

# DELMARVA ALMANAC

June 2009

## Between The Shore Lines

### Flocking To Delmarva's Beaches

The annual migration of summer tourists to join the birds along our shores has begun. Of course a vacation of any sort is great to recharge one's batteries and to reconnect with the family. But the ocean holds a special power. It can be a place to get away from it all and even of healing. A trip to the beaches of Delmarva is almost a holy pilgrimage for many.

Why do so many people endure the traffic ordeal of an annual or even weekly trip to the shore? They schlep large loads of mostly unnecessary stuff to the beach; some of which will inevitably get left behind. No matter. Once they arrive, the exhausted travelers plop themselves down next to thousands of other people. They look out on the water feeling the sun and breeze on their faces. Almost universally can you hear the refrain: "*This makes it all worth it.*"

So what is "*this*" they are talking about? It probably varies for different people at different times in their lives. It is a place of young love looking forward to a life together. It is also a place where mature love appreciates the fruits of their labor. It is a moment in time when a big brother realizes just how cool it is to teach his younger brother something.

Something about the sun, and the sand, and the water, is magical. For the young at heart they provide a space of unlimited potential for creativity and adventure.

And sometimes they conjure up a moment which may never happen again, or which may be the beginning of something truly amazing: when a family all holds hands and happily faces the crashing waves. Together they stand against something huge and powerful and a little scary. All their daily fears and fights disappear. Everyone laughs and holds on. For one precious moment the world goes away and they are one. Together they are strong, confident, and full of joy. There is a little bit of all these things waiting for us on the beach. Yes, it *is* worth the trip to get here.

## Delmarva History This Month

June 20, 1632 – The Maryland Charter was granted to Cecilius Calvert, 2nd Lord Baltimore, by Charles I, King of Great Britain.

June 30, 1744 - Native-American chiefs of the Six Nations relinquished by treaty all claims to land in the colony when the Assembly purchased last Indian land claims in Maryland.

June 15, 1776 - Delaware Assembly declares independence from England. This is the origin of the holiday called Separation Day.

June 22, 1807 - The British ship HMS *Leopard* attacked the USF *Chesapeake* off Virginia's Cape, looking for British deserters.

June 1870 – The first ocean resort opened in Rehoboth Beach, followed five years later by the "*Ladies Resort To The Ocean*" in Ocean City.

June 18, 1878 - U. S. Life-Saving Service created as a separate agency within the U. S. Treasury Department by congress and President Rutherford B. Hayes.

June 11, 1963 – In Cambridge, Maryland, race riots erupted after anti-discrimination legislation was made optional depending on the local county. The city was forced by the Federal government to enact desegregation policies. The National Guard remained through May 1965 to prevent further violence.

June 28, 2000 – The Chesapeake Bay Agreement, signed by Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, District of Columbia, Chesapeake Bay Commission, and US Environmental Protection Agency to establish regional standards for Bay restoration.

## **The Garden Of Good Living: Gardening Season Heats Up**

by Pat Hendrickson

June marks the time of year when the days become longer and the heat starts to kick in. It's time to get the rest of the vegetables started, dead head annuals, and start thinking about colors for the Fall. We had a fabulous Spring, with plenty of rain. It's going to dry out now, and along with the heat, we have some stellar growing weather!

### **Flowers - Planting and Transplanting**

Encourage bushy production of flowers by pinching back and deadheading. For Iris and Peonies remove the flower stalks. Also trim rose blossoms and dead foliage from bulbs that have finished blooming.

Tuberous Begonias can now be safely planted outdoors, and Gladiolus corms can still be planted for blooms all summer long. Gladiolus can take anywhere from 70 to 120 days to bloom, with an average bloom time of between 80 - 90 days. Large bulbs take longer to bloom than smaller bulbs, as do bulbs that are buried deeper.

### **A Note about Transplanting**

Even though the Fall is the safest time for dividing perennials because they are starting to go dormant, there are some that will do fine when divided as they begin to emerge in Spring and early Summer.

