



# STARRY BANNER



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Many view winter as a time to chill out—the Holidays are over, all the trimmings are put away, the calendars are less full, the houseguests are gone, and its time to hit the gym and catch up on your reading. But at the Museum, winter is when we regroup, revitalize, and reset the calendar for the new year's events, programs, and activities.

Although the Museum is closed to the public in the winter months, there is still a lot going on inside. This is the time of year when we tidy up our displays, make any needed repairs, and prepare new exhibits for the upcoming season. Our curatorial staff is busy researching our records and preparing a new exhibit, "Founding Families", that will offer a look back into the visionaries who recognized the importance and the value of capturing our history for posterity.

The **Winter Lecture Series** kicks off on **Monday, February 4th**. The lectures are held on the first Monday of the month from February through May. See Page 4 for details about speakers and topics.

The **Winter Market**, always a welcome break from the cold dark days of February, will be held on **Saturday, February 9th**, at Festival Halle. Go to Page 5 for additional information.

The **Annual Membership Meeting** and **Election** of new members for the Board of Directors will take place on **February 24th** at Festival Halle. This is your opportunity to catch up on the business side of the Museum and to exercise your right to vote for new Board Members who will best represent your interests. See page 5 for the details.

On **Saturday, April 27th**, the Museum will host its biennial **Gala Benefit Auction, "Pearl of the Chesapeake"**. The auction is a fun-filled evening with great food and drink with amazing items to bid on and win. It is also one of the Museum's major fundraising events, so we look forward to seeing you there! Read more on pages 6 and 7.

Lots is happening at the Museum in the coming months, so snuggle up, stay warm, and enjoy this edition of the *Starry Banner*.

— The Editor

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## FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Feb 4—Winter Lecture Series
Feb 9—Winter Market
Feb 24—Annual Meeting/Election
Mar 4—Winter Lecture Series
Mar 29—Members & Media Evening
Mar 30—Museum Reopens Weekends
Apr 1—Winter Lecture Series
April 1-7 Model Trains Running
Apr 12—Cocktails on the Creek
Apr 20—Easter Bunny Arrives on the <i>Elva C</i> & Easter Egg Hunt
Apr 26—Cocktails on the Creek
Apr 27—Gala Benefit Auction
Apr 30—Museum Reopens
May 5—Blessing of the Fleet
May 6—Winter Lecture Series
May 10/24—Cocktails on the Creek
June 1—Museum Ships Weekend
June 15—Janie Meneely Concert
June 21-23—Family Boat Building
July 6—Independence Day Celebration
August 5-9—Family Boat Building