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# WATERSHED WATCH

ST. MARY'S RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

PO Box 94

St. Mary's City, MD 20686

July 22, 2015

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## Scouts Build Oyster Reef

On Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, twelve scouts from troop #1634 installed ten tons of concrete rubble into the St. Mary's River oyster sanctuary. As part of Alec Vanderborcht's eagle scout project, donated concrete was used to build a new three dimensional mound for the St. Mary's Oyster Reef project. Concrete was donated by Patrick Guy, labor was provided by his fellow scouts, and Alec raised funds to hire Captain Craig with his barge Whiskers.



"With all the pollution entering the Bay, Alec wanted to use his project as an opportunity to give back to the community," said his father, Hank Vanderborcht. "We know that this project will make a difference and are so happy to be a part of it."



This mound is the 36<sup>th</sup> built since the Reef Project started in 2012. Over time the reef will become colonized by wild oysters.

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[College President to Speak at Annual Meeting](#)

President Tuajuanda Jordan will be the guest speaker at the Association's annual meeting on Saturday, September 19, at 9:00 am (place to be determined). The St. Mary's River is an integral part to the St. Mary's College campus and it's health is directly linked to the community. President Jordan will talk about the importance of a clean and healthy river system.

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## Rain Barrel Workshops

This is a hands-on workshops 6:00 pm on July 31<sup>st</sup> and 9:00 am on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Participants will have the opportunity to construct and take home their own rain barrels and learn the techniques for later installation. Pre-registration is required, as space is limited. Attendance is free or up to \$70 based on rain barrel purchase. For more details on rain barrel options, or to register online for this event, please visit

[www.extension.umd.edu/watershed](http://www.extension.umd.edu/watershed) (\*additional service fees associated with online registration). Registration deadline is July 28th, 2015.



For more information please contact Jackie Takacs, (240)393-6508 or Nicole Basenback, (240)390-4189. [Registration Form](#)

Location: Agricultural Services Building  
26737 Radio Station Way, Suite E-2  
Leonardtown, MD 20650

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## Kayak Raffle



This years kayak raffle is still going on! The winner will receive a Potomac Sport Trailblazer 100 kayak with a paddle, PFD, and fishing outfit. Tickets cost \$2 each, \$6 for 10, or \$13 for 20 and can be purchased by check or [online](#). Drawing takes place September 26, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. at RiverFest.

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### OUR MISSION

*To protect, improve, and promote the sustainability of the St. Mary's River Watershed through the collaborative efforts of economic, agricultural, environmental, social, cultural, and political stakeholders in the community.*


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## Upcoming Events:

- **Rain Barrel Workshop**  
Thursday, July 30, 2015  
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm  
Agricultural Services Building
- **Rain Barrel Workshop**  
Saturday, August 1, 2015  
9:00 am to 10:30 am  
Agricultural Services Building
- **Governor's Cup**  
Saturday, August 1, 2015  
All day  
St. Mary's College Waterfront
- **Oyster Planting**  
Sunday, September 13, 2015  
9:00 am to 11:00 am  
St. Mary's College Waterfront
- **Annual Meeting**  
Saturday, September 19, 2015  
Guest Speaker - SMCM President  
Tuajuanda C. Jordan  
10:00 am, TBD
- **SAVE THE DATE**  
  
Saturday, September 26, 2015  
11:00 am to 4:00 pm  
State House,  
Historic St. Mary's City  
More info 301-737-2903

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