

# Compassionate Connections

through Talbot Hospice

October 2017

Deborah Grassman, Expert on Veteran care at end of life and author of *The Hero Within* and *Peace at Last* presents

## SOUL INJURY: LIBERATING UNMOURNED LOSS

### SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, March 15, 2018  
6 p.m.

Easton High School



Deborah Grassman is recognized as one of the nation's leading experts in caring for Veterans nearing the end of life. She is a mental health Nurse Practitioner whose career at the Department of Veterans Affairs spanned nearly 30

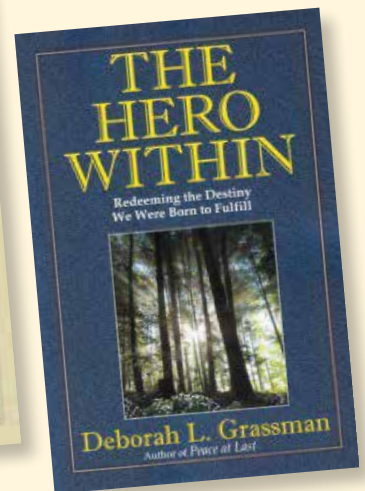
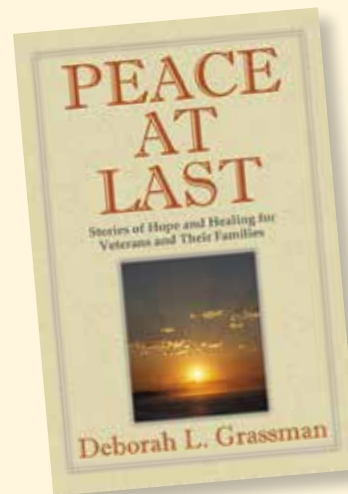
years. She was the Director of the Hospice program and personally took care of more than 10,000 dying veterans.

Grassman is CEO and co-founder of Opus Peace, a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide programs that respond to the soul injury that occurs during trauma, abuse, self-neglect, and serious illness. She is most well-known for her pioneering presentation *Wounded Warriors: Their Last Battle* which was the first of its kind to identify the unique needs of Veterans as they age. In 2002, she introduced "pinning ceremonies" to honor dying veterans — a ceremony which has now become standard practice in hospices and long-term-care facilities throughout the nation.

Grassman's contribution toward advancing end-of-life care in this country is described by NHPCO on their website:

**"Deborah's work has dramatically and almost single-handedly increased awareness of Veterans and their unique end-of-life issues. Additionally, her insights into the family's experience offer perspectives for understanding how these experiences can impact and often complicate grief and bereavement."**

Grassman is the author of two books: *Peace at Last* and *The Hero Within*, both of which will be offered for sale at the event. *Peace at Last: Stories of Hope and Healing for Veterans*, is used by multiple agencies to learn about the effects of past trauma on the quality of a person's dying process, the influence of the various cultures of war on dying veterans, stoicism, and warrior wisdom. *The Hero Within: Redeeming the Destiny We Were Born to Fulfill* describes how to re-own and re-home pieces of self through the processes of abiding, reckoning, and beholding our interior hero. It is used by numerous agencies for staff development, team building, and personal growth.



At the March event, local Veteran organizations and support groups and agencies will be on hand prior to Grassman's presentation to offer their resources to Veterans and their families. The following morning, Friday, March 16, Grassman will present the workshop *Wounded Warriors* at Talbot Hospice for professionals who work with Veterans. Continuing education credits are available.

For more information visit [TalbotHospice.org/events](http://TalbotHospice.org/events) or call 410-822-6681.



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## MISSION

Talbot Hospice offers hope, compassionate support and services to all members of our community facing end-of-life issues. We provide patient and family care, community education and advocacy while respecting both curative and palliative treatment choices.

# From the Executive Director



There are so many ways to measure a lifetime. Years, accomplishments, relationships, places, feelings, and legacies are all important, but the special moments are what truly link everything together and are the most personal and meaningful during life's transitions.

This is an extraordinary time of year when hearts grow warm and giving back to others garners more meaning. Every gift ensures that we continue to help your friends, your families and we at Talbot Hospice are humbled and grateful to our community members who believe in our work and what we do each and every day.

There is an incredible sense of “Seva” (of giving back) in our community. The Men in Heels Race, a “fun”raising event sponsored by the Festival of Trees in September, was evidence of the great camaraderie and bravery by some of the men in our community to support Talbot Hospice. Creative costumes, too! In November, The Tidewater Inn will be the host site for the spectacular 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Festival of Trees of which the proceeds benefit some of the costs of providing care and services to patients and families facing end-of-life issues.

November is also National Hospice and Palliative Care Month. This is a time to draw attention and awareness to this very special kind of care. Hospice and palliative care make a profound difference and help maximize the quality of life for all those who receive it. Talbot Hospice is helping the community to understand hospice care is incredibly more beneficial to both the patient and the family when they can take full advantage of the range of hospice services sooner.

