

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Members & Media Night—On **Friday, March 29th at 5:30pm**, members of the media and the Museum are invited to a behind-the-scenes preview of the new exhibits before they are open to the public. Wander through all the galleries and enjoy a reception with refreshments, beer, and wine.

Museum Opening—The Museum opens to the public on **Saturday, March 30th**. The Museum will be open on weekends-only in April, and will resume 6-day-a-week operations on April 30th. Museum hours will be Tuesday through Saturday 10:30am to 4:30pm and Sundays from 1pm to 4pm. Stop on by!

Cocktails on the Creek—Our twice-a-month casual gatherings will resume on **Friday April 12th at 5:30pm**. Bring your own libations and a snack to share. This is a great way to wind down your week and to catch up on all the happenings at the Museum and around Reedville. Non-members are warmly welcomed, so bring family, friends, and neighbors to introduce them to our gem of a museum. Cocktails is held the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month until mid-October.

Blessing of the Fleet—The annual Blessing of the Fleet, hosted by St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Fleeton, will take place on **Sunday, May 5th**. The parade of boats will begin at 3:30pm and the blessing ceremony will take place at 4pm at The Stack.



“CHANGING THE NETS”

On November 14th during a tour for representatives from Omega Protein, Maureen Gillmer (left) and Museum Director Lee Langston-Harrison (right), presented Monty Diehl (center), Vice-President of Operations, with “Changing the Nets”. The painting shows an Omega Purse Boat and a Menhaden fishing boat on the water. More than 25 children painted the canvas at Reedville’s annual Independence Day Celebration in July 2018. The Museum presented the painting to Omega as an expression of appreciation for Omega’s generous support for Museum programs and activities. The painting is now on display at the Smith Building, Omega’s Headquarters in Reedville.



HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE



Sunnybank Ferry in 2017

Sunnybank Ferry

For over a century, the Sunnybank Ferry has carried travelers over the Little Wicomico River in Northumberland County. The ferry first began operating in 1903 as a hand-pulled cable ferry and in 1912, was replaced by a motorized one. The *A.L.E.*—named after ferry operator's James “Jines” Crabbe's children, Arley, Lois, and Elmer—would carry horse and wagon, and later automobiles, until 1954 when Hurricane Hazel destroyed the boat. In 1955, a new ferry was commissioned, and was appropriately named, *The Hazel*. *The Hazel* was retired in 1985 and was replaced by the *Northumberland*, which is still in use today. Today, the Sunnybank Ferry continues to carry locals, bicyclists, and tourists from one bank of the Little Wicomico to the other. The ferry operates from dawn to dusk except in inclement weather (see photo!), higher than normal tides, or repairs to the boat. The ferry is operated by VDOT and is free. - Source, www.gribblenation.com