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FARMERS' MARKET:

Season opens
Thursday, May
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NBC'S TOM BROKAW FILMS IN CAMBRIDGE.

City will be part of
documentary and more.
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MOTHER'S DAY.

How to show you care?
We've got some ideas.
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GROOVE CITY JAZZ & BLUES FEST

May 9, 1-8pm, downtown Cambridge



Jimmy Cole
1-1:30pm
Bluesman,
longtime
favorite on the
D.C. blues
scene



Mike Elzey
Blues Band
2-2:45pm
Locals Mike Elzey,
Lisa Rowe, Gary
Barnes, and Bob
Kamman



Junkyard Saints
3:15-4:30pm
New Orleans-style
party music;
Washington Area
Music Awards
"Artist of the Year"
winner



Carl Grubbs Ensemble
5-6pm
Winner of the presti-
gious 2009 Baker Arts
Award; studied sax
with John Coltrane



Deanna Bogart
6:30-8pm
Blues, boogie, and
more; winner of
more than 20
Washington Area
Music Awards

Also performing! Dance/drum troupes
Ragin' Unstoppables and DaBassé.

Great music, food, and more! Get your groove on this Second Saturday, May 9, during one of the Mid-Shore's biggest music events of the year. The fifth annual Groove City Jazz & Blues Festival, 1-8 p.m., features more than a half-dozen performers (see box above).

The daylong outdoor festival, at Race and Cedar Streets in downtown Cambridge, offers food from spareribs to a pig roast, drinks from beer to rootbeer floats, crafts, kids' activities, and more. Admission is free with \$10 donations requested from adults. This event benefits efforts toward the continued revitalization of downtown Cambridge. Rain or shine, Bring your lawnchair!

Organized by Cambridge Main Street, the festival honors Cambridge's part in the "Chitlin' Circuit." Cab Calloway, Ella Fitzgerald, Count Basie, Billy Eckstine, and other notable musicians performed here.

Thanks to our sponsors & volunteers! Thanks to Coors Light, Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay, St. Michaels RV, Dorchester Center for the Arts, Delmarva Power, and the Maryland State Arts Council. And our hard-working volunteers who make this festival happen!

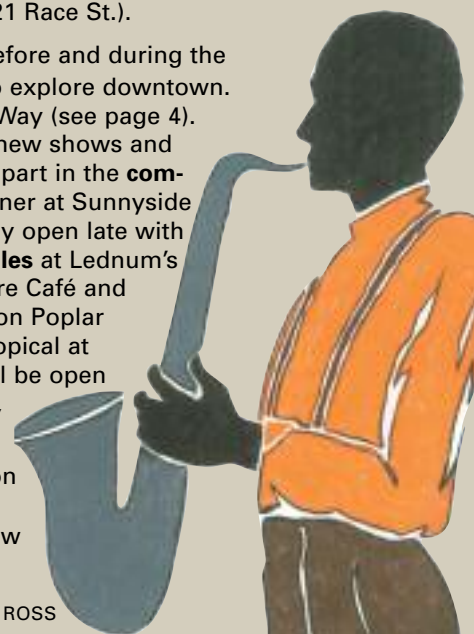
After the festival: When the festival wraps up at 8pm,

head to Scoop Station (400 Muir St.) for the funk, soul, and rock 'n' roll sounds of Hudson Resolution or catch Justin Pokrywka at Jimmie and Sook's (421 Race St.).

Second Saturday specials: Before and during the festival, there are lots of reasons to explore downtown. Check out the **ArtMart** in Cannery Way (see page 4). Downtown's five **art galleries** host new shows and artist receptions (see page 3). Take part in the **community mosaic** with artist Jen Wagner at Sunnyside (500 Poplar St.). Plus stores will stay open late with specials, including **Mother's Day sales** at Lednum's Jewelers, Sugar Magnolia, and Fibre Café and Crabcatcher's Scavenger Shop, all on Poplar Street. Don't miss a touch of the tropical at Simmons Center Market, which will be open late with a range of flowers, plants, shrubs, and huge palm trees.

Friday night: Festival eve bash on Friday, May 8, with D.C. bluesman Jimmy Cole at Jimmie & Sook's Raw Bar and Grill, 421 Race Street.

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ABOUT CAMBRIDGE MAIN STREET

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Farmers' Market opens season May 7

The Farmer's Market reopens for the season Thursday, May 7, 3:30-6:30pm. Cambridge Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley will be on hand to help kick off the season around 4pm. The market will be in the same location—near the corner of Academy and Muir Streets. The market will run every Thursday until mid-October. Look for Butter Pot Farm, an organic vegetable farm; Harris Farm with vegetables, herbs and flowering plants; S.B. Farms with

bison meats; seasonal fruits and berries from Well's Berry Farm; cheese, breads, jewelry, and more.