As a matter of fact, I find it easier to take care of this chore now, since I can see them and identify them. By the time Fall comes around, I may forget that they are there, or that I had even planned to thin them out. I have no problems dividing hostas, liriopse, sedum, cat mint, ornamental grasses, black-eyed susans, and daylilies.

This is also a great time to think about a perennial swap in your neighborhood or among friends. Find 6 or 10 garden enthusiasts that you can share your treasures with, and swap away!

### **Trees and Shrubs**

This is a good month for pinching or pruning Junipers, Cypress or Conifers.

Immediately following the end of flowering you will want to fertilize shrubs like Rhododendrons, Camellias and Azaleas with a fertilizer for acid loving plants such as Hollytone (Espoma) or Cotton seed meal.

## **Rhythms' & Tides**

### **Take Someone Fishing**

By June the fishing season is well under way. Rather than try to tell you what's hot and where - since that will change from day to day and place to place - through the summer our topics will range from who to ask for good fishing tips to what to do with your catch once you've got it.

The tried and true place to find out where to drop your line has always been the bait and tackle shops nearest to where you plan to fish or nearest to where you are putting your boat in. Now that that the big box stores have gone into completion with those shops, you may find it harder to find them. Big stores and little ones alike usually try to keep someone on who knows the local waters.

Fishing can be an enjoyable solitary pursuit for someone looking for peace and quiet. But it is also a community sport. Whether you go with a friend or you just compare notes afterward - it's all about telling a good story. You can't always believe everything you hear or read about what someone else catches - or depend on that information to help you catch your next big rock. But it sure is fun trying. And remember to always follow local licensing and catch regulations.

Here are some online fishing report resources:

Coastal Fisherman:

<http://www.coastal-fisherman.com/>

Tidal Fish:

<http://www.tidalfish.com/>

Chesapeake Angler:

<http://www.chesapeake-angler.com/>

Delaware Division of Fish & Wildlife - Fishing Report:

<http://www.fw.delaware.gov/Fisheries/Pages/FishingReport.aspx>

Maryland DNR Chesapeake Bay & Tributaries Fishing Report:

<http://www.dnr.state.md.us/fisheries/fishingreport/chesapeake.asp>

Maryland DNR Freshwater Report:

<http://www.dnr.state.md.us/fisheries/fishingreport/freshwater.asp>

Maryland DNR Ocean Report:

<http://www.dnr.state.md.us/fisheries/fishingreport/ocean.asp>

Virginia DNR - Saltwater Review:

<http://www.mrc.virginia.gov/swr/saltwaterreview.shtm>

### **Outdoors This Month You Can See**

Baby chicks like this little plover can be seen everywhere in just about every bird family. Of course rabbits are out in force as well. And, male deer are in velvet – meaning their antlers are starting to come in and at this stage have a mossy covering. This is also a great time to see wild flowers, and not only the stuff planted in road medians. Look close at what's growing at the edge of your yard. Some of the most amazing flowers are teeny tiny. And off course what is as beautiful as any orchid, with the most amazing fragrance, and is presently blooming abundantly across the land? Honey suckle. Take a little taste of its nectar and you'll be five again!

#### **Sunrise & Sunset**

Sunrise at the beginning of the month: 5:34 am

Sunrise at the end of the month: 5:35 am

Sunset at the beginning of the month: 8:23 pm

Sunset at the end of the month: 8:33 pm

#### **Moon Phases**

June 7 - Full Moon

June 22 - New Moon

### **Other Sky Events**

June 21 - Summer Solstice: First day of summer. The Sun is at its highest point in the sky and it this is the longest day of the year.

