

Between The Shore Lines

Those Lazy Hazy Crazy Days Of Summer

As I write this we are in the midst of the third day of another heat wave. The temperatures hover near or over 100 degrees Fahrenheit. Sunflowers stand with proud perseverance. Nearby turtles bask in the warm sunshine along the sluggish waters of the Pocomoke River.

Like them, many good Mom's and Dad's know that the water is the place to take the kids to be to beat the heat. Carefree youngsters play in the surf and enjoy the bounty to be found along the shoreline.

But I am showing my age - holed up inside with the air conditioning on trying to "accomplish" something. Outside the moist heavy air is what my mother used to call "close." It is an intense opiate which can bring on need to nap. This is not exactly conducive to productivity. Yet, it provides a sort of mental fermentation.

Who knows what this muggy indolence will inspire? Evening storm clouds are starting to build in Delmarva's western sky. Perhaps there are some mythic tales hiding in them. Maybe they are just waiting to be revealed to this ne'er do well artist before cooler temperatures arrive to break the sultry summer enchantment.

I think it is time for yet another daydream break and a cool drink. What can I say but to quote someone wiser? "*It's just another day in paradise.*"

Delmarva History This Month

August 28, 1609 - Captain Henry Hudson, an Englishman in the employ of the Dutch discovers the entrance to Delaware Bay – never mind that native peoples had been living here for many centuries.

August 27, 1610 - Captain Samuel Argall, English, anchors in Delaware Bay and names the area in honor of the Lord de la Warre, Sir Thomas West, Governor of Virginia. This led to "de la Warre" and later Delaware being applied to the Bay and River.

August 24, 1682 - After the British secured the colony from the Dutch, The Duke of York awarded William Penn a deed to the "Three Lower Counties" that make up the present state of Delaware.

August 30, 1781 - A 24-ship French naval force arrived at the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay to later defeat a British fleet at the battle of Virginia Capes.

August 13, 1813 - In the Battle of Slippery Hill, the Queen Anne's County militia skirmished with approximately 300 British troops in Queenstown then, withdrew to Centreville.

August 31, 1814 - British troops came ashore and attacked an encamped regiment in the Battle of Caulk's Field near Chestertown, Maryland.

August 9, 1815 - Berlin, Maryland native, Captain Stephen Decatur concludes a treaty for U.S. with Tripoli.

August 1, 1859 - First lighting of the Fenwick Island Lighthouse.

August 4, 1861 - Several parties of armed Secessionists on the Eastern Shore of Virginia were dispersed by Union troops.

August 20, 1866 - Troops were sent to Drummondtown, also on the eastern shore of Virginia, to suppress violence between the whites and blacks.

August 21, 1888 - Waterspouts were seen over the Chesapeake Bay as tornados erupted across Maryland and Delaware.

August 23, 1933 - A hurricane destroyed much of downtown Ocean City and created a new inlet at South Second Street.

August 8, 1941 - Fort Miles was named in honor of Lieutenant-General Nelson A. Miles. The fort was created as the Harbor Entrance Control Post to protect the Delaware Bay and River.

August 15, 1951 - The Delaware Memorial Bridge opened to traffic connecting New Castle, Delaware, and Pennsville, New Jersey.

August 11, 1974 - 54 boats competed in the first White Marlin Open. Wince Sorenson of Bowie, Maryland was its first place winner earning a prize of \$5,000.

August 19, 1989 - Thunderstorms in southeastern Delaware washed out fourteen bridges & damaged twenty-six major roads.

The Garden Of Good Living

Golden Quarter

by Pat Hendrickson

I first started helping out at Golden Quarter in 2003. My friend, Stevik, was living at the guest house there exchanging some upkeep work for a consideration on the rent by owner Sandra Frazier. It was March when I found out that Stevik had a bit of an aversion to weeding. I don't think he minded the act of weeding, but was having more of a problem with how much weeding the property actually required. Stevik was also helping to plant trees to convert farmland back to woodland.

