

THE MUSEUM IS OPEN!

On July 9th the Museum reopened its doors after being closed for six months and one week. Lee Langston-Harrison, Executive Director, spent six weeks researching and developing a protocol for reopening – utilizing materials from the Virginia Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control, World Health Organization, the Virginia Association of Museums, the American Alliance of Museums, the Small Museum Association, Council on American Maritime Museums, Virginia’s “Get Back to Work” initiative, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and a few others – to develop a safe way to reopen. The tough part of this exercise was the constant changes coming from these agencies . . . ever-moving opening targets and protocols that became more and more impossible to implement. After conferring with Linda Nessul, then-President of the Board, and the executive committee, Lee set a deadline for completing a “simple protocol” and reopening schedule. At their June meeting, the board approved the second week of July to reopen.

The simple protocol is a flexible set of procedures that have been revised several times as the docents and staff come back to working with the public. Open days are Thursday through Saturday from 11am to 4pm. In the weeks we’ve been open, 99% of our guests have been thrilled with the Museum and so grateful that we’re open. Add that to the fact that we have an ice cream shop and two great restaurants in the village, and we’ve seen a steady flow of intrepid travelers.



Hailey Wallace & Shelby Smithart install the new “Fish in the Bay” mural. Check out the NEW floor in the Watermen’s Gallery, thanks to the 2019 Fund-a-Cause from the Benefit Auction

A UNIQUE SHOPPING EXPERIENCE

The shop volunteers have been hard at work getting unique and fun items in the Museum’s gift shop. We have a wide assortment of books, many of which help readers discover the mysteries and adventures on the local waters. We have many hand-crafted table wares with nautical motifs for your beach house; spices; jewelry, including a terrific line of silver earrings, necklaces, and bracelets, some with water-polished glass; souvenirs; kids’ games and books; T-shirts; and sweatshirts.

Stop by and shop (no charge to do so), or send in your guests, neighbors, and friends to find one-of-a-kind items that will help them remember their visit to “the Neck.”