For each week's highlights, go to www.cambridgemainstreet.com and click on "Farmers' Market." Or join the weekly e-mail list by sending a note with the subject "Subscribe to Farmers' Market" to office@cambridgemainstreet.com.



PHOTO BY JILL JASUTA

Fibre Cafe and Crab-catcher's Scavenger Shop now open. From yarn to chain-saws, you'll find it all at this new venture at 533 Poplar St., a marriage of two businesses from Bruce and Bonnie Reed. Bonnie's yarn boutique specializes in natural fiber yarn and handcrafted accessories. Bruce's Crabcatcher's has an ever-changing mix of mostly secondhand items from marine items to glassware. Open daily except Wednesday and Sunday.

Cambridge to be part of NBC TV specials

Tom Brokaw and crew spent several days here with cameras in hand

Veteran journalist Tom Brokaw was in Cambridge for several days last month, filming the first segment for a series of reports (later to become a documentary) about life in America. He and his production crew made several stops downtown. After a lunch (heavy on the soft crabs and oysters) at Jimmie & Sook's Raw Bar & Grill on Race Street, Brokaw conducted a lengthy interview with J&S owner Amanda Bramble. A Dorchester County native who comes from a family of watermen, Bramble talked about crabs, watermen, their way of life, and how she came to start Jimmie & Sook's, which is all about showcasing the bounty and the lifestyle of watermen.

Using Jimmie & Sook's as a base of operations during their stay here, Brokaw and his crew also made stops at J.M. Clayton Company, one of the oldest working crabhouses in the world. They followed along as Bramble picked up fresh seafood at Kool Ice. And they checked out the extensive collection of decoys and other hunting and fishing collectibles at



Tom Brokaw holds a plate of softshell crabs with the folks at Jimmie & Sook's. [Photo: Dave Harp]

Chesapeake Classics. Brokaw also went out a workboat with a local waterman.

Brokaw will spend the next several months going across the country, talking with people in towns along Route 50. His reports are supposed to air on the *Today* show, *Nightly News*, MSNBC, and the USA Network. The segments will become part of a documentary for USA Network in January 2010 called "Highway 50: A Road Trip Across Obama's America." The first segment might air on USA on May 20, but nothing is confirmed yet. For updates, go to www.cambridgemainstreet.com.

EVENTS

MAY 7, 3:30-6:30pm

Main Street Farmers' Market

Opening for the season! Near Academy & Muir Streets. See story at left.

2nd SAT.

**MAY 9, 1-8pm
Groove City Jazz & Blues Festival**

Daylong outdoor festival. Race and Cedar Streets. Free (\$10 donation requested). See page 1.



MAY 9, 5-9pm

Second Saturday in the galleries & shops

Art galleries and shops will stay open late with specials. Full listing of gallery shows and receptions on page 3.

MAY 9, 7am-3pm

Pine Street Community Yard Sale

At the Empowerment Center, 600 block of Pine Street. Rain or shine. 410.901.1397.

MAY 16, 7-9pm

Russ Orme at Main Street Gallery

A night of storytelling and music. Benefits the mural project. Tickets \$25. See page 3.

2nd SAT.

**JUNE 13, 5-9pm
Second Saturday**

Shops and galleries stay open late with special sales and events.

**Lots more events at
cambridgemainstreet.com**

Need Mother's Day ideas? We got 'em

You want to show your love for your mother, grandmother, wife, or some other incredible woman in your life. But what to do? A few ideas—all of them in downtown Cambridge.

Brunch in style. Bistro Poplar is having a special Mother's Day brunch Sunday, May 10 starting at noon. Or try Bella Luna, Jimmie & Sook's, Canvasback, Portside, or Snapper's.

Indulge. Pamper her at Avé salonspa (15 percent off skin care through May 9). Call for an appointment. Or go for chocolates or wine at A Few of My Favorite Things—don't miss the wine "Mommy's Time Out."

Adorn. Who can resist jewelry? Downtown you'll find a wide range of styles and prices for every budget. Try Lednum's Jewelers for fine jewelry, Sunnyside and Dragonfly for hip, Joie de Vivre and Pear Tree for hand-crafted, Maris Elaine for Trollbeads. And very affordable pieces at Craig's, Hubbard's Pharmacy, and Ceanie's Apparel.