Connecting is an integral component of our lives. We yearn to connect with friends, families and acquaintances and strengthen bonds in times of happiness and times of sorrow. That is the work of our great staff and volunteers. Our ability to serve the community is made possible by your overwhelming support and generosity.

“How beautifully leaves grow old.  
How full of light and color are their last days.”

—JOHN BURROUGHS

Thank you for all of your support.

Serving Hospice,

Vivian Dodge MBA, BSN, RN  
Executive Director



# Four New Board Members Appointed

Board president Diane Rohman recently announced the appointment of four new directors to the board. They include Brenda Forbes-Butler, Liz Freedlander, Rev. Leonard Palmer and Elizabeth Todd. "I am pleased to welcome these new board members as ambassadors for Talbot Hospice," said Rohman. "We are fortunate and honored to benefit from their time and talents. I am confident that during their tenure they will contribute to the well-being of Talbot Hospice as they help guide our institution through the next several years."



**BRENDA FORBES-BUTLER** will be serving a one year term as President of the Festival of Trees. Forbes-Butler is a consumer loan officer with 1880 Bank in Easton. She served as Chair of the Festival of Trees in 2014 and has been a Friends of Hospice board member for three years.



**LIZ FREEDLANDER** was Executive Director of Talbot Hospice Foundation for 14 years from 1990 until 2004. During her tenure the Hospice House was constructed and the Pathways pre-hospice, non-medical volunteer program was instituted. Since then she has served as Director of Advancement at The Country School and has been Director of Development at Horn Point Laboratory for the

past ten years. She is a registered Fund-Raising Counsel in Maryland and has provided consultant services to nonprofit organizations including the Talbot County Library Foundation, the Maryland Arts Council and Channel Marker. Freedlander is a past president of the board of directors of Hospice and Palliative Care Network of Maryland.



**REV. LEONARD PALMER** is pastor of St. Luke United Methodist Church in Belvue. He was previously pastor of St. George United Methodist Church in Worton. For the past 14 years, Palmer has been employed by the Department of Social Services in Anne Arundel and Talbot Counties. He is a member of

Strengthening the Black Church for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century task force and volunteers for the Talbot Healthy Communities Coalition and the Mid-Shore Mediation Center.



**ELIZABETH TODD** is currently a Risk Manager with Maryland Medicine Comprehensive Insurance Program. For 16 years prior, Todd was employed by the UM Shore Regional Health System in the Dialysis Unit, the Neurology Unit at the Requard Center for Acute Rehabilitation and as Nurse Navigator at Shore Comprehensive Rehabilitation.

She has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a Master of Science in Bioethics. Todd's professional activities include serving as co-chair of the Patient Care Advisory Committee and the Quality and Performance Improvement Council, Rehabilitation Services.

Leaving the board are Jack Anthony, Susan Piggott, Bill Rolle, Adrienne Rudge and Tom Seip. Rohman said, "These directors have brought a wealth of diverse talents and experience as well as passion and commitment to our mission. We were immensely fortunate to have these distinguished community leaders on our board."







## Finding Hope & Healing through the Holidays: A Grief Support Workshop


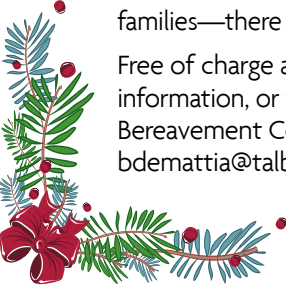
**Saturday, November 4, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.**

**Clark-Guthrie Center**

*Registration is required*

As we approach the holidays, it can be difficult to imagine how to get through them without having our loved ones with us. Holidays are a time of memories, traditions, rituals and special events and often these times are even harder when we are in the midst of our grief. Finding Hope & Healing through the Holidays Workshop will provide an opportunity to learn how to incorporate new traditions into the old, how to honor the memory and legacy of our loved ones, in addition to learning new coping skills when working through your grief through the holiday season. This workshop is for individuals and families—there will be activities for children.

Free of charge and open to the public. For more information, or to register, contact Becky DeMattia, Bereavement Coordinator, at 410-822-6681 or [bdemattia@talbothospice.org](mailto:bdemattia@talbothospice.org).



