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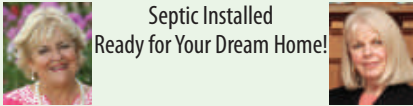
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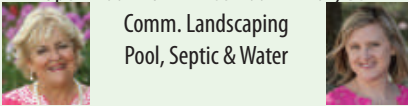
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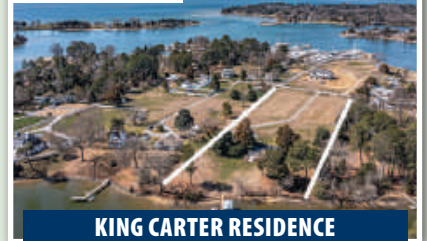
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Many of us have a love-hate relationship with our homes and lawns. Spring equals renewal and rebirth, so now's a perfect time for remodeling, landscaping and making home repairs.

In this edition of Windows on the Bay, we've included one couple's story of transforming an already lovely and spacious home into their dream home, complete with a wine sanctuary. If it's an old home repair or problem job you're tackling, head to Mathews County, where there's a lumberyard specializing in custom cuts. If it's a bathroom remodel in the plans, add a bidet. The fancy French potty device is simple to install, eco-friendly and a real conversation starter.

While gardening, be on the lookout for the beautiful but potentially deadly—to your plants—spotted lanternfly. The red and spotted planthopper is especially troublesome for wineries since one of its favorites is the grape vine.

With the grass turning green and colorful flowers popping up, birds chirping early in the morning and the sun setting later in the evening, spring is arguably the most wonderful time of the year. Enjoy it!

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Home sales soar **34**

Four popular colors for 2022

Home design trends come and go. The fleeting nature of such trends can make it hard for homeowners to commit to a particular style, especially if they want their home decor to stay as current as possible.

Paint provides one way to stay current and refresh a home's interior without investing in new furniture and home accessories. Paint trends change, but these colors are already making the rounds in 2022.

- **Very Peri:** Very Peri is the Pantone 2022 Color of the Year. A brand new shade of blue, Very Peri was designed to rekindle some of the qualities that the color blue represents while simultaneously complementing a modern perspective. The home design pros at HGTV recommend pairing Very Peri with neutrals like taupes and creams or deeper shades like navy or brown.

- **Evergreen Fog:** The paint experts at Sherwin-Williams note that this shade of green is symbolic of nature and a color associated with revitalization and growth. Those characteristics make it great for homeowners who are looking to create a new beginning with their home interiors, particularly in relaxing spaces like living rooms and bedrooms.

- **Breezeway:** Breezeway from Behr is another popular color that provides a soft look. Breezeway is the Behr Color of the Year for 2022 and is described as a silvery green shade with cool undertones. Behr touts the versatility of Breezeway, which the company indicates inspires awe in bedrooms, living rooms or hallways. Breezeway pairs well with creamy white, taupe, softened black, and nuanced pink.

- **Gilded Linen:** Gilded Linen from Valspar is ideal for homeowners who want a color to organize and connect spaces throughout their homes. Gilded Linen is a minimalist white that mixes well with natural elements like wood and greenery. The soft tone of Gilded Linen makes it suitable in a variety of rooms, which is one reason why it's so popular in homes with open floor plans.

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Creative wine room makes it a dream home

When Blaine and Liz Zippler purchased a home in Lancaster County on the Western Branch of the Corottoman River, it was already a beautiful house. But it wasn't their dream home.

In fact, the two are still remodeling with a plan to do a major kitchen renovation in the near future.

Liz grew up on Long Island and didn't like being landlocked in Lake Chesdin.

"I love the saltwater," said Liz, who grew up boating. "So we went from freshwater to saltwater when we moved here."

The couple owned property on the Great Wicomico in Northumberland County and had cleared it and planned to build when their current home came on the market. It was very similar to the floor plan they'd chosen. They purchased the five-bedroom home in 2017 and moved in in March 2018. The brick ranch with a full walk-out basement is just under 6,000-square-feet, 4,700-square-feet is finished.

by **Lisa
Hinton-Valdrighi**

In a short time, they've done a lot, including turning a barren, blah backyard into an oasis, complete with plants, a tropical fish pond, in-ground pool and outdoor kitchen. They had installed over 3,000-square-feet of paver stones around the pool and along the side of the house.

"The backyard was overgrown with mountain

laurel when we moved in,” said Liz.

Both the upstairs and basement fireplaces received a facelift, going from brick to stone. The stone in the upstairs family room was extended along the wall and features built-in cabinetry. A redecorated dining room includes new paint and wallpaper. Many of the light fixtures were replaced and rooms were painted.