There are not really any greatly unusual things to look for this month. However, before the atmosphere heats up with all that summer humidity and haze, this is a great month to go stargazing. Every month there are asteroids that pass by. This time of year you can see some of the following constellations staring at the horizon line:

Looking NW: Auriga, Perseus and above them Lynx, Camelopardis and Ursa Major

Looking N: Cassiopia and above that Polaris (the North Star) which is part of Ursa Minor

Looking NE: Cygnus, Cephus and above them Draco and Lyra

Looking E: Hercules and Corona Borealis

Looking SE: The star Antares which is part of Scorpius, Lupus and above them Libra

Looking S: Centaurus, above that Hydra, Corvus, and Virgo

Looking SW: Vela and Pyxis

Looking W: Monoceros and Orion, with Canis Minor, Cancer and Gemini above them. From there at the top of the sky look for the constellations Bootes, Coma Berenices, and Leo. The moon should be on your left and a little higher about and more to the left will be Saturn which you can see with a telescope.

### **Celestial Navigation**

by Valerie Morrissey

Just a little recap about the New Moon. We notice the full moon since it is obvious when it occurs. When the moon is new, it is "dark", travelling side by side with the sun, so it is not visible to us. But the new moon is more powerful than the full moon, since it's about beginnings and setting things into motion. This month, the new moon falls right at the summer solstice, in Cancer, which increases its influence. Cancer is the sign ruled by the moon, so she is at home here. The summer solstice, the longest day of the year, is the peak of fertility, growth and imagination. The sun sheds its light at its maximum on this day.

When the moon is new, as I've said, it is the best time to make wishes, start projects, make beginnings of all kinds. The cardinal signs, Aries, Cancer, Libra and Capricorn will especially be influenced by this new moon, but everyone will benefit, depending on what area of their horoscope it falls. So on June 22nd, pay attention! Think about where you want to go, what you want most in life, and about being the

best person you can be! At this time your thoughts and wishes will be empowered, and with patience, the results will be bountiful.

Pluto in Capricorn has brought noticeable events ever since he arrived there in January 2008. Note the high-profile heads of corporations you have read about who have fallen from grace. Bernard Madoff misappropriated millions of investors' money, which can never be recovered. (Note: Madoff is not a Capricorn but he is a representative figure of power.) Also there are the floundering insurance, banking and auto companies appealing to the federal government for aid. Capricorn stands for authority, which would mean the government. Anyone in a position to hire, fire or judge you. Another characteristic of Capricorn is driving ambition, which describes everyone above. Pluto, the planet of death and transformation, will conspire to destroy that ambition.

What is happening to the bigger piggies is a cautionary tale. Pluto rules tycoons, great wealth and big business. Capricorn Mel Gibson, the actor, is a member of that group. Pluto will contact his sun in about five years (Pluto being a slow mover.) Capricorn is the sign on the cusp of his 7th house, the house of marriage. Since Pluto has entered this sign, the change is happening through his marriage partner. Along with the "death" of his marriage, the huge amount of money involved is typical of Pluto. Great fortunes can be made and lost because of Pluto. No matter what the final outcome is, both of these gentlemen can expect to grow and become transformed by the experience of this transit.

#### Aries (Born between March 21 - April 19)

Read about Cancer and the summer solstice. You will be highly motivated, and have lots of ideas for future projects. Enterprises of all kinds are favored. Feel free to charge right in, but try not to step on anyone's toes in the process. Since your physical energy is also high, work hard and exercise or play sports. Hike, play tennis, go jet skiing! If you don't, there is the risk of venting this energy in tantrums or arguments.

#### Taurus (Born between April 20 - May 19)

Venus and Mars are still traveling partners, and relationships will take on a more earthy tone. Many couples will become more committed. There is an emphasis on material things. It's a good time to set up savings accounts, buy jewelry, furniture or real estate. It's a buyer's market, and anyone with a little nest egg could get a great deal on property. If single, you could meet a nice, loyal and generous partner now.

#### Gemini (Born between May 20 - June 20)

The sun is here until the 21st, and joined by Mercury on the 14th. This is a very good influence for communications. Anyone in college or the media will make progress now. Tests will be easier to master. Research, courses in continuing education. You will hear more gossip, rumor and scandal than usual this month. Gemini's are great talkers and their lips are loosened! Be careful not to repeat things which might hurt someone else.