## Guthrie Award Recipient Recognized

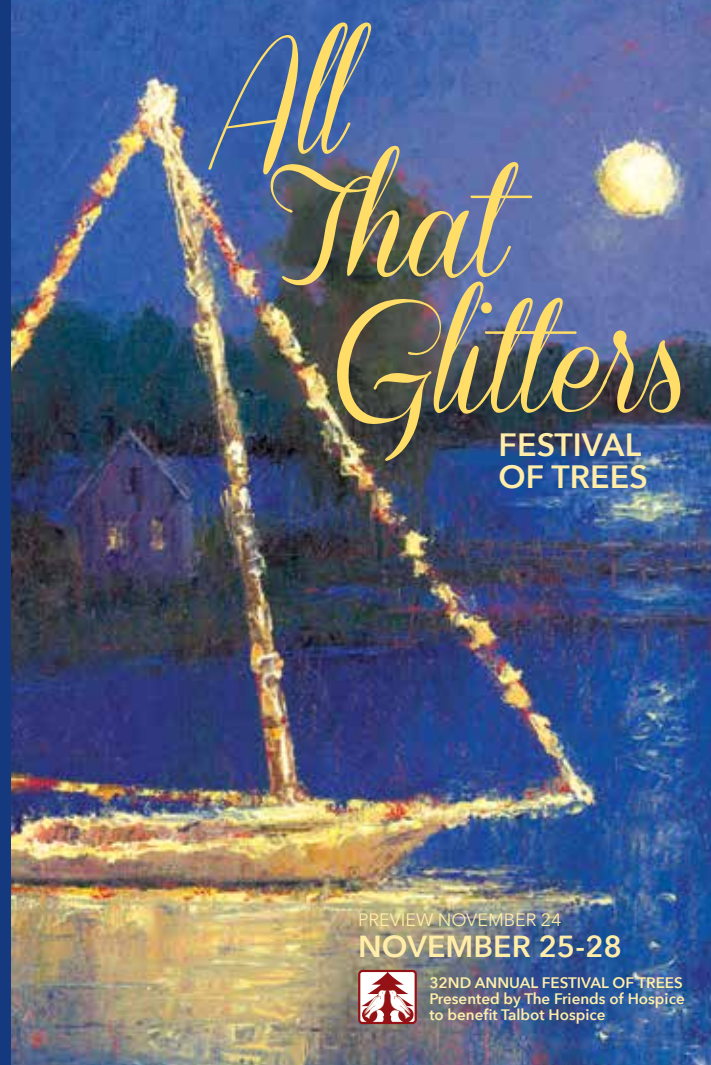


Talbot Hospice social worker **LISA MAY** was recently awarded the Eugene and Elizabeth Guthrie Award for Professional Development. This annual award was created to honor and carry forward the commitment and passion of the co-

founder of Talbot Hospice, Dr. Eugene “Buck” Guthrie and his wife, Betts. The purpose of the award is to educate Talbot Hospice staff in a manner that benefits both the individual staff member and the broader community. The award is for training above and beyond the usual requirements.

May will be attending the 2018 annual conference for Association for Death Education and Counseling (ADEC) in Pittsburgh. ADEC is an international organization for mental health professionals working in the field of terminal illness, death and grief. At the conference, May will convene with leaders and educators in the field of thanatology (the study of death) and will learn most recent recommended practices in death education, care of the dying and grief counseling.

“We are so pleased to provide Lisa with this educational opportunity that will in turn help us better serve the patients and families in our care,” said Vivian Dodge, Talbot Hospice Executive Director. “Dr. and Mrs. Guthrie’s passion for and commitment to providing excellence in hospice care is a high standard that we strive to achieve in our day to day work here at Talbot Hospice.”



## A Message from the President of Friends of Hospice

The Friends of Hospice Board members have been busy preparing for the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Festival of Trees event. This year’s artist, Diane DuBois Mullaly perfectly captured our vision for this year’s theme, *All That Glitters!* The Festival continues to thrive because of our dedicated board, the many volunteers, and our generous community. We are so grateful to the hundreds of people who work countless hours to put these events together and so thankful for the local businesses who year after year generously provide sponsorships, raffle items, and venue locations, all for the success of the Festival.

We kicked off the Festival in September with our popular Drag Race, Men in Heels event, to be followed by many events such as Dinner at the Crab Claw, the Preview Party, Homes Tour, Candy Cane Lane, Mother Son Dance, Daddy Daughter Dance and of course the beautiful display of trees at the Historic Tidewater Inn along with the Christmas Elves Shop.

Please take a look at the Festival Brochure, which is included in this newsletter for more information about the events. We hope you’ll plan to attend at least one of the Festival activities as we’re confident you’ll enjoy your experience!

Sincerely,

*Brenda Forbes-Butler*

Join the tradition...

## Festival of Trees!

Please consider contributing to benefit Talbot Hospice.

**The Festival of Trees** includes activities for our entire community and is the largest fundraiser for the Friends of Hospice to benefit Talbot Hospice. Please consider making a donation to the Friends of Hospice to support the very important work that Talbot Hospice carries out.

*All sponsors will have their names listed in the Festival program.*

**Festival Angeli:** .....Donation of \$5,000 or more  
**Festival Star:** .....Donation of \$2,500  
**Festival Santa:** .....Donation of \$1,000  
**Festival Elf:** .....Donation of \$500  
**Festival Reindeer:** .....Donation of \$300

### Tree Sponsor

Price varies by size (4ft–10ft) and trees are limited in number. Please call 410-819-3378 (FEST) or email [talbotfestival@gmail.com](mailto:talbotfestival@gmail.com) for cost and availability.