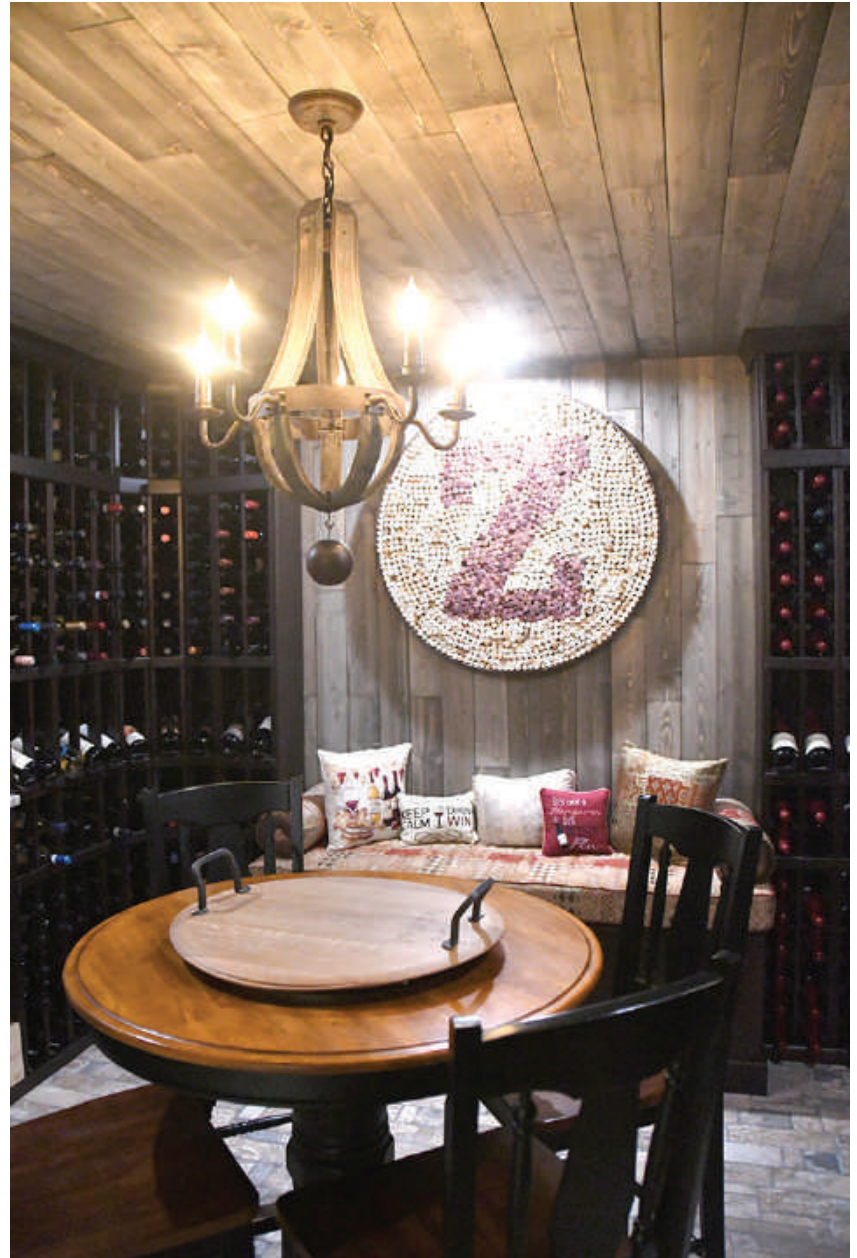
The couple also finished a major portion of the basement, turning it into a family/den area with a bar.

“The basement is our winter hangout,” said Liz.

But at the center of the remodel is a well-stocked, elegant wine tasting and storage room that rivals those in fine wineries. Blaine shies away from calling it a wine cellar, although it does remain a moderate



A bar was added in the basement. Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi



The focal point in the wine and tasting room is a large decoration containing hundreds of corks. Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi



An ornate, iron entry door to the wine tasting and storage room weighs 450 pounds. Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi



Liz and Blaine Zippler often host wine tasting events in their wine storage room. Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi



After



Before

The Zipplers replaced the brick fireplace in the upstairs family room with stone, extended it along the wall and included built-in cabinetry. Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi



The now finished basement includes a family room. Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

62 or 63 degrees year round thanks to double insulated walls and ceiling.

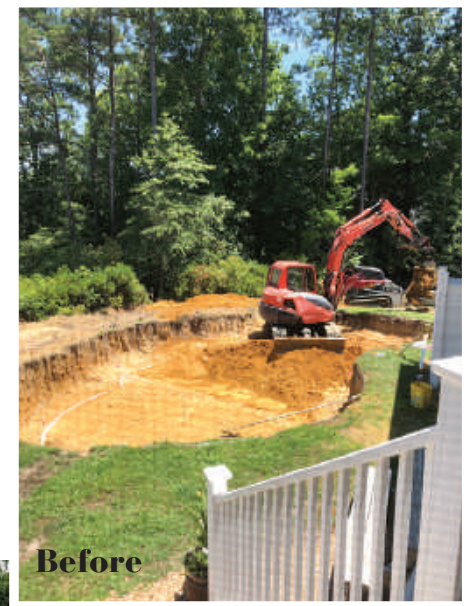
The room was originally part of an L-shaped, unfinished storage room but has been transformed into a work of art.

“It was a labor of love,” said Liz.

The two did all of the work themselves, minus the tile work. They walled off and insulated the now 13-by-11 foot room. Blaine painstakingly pieced together the wine storage racks, which were ordered from Utah.

“It took Blaine a month to put together. It was like Legos,” said Liz.

With the corner cabinets, wine refrigerator that holds 48 bottles, and other storage areas, the wine room can hold 1,000 bottles of wine. The Zipplers have about 400.