Stevik made it sound like as long as he could do it when he wanted to, which was hardly ever, he could handle it. But apparently, it was something that needed to be done often. Weeding wasn't all that needed to be done, and Stevik was hoping that I might relieve him of this one annoying thing that he just really didn't want to do. So, thanks to him, I began to work for Sandra at the Golden Quarter Farm. She has a vision of what this farm could be: a place to celebrate the natural world and enjoy its' peace.

It's an amazing feat to take an old farm with its open fields of tired soil and turn it back into the lush habitat it once was. Uplands are once again dotted with native trees and grasses, lowlands returned to the marshy savannah that birds and fish depend on. Owls, osprey, quail, fox, muskrat, snakes and turtles, to name just a few, are always within sight.

The land seems to know exactly what to do to return to the old days. It reminds us of this whenever we leave a patch of ground alone for more than a few weeks. The green takes over, and any semblance of human control is quietly squelched. Instead of fighting for control, there is a human acceptance of this natural beauty; one that I find refreshing and inspiring. Sandra keeps at this dream of hers and shows no signs of letting up. It seems that, for her, every day offers another opportunity to grow, to learn, to teach.

The transformation is miraculous and is the result of a temperate soul. Always looking forward to the next opportunity for growth and health; always offering the opportunity to go another step further to anyone who would like to join in the journey. My greatest hope for Golden Quarter Farm is an eternal relationship with those who want to learn what nature feels like.

Rhythms' & Tides

What could be better than crabs in August?

Crabbing is a great way to beat the summer heat on Delmarva. Not much expertise, nor equipment is needed. Simply a bucket, a net, a string, and some bait. Raw chicken necks are the most popular. Find out how to catch and cook crabs at this website: http://skipjack.net/le_shore/crab/

Likewise, digging for clams and oysters require just a bucket and maybe a rake, though you can feel them with your feet and pick them up with your hands in the shallow water. Just remember to wear water shoes. Shells can cut your feet in a way you do not want to experience.

This is the month fishing tournaments along the ocean and coastal bays of Delmarva get underway. The most famous of course is the White Marlin Open which is the week of August 2nd this year. Weigh-ins at Harbour Island in Ocean City are generally from 5:30-7:30pm. Check our calendar for a list of tournaments through the fall and links to weekly trends and bait suggestions and local fishing regulations: <http://delmarva-almanac.com/index.php/site/calendarcategories/category/fishing/>

For weekly trends and bait suggestions check these online fishing report resources before you head out:

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.as>

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>

Atlantic Anglers

<http://www.atlanticanglers.com>

Coastal Fisherman:

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

Tidal Fish:

<http://www.tidalfish.com>

Chesapeake Angler:

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

The horses on Assateague beat the heat by regularly joining beach goers along the ocean shore during August. Also this time of year, the bucks are in velvet. I saw this fellow near Furnacetown recently.

Between the heat and heavy foliage, birds of special note are little tough to see right now. Some can be spotted on wires like this Eastern Phoebe in Bishop, Maryland. Another good place to look is on dead trees like the one where this tricolor Heron perched near Turville Creek.

Butterfly spotting continues to be pretty good right now. Even the brown ones are pretty. A good place to look is your own garden or back yard and along country roads where you can find them in the wild butterfly weed and other wild flowers.

Sunrise & Sunset

Sunrise at the beginning of the month: 6:05am

Sunset at the beginning of the month: 8:12pm

Sunrise at the end of the month: 6:31am

Sunset at the end of the month: 8:30pm

Moon Phases

Moon rise at the beginning of the month: 11:05pm

August 10 - New Moon

Moon rise at the end of the month: 10:56pm

August 24 - Full Moon

Moon set at the beginning of the month: 4:23am

Some Names For The August Full Moon:

Moon set at the end of the month: 1:12am

Corn Moon, Barley Moon, & Dispute Moon

Other Sky Events

August 1 - Capricornid Meteors - Look due south of overhead at about midnight.