### Poinsettias

\$25 "In Memory or Honor of" Donation  
Help fill the Festival Poinsettia Tree. If you intend to keep your plant at the end of the Festival, it must be picked up by 11am on Wednesday, November 29, or it will be donated.

### Jewelry Raffle

Shearer the Jeweler has designed and donated a fabulous handmade gold and diamond sailboat necklace. It will be on display at Shearer's on Washington Street in Easton as well as at Festival events.

Drawing Tuesday, November 28 at 6pm. \$100 per ticket; only 100 will be sold. Need not be present to win.

### 2017 Festival Framed Artwork Raffle

We are delighted to have this year's original artwork created by Diane DuBois Mullaly.

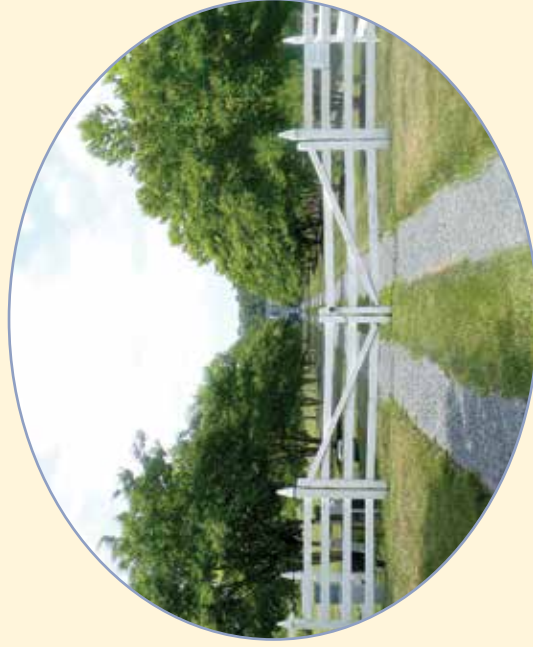
Drawing Tuesday, November 28 at 6pm. \$10 per ticket or 3 for \$25. Need not be present to win.

### Special Raffle

**First Prize:** \$1000 gift card for Southwest Airlines

**Second Prize:** Custom-made vintage wood coffee table  
Drawing Tuesday, November 28 at 6pm. \$10 per ticket or 3 for \$25. Need not be present to win.

# 32ND ANNUAL Festival of Trees Festival Homes Tour



**Saturday, November 25  
Sunday, November 26**

**10am to 4pm**

*A self-guided driving tour of unique  
and beautifully decorated homes  
in Talbot County.*



Presented by The Friends of Hospice  
to benefit Talbot Hospice

# All That Glitters

## FESTIVAL OF TREES

32ND ANNUAL  
*Festival of Trees*



PREVIEW NOVEMBER 24

**NOVEMBER 25-28**

Presented by The Friends of Hospice  
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### **The River House 26310 St. Michaels Road, Easton**

Situated mid-point between St. Michaels and Easton on St. Michaels road, the River House was purchased by Tom and Alice Blair in 2005. While there were numerous homes in the area available for purchase with unique histories and stunning settings, they were drawn to the River House because of its expansive views of the Miles River and the ability to easily expand the structure to accommodate the overnight stays of their sixteen grandchildren. The renovations and expansion included the addition of bedrooms and baths, a guest house and a caretaker's house, as well as two "dorms." A two-story library was constructed to display the full-size Spitfire, a British WWII fighter that hangs from the ceiling.

A final brushstroke to the property was the construction of a replica of church ruins to the left of the driveway. The "ruins" give the appearance of a 19th century stone church that has lost its roof and portions of its walls over the last 200 years. The ruins have served as the site for a fall wedding for one of Tom and Alice's children.

The holidays are a magical time at River House with beautiful decorations throughout the home, from the antique sleigh full of gifts on the front terrace to the lushly be-decked library, the house brims with Christmas cheer. Bountiful Interiors holiday decorating crew, led by Paula Siedlarz is thrilled to help craft the holiday displays throughout the residence.

As local residents know, the River House is the property that displays holiday scenes, including Santa Claus' sled being impaled by an Air Force fighter.



32ND ANNUAL  
Festival of Trees

# Festival Homes Tour

Saturday, November 25, 2017

Sunday, November 26, 2017  
10am to 4pm

**TICKETS:** Requests for tickets by mail (\$30) must be received by November 18. Advance in-person tickets (\$30) are available until November 22 at the Talbot Hospice House, 586 Cynwood Drive, and at The Tidewater Inn Gold Ballroom from November 20 to November 22, and November 24 until noon. Day-of tickets (\$35) are available only at The Tidewater Inn Gold Ballroom. Tickets are also available online at [www.festival-of-trees.org](http://www.festival-of-trees.org). **TICKET SALES ARE LIMITED, SO PLEASE ORDER EARLY. TICKETS MAY BE USED EITHER DAY.**

**ATTIRE:** Please wear low-heeled shoes for both your own comfort and to protect the floors of our featured homes.

**DRIVING:** This is a self-guided driving tour of homes in Talbot County.

**DIRECTIONS:** You will receive driving directions to the homes with your tickets.

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** NO photography allowed at homes.

