



February 2021

Maryland Coastal Bays Program Newsletter



MCBP's 25th Anniversary

This is the first in a series of articles celebrating "Coastal Bay Heroes" – those who have contributed to the establishment and ongoing work of the Maryland Coastal Bays Program.

Carolyn Cummins – The Power of Listening

If you were to ask Carolyn Cummins why she was chosen to chair MCBP's first Citizen's Advisory Committee back in 1996, she'll tell you, "It's because I was a good listener." She will also tell you that many of us who live in the

2021 Summer Internship Available!

Deadline February 19th



MCBP is currently hiring for a paid intern for the summer 2021 field season! This internship will have a split focus between environmental education and science. We're seeking looking for highly motivated, upper level undergraduates or recent graduates majoring in environmental science, environmental studies, education, biology, or other related fields.

Click [here](#) for the position

Coastal Bay area had common interests and protecting and enhancing the waters of the Coastal Bays were a priority for many. Particularly at a time when the loss of habitat and overall degradation of the waterways was so apparent to many who lived and vacationed here.

In 1996, Carolyn was running the store at Frontier Town – the western theme park near Assateague Island. She was Chair of the Worcester County Planning Commission and had deep roots in the community. She was politically active and always interested in what people had to say. When fisherman told her that they were headed south in the summer because the fishing was poor here in Maryland, she took notice. She answered the call in the summer of 1996 to chair MCBP's first Citizen's Advisory Committee and, in doing so, helped mold the Program into what it is today.

Read more about Carolyn's impact on the Coastal Bays [here!](#)

*Carolyn (middle) pictured with President Bill Clinton.



Give a Day for the Bays Program

As we began to plan events for 2021, Coastal Bays knew we wanted to provide more opportunities for engagement, without the constraints of schedules or in-person requirements.

description! Deadline to apply is Friday, February 19th.

Discover Your Watershed

March 20th



We are excited to announce our 2021 Discover Your Watershed dates for the Spring and Fall!

March 20

Ilia Fehrer Nature Preserve:
Travel and Trails

June 12

Lizard Hill Restoration Site:
Invasive Invasion

September 11

Assateague Living Shoreline:
Shoreline Scavenge

November 20

Lewis Road Kayak Launch:
Funky Flora

DYW events will be held on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. All DYW events are FREE for all ages. Please contact Liz Wist at lwist@mdcoastalbays.org for more information or to register as registration is limited.

Burley Oak Virtual Trivia

March 4th

Hence hatched the new Give A Day for the Bays program. Throughout 2021, we will release a monthly theme that provides an opportunity for the community to involve themselves with our program, projects, and watershed in a self-paced manner. We encourage everyone to "give-a-day" once a month to exploring and improving our amazing watershed!

For February's "Give-A-Day" back to the MCBP, we encourage you to join our online iNaturalist project, and try your hand at nature journaling! Click [here](#) to learn more about how you can participate in these two programs that give back to our watershed.



[Creature Feature](#)

Ah, the legendary Maryland blue crab! To some, there may be that nostalgia of catching them off a dock or indulging in a multi-hour crab feast, and to others, they are tied to a vibrant way of life. But no matter how they have swum into our lives, the bottom line is that blue crabs remain an integral (and who are we kidding- delicious) part of the Maryland culture. Read more on the blue crab in this month's [Creature Feature](#).



Join MCBP staff and our fabulous host, Tom Simon, for an annual Burley Oak Charity Night- Virtual Trivia Edition! Virtual trivia will be held on Thursday, **March 4th** from 7-8 pm. There will be an online auction for the week leading up to trivia too! Check our [Facebook](#) and [website](#) in the next week for more details.

[Bay Day at Ocean Pines Update](#)

May 15, 2022



Due to safety concerns, we have made the hard decision to cancel Bay Day for 2021. However, we are thrilled to announce we already have date for next year! Mark your calendars for Sunday, **May 15, 2022**- it's going to be HUGE!

Monthly Bay Tip!

Many novice birders assume it isn't necessary to feed birds in winter because there are no birds around. In fact, feeders can be even more critical to winter birds than they are during the summer. There are dozens of winter backyard birds, many of which aren't around in the summer, that will happily visit bird feeders for a healthy winter meal. Google "bird feeders" for a host of information on what, when, and how.



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