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# WATERSHED WATCH

ST. MARY'S RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
PO Box 94  
St. Mary's City, MD 20686

September 8, 2016

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## Oyster Talk & Annual Meeting

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#### ***YOU'RE INVITED***

*12th Annual Meeting  
10 am - Sept. 17*

#### ***MGO Oyster Cages***

#### ***Science for Citizens***



Come join us at our 12th annual meeting held at the St. George Island's Ruddy Duck Seafood & Alehouse on Saturday, September 17 starting at 10 a.m. Light refreshments will be served.

Lora Harris, Ph.D. of the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory will talk: *Oyster & Water Quality: The Whole is Greater Than the Sum of Its Parts*. Dr. Harris is an aquatic biologist who does modeling on ecosystem response to restoration efforts. Nominations and elections for the Association's Board of Directors will also be held.

Please RSVP voice or text at 301-904-2387 or via email [BobLewis@StMarysRiver.org](mailto:BobLewis@StMarysRiver.org)

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## MGO Cage Redistribution

**August 27, 2016**—St. Mary's College incoming students volunteered to refill 598 cages for our Marylanders Grow Oysters program. Students worked with a smile on their face and oysters in hand. Multiple kids exclaimed how much fun they were having and how rewarding restoration activities can be. Because everyone worked so efficiently, there was time left to plant oysters and tour the restoration site!

**HOSTS:** If you have not picked your cages, they are waiting for you at the college pier. You can help yourself but be sure to let us know when and how many cages you take. And check your pier first, as we may have already delivered your cages. We will continue to deliver whenever the weather cooperates and we have a few hours to spare.

While we have about 100 docks around the St. Mary's River that host cages for this program, we are always looking for more volunteer hosts. Contact us if you are interested in growing oysters for restoration off of your dock!



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Chesapeake Bay Field Lab Lectures

## Science for Citizens Seminar Series

The Fall 2016 series will be presented by University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science faculty members about their research on a Bay-related topic. Covering a diversity of issues with broad interest, many of the topics will be locally relevant as well. All seminars are free and open to the public and begin at 7:00 pm in the Bernie Fowler Lab. Visit their website for more information: <http://www.umces.edu/cbl/outreach-seminars>



- **September 27, 2016** - Managing Fisheries in the Chesapeake Bay Ecosystem  
Presented by Dr. Tom Miller
- **October 4, 2016** - Mercury in Maryland: A Local or Global Problem?  
Presented by Dr. Andrew Heyes
- **October 11, 2016** - Coal Mining and the Death of Appalachian Streams  
Presented by Dr. Margaret Palmer
- **October 18, 2016** - Manure Happens: The Consequences of Feeding Seven Billion Carnivores  
Presented by Eric Davidson
- **October 25, 2016** - Fear for the Turtle? The Chesapeake's Diamondback Terrapin  
Presented by Dr. Chris Rowe



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### Upcoming Events:

- **12th Annual Meeting**  
10:00 a.m. September 17  
Ruddy Duck  
Seafood & Alehouse



- 11:00 to 4:00 September 24  
Historic St. Mary's City

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