## Thank You to our Homes Tour families

The Friends of Hospice extend their most sincere gratitude to our Homes Tour families for making their homes available for the tour.



FOR MORE INFORMATION & TICKETS  
[www.festival-of-trees.org](http://www.festival-of-trees.org) or 410-819-3378 (FEST)



### **Ferry Farm House 29793 Bolingbroke Point Drive, Trappe** c. 1730

Bob and Laura Cowin started their search for a historic home on the Eastern Shore in late 2011. They knew that it was time to get back to the Shore to be close to family and lifelong friends after living in New Orleans for 13 years. Their search ended when they saw historic Ferry Farm House, which had been painstakingly restored by David and Susan Lee of Trappe.

Ferry Farm House originally operated as an Inn and Tavern for travelers waiting for the horse and passenger ferry crossing the Choptank River to Dorchester County. The ferry rights were granted in 1722 to Henry Bullen, the landowner at the time. After Bullen, the ferry was owned and operated by William Akers until the early 19th century, and it is believed that Akers and his wife, Ann, were the first to use Ferry Farm House as a private residence. In the 1900's, the property was owned by Alexander Highley, and 160 acres of the land, including Ferry Farm House, was passed on through inheritance to his grandson, A. Bowdle Highley. Mr. Highley subsequently sold the farmhouse and divided the land along the Choptank into building lots.

Ferry Farm House is one of 15 homes still standing in Talbot County built before 1731. It is architecturally significant because it is one of the earliest gambrel roof dwellings in the County. Another point of historic interest is the original tobacco barn located on the property, which is believed to be one of only two such structures still standing in Talbot County.

The original house, which was three bays long and two bays deep, was built on a brick cellar and laid in English bond that resembles early 18th-century brickwork on the Eastern Shore. The floor joists in the basement supporting the first floor are white oak logs sawed in half and to this day still retain their original bark. The house is also noteworthy for its early 18th-century walnut staircase and original fluted pilasters on the walls of the living and dining rooms. The change to the original floor plan is assumed to have been made in the 1940's with the addition of an eastern wing, which had previously been a small horse barn that





## Owls' Nest 5989 Canterbury Drive, Easton

Owls' Nest, the home of Caroline Boutté and Peter Gallagher, is a love letter to Caroline's and Peter's travels, shared passions, and their extensive antique china collections. Each room is designed around specific china – the living room displays Kutani, the library Imari, the kitchen/family room Blue Willow.

The original house was built in 1972 of a modern design complete with teal walls, orange shag carpet, and various shed roof lines. Caroline Boutté, principal architect/designer for Graybanks Design Group, LLC saw great promise in the Flemish Bond structure. She recognized the potential to have well proportioned rooms of various ceiling heights that could take full advantage of the tranquil water views of Trippe Creek. With major renovations and newly constructed additions the home embraces indoor/outdoor living with a large terrace which includes twin outdoor fireplaces, pool, fountain, and outdoor kitchen, and is accessed through French doors from every room.



## Residence of Peter and Anne Cerutti 7945 Maiden Point Ct, Easton

Owners, Peter and Anne, chose Easton Village after living on the Eastern Shore for more than a dozen years. Having looked extensively for a home on the water with less yard maintenance than their previous home, they decided that the small lot with water front on the Tred Avon was the place to be.

The permit was obtained in October 2011, but weather caused delays until March of 2012 to see any real progress. The Cerutti's moved into the home in November, 2012. Ron Mooney worked closely with the owners to design and build the home. Ron was ready and willing to adjust plans as work progressed. One of the major changes from the original plan was a wall of windows that overlooks the Tred Avon at the Port of Easton.

The home could be considered to have an island design as the main living quarters are on the second floor that takes advantage of the amazing views. The home is handicapped accessible in all areas, has an energy efficient geothermal heat pump, and Energy Star insulation, doors, windows and appliances and Wi-Fi connectivity for HVAC, computers, TV, alarm and lighting. All lighting is LED.

There is an in-law suite, created for Anne's parents, but alas they preferred the warmer climate of California.

Interior designer, Dan Webster of Higgins and Spencer in St. Michaels helped the Cerutti's coordinate their existing furnishings and décor with new selections where needed. Blue, Anne and Pete's favorite color, is worked in many shades along with soft greens and beige to create a relaxing resort tone. New window treatments were created and existing draperies were re-worked to fit the new house. The transitional design reflects the Cerutti's love of travel, especially to Italy. Having worked with Ron Mooney on other projects, Dan was helpful to Anne in the selection of tile, bath and lighting fixtures and custom designed cabinetry.

augmented the farm's main stables.

