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A Smashing Success

September 25, St. Mary's City—The weather was a perfect mid-seventies and mostly sunny as over 500 people celebrated the St. Mary's River. Outdoor "safe" activities provided many parents and grandparents with young children the opportunity to get out of the house in this time of pandemic. Featured was the annual Wade-In and while Senator Bernie Fowler was unable to join us, Joe Anderson led ten waders out into the water to see what depth their white sneakers disappeared. Water clarity was about average at 1.6 meters—although much better than 30 years ago when we couldn't see our sneakers just a 1/2 meter below the surface. Oxygen levels remained quite high this summer and our mother river is thriving.

Kayaking, boat rides, tonging for oysters, pumpkin painting, and many other activities heightened the experience for children while adults took in the educational opportunities to find additional ways to reduce their footprint on the river and our planet. Liz Smith's Raptor's Eye display featured birds of prey

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while the St. Mary's College team had tanks and pools with fishes, oysters, mussels, crabs, and a terrapin allowing kids to get up close and personal with many of the local residents of our waters and air.



Live music throughout the day featured Indian Summer, Don Kenefick, and Ben Connelly with songs ranging from Irish sea chanties to classic rock and roll to popular favorites from the last hundred years. Chef Bob cooked up free hot dogs and served free drinks donated by Good Earth Natural Foods and Cooks Liquor and Deli. We welcomed new GOLD sponsors Dysons Building Center and Booth's Heating Air & Plumbing. Our signature sponsor was Chesapeake Designs by Kate and Barry Muchnick. Many thanks to all for a great day celebrating the St. Mary's River. Please support our sponsors by purchasing their products and services.





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Upcoming Events:

- Reef Ball Building
November 6 & 7
Eagle scout project - Tyler Johnson
- We expect to have volunteer work days in
November, December and March.

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