August 6 - Southern Aquarid Meteors look in southern skies about 11 and again on August 21st-23rd.

August 9-20 - Perseids Meteor Shower will have a very favorable year for viewing particularly from the 12th-14th. Start looking at about 10PM with the best chance looking west of overhead around midnight.

August 31 - Andromedid Meteors - though prospects for viewing are only fair look directly overhead at about midnight.

Celestial Navigation

by Valerie Morrissey

This month the Sun is in his own place, Leo, until the 23rd. Here is a review, with additional remarks, from last year. Leos are like the Sun, they are shiny, happy people who love attention. They enjoy being in the spotlight. They love glamour, fame, money, elaborate entertainment, and many actors and models are Leos. Think: Lucille Ball and Mae West. President Barack Obama is a Leo.

They love children but may have none of their own, or only one who gets the royal treatment. Leos don't usually have large families. The children of Leos are precocious and doted upon. Even though this is a creative sign, it is considered barren in the fertility department.

Also a fixed sign, they can be stubborn and set in their ways. They like to be in charge, give orders and be waited on. They like make-up, expensive clothes and jewelry. Some of them are artistic, colorful and flamboyant. They can be extravagant.

Even though this is a masculine, active sign, Leos tend to sit around and be lazy. They look forward to their leisure time and enjoy sports, parties, cruises, restaurants, theater and nights out on the town. Even the less fancy Leos like to be pampered and enjoy a comfortable life. They may lose their temper at times but don't stay mad for long. They have a cheery disposition, forgive easily and are very generous. If a Leo likes you he will lavish presents and favors upon you.

A note from the Astrologer: For more of my interesting articles about astrology please check out Examiner.com, <http://www.examiner.com/x-45334-Newark-Astrology-Examiner> Valerie also welcomes comments on that page. And of course below is this month's forecast for each sign. Enjoy!

Aries (Born between March 21 - April 19)

Many Rams born in mid March will see challenges from their marriage partners or other close working relationships, because of Mars and Saturn. If you don't start a fight, someone is bound to, and you might be just asking for it. Expect friction in some way or other. A confrontation with authority or some other obstacle could occur. You might have to make other plans and deal with unexpected difficulties. It could be a crazy month.

Taurus (Born between April 20 - May 19)

The Leo New Moon on the 11th could bring some changes at home. Start renovation projects, go house hunting or buy new furniture. This New Moon is also a good time for planting seeds, so to speak. Meditate on career changes or research companies you'd like to work for in the future. At the Mercury retrograde on the 22nd you can also sort your files, clean out your closets and prepare for future creative projects.

Gemini (Born between May 20 - June 20)

All the action in Libra will highlight your social life, with lots of barbecues and volleyball games going on. There may be the coming and going of lovers old and new. You may have several admirers clamoring for your attention all at once. Children will be a concern for some of you. You will have to deal with their growing pains. Keep an eye on them. They will rebel against authority and run amok in the hot summer weather.

Cancer (Born between June 21 - July 22)

Read about Libra. The cardinal signs, Aries, Cancer, Libra and Capricorn are seeing the most important activity this month because of the T-square between Mars, Saturn, Jupiter, Uranus and Pluto. Since Mars has entered Libra, it has a triggering effect on these other planets and there is much more likelihood of events. There will be accidents if you aren't careful, big decisions, moves, relationship changes and so forth.

Leo (Born between July 23 - August 21)

The New Moon on the 11th will be the best time all month for lions and lionesses. You will be in the spotlight, which of course Leo loves. This is your special time of the year. Go shopping for clothes, and then go out to dinner. Get a massage or a makeover. The main idea is to make a fresh start on a clean page. Begin a new cycle. You might be planning a trip this month but be prepared for delays or a change of the itinerary.

