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# DCPG NEWSLETTER

## Spring 2012

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### DCPG's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual **General Membership** Meeting

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual **General Membership meeting** held January 29<sup>th</sup> was very well attended with over 70 people coming out to hear the guest speakers and watch the award ceremony. Our key note speaker was Dorchester's own Dr. Russell B. Brinsfield, Mayor of Vienna, Director of Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro-Ecology, Inc., and last year's DCPG Environmental Stewardship Award Winner. The presentation of the 2012 Dorchester Stewardship Award went to retired farmer and conservationist G. Steele Phillips of Vienna. (This award is given to a Dorchester resident who has exemplified good stewardship of the county's resources.)

Our guest speakers included:

- Mayor of East New Market, Caroline Cline, who spoke about the cooperative effort by Eastern Shore Land Conservancy and the town that has resulted in the preservation of the historic property at Friendship Hall.
- Alan Girard from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation spoke on the importance of upcoming legislation to continue action for clean water.
- Roman Jesien, chair of our water monitoring committee, gave DCPG's Water Quality

Report, explaining data collected from five sites by DCPG volunteers.

- Megan Ward from the Nanticoke Watershed Alliance spoke about the Alliance's advocacy for the Nanticoke River
- Jay Corvan, DCPG board member, explained our involvement and perspective on the ongoing process of adopting a new zoning code for Cambridge.



Photo by Meg Maddox

## DCPG Fundraiser, “Bloodsworth” the Movie, A Success!

On March 11, the locally filmed movie, “Bloodsworth,” played to a packed house at the Island Grille on Taylor’s Island. The film tells a story of a waterman’s family in transition. Filmed on Taylor’s Island and on the Little Choptank River, “Bloodsworth” was produced and directed by Adrian Muys, who attended the March 11 showing.

Adrian used local actors, including DCPG’s Fred Pomeroy in a starring role as waterman Nathan Bloodsworth. Other local actors appearing in Bloodsworth include Mike German as the Barber, Dave Elliott as the NRP officer and Anna Jones as the crab picker Iris. There is beautiful footage of Dorchester County as well as scenes from J.M. Clayton Company and downtown Cambridge.

Proceeds from the event will support the DCPG Water Quality Monitoring Program.



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## Earth Day at Spocott

It was a GREAT time for all at the Spocott Windmill Earth Day... gorgeous weather, great food, wonderful educational entertainment, and the First Annual Spocott Horseshoe Tournament! Spocott Windmill and DCPG co-sponsored the event.

The First Annual Spocott Challenge Horseshoe Tournament was a lot of fun for those who participated and for those watching. There were 10 teams of two people in a double elimination tournament. Rick Price, county commissioner from District 4, was the judge. There were non-profits, church groups, fire companies, businesses and families who joined in the competition. The Neck District Fire Company won the event. The first place prize was a beautiful trophy that the winning team holds for one year and a check for \$100.

Start practicing and come join us next year!



Photo by Catherine McCulley



Photo by Meg Maddox



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## Speaker Series

Our Speaker Series continues in May with a discussion of the **Legislative Session Wrap-Up**. **Erik Fisher** will speak on three bills that will make a big difference for the Chesapeake Bay. These include the “Flush Tax,” the Storm Water Retrofit, and Pollution from Growth SB236. Come join us to learn more –

**Tuesday, May 29th, 7pm**

**Location: Cambridge Library Meeting Room**



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## Rain Barrel Workshop

DCPG has the makings for Rain Barrels! There will be a Rain Barrel Workshop so you can make your own barrel **Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 9am – 12pm**. Our volunteers will have everything you need to make a great rain barrel, so come join the fun and take home a rain barrel!! (Cost \$65) We also have made to order rain barrels.

**Location: The Boat Works,  
Hayward St., Cambridge**

**Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 9am-12pm**

**Call: Beth Ann Lynch to register**

**443-366-3741 or email [beth5846@yahoo.com](mailto:beth5846@yahoo.com)**



*So it is. The problem is people. Nature, or the supreme deity, has endowed the Chesapeake with a remarkable resilience, a remarkable ability to restore its resources. This has been true both historically, as we have seen, and in recent times, witness the striped bass recovery. But only if people do right by the Bay. The time is now.*

William W. Warner, August 1993  
From the Afterward to Beautiful Swimmers

Photo by Meg Maddox

### Volunteers Needed!

DCPG is growing and we need more volunteers. Help is needed for the following:

- Newsletter Articles (We want to keep you better informed with more newsletters).
- Attending Community Events Promoting DCPG
- Fundraising
- Water Quality Monitoring
- Photographer
- Help plan events such as paddles, hikes, family picnic, films and speakers

**Contact:** Beth Ann Lynch, [beth5846@yahoo.com](mailto:beth5846@yahoo.com)

### DCPG events help us enjoy our beautiful county!

It's time to Renew Your Membership!

*DCPG is a 501©3 organization.  
Thank you for your contribution.*

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