Go artsy. Join her on a gallery stroll through downtown on Second Saturday, May 9—the five art galleries will be open until at least 8pm; most will host artist receptions (see story at right).

Go antiquing. Discover treasures together at antique stores including Arlene's, Trumpeter Swan, Backfin, Chesapeake Classics, and Rug & Antique Gallery.

Get historic. For the woman who has everything, why not spend some time exploring Dorchester County history at the Harriet Tubman Museum (dedicated to the life of one of the strongest heroines we know) or the Richardson Maritime Museum. Or take the walking tour of historic High Street, Saturday at 11am (meet at Long Wharf). Or try the Nathan's two-hour skipjack cruise Saturday at 1pm.

Get planting. One gift lots of moms love—help in the yard. Stop by Simmons for a wide selection of annuals, perennials, shrubs, and more—and then do the planting for her. No green thumb? Go the easy way with fresh-cut flowers from Arlene's.

ART EXHIBITS & EVENTS

Main Street Gallery: In the Groove with **opening reception** Second Saturday, May 9, 5–8pm. See story at right. The gallery is open Friday and Saturday, 11am–4pm. *413 Muir Street*

Dorchester Center for the Arts: Furniture for the Independent Thinker by Meg Romero, Photography & Design by David Romero, and Watercolors by Sam Lozen. Through May 30. **Meet the artists** during a reception on Second Saturday, May 9, 6–8pm. Plus, interesting classes this month on everything from Latin dancing to sketchbooking to the art of cupping (tasting of loose teas). Info at www.dorchesterartscenter.org or stop by the center. *321 High Street*

Joie de Vivre Gallery: This month's featured artists are inspired by the Eastern Shore in very different ways: direct metal artist Paul Lockhart; mixed media artist Janet DiNapoli. **Meet the artists** on Second Saturday, May 9, 5–9pm. *410 Race Street*

Maris Elaine Gallery: Artist reception Second Saturday, May 9, 6–9pm, featuring Easton artist Gary Hall, whose unusual and compelling work is made from string. *520 Race Street*

447 Studios & Gallery: Showing the work of artists who have studios that ring the gallery, including Deanna Davis, Maureen Sheridan Farrell, Jonah Gasparotti, Patti Lucas Hopkins, Karen Maskell Peck, Mary Ann Schindler, Willy Schlossbach, and Jen Wagner. Open Saturdays, 10am–4pm; open until 8pm on Second Saturday, May 9. *447 Race Street*



In the Groove at Main Street Gallery: Mixed media show featuring Eastern Shore artists Heidi Clark, Loring Cornish, Sheryl Goodspeed, Carol Gordean, Sung Hong, Martin Hughes, Tim Larkin, Joyce King LaForce, Robert LaForce, Joe Mayer, Carol Minarick, George McHenry, John Moran, Linda Perry, Mary Ann Schindler, and Craigie Succop. **Meet the artists** during a reception on Second Saturday, May 9, 5–8 pm. Show continues through mid-June.

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Christ Church Concert Series: Simple Gifts Trio, 4pm, Sunday, May 17, at Christ Church. Spoons workshop at 3pm with the performers. Tickets \$10. *601 Church St.*

Jimmie & Sook's: Live music Wednesday through Saturdays. Check the calendar at www.jimmieandsooks.com. Special event 9pm, Saturday, May 23 with D'Vibe and Conga Bongo Jazz—\$5 donation at the door to benefit the Dorchester Humane Society. *421 Race Street*

Scoop Station: Spare Time on May 15 and 29, Les Rayne poetry reading and comedy May 8 and 22, Taking Action May 23, Blues and Rock Jam with Lisa Rose and Asa Pibbs May 30. Check the calendar at www.thescoopstation.com. *400 Muir Street*

Storyteller Russ Orme performs May 16

Russ Orme presents a night of storytelling and music 7–9pm, Saturday, May 16 at the Main Street Gallery. After a long career with National Geographic, Orme devotes his time to art, photography, and writing. Tickets cost \$25. Refreshments provided. Buy tickets at Joie de Vivre Gallery (410

Race St.) or at Easton's Amish Market Thursday–Saturday. Proceeds go toward the mural project in Cambridge, which was recently awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Maryland State Arts Council. The mural is planned for Cannery Way, on the side of the Hunt insurance building at 436 Race Street.