#### Cancer (Born between June 21 - July 22)

New moon on the 22nd. Comes a day after the summer solstice which gives this new moon extra clout. All people, especially Cancers, should visualize what they want to accomplish this year. These aspects increase fertility, creativity and prosperity, and you should think good thoughts now, for they will have more power. One of the best days all year to get married. Whatever you wish for will have greater chances of being fulfilled.

#### Leo (Born between July 23 - August 21)

You could be invited out to a barbecue or sporting event. Because of Mercury you can make new friends now. Partnerships and social connections through your office or business associates are favored. This is a good time to make brownie points at work. Get to know your bosses and make a good impression. If your life is less exciting than this, look for the hidden opportunities in your surroundings. Be creative.

#### Virgo (Born between August 22 - September 22)

With the full moon on the 7th, which will involve the influence of Saturn and Uranus, you may see a situation in the making come to a head. Authority figures may put pressure on you. Take care of your health and get enough rest. Some Virgos have been working too hard, pushing themselves to the limit.

Also a project or personal issue may have a positive final outcome now. An unexpected event might turn things in your favor.

Libra (Born between September 23 - October 22)

Get out your resume and update it. A promising interview or professional connection may be just around the corner. Visualize what you want your future to behold. Some of you may be thrust into the public eye, whether you like it or not. Sudden stardom or recognition, being in the right place at the right time. Make sure you have taken no sneaky shortcuts and have nothing to hide. You can make a fresh start now.

Scorpio (Born between October 23 - November 21)

This is a good month to take a trip or meet people of a different culture or way of life. The idea is to expand your horizons. You could come up with new ideas for future projects as well as meet future romantic partners, while on vacation. Because of Venus and Mars, now is a good month to marry and buy a home. As with Taurus, you will become more committed. Real estate and finance agreements are favored now.

Sagittarius (Born between November 22 - December 21)

Full moon here on the 7th! This is not a lasting influence but you are high spirited and full of mischief at this time, so go out have some fun. Short trips are favored which include camping, sailing or the beach. Sag, similar to Aries, likes the dangerous stuff, like motorcycles, skydiving and power sailing. You could use some of this drive to get a lot of work done so find a worthwhile project to sink your teeth into.

Capricorn (Born between December 22 - January 20)

Pluto cooling his heels here, opposed by the summer solstice and new moon on the 21st/22nd, will make things very interesting. It could be quiet, uneventful but underneath there is a lot going on. Your life is in a state of transformation, so concentrate on good thoughts and noble ideals. The Venus-Mars conjunction is good for your love life and you could attract someone new, as well as get out more socially this month.

Aquarius (Born between January 21 - February 19)

Now that Jupiter and Neptune are retrograde their influence will be more internal, more highly concentrated. People may want to reflect on their experience and see how things could be done differently in the future. Judgment may be passed on those who have it coming to them. The effect is more like a state of being rather than events taking place. Clarify your ideals and then stick to them. Do right by your fellow man.

Pisces (Born between February 20 - March 20)

At the full moon on the 7th the road might get bumpy but this will be brief. You will feel very creative at the end of the month, with Venus, Mars and Uranus coming into a favorable aspect. Inspiration, originality, sudden flashes of intuition, unusual solutions to old problems. This is a good time to buy electronics such as an I-phone or a laptop and incorporate new technology into your lifestyle. It will unleash your creativity.

**Holidays & Observances This Month**

June 1 - Atlantic Hurricane Season Begins

June 6 - D-Day

June 8 - World Ocean Day

June 14 - Flag Day

June 19 - Juneteenth (Emancipation Day)

June 20 - World Refugee Day

June 21 - Father's Day - Summer Solstice: First day of summer

June 28 - World War 1 Day

This Month's Flower - Rose

This Month's Birthstones - Pearl, Moonstone, Alexandrite

Names for the June Moon include: Honey Moon, Lovers' Moon, Rose Moon, and Strawberry Moon

This is National Rose Month and National Dairy Month.

The Third Week of June is Lightning Safety Awareness Week.

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