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# WATERSHED WATCH

ST. MARY'S RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

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## NEXT VOLUNTEER EVENT

**SUNDAY, OCT 5  
REEF BUILDING**  
Registration required -  
call 301-904-2387  
or email  
[info@stmarysriver.org](mailto:info@stmarysriver.org)  
for more information.

## Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for another fifteen volunteers to install concrete rubble for our next oyster reef restoration project in Horseshoe Bend of St. Mary's River. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday October 5. Please park along the driveway at 47171 South Snowhill Manor in St. Marys City. Wear work shoes, long pants, hat, sunscreen, and water bottle. (We supply gloves.)

Register in advance for this event; please contact Bob at 301-904-2387 or email at [BobLewis@StMarysRiver.org](mailto:BobLewis@StMarysRiver.org) . We will take the first 25 volunteers - only firm commitments need to reply. 16-years-old and under must be accompanied by an adult.



This is heavy work requiring lifting large chunks of concrete; we will load the barge, and then use the barge to reach our destination and place the concrete rubble. This is awesome opportunity to help build water-cleansing habitat!

As always, we thank you for your help! We could not do this without our wonderful volunteers!

# RiverFest 2014

*Thank You!*



A hearty thank you to all who attended, participated in, and donated to our 10th Annual RiverFest. The weather was beautiful and the day was perfect in every way, with over 1200 attendees to Celebrate the St. Mary's River. RiverFest is a great opportunity to inform the public of the important ways that they can minimize their impact on our waterways. We engage youth in activities related to the water, thereby instilling in them a sense of value and importance of our natural world. In exchange these youths gain greater appreciation for our environment and become better stewards.

Special thanks to our many sponsors, vendors, and exhibitors! Your participation is indeed a vital part of our organization's success and we are grateful for your continuing support.



The St. Mary's River Watershed Association's mission is 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. The Association is registered with the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization and our federal identification number is 20-2518203.



## Sotterley Speaker Series

Sotterley Plantation is proud to partner with The Boeing Company in announcing the upcoming 2014 Speaker Series presentation: Sandy Cannon-Brown "SPAT: Bringing Oysters Back to the Chesapeake Bay" Wednesday, October 29 | 7:00 p.m. in the Barn

After centuries of over-harvesting, and recurring bouts of devastating diseases, oyster populations in the Chesapeake Bay plummeted along with

the profits of the industry and the health of the Bay. In 2013, more than a billion hatchery-raised baby oysters were added to the Bay and new breeds of disease-resistant, meatier, faster-growing oysters are thriving in commercial aquaculture. Culture and ecology clash in this captivating story about one of the Bay's most important critters. "SPAT: Bringing Oysters Back to the Chesapeake Bay" is directed and produced by Sandy Cannon-Brown, who is passionate about the vitality of ecosystems and the protection and health of their inhabitants.

Ms. Canon-Brown's personal awards include the prestigious Woman of Vision award from Women in Film & Video and Special Achievement Awards for script writing and directing from TIVA (Television, Internet and Video Association of DC). She has also earned dozens of top awards in international festivals. This event is FREE to the public. Advance reservations are required due to limited seating. Call 301-373-2280 to make your reservation.

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[www.smrwa.org](http://www.smrwa.org)



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#### Upcoming Events:

- **Building Oyster Reefs**  
Sunday, October 5, 2014 - 9:00 a.m.  
Please register by calling 301-904-2387 or email [info@stmarysriver.org](mailto:info@stmarysriver.org).
- 2014 Speaker Series presentation:  
Film by Sandy Cannon-Brown  
"SPAT: Bringing Oysters Back to the Chesapeake Bay"  
Wednesday, October 29 | 7:00 p.m. in the Barn
- [\*Fracking PA: Documentary Practice and Environmental Activism\*](#)  
November 19, 2014, 6:00 - 8:00 pm  
Screening and Discussion with Filmmakers  
Boyden Gallery, St. Mary's College of Maryland  
More info (240) 895-4246  
(an SMCM event)

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