Before



After

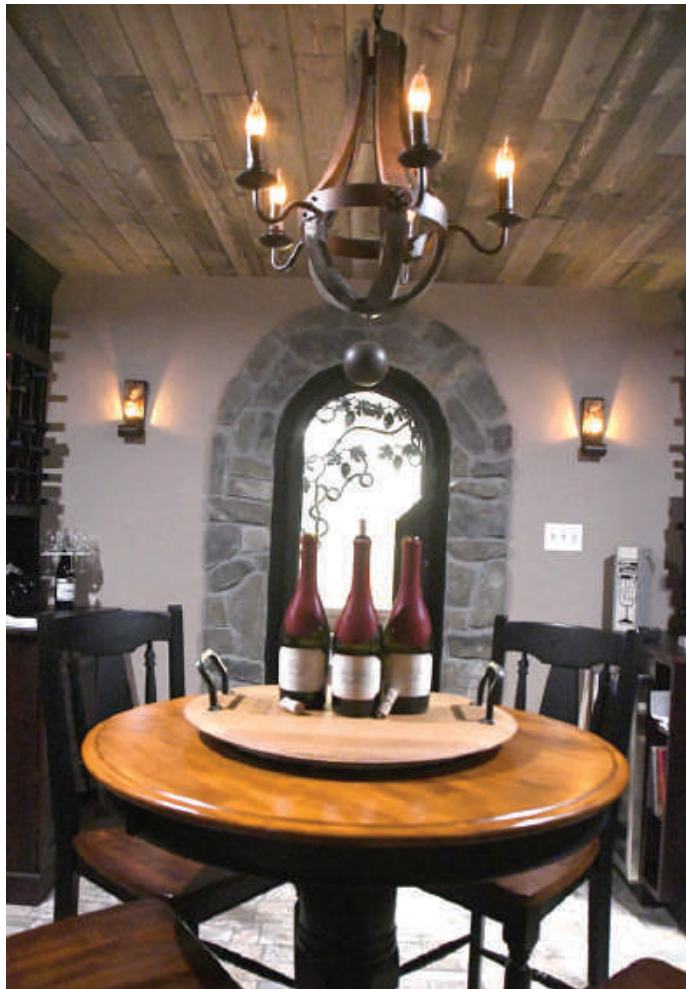
The Zipplers transformed a barren backyard into an oasis with an in-ground pool, stone patio and outdoor kitchen. Photos courtesy of Liz Zippler



Two heron statues keep watch over a fish pond in the backyard. Photo by Liz Zippler



Four corner storage cabinets, along with lower storage units and a wine refrigerator, allows for storage of 1,000 bottles in the wine tasting room. Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi



The Zipplers turned an unfinished basement area into a wine tasting and storage room. Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

“We’re not wine snobs by any means,” said Liz. “It doesn’t have to be a \$100 bottle for us to like it. In fact, many of the wines in the room are under \$100. Many in the under \$25 range are very good.”

All of the wine is catalogued, both on paper and in Blaine’s phone. That keeps the couple from buying duplicates.

“When we’re at a winery, we can check to see if we have that wine or how many bottles we have so we know whether to buy it,” said Blaine.

The shelving, for cataloging purposes, is set up alphabetically with the vertical rows running A through Y on each side of the room. At the focal point of the room is a 40-inch round antique wagon wheel which contains hundreds, maybe a thousand corks. In the middle is a large Z.

“That was a coincidence, that this last row was a Y, then there’s the Z in the middle,” said Liz.

Kilmarnock Lettering fashioned a large vinyl Z as a template for the Z in the center of the artwork. The burgundy Z is formed from naturally stained red wine corks.

After



The basement fireplace got a facelift from brick to stone.



Before

“Our generous friends help us drink wine or gave us corks to fill this,” said Liz.

Many of the corks are dated and signed. A very special one marks a bottle of Cakebread Cabernet Sauvignon wine the couple drank to celebrate the completion of the room and their anniversary, which was coincidentally on Mother’s Day.

Under the art decor in the far end of the room is a built-in sitting area.

At the center of the room is a high-top table with seating for four, where the couple often hosts wine-themed dinners and wine tastings for friends.

To enter the room, guests walked through an arched doorway, which is adorned with stone on both the exterior and interior.

An ornate iron door, which features vines and clusters of grapes, weighs 450 pounds. It was ordered from Abbey Ironworks in Georgia and shipped to the Zipplers.

“We had to call friends to help us get it from the driveway into the house. We were struggling,” said Liz.

The tranquil room is a little slice of heaven for the two wine lovers, and helps make the house their dream home.

Liz and Blaine Zippler enjoy a glass of wine on the cozy, built-in sitting area. Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi



The wine tasting room includes original artwork. Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi



How to pick trees for your property

Trees benefit a landscape by serving both aesthetic and utilitarian functions. A home surrounded by healthy green trees can be a sight to behold, and those same trees can benefit surrounding plants and wildlife.

Not all trees and landscapes make for the perfect match. The Arbor Day Foundation (ADF) notes the importance of planning when designing a landscape. Planning ensures the trees homeowners ultimately choose for their properties will grow well in the soil and moisture present in their yards.