NEWS BITS

- 1 Backfin Antiques is offering free on-site appraisals on Saturdays in May, 10am–5pm.
- 2 JFH Designs is celebrating its third anniversary with a special through May 31: buy three window treatments and get the fourth free.
- 3 Pick up Cambridge resident Donna Peters' new children's book set in Cambridge, *Boo Bugs and Friends*, at Arlene's Antiques.
- 4 Congratulations to Joie de Vivre Gallery, recently nominated to NICHE magazine's 2009 Top Retailer Awards for American Crafts.
- 5 Try the "Taste of Kentucky" Bourbon Pairing Dinner at Bistro Poplar 6pm, May 7. Call to reserve.

Community unites to save historic home



202 High Street

One year after a devastating fire, one of Cambridge's historic homes has been saved from the wrecking ball. A dozen community members came together to chip in their resources and purchase the J. Benjamin Brown House at 202 High Street, on Cambridge's brick-lined street.

The mid 19th-century house was threatened with demolition after a four-alarm fire on May 10, 2008. Vacant and for sale at the time, the building suffered significant damage. Without funds to restore the property, city officials said it would have to be torn down.

A group of local citizens decided to save the building instead. "Our architecture is what

makes the town unique," said Brett Summers, a Cambridge resident and Cambridge Main Street board member, who rallied others together to pool their resources to purchase the property. "Our architectural history is one of the reasons people visit."

The group of owners is working on obtaining funds through grants and loans to stabilize the property. Summers said the structure will qualify for Maryland historic tax credits, reimbursing up to 20 percent of construction costs.

The community investors, all but one of whom live in the Cambridge area, are: Ginger Brannock, Valerie Brown, Jay Corvan, Jane Devlin, Thom Huntington, Kenny Kreiser, Tamara Little, Brian Roche, Rob Schwarz, Owen Strohmer, Brett Summers, and Junius Tillery.

Help do tree inventory, plant trees in Maple Street area

After helping land a grant, Cambridge Main Street's Clean Safe and Green Committee is leading a tree inventory and planting 25 trees in the Maple Street district, the residential area that borders downtown. They're looking for 15 volunteers to help this month. Call 410.228.1955 or e-mail br.roche@gmail.com.



May 9 ArtMart benefits mural project



Wednesday Morning Artists display items for the May 9 ArtMart.

Think of it as a yard sale with an artsy twist. Check out the original art, art-related items and books, and art supplies at the ArtMart, 11am-6pm, Second Saturday, May 9 in Cannery Way in the 400 block of Race Street. Proceeds from the sale, sponsored by the Wednesday Morning

Artists, will go to Cambridge Mural Arts and the outdoor mural that's planned for Cannery Way. See the planned design for the mural and talk with representatives from Cambridge Mural Arts. And to find out more about Wednesday Morning Artists, go to www.wednesdaymorningartists.com or contact Nancy Snyder at ncsnnyder@aol.com.

Choptank sailing races expand to Second Saturday; first is May 9

Starting May 9, the Choptank Sailing Association is launching a series of Second Saturday afternoon sailing races. These low-key, fun races are open to adults 21 and over; no experience required. Meet at the end of Pier E, near the Long Wharf fountain (at the end of High Street in Cambridge). Starting at 1pm on Second Saturdays (dockside activities 12:15-12:45pm). After the race, head downtown for dinner or beverages. The Choptank Sailing Association also holds Tuesday Night Live sailing races. Details at www.choptanksa.info.

Show your Cambridge pride!

Show your pride in the City of Cambridge, which celebrates its 325th anniversary in 2009, with a special anniversary t-shirt, flag, or other item. Look for them at Dorchester Center for the Arts, Joie de Vivre, Scoop Station, Snapper's, or the Yacht Club and at events throughout the year.



May is membership renewal month

This month will bring annual renewal requests to the mailboxes of supporting members of Cambridge Main Street. With potential cutbacks in government support for Cambridge Main Street looming, our membership campaign is more important than ever this year. Your generosity will make a big difference.

Our members are a mix of downtown shops, restaurants, and service providers; other city and county businesses; and individual families who support the work we do revitalizing downtown Cambridge.

New members are always welcome, too! For information on becoming a member, visit www.cambridgemainstreet.com or contact Jim Duffy at office@cambridgemainstreet.com.



Wine & Swine (NOT swine flu!) on the water June 20

Let's make one thing clear: the catchy name for this event was created long before anyone was talking about swine flu. That said, this Saturday, June 20 event is a fundraiser for Cambridge Main Street. Owen and Kirsten Strohmer were kind enough to offer their home on the water (on Horns Point Road in Cambridge) for this party, which will feature a pig roast, lots of other food, drink, and entertainment. Come by boat or by land. The party starts at 6pm. Tickets cost \$40 per person. To reserve your spot email office@cambridgemainstreet.com or call 410.228.0020.