As a family that has experienced the comfort and compassion of hospice care for several loved ones, the Cowins are pleased to welcome the public to visit historic Ferry Farm House in support of Talbot Hospice.



## Hollywood on the Bolingbroke 29811 Bolingbroke Point Drive, Trappe

*Hollywood on the Bolingbroke* is the home of Monty and Suzie Deel; named for its variety of large Holly trees. The property was part of a much larger "Ferry Farm" property located on the banks of Bolingbroke Creek at its intersection with the Choptank River. The current guest house was the original dwelling; built as a hunting lodge by Bowdle Highly who owned Ferry Farm in the 1900's. The lodge having knotty pine walls and plaster ceilings, it originally had gun cabinets and boot hangers in every bed room. The Lodge was renovated in 2005 becoming a three-bedroom guest house.

The main Contemporary house was built in 2009. As you enter the home through the front door into the main living space, you will notice the open floor plan and high vaulted ceiling with a stone fireplace in its center. Your view will soon give way to a wall of windows providing vast river views showcasing the beauty of the eastern shore. From the back porch you can see the large uninhabited island that is just across the Choptank from the Hyatt Resort. The beaches of the island are often used for parties and weddings. Also from the porch you can see the remains of an ancient dock where watermen delivered their catch for decades.

The surrounding property was once home to a band of the Choptank Indians, evident by the many artifacts that have been found on the property. Local lore has it that the original lodge was once a house of ill repute complete with a red light in the window that signaled it was open for business. The young lady of the house is reputed to be the only woman to escape from the Cambridge jail, jumping from a second story window after being arrested for her business activities.

# All That Glitters



## 2017 FESTIVAL OF TREES

### The Gold Ballroom of The Historic Tidewater Inn

Saturday, November 25 10am to 8pm  
Sunday, November 26 11am to 8pm  
Monday, November 27 10am to 8pm  
Tuesday, November 28 10am to 6pm

### Admission to the Gold Ballroom

\$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors 62 and older  
\$1 for children under 12, free for children under one.

**Since 1986** Friends of Hospice has carried out its mission to raise funds for Talbot Hospice by presenting the annual Festival of Trees. This event continues to be immensely successful and is made possible through the work of hundreds of volunteers. The festival has generously given their financial support to help defray some of the costs of providing care and services to patients and families, and the community, facing end of life issues.

**Talbot Hospice** is the premier resource in Talbot County for people facing end-of-life illness, loss and grief. They provide full service hospice care in homes, nursing facilities and at the Hospice House on Gynwood Drive in Easton. Talbot Hospice offers hope, compassionate support and services to all members of our community without regard for ability to pay. Programs include Pediatric Care, Pathways, bereavement and spiritual counseling, community education and trained volunteers. Services are offered to individuals, caregivers, families and friends. Talbot Hospice focuses on the quality of life and celebrating life each day.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TICKETS:

(410) 819-3378 (FEET)

On-line tickets at [www.festival-of-trees.org](http://www.festival-of-trees.org)

Like us on Facebook at Festival of Trees Talbot County



## 2017 Festival Activities

### Drag Race

Great guys race in high heels at the Washington Street "Race Track" to raise money for the Festival of Trees! **Sunday, September 24, 2 to 5 pm.**

### Dinner at the Crab Claw

All proceeds from your dinner at the Crab Claw in St. Michaels will benefit the Festival of Trees and Talbot Hospice. Call 410-745-2900 to make a reservation. **Sunday, November 5, 11am to 4pm.**

### \*Preview Party

The Festival of Trees begins on Friday with a celebratory party in the Gold Ballroom of The Tidewater Inn, cocktail reception with hors d'oeuvres, music, and special raffles. Tickets are \$50 per person and include open bar from 6 to 7pm and life-fare buffet. Cash bar available after 7pm. **Friday, November 24, 6 to 8pm.**

### \*Homes Tour

On this self-guided driving tour, you will visit unique and beautifully decorated homes in Talbot County. Requests for tickets by mail (\$30) must be received by Nov. 18. Advance in-person tickets (\$30) are available until Nov. 22 at Talbot Hospice House, and at The Tidewater Inn Gold Ballroom from Nov. 20 to Nov. 22, and Nov. 24 until noon. Day-of tickets (\$35) are available only at The Tidewater Inn Gold Ballroom. Tickets are also available for purchase online at [www.festival-of-trees.org](http://www.festival-of-trees.org). **Saturday, November 25 and Sunday, November 26, 10am to 4pm. TICKETS MAY BE USED EITHER DAY.**

### Candy Cane Lane

Crafts, games, food, visits with Santa, and other fun activities. Easton Elementary School (Moton). Admission: Children \$5, includes lunch; Adults Free. **Saturday, November 25, 10am to 2pm.**

### \*Mother Son Dance

The American Legion Post 70, Easton, silent auction items, photo booth, light refreshments and dancing. Music by DJ Tim Burns. \$30 for Mothers; \$10 for each Son. **Saturday, November 25, 6 to 8pm.**

### \*Daddy Daughter Dance

Elk's Lodge Easton, American Girl Doll raffle, gift shop for daughters to shop for Christmas gifts. Light refreshments and dancing. Music by DJ Eric Higgins. \$30 for Daddies; \$10 for each Daughter. **Saturday, November 25, 6 to 8pm.**

### The Christmas Elves Shop

This is a perfect place to start your holiday shopping. The Shop is located at The Tidewater Inn Gold Ballroom. Open during Festival hours.

