Choose Your Adventure" list of activities, readings, and historic sites that explore the history of community driven change. Learn about the protest movements and actions that prompted seismic political, environmental, and cultural changes in the Patapsco Valley area.