

# GALA BENEFIT AUCTION

- ◆ Kayak donated by Jett's Marine
- ◆ "Three Hots and a Cot" - Go out fishing and spend the night aboard Frederick Rogers' menhaden boat, the *F. Ray Rogers, Jr*, out of Cockrell's Creek in Reedville. Rise and shine with the Captain and crew! Be a close observer of what these hard-working men must do in order to make their catch. Eat in the galley and sleep in their "fancy" guest quarters. An experience for two that you will not forget!
- ◆ An exquisite carving by award-winning local carver, Ed Hind.
- ◆ PLUS, great restaurant and shop certificates, fresh new experiences, and lots of attractive tangible offerings. Check the Museum Facebook and websites for information on additional items that will suit your fancy. Please plan on attending the "Pearl of the Chesapeake" Gala Auction to see it all!!

The items listed above are but a few of the amazing offerings that will be available—we always have a great selection of unique items, artwork, and experiences to offer. If you have a treasure to donate for the auction, please contact the Museum office at 804-453-6529. We have limited space available, so we will not be able to accept every donation, but we greatly appreciate your generosity in making the offer.

In addition to the bidding on silent and live auction items, the Gala Benefit Auction will also feature a “**Fund-A-Cause**” bidding event. This activity solicits your tax-deductible donations to a very specific cause and every dollar you donate is guaranteed to go directly to that project. Past Fund-A-Cause fundraisers raised money to upgrade the Festival Halle kitchen and to provide for repairs to the Museum’s skipjack *Claud W. Somers*. The 2017 Fund-A-Cause was dedicated to raising money for major, critically-needed repairs to the *Elva C*, the Museum’s historic “buy boat”. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the *Elva C* can continue to educate members and visitors about Reedville’s rich history and the menhaden industry.

In keeping with our “Pearl of the Chesapeake” theme, this year’s Fund-A-Cause will focus on returning the luster to our Pearl of a Museum for generations to come. The most beautiful feature of a pearl is its luster—that special shimmer and glow that draws people to it. A pearl that loses its luster becomes dull, unattractive, and not worthy of admiration. We want visitors to encourage others to visit, so we must ensure that our Museum is bright, fresh, and appealing from every angle, just like a pearl. Beneath our Museum's beautiful well-designed displays and exhibits, and its educational artifacts and artwork lies a tired and worn 30-year-old carpet. Our goal this year is to replace it with fresh, durable, composite planking that resembles a boat's deck and is more suitable to our increasing foot traffic and activities. This change will give the Museum a bright fresh look that will make a lasting impression on our many visitors.

Proceeds from the auction support the Museum's mission of preserving Reedville’s local heritage, including boats and buildings, and benefits educational and cultural programs that enrich our community.

The cost is still \$60 per person and includes all food and beverages. Reservations are limited and may be made at the Museum office, 504 Main Street, Reedville, or by calling 804-453-6529.

## Major Repairs to the *Elva C* Thanks to the 2017 Fund-A-Cause



## She Needed Lots of Work



## Beautiful Again!