

BOAT SHOP NEWS

Work is progressing on the new push boat for the Somers. The bottom and sides have been completed and painted with a primer. The bottom has been painted with an anti-fouling paint. The boat will be turned upright and placed on a trailer so that work can continue on the inside including fabricating the mounts for the new engine that will be installed.

The Old Town runabout restoration is coming along. Work on repairing broken ribs is complete, and seat brackets and trim work are being refastened. A new floor is being installed. Prep work on the inside for repainting is also underway.

The museum sign that was hung out front has been removed and placed in the back room of the Museum for refurbishment. Work is being done to clean up the old lettering for repainting. The sign will also receive a couple of coats of fresh varnish.



The New Push Boat for the *Claud Somers* Nears Completion

MODEL SHOP NEWS



New Exhibit!
Main Street in Kilmarnock

Spring at the Museum means more than just the arrival of the Easter Bunny. It also means that the Northern Neck Railroad is up and running. The Model Shop has been hard at work updating existing exhibits and working on new ones. During December, a record number of visitors stopped by the Model Shop to see the trains traveling through a whole host of scenery, all made by the nimble-fingered volunteers.

This year, the trains will be running during Northumberland County's Spring Break, from April 1st to April 7th. The crew has been busy on its new exhibit of old Kilmarnock, complete with street lights, cars, and even the water tower. Stop in for a visit and check out the new displays.

EASTER AT THE MUSEUM



Happy Easter! "Here comes Peter Cottontail, Hoppin' down the bunny trail, Hippity, hoppity, Easter's on its way." That may be how the Easter Bunny usually arrives, but in Reedville, he's arrives on the *Elva C* and he's floating up Cockrell's Creek!

Easter arrives at the Museum on **Saturday, April 20th, at 10am**. Bring the little ones to greet the Easter Bunny as he lands at the Museum dock. Afterwards, join in the hunt for candy-filled Easter Eggs all around the Museum followed by a reception at the Bethany United Methodist Church (next door to the Museum) to meet the Easter Bunny up close and personal