

\*\*\*\*\* **PRESS RELEASE** \*\*\*\*\*

**For immediate release—July 19, 2008; Contact Todd Rudolph at 312-636-1253.**

## **THE ST. MARY'S RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION'S FOURTH ANNUAL ST. MARY'S RIVERFEST TO BE HOSTED BY HISTORIC ST. MARY'S CITY.**

The St. Mary's River Watershed Association is holding the Fourth Annual St. Mary's RiverFest to take place on **Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am to 5 pm at Historic St. Mary's City**. The event will be held rain or shine.

The purpose of RiverFest is to expose and introduce people of all ages in the community to the St. Mary's River and its watershed. Working in conjunction with the mission of the St. Mary's River Watershed Association, RiverFest is designed to educate residents of St. Mary's County about how to improve, protect, and promote the well-being of the river.

Many families and individuals who live in St. Mary's County reside within the boundaries of the watershed, but few realize they do. RiverFest aims to reconnect the community to the river and the outdoors through various activities and speakers.

Activities include rides on a local skipjack, *The Dee of St. Mary's*, pumpkin painting, tonging for oysters, nature walks, bird watching, river seining. Experience the beauty of the river both from land and water. Visitors to RiverFest will also be able to learn about local organizations, experiments, development, and activities that are taking place in the St. Mary's River watershed, as well as other watersheds of the Chesapeake Bay. There will be live music provided by *Indian Summer*, *The Dance Hall Ghost*, *The Piney Point Playboys*, and *Magpie*. Food and drinks will be available. Free admission!