\*Advanced purchase required

For ticketing and information:

[www.festival-of-trees.org](http://www.festival-of-trees.org)



I want to support the  
2017 Festival of Trees  
to benefit Talbot Hospice

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name or business as you would like it listed in the Festival program: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form with your check to:

Friends of Hospice, P.O. Box 2052, Easton, Maryland 21601

### Sponsorship

☐ Festival Angel: \$5,000 and above ☐ Festival Elf: \$500  
☐ Festival Star: \$2,500 ☐ Festival Reindeer: \$300  
☐ Festival Santa: \$1,000 ☐ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Tickets

☐ Preview Party (\$50pp) ..... # attending \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Homes Tour (\$30pp), orders rec'd. by Nov. 18 ..... # tickets \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Candy Cane Lane (\$5 per child) ..... # attending \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Mother Son Dance (\$30/\$10) ..... # attending \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Daddy Daughter Dance (\$30/\$10) ..... # attending \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Jewelry Raffle (\$100) ..... # tickets \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ 2017 Framed Festival Artwork Raffle (\$10 or 3-for-\$25) ..... # tickets \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Special Raffle (\$10 or 3-for-\$25) ..... # tickets \_\_\_\_\_

### Poinsettias

☐ Poinsettias at \$25 each; Number of plants .....  
(Orders must be received by November 13)  
☐ List my plant(s) in memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank You





# Men in Heels Race Raises More Than \$61,000 for Talbot Hospice



John Horner aka Velocity.



Joey Edler aka Hot Lips Houlihan



Jonathan Moore aka Bonita Bunns

It was a banner day for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Men in Heels Drag Race, the first fundraising event of the season by Friends of Hospice leading up to the 2017 Festival of Trees. The street in front of the Talbot County Courthouse was filled with spectators and fans in support of the brave men who donned dresses, wigs, makeup, high heels (and more) to raise more

than \$61,000 for hospice services and programs.

*Fastest on Two Heels*, winner of the foot race, was **Joey Edler** who dressed as Hot Lips Houlihan from the T.V. show *M\*A\*S\*H*.

**Jonathan Moore** took the *Tootsie of Talbot* award for most money raised with a total of over \$16,000! His alter ego, Bonita Bunns, was dressed in a wedding gown complete with a bridesmaid Brandi (Brandon Chance) in tow.

Last, but certainly not least, the *Hot for Hospice* award for best overall in hair, makeup, outfit, shoes, song choice and moxie went to **John Horner** aka Velocity.

Other racers included: **Larry & T.D. Albright** as The Hunter Sisters (Larriana & Thomasina), **Keith Berry** as Nurse Flossie, **Bill Burton** as Madonna, **Matt Guthrie** as Maddie, **Jamie McNeal** as Fiona Flame, and **Trey Rider** as Ginger.

**Sponsors for the event were Doc's Downtown Grille, Scossa, The Star Democrat, Tricycle and Run, and the Washington Street Pub. A very special thanks also goes to Mark Potter for emceeding the show and to DJ Chris Startt for providing music.**



This year's esteemed judges were Talbot County Council President and local attorney **Jennifer Williams**, Talbot County Chamber of Commerce President & CEO and Town Councilman **Al Silverstein**, and Delegate **Johnny Mautz** (2015 racer).







## November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month

In recognition of National Hospice & Palliative Care Month in November, Talbot Hospice will offer two Lunch & Learns at the Easton and St. Michaels locations of the Talbot County Free Library. The educational presentations—Hospice 101: Debunking the Myths—will dovetail with this year's NHPC Month theme "It's about how you live."

"Our goal is to get out the word that hospice is not just for the last days or week of life," said Executive Director Vivian Dodge. "Hospice is a system of care and support for both the patient and the family. It's not a place or our building on Cynwood Drive. It's about how you want to live the last chapter of life. I hope individuals will put aside their reluctance to talk about death and dying and preconceived ideas about hospice and come hear about the uplifting and important work we do."

**Presentations will be held Monday, November 13, 12 p.m. in St. Michaels and Wednesday, November 15, 12 p.m. at the Easton branch.**

For more information visit [TalbotHospice.org/events](http://TalbotHospice.org/events) or call 410-822-6681.

