

TOUR BENEFITS PRESERVATION, CONSERVATION, & RESTORATION PROJECTS THROUGHOUT VIRGINIA



### **TOUR CO-CHAIRS**

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- Historic GardenWeek in the Northern Neck

## TOUR HEADQUARTERS & CHECK-IN

- Mount Vernon Baptist Church -269 James Wharf Road, White Stone

Wristbands will be issued to all ticket holders during check-in

IN ADVANCE

\$50

at vagardenweek.org for

Morning Ticket: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Afternoon Ticket: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

DAY OF

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at **vagardenweek.org** & at *tour headquarters* 

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#### **IMPORTANT**

Tour properties require walking and have uneven ground. Walking shoes are highly recommended. This tour is not appropriate for visitors with accessibility issues. Curbside drop-off and wheelchair accessibility are not available.

#### PARKING/SHUTTLE

Parking only at *Tour Headquarters*, 269 James Wharf Road, White Stone Shuttles will be running continuously

#### **FACILITIES**

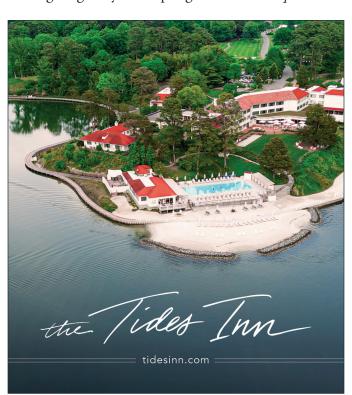
Mount Vernon Baptist Church *Tour Headquarters*Le Château | Crab Point

#### REFRESHMENTS

Tour Headquarters from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Bartlett Tree Experts will be answering questions and giving away tree saplings at *Tour Headquarters*.



# TICKET INCLUDES ADMISSION to the FOLLOWING 5 PROPERTIES:

# POP CASTLE

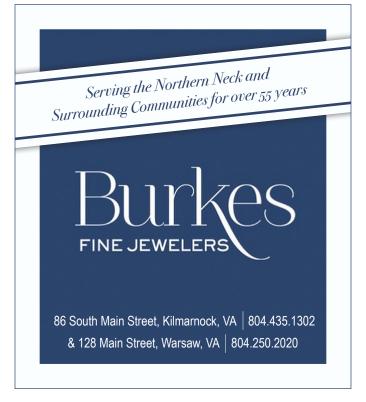
Virginia and Walid Ramadan, owners

Historic Pop Castle, listed on the National Register of Historic Places and a Virginia Historic Landmark, sits on twelve picturesque acres along the Rappahannock River. Built in 1855 with an 1857 addition, the Greek Revival and Italianate residence reflects the grand architecture of prosperous Northern Neck farmers of the era. The property's roots go back to a 1702 ferry, and its history includes a British raid during the War of 1812



and damage from Civil War cannon fire. Despite these events, Pop Castle has been meticulously maintained, with updates to kitchens and baths that add modern comfort without detracting from its historic ambiance. The current owners purchased the property in 2005 and their antiques and folk art collection is a focal point. The surrounding gardens showcase Virginia's natural beauty, featuring seasonal blooms, magnolias, camellias, and ancient Southern red oaks. Beyond the historic sheds, a pickleball court and winding paths invite exploration.









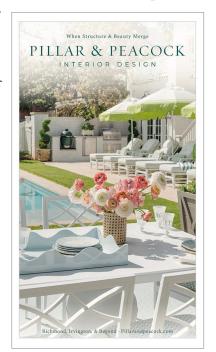
This one-of-a-kind property on the Rappahannock River is a rare find, offering an unmatched combination of privacy, luxury, and nature, all within a short distance from the river's edge. Initially built in 1985 and fully renovated by Pillar & Peacock in 2022, the property boasts a seamless fusion of modern design and tranquil surroundings. The home is perfectly positioned to take full advantage of its breathtaking river views and the surrounding wooded acres, creating an exceptional retreat.

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As you drive through the 13 acres of tall pines, maples, and magnolias with splashes of color from azaleas and viburnums, you get a sense of seclusion and peace. A serene pond, which runs the length of the property and wraps around the residence, is home to herons, ospreys, and bald eagles. The home cantilevers over the pond for

a truly unique architectural statement. Surrounding the residence is a stunning combination of plantings: cannas, elephant ears, daylilies, Becky daisies, roses, yucca, rosemary allium, daffodils, tulips, and much more. This home offers an unparalleled lifestyle—where the luxury of modern living meets the natural splendor of the Rappahannock River.



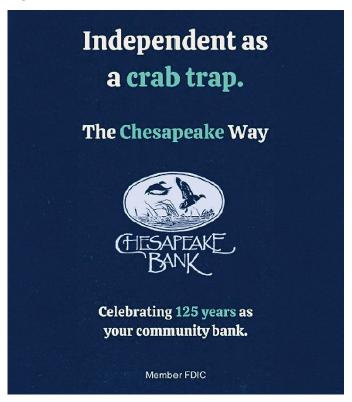


# Le CHATEAU

Amy and John Harris, owners

This 8,200-square-foot French Country-style home, built in 1994 by a homebuilder for his French bride, combines European charm with luxurious details. With five bedrooms and four full and two half baths, the home's standout feature is the Rappahannock Room, a family space with a soaring mahogany cathedral ceiling and a unique speaker's balcony. Three outbuildings include two detached garages; one with an apartment above, the other a former workshop; and a pool house. European artisans crafted the home's ornate plaster moldings and four distinctive fireplaces, which the current owners preserved while

updating the interiors in 2023. The six-acre property includes 252 feet of Rappahannock River frontage and is accessed by a 250-yard sycamore-lined driveway. The front yard's mature sweetgum, pine, holly, and dogwood trees create a shady, park-like setting, while the riverfront features an expansive lawn sloping gently to the water. Pampas grass and Chinese fringe flower shrubs border the flagpole, and a windmill palm adds a tropical accent by the pool. A copse of pear trees on the property attracts bees, birds, and deer, enhancing the natural beauty of this serene riverside retreat.