Consider:

- Height — Homeowners must consider the projected height of a tree before planting it. Avoid trees that will bump into anything when fully grown, as that can adversely affect surrounding greenery and pose a safety hazard. The ADF's tree sizing guide can be accessed at <https://www.arborday.org/trees/rightTreeAndPlace/size.cfm> and serves as an invaluable resource for homeowners.

- Canopy spread — Trees grow out as well as up, so it's important to consider their potential width at maturity as well. The ADF sizing guide can help homeowners get an idea of how wide a tree is likely to be at maturity. Trees that spread out quite a bit don't necessarily need to be avoided, but it's important that they're planted far enough apart so they don't adversely affect surrounding plants. In addition, wide trees that are planted too close together can make the landscape appear crowded, taking something away from its aesthetic appeal.

- Growth rate — Growth rate is an important variable because it can affect how quickly homeowners will see changes in their landscapes. Homeowners who want to plant for privacy can consider trees with quick growth rates or purchase more mature trees that are already near full growth. Those who are not in need of instant transformation can try trees with slower growth rates, which typically live longer than fast-growing species.

- Requirements — Different trees require different amounts of sun and moisture and different soil components to thrive. Homeowners can have their soil tested to determine which trees will thrive in it. Local garden centers can be a great resource for homeowners who want insight as to which trees will thrive in their local climates.

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Pretty devastating:

an invasive insect begins to make Virginia home

by Jackie Nunnery

Last year it was murder hornets getting the headlines. This year, it is another non-native, invasive insect but this time with a seemingly innocent name: the spotted lanternfly (SLF). Do not let its name or colorful, butterfly-like appearance fool you. The SLF has the potential to be devastating to a number of Virginia's crops if or when it takes hold, according to the Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE).

An opportunistic hitchhiker from across the ocean

The SLF is a native of China, India and Vietnam but was first detected in Pennsylvania in 2014, likely from imported goods or shipping containers. Within three years this plant hopper—the SLF does not fly long distances—had spread to 13 counties in that state in addition to establishing populations in Delaware and New York. By early 2018, the SLF was first discovered in Winchester and a quarantine for Frederick County was put into effect by the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) to slow the spread. An extensive list of items, from plants and lumber to wood crates and pallets were inspected for eggs, nymphs and adult SLFs before leaving the area.

Despite the safeguards, the initial one-square-mile infestation quickly grew to 18 square miles by November that year according to VCE. The current rate of spread is estimated to be about 10 miles per year, but all it would take is a few opportunistic insects or overlooked egg masses to hitch a ride on anything kept outside to establish another breeding ground elsewhere.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), populations have now been established in the northeastern states of Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia and Virginia. It has also been spotted in Ohio.

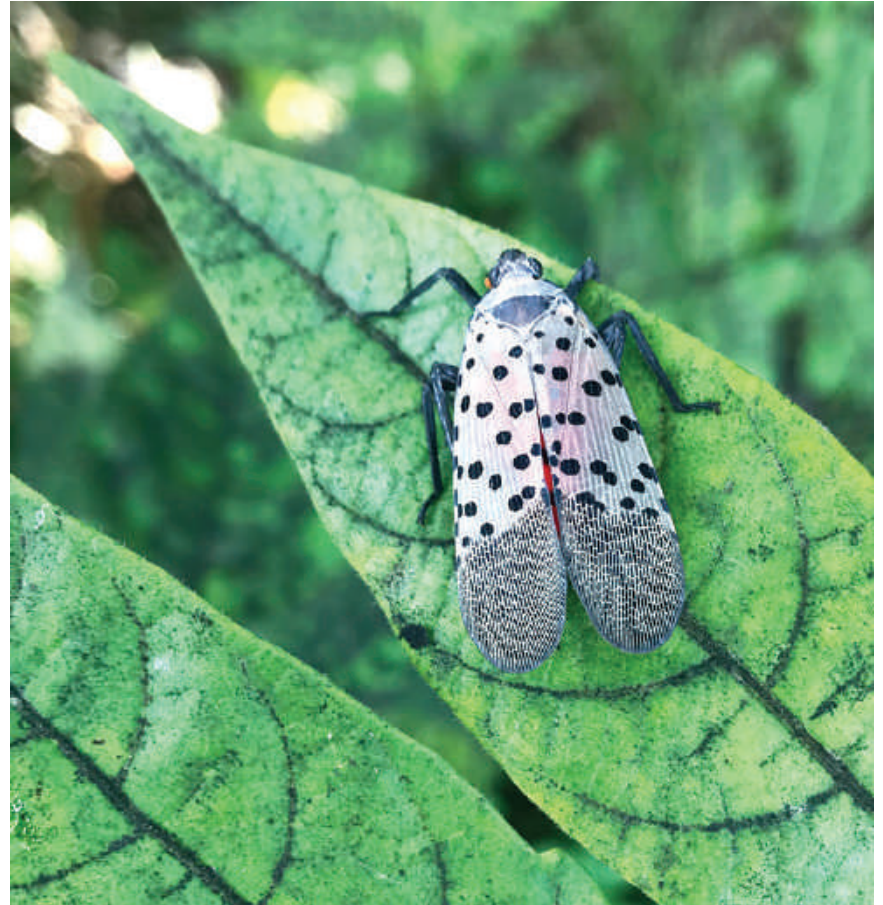
VCE says the insect's ability to spread so quickly is due to the range of host plants and lack of natural predators. There are more than 70 species of plants and trees that the SLF like to gather and feed on. Fruit trees, grape vines and hops are particularly at risk, but the University of Massachusetts has also reported that the American beech, linden and sycamore are also known hosts in addition to aspen, maple, birch and willow. The Tree-of-Heaven, also a native to China and invasive in Virginia, is a particular favorite of nymphs and adults for feeding and mating.