### WISH LIST

- Easy listening, soothing music CDs for patient rooms
- Bird seed

## THE Margaret B. Ferree Legacy Society of Talbot Hospice



The Margaret B. Ferree Legacy Society, a newly established giving society (2017), is proud to recognize donors who have committed to making a planned gift to Talbot Hospice. Ferree Legacy Society members will help assure the future of Talbot

Hospice and serve as an inspiration to others in our community. The purpose of the Legacy Society is to encourage, support and celebrate these gifts which ensure that the gift of hospice care will be available for generations to come. With the over-65 population in Talbot County at nearly 28% (2016 Census) and growing, planning for our future is more important than ever before.

For 44 years until her death in 2011, Margaret B. Ferree was the embodiment of stewardship and generosity on the Mid-Shore. She was an early advocate for the hospice concept of care and served on the board of Talbot Hospice for repeated terms for more than two decades. Her generous philanthropy included helping to build the first Hospice House, opened in 1998, and other initiatives to advance hospice services to the community. She continued to support and advise Talbot Hospice until the end of her life. Her final legacy was a generous gift through her estate.

If you have questions about joining the Legacy Society, please contact Kate Cox, Director of Development, 410-822-6681 x15 or [kcox@talbothospice.org](mailto:kcox@talbothospice.org).

## Volunteer Crab Feast 2017



Peggy Ford and Julie Burselon



Gordon Ries and Liz Haslup



Joanne Magruder, Juanita McLaughlin, Paul Shortall, Norma Shortall, Bob Paulus



# LEAVE A LEGACY

*"This is a jewel and we need to sustain it in any way we can."*



Adrienne Rudge has provided leadership, volunteer service, and financial support to Talbot Hospice for more than 15 years. She has also remembered Talbot Hospice in her estate plans.

"I've had a very lucky life, and I believe it's incumbent on all of us to share what we can—not just with our children and grandchildren—but with our community. If you care about

people and organizations such as Talbot Hospice, this is one way to give back."

Adrienne retired to Easton in 2001, after working first as a high school English teacher and then as Director of Publications and Public Relations for a private school in Dobbs Ferry, New York. Having grown up in Easton, she was "coming home" to be closer to her sisters and her parents, Charles and Betty Jean Wheeler.

"I believe it was in 2002 that Liz Freedlander, the Talbot Hospice executive director at the time, asked me to lunch and encouraged me to become a hospice volunteer. I became a front desk volunteer, then joined the board of directors, and still serve as a breakfast cook and grocery shopper." Adrienne just finished her third 3-year term as a board member, having served a total of 9 years in this leadership capacity.

In addition to her Talbot Hospice volunteer work, she serves as an honorary member of the Board of Directors of Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers and is clerk of Trustees and assistant co-clerk at Third Haven Friends Meeting. Adrienne, who has two sons and four grandchildren, said, "I did a lot of volunteer work when my children were little, focusing on causes that support children and women. We lived in a wonderful community, and I was grateful for all the things my kids and I and my husband enjoyed."

Adrienne's parents were instrumental in Adrienne's strong sense of civic duty. "They very much believed that you gave back to the community in any way you could. My mother was one of the founders of the auxiliary at the hospital. She contributed a great deal to their first major fundraiser, the cookbook, which is still on sale and holds some of my mother's and grandmother's recipes. My sisters and I were all candy strippers at the hospital and wore uniforms that my mother handmade."

Both of the Wheelers were born in Easton. Betty Jean grew up on Goldsborough Street and Adrienne's grandfather was the first radiologist at Easton Memorial Hospital. Charlie grew up "in the country" at Canterbury Manor. They met in kindergarten. Charlie became a highly regarded lawyer in Easton and spent much of his later career as an estate planner. "He often directed people toward giving part of their estate away to various good causes, because the money was going to be taxed and because he believed so much in the community."

*"When I served on the Talbot Hospice board one of the things that impressed me was when we would occasionally receive a bequest. It was gratifying to realize that when people made their wills that we were considered worthy. I've seen how these gifts have made a difference, and it certainly helped me to make a decision to remember Talbot Hospice in my estate plans."*

"Every week when I come to the Guest Wing to volunteer I am reminded about how important Hospice House is—how the staff and volunteers help the patients and families—it's a fabulous place. I recently brought a friend who was visiting from out of town and she couldn't believe the difference between our hospice and her hometown hospice. This is a jewel and we need to sustain it and allow it to grow in any way that we can. This is a vital community service and what little I can do to help is really a privilege for me. By remembering Talbot Hospice in my estate plans, I can help support our wonderful services in the community."





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## Guthrie Society *Appreciation Party*

October 6, 2017

Hosted by Gigi and Steve Hershey



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Carolyn Batty, Howard Zwemer, Frankie Thorington, and board member Jack Batty.



Peggy & Van Lott, Maxine Millar, and Henry Stansbury



Board member Ludy Eglseder, MD, Kim Eglseder, and Lee Phillips.



Host Steve Hershey, board member Hynda Dalton, Peter Gallagher, Caroline Boutte, and Martha Kavanaugh.