FOXWOOD

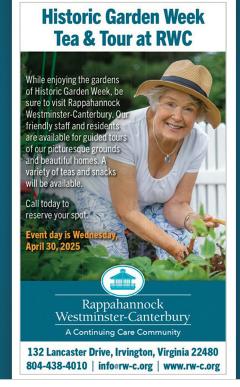
Kian Kaz and Don Brown, owners

Through the wrought iron gates is a cobbled apron bordered by trees and a manicured games lawn near the front gatehouse of Foxwood. Surrounding embankments showcase colorful borders of astilbe, butterfly bushes, and peonies, hinting at the ten-acre property's lush layout. The grounds are organized into four sections, starting with a shaded area featuring historic magnolias, sweeping ogon grass, and beds of daffodils. The woods to the left extend from the white fence to the Rappahannock River, with beautyberries, camellias, and hydrangeas creating a scenic path to the riverbank, adorned with a bronze statue and a winding

woodland trail. The main house, a red-brick Georgian inspired by Williamsburg, is surrounded by boxwoods, butterfly bushes, fig trees, and climbing hydrangea. Antique Italian urns, a bronze fountain, and expansive patios allow for peaceful river views and comfortable entertaining seating. Near the garden shed, beds of camellias and daisies lead to a pergola and outbuildings, while boxwoods, gardenias, and irises guide the way to a riverfront patio. Stone steps lead down to the dock, where the sandy river bottom extends nearly to the end of the pier, completing this stunning retreat.



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CRAB POINT

Susan and Michael Tempest, owners

With stunning sunrises over Carter Creek and sunsets over the Rappahannock River, Crab Point perfectly captures riverfront living. Originally called Francis Point, this seven-acre property was first developed in the 1800s by a Baltimore hat maker who built a Dutch Colonial retreat as a summer escape for his family. The original home, featured in the Historic Garden Tour in 1968, eventually fell

into disrepair and was replaced in 2018 by a Virginia coastal-style residence that captivates every boat entering the creek. Crab Point's gardens are vibrant year-round, reaching peak beauty in spring. Towering cedars, magnolias, and pecan trees create a lush framework for the property, while colorful blooms of viburnum, spirea, azaleas, forsythia, camellias, and roses brighten the landscape. The pool is surrounded by pink phlox, with Olivia roses, butterfly bushes, and grasses providing a textured backdrop. After 60 years, Crab Point welcomes visitors again to enjoy its scenic charm.







### **PLACES OF INTEREST**

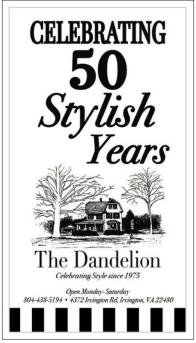
Historic Christ Church, 420 Christ Church Road, Weems. Built in 1735 by Robert "King" Carter, the church is a monumental structure with a sophisticated design featuring high-backed pews and a triple-decker pulpit. A National Historic Landmark, it is a must-see destination for fans of architecture, Virginia history, and the colonial period. The grounds were landscaped by the Garden Club of Virginia in 1967 using funds from Historic Garden Week. Entrance fee waived with HGW wristband. christchurch1735.org

The Tides Inn Shoreline Restoration Project, 480 King Carter Drive, Irvington. A \$3.6 million shoreline restoration project featuring a Shoreline Trail along Carter Creek, surrounded by the oyster reef and wetland grasses that provide habitat for aquatic life. TidesInn.com

Stratford Hall, 483 Great House Rd. Stratford. Historic home established in the 1730s by the Lees and one of the finest examples of Georgian architecture in this country. Tour the Great House, the birthplace of Civil War General Robert E. Lee. The Garden Club of Virginia has completed restoration work on its gardens and grounds, most recently in 2018. Admission is waived for HGW ticket holders on Northern Neck's tour day. StratfordHall.org



Menokin, 4037 Menokin Rd., Warsaw. Home of Francis Lightfoot Lee, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, it is a National Historic Landmark and one of the best-documented 18th-century houses in the United States. Menokin is a waterfront refuge featuring pristine nesting and migratory bird habitat. menokin@menokin.org







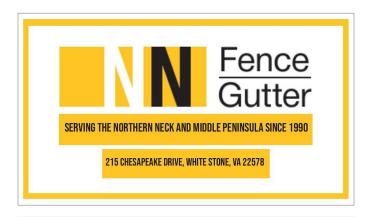
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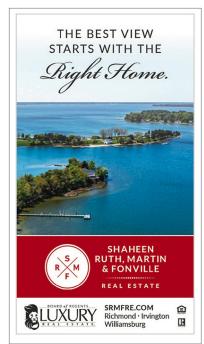
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