The damage caused by the SLF is two-fold. First, nymphs and adults feed on the sap of a host plant, weakening it. Second, in the process of feeding they secrete a sugary substance called honeydew that can lead to sooty mold. That reduces photosynthesis, further weakening and eventually killing the host plant. It can also lead to infestations of wasps, hornets and ants that are also attracted to the secretions.

Early detection is key to prevention

There are four distinct stages of the SLF. They last just one generation and the species survives by overwintering as eggs.

- Egg masses containing 30-50 eggs roughly 2 inches long and 1 inch wide can be found on just about any smooth outdoor surface including tree trunks, vehicles and patio furniture. They are grayish-brown in color with



An adult spotted lanternfly at rest. Photo courtesy of Eric Day and Virginia Tech



As they get older, nymphs become much more visible with their red coloring. Photo courtesy of Eric Day and Virginia Tech



The Tree-of-Heaven, a common roadside sight in Virginia, is a favorite host plant of the SLF. Reducing its numbers will also help in reducing the population of the spotted lantern fly. Photo courtesy of Theresa Dellinger and Virginia Tech



Newly hatched spotted lanternfly nymphs feeding on the sap from a leaf. Photo courtesy of Eric Day and Virginia Tech

The brownish-gray waxy coating protects the eggs laid on the trunk of a tree. Photo courtesy of Eric Day and Virginia Tech

a gray, waxy covering. Eggs are typically laid in mid-September and hatch in early May.

- Young nymphs are approximately 3/8 inch long, wingless and black with white spots when first hatched.
- Mature nymphs are still wingless, but have developed red bars along with white spots and nearly doubled in size.
- Adults grow to 1 inch long by July and have developed black-tipped grayish-brown wings with black spots that are usually seen folded at rest. When opened, a distinctive bright red patch is visible on the black and white hindwings along with a yellow abdomen. Sometimes the folded wings may appear pink due to the red patch showing underneath.

While nymphs and adults are easily visible as they gather on trunks, stems and fruits, the withering of plants can also be a sign of an infestation.

At Good Luck Cellars in Kilmarnock, owner Katie Krop has been on the lookout for any signs of the pest on their 25 acres of grapevines for the last three to four years.

“We scout for it, but we’re not doing anything prophylactically,” she said.

Based on experiences in Pennsylvania vineyards, yields were reduced by as much as 80-90% once populations were established. VCE also stated in the 2019 report that “heavy feeding resulted in the death of most vines, with surviving vines failing to set fruit.”

The VCE office has provided growers with information on detection and VDACS manages an eradication program that they say “should lead to lowered local populations.” There are both chemical and mechanical approaches to eliminating them: insecticide applications along with scraping egg masses or banding trees with adhesive traps to catch nymphs. Along with eradicating the Tree-of-Heaven to keep SLF numbers down, there is also a “trap-tree” approach which uses the SLF’s attraction to the tree as a way to trap and exterminate them using systemic insecticides. Because they are systemic, only SLFs that feed on the tree are affected, protecting beneficial insect populations.

Since fruit trees are also at risk, Cathy Calhoun is taking a proactive approach to protecting the orchards that are vital to producing the hard ciders at Ditchley



With wings spread, the distinctive red banding becomes visible. Photo courtesy of Eric Day and Virginia Tech



A group of adults gather on grapevine in Pennsylvania. Photo courtesy of Erica Smyers and Penn State

Cider Works in Kilmarnock.

Although they haven't seen any, as of yet, they spray "a dormant oil early for overwintering eggs, and the ducks and guineas would have a feast with the adults. They're too colorful to go unnoticed," she said. This spraying happens in late winter well before any buds appear. "The heavy oil can't go on trees once they are to the green tip stage without potential leaf tip damage," said Calhoun.

The oil, a mixture of canola oil, dish soap, copper hydrate and water, not only kills all overwintering eggs, not just from the SLF, but it also protects against fire blight and scabs. There are also pre-mixed commercially available oils, which many horticulturists now recommend in favor of insecticides since they pose little risk to humans, birds or beneficial insects.

With a Virginia timber industry valued at \$21 billion, a wine industry now at \$5 billion and growing, a \$235 million apple crop (#6 in the nation), and a burgeoning hops market, the economy of the Commonwealth is reliant on agriculture related to these plants. Those industries are just as reliant on everyone being vigilant in stopping or reducing the spread of this invasive insect.

According to the USDA's website, "the public has played a key role in detecting the spotted lanternfly and the success of stopping its spread depends on help from the public to look for and report signs of the pest."

If you spot what you might think is a spotted lanternfly, you are encouraged to take a specimen or photograph and contact the Virginia Cooperative Extension office: Northumberland, 7154 Northumberland Highway, Heathsville. Phone: 580-5694; Lancaster, 8311 Mary Ball Road, Suite 302. Phone: 462-5780.