Virgo (Born between August 22 - September 22)

Mercury retrogrades on the 22nd in your own sign. This is not a bad thing. Count on this happening three times a year and use it to your advantage. Just remember the basic rules of thumb for Mercury. Review your paperwork, delay important decisions and don't sign any documents. The Full Moon occurs on the 24th just after the Sun enters your sign. You never know what will happen but it means an interesting month lays ahead.

Libra (Born between September 23 - October 22)

Those who are born on or just after September 21st will notice some crazy stuff going during the first two weeks of August, such as arguments and obstacles of one kind or another. Life will not be boring. You are just going to have to weather this. If someone stands in the way of your plans, state your case, be patient and ride it out. Venus comes in on the 7th, and joins Mars and Saturn. This brings an element of romance and creativity into the mix. Some of you may meet new lovers in the midst of all the chaos.

Scorpio (Born between October 23 - November 21)

The New Moon on the 11th is a good time to push for change in your career and personal advancement. Promote yourself and advertise. Schedule job interviews and begin new projects now, particularly before Mercury retrogrades on the 22nd. The conjunctions in Libra may incline some of you to disappear for a while. Meditation, introspection, ashrams, volunteerism, hospitals and secret love affairs are favored.

Sagittarius (Born between November 22 - December 21)

As with Gemini, there is a lot going on with your social life. Group activities, clubs and organizations are favored, as well as romance. Your friends are calling you much more than usual. You might be the one to plan the company picnic. Things will get a little hectic, but take one thing at a time and enjoy the ride. The whole month is very good for travel abroad, particularly while the Sun is in Leo.

Capricorn (Born between December 22 - January 20)

Because of the Mars Saturn conjunction, many of you born in December have had a difficult year, with power plays or corporate decisions out of your control. Stand your ground, and be prepared to defend your honor. You want to call the shots and move forward with your long-range plans. You may have a chance to do this but keep in mind the responsibility that comes with it. Continue to practice patience and endurance.

Aquarius (Born between January 21 - February 19)

Love is in the air at the New Moon on the 11th in your partnership house. Chances are good for meeting new people. Accept all invitations. This also is a good time to get engaged. You could meet someone while traveling. Many of you want to take vacations now. As with Leo there could be a change in plans, but don't be discouraged from going. Be flexible and enjoy the adventure that comes with the unexpected.

Pisces (Born between February 20 - March 20)

The Full Moon on the 24th brings fulfillment and climax. Projects can be finished and presentations delivered. Issues or conflicts in marriage could boil over but this is a good time to work things out, especially before the Mercury retrograde on the 22nd. Take this opportunity to enrich your marriage, even if you are getting along well. Go on a retreat together or a second honeymoon. Weddings are best planned before the 22nd.

Holidays & Observances This Month

August 1 - Friendship Day

Sisters Day

Lughnasadh (Celtic Festival of Light)

August 6 - The Transfiguration (Christian)

August 9 - Smokey Bear's Birthday

(Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires)

August 11 - Ramadan Begins (Islam)

August 15 - Assumption Day

August 24 - Raksha Bandhan (Hindu)

August 19 - National Aviation Day

August 26 - Women's Equality Day

This Month's Flower - Gladiolus

This Month's Birthstones - Peridot, Sardonyx

It is National Golf Month & National Parks Month

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Resources for some of the information contained in this publication include:

<http://archives.delaware.gov>

<http://www.arksky.org>

<http://www.earthcalendar.net>

<http://edsitement.neh.gov>

<http://en.wikipedia.org>

<http://www.e-referencedesk.com>

<http://www.historiclewes.org>

<http://www.holidaysmart.com>

<http://www.msa.md.gov>

<http://www.loc.gov>

<http://www.noaa.gov>

<http://www.ocmuseum.org>

<http://www.skyandtelescope.com>

<http://www.seasky.org>

<http://www.space.com>

<http://www.vahistorical.org>

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