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Vintage sawmill in Mathews is unique; does custom work



Wesley Sanger and his dog Lola stand by his 100-plus-year-old sawmill at Potato Point in Mathews County.

story and photos by Larry Chowning

Surrounded by pine trees and cattails, down on Potato Neck Road in the Peary area of Mathews County near Winter Harbor, is where Wesley Sanger saws lumber.

Arriving at Sanger's lumberyard, on the narrow road that winds from Port Haywood down towards the Chesapeake Bay, there is a sweet smell of sawdust and freshly cut pine in the air. There is also a faint scent of creek mud.

"I've never had the tide come up to my sawmill, but I've seen it come up into the road (leading into the mill), said Sanger. "It is low land and yellow pine trees love it."

"Most people don't know this but yellow pine grows better in common soil," he said. "The lower the land, the more common the soil, the better the pine tree grows."

Sanger's sawmill is a seasonal business. When the deer flies come in the summer the mill shuts down and Sanger switches from sawyer to waterman. "When the deer flies come, I'm done!" He said with a laugh. "I go fishing!" He has commercial hook and line, gill net and haul seine fishing licenses that he uses when he is not sawing lumber.



The mill uses two 52-inch wide blades. This one is ready to travel to North Carolina where it will be "hammered" out on an anvil by a trained smithy.



Wood can be cut to custom width and length at the yard.



There are 54 teeth on the saw blade and all have to be, from time to time, professionally hammered for tension and shape.

“The deer flies will eat you alive and the buzzing noises drive me crazy,” he said. Sanger cuts enough lumber during the cool weather months that when the deer flies arrive he has enough to cover his customers’ needs.

*“This is the way it was done years ago when there was a sawmill in just about every neighborhood. Those days are gone!”
-Wesley Sanger*

The Sawmill

His sawmill is more than 100 years old and it came from Belle Air in Hardyville in Middlesex County. It had belonged to E.L. Gilbert, a sawyer who had run the mill at Belle Air.

About 25 years ago, Sanger learned that the sawmill was there, although scattered in many pieces. Part of the mill was in the barn, while some was still where Gilbert had left it near a cornfield.

Gilbert’s son, the late Tommy Gilbert, sold the sawmill to Sanger and guided him through the process of setting it up and he provided advice. “Tommy told me that this saw was a pine cutter,” said Sanger. “He said that mountain people had saws that could cut hardwood better than what we have here, but we could cut pine better.”

“I thought at the time that can’t be, a saw is a saw and how could that be,” said Sanger. “What Tommy was saying is that the setup of the saw is different for each type of wood. We cut more pine down here, so we are more used to setting up a saw to cut softer wood. Mountain [mills] cut more hardwood



A profitable by-product of the mill is the sawdust pile sold to area horse farmers for application on the floors of stalls and barns.

and their saws are setup for oak and other hardwoods. I can cut hardwood and I do, but using my saw takes me longer because it is not as natural to me as when I saw pine.”

The blade on Sanger’s saw is 52-inches wide and has 54 teeth. He has two blades with the mill. One is packed and ready to be shipped to North Carolina to be “hammered” back into place. Sanger said that a very knowledgeable craftsman will place the blade on an anvil and hammer it with two different types of hammers, one for tension and another to shape the teeth back into place. “It is a dying art,” said Sanger. “The man in North Carolina is the only person I know anywhere who can take a 100-plus-year-old blade and bring it back into shape.”

The Wood

Sanger specializes in yellow pine but also cuts and sells poplar, white oak, and red cedar. “Yellow pine grows like crab grass down here,” he said.

Most of the pine and poplar is for the home building industry and he will sell it retail at the mill or wholesale to local lumber companies. He also has a strong boatbuilding customer base. His air-dried lumber is ideal for boatbuilding.

“If a boatbuilder needs a 2-inches thick bottom plank in a boat, I can cut it 2 1/2 inches thick and he can plane it down to 2 inches or I can cut it 2 inches thick,” he said. “You go buy a 2-inch thick board anywhere else, it is going to be planed down to a 1 1/2-inch thick board and it probably is going to be kiln dried. A kiln dried piece of lumber will soak up water like a sponge. Air dry lumber holds up so much better on the side of a house and anywhere rain water is going to get to it,” he said. “A many an old house in Mathews County has air-dried pine boards on its sides,” said Sanger.

The yard is one of the last sawmills left where wooden boatbuilders can order custom cut boards for repair on boats. “When they are trying to fit a new plank in on the bottom of an old boat, it needs to be the same thickness as the old ones on the boat,” he said. “I can



Wesley Sanger stands with his grandchildren Abigail and Bedford Collins, along with Lola the family dog, posing for a photograph at Sanger’s sawmill in Mathews County.

custom cut them that way.”

Inside his barn, Sanger has several 2 1/2 inches by 18 inches by 24 inches long, well-seasoned pine boards that he cut for himself several years ago. “I was going to make a barge out of it,” said Sanger. “I just haven’t gotten around to it, but I got the boards to do it.”

Recently, a customer came to Sanger needing a true 3/4-inch thick board to enlarge an 1820s door for an outbuilding. Sanger took a piece of air-dried lumber and cut it to the desired width and length. “That’s what a mill like mine can do,” said Sanger. “This is the way it was done years ago when there was a sawmill in just about every neighborhood. Those days are gone!”

For information on Sanger’s lumberyard, call Sanger at 804-725-5230 or 804-384-8855.



Wesley Sanger cuts mostly yellow pine boards for boatbuilding and house construction.

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Rid kitchen of insects

Spring cleaning is a ritual in many homes, though some might be forgetting to address an area of their homes that can be especially vulnerable to insect infestations. According to PestWorld.org, kitchen cabinets and pantries used to store spices and baking items, such as flour, can make for inviting hideouts for various types of pests. These unwelcome guests include beetles, Indian meal moths and ants. To remedy this issue or prevent insects from becoming an issue, discard stale spices or dated baking items. Once such items have been removed from the cabinets and pantry and discarded, wipe down the interior of the spaces before installing fresh shelf paper. If the critters didn't make their presence known in the cabinets, that doesn't mean they haven't made your kitchen home over the winter. Some might have opted to spend their winters behind appliances, including the stove and the refrigerator. As a result, it's best to pull these appliances off the wall each spring, sweeping or vacuuming the dust and crumbs you find before mopping the floors.

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HISTORIC GARDEN WEEK

Northern Neck shuttle bus tour will explore Northumberland County's historic Mundy Point

History and modern architecture are perfectly blended and framed by Mill and Wilkins creeks that feed the Yeocomico and nearby Potomac rivers in the picturesque community of Mundy Point in historic Northumberland County.

On Wednesday, April 27, the Garden Club of the Northern Neck's Historic Garden Week Tour showcases five architecturally designed homes with spectacular waterfront views and modern gardenscapes.

The homes offer insight into Mundy Point's present and historical past. Invading British

troops used the location as entry to burn and pillage much of the Northern Neck during the War of 1812 in retribution for the sinking of British warships off of its shores. The thriving steamboat trade passing its shores enhanced Mundy Point's farm fields, crab pots and oyster beds that still characterize the area and represents a continuing legacy of its commercial and agricultural past.

This tour will offer the experience of a variety of homes and gardens with expansive water views. Each of the architect-designed homes presents a number of different styles, including contemporary, mid-century modern, and southern and New England coastal. Landscaping ranges from natural woodlands and informal farm settings to more formal gardens.



IN ARREARS FARM

This home is approached through woodlands inspired by those of Pennsylvania's Longwood Gardens, which in the spring manifest a profusion of flowers in bloom. Situated at the head of Mill Creek, this property and adjoining horse pasture and stable overlook vast wetlands inhabited by eagles and other native wildlife. The wetlands abut Kissinger Springs, a freshwater pond, formerly the site of a well known grist mill. This New England style coastal home was designed by its Maine architect to provide water views from almost every room. Flooring throughout the house is taken from heart of pine logs recovered from a river bottom near Pensacola, Fla., and the cherry kitchen cabinets were milled on site from trees on the property. The home at 219 Creekview Lane is owned by Bill Wine.



THE POINT

The Point's home, garden and entertainment spaces are beautifully defined by rose-covered archways, cascading stone walkways and multi-level terraces. First registered as "Prickly Pear Point," its original brick rambler was replaced in 2007 by the current owner and her late husband Jim Lake with a structure designed to appear as if it were built and added onto over time. A mix of historically appropriate materials and features define the home's additions that include a Spanish-tiled roof and stone-columned portico, a mudroom floored with pre-Civil War forged bricks, a massive stone cooking fireplace in the heart of the brick-alcove kitchen and a glassed sunroom leading to the upper-level terrace, pool and raised garden areas. Cobblestone and Pennsylvania blue stone pathways lead to the property's oar house, boathouse, fire pit and vine-covered grotto covering a terrace original to the property. The home at 536 Mill Creek View Lane is owned by Cynthia S. Hudson.

HISTORIC GARDEN WEEK

PATRIOT'S PLACE

This architect-designed coastal farmhouse is situated on the west side of Mundy Point with expanded views of Wilkins Creek. The property is framed by pine woodlands that affords privacy and nesting sites for eagles and numerous other wildlife. Constructed in 2011, this two-story home has an open floor plan that easily accommodates large family gatherings. It offers a beautiful setting that showcases the owners' collection of American and English antiques, local and regional art and Native American pieces. The house orientation, in addition to its four exterior porch areas, takes full advantage of the prime waterfront property and gives all living areas direct water views. The home at 2363 Mundy Point Road is owned by Mary Jane and Scott Thompson.



WARWICK BANKS

This peninsula projecting into Mill Creek includes farmland, pine and hardwood forests, and wetlands. Its history as a once-larger farm is evidenced by its late 19th century two-story farmhouse, red barn with attached woodshed and artist's studio. A brick ranch-style house was constructed in 1947. All structures were in a deteriorated state until renovated in 2005 by the current owners with the intent of maintaining as much of the original character as possible. With 270-degree views of Mill Creek, the open floor plan of the main house, organized around a central fireplace, places an emphasis on natural materials—stone, brick and wood—and showcases a collection of modern paintings, sculptures, prints and ceramics. The home at 1452 Mundy Point Road is owned by Susan and Monte Lake.

WILLOW OAK

Nestled under a majestic 150-year-old willow oak tree, this property was completed in 2018 and consists of a three-bedroom main residence, two-bedroom guest house, garage and dock house. Just off the Yeocomico River, the residence features a dramatic two-story entryway with a floating wood staircase, polished concrete floors, reclaimed heart pine posts and beams and retracting glass door panels connecting the interior spaces with picturesque water views on three sides. The infinity pool and screened porch further accentuate the home's connection to her natural surroundings. This contemporary home won "Best of Rural Residential" in the 2020 Best of LaCantina competition. The home at 302 Feriazzo Lane is owned by Brenda and Jim Gianiny.



Tour headquarters

The shuttle bus tour will be offered on Wednesday, April 27, beginning at tour headquarters, 1530 Mundy Point Road, Callao. Shuttle buses will run from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. between tour headquarters and each of the five houses which may be visited in any order. Complimentary refreshments available at headquarters from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Lunch

Box lunches must be pre-ordered by April 16 for \$18 each. For menu options see: ststephensheathsville.org. Vegetarian lunches will be available upon request. Online order and payment is preferred at ststephensheathsville.org. If ordering by mail, make checks payable to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Mail to Ellen Kirby, P.O. Box

40, Heathsville, VA 22473. Pick up lunches from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on tour day at tour headquarters. Picnic table seating will be available at tour headquarters.

Parking

Parking and restrooms will be available only at tour headquarters. Houses are not handicapped accessible. Tour visitors are reminded to wear comfortable walking shoes.

Tickets

Advance tickets are encouraged. Tickets are \$40 per person, sold in advance at vagardenweek.org. Day of tour ticket sales will be available by credit card only.

Gloucester-Mathews Historic Garden Week House and Garden Tour features four homes nestled on the pristine waters of the East River

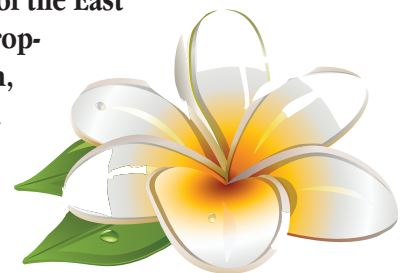
The 2022 edition of the annual Gloucester-Mathews Historic Garden Week House and Garden Tour is set for two sessions on Saturday, April 23. The morning session runs 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and the afternoon session runs 1:30-5:30 p.m.

All details are available at www.vagardenweek.org/tours/gloucester/.

The stops on this year's Mathews-focused tour include Eastham, Riverlawn, Samarkand and The Cottage. Mathews is nestled along the East River leading to the Mobjack and Chesapeake bays. It was voted one of the "Coolest Small Towns in America" due to its

quaint, historic downtown that offers shopping, dining, art galleries and charming B&Bs.

Reflecting this maritime heritage, all the homes on tour are situated on the pristine waters of the East River. Visitors will tour four historic properties near each other and downtown, including an elegant home surrounded by expansive gardens built by a shellfish tycoon and classic 19th century sea captains' homes.



Samarkand

Open for the first time, Samarkand embraces 26 bucolic acres on Woodas Creek, an estuary of the East River. Visitors will find beauty throughout from the winding allée of crepe myrtles that frame the driveway to mature gardens containing an extensive collection of specimen trees, camellias, boxwood, and perennials. The three-story Federal-style home was built in 1927. Its classically elegant interior with marble foyer, raised-panel wainscoting, and coffered ceilings is the perfect backdrop for an eclectic art collection.



HISTORIC GARDEN WEEK

Eastham

Eastham was once known as Nottingham House and stood in the middle of Mathews village. It's now nestled among pines, giant magnolias, and great oaks along the East River. The house is a three-story, two-over-two Greek revival-style frame house from approximately 1825. It has heart pine floors throughout, many still showing the careful numbering necessary for proper reconstruction at the new site. All rooms have river views. The current owners added a pool and pool house and have mixed old and reproduction furniture with current artwork for a breezy up-to-date style throughout.



Riverlawn

Open for the first time, Riverlawn is a classic white frame home on 25 acres along the East River. It was built in 1874, is on the National Register of Historic Places, and has undergone an impressive restoration starting in 2012. The interior is a four-over-four central hall plan repeated on three floors, with a staircase that provides formal access to all levels. A lovely side porch takes in sweeping views of the river. The extensive art collection focuses on water-related and rural themes.

The Cottage

Open for the first time, The Cottage was built circa 1931 and was raised and completely remodeled in 2017 with views of the East River from every window. The house has an open feeling, and with its neutral color-scheme, gives a sunny, minimalist vibe which sets off the artwork beautifully. The dining room still has its original stained glass in the windows and a welcoming porch runs the whole width of the house on the river side.



Tour headquarters

Christ Episcopal Church at 320 Williams Wharf Road in Mathews will serve as the tour headquarters. Docent-led tours of the church will be offered from 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and there will be an organ concert between noon and 1 p.m. Tickets and maps will be available on tour day.

Lunch

Pre-order \$15 box lunches from Nuttall's Country Store before Friday, April 15, by calling 804-693-3067 or emailing nuttallstore@gmail.com. Pick-up at Williams Wharf Landing 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pavilion seating and parking available. There will also be a food truck available at Brent and Becky's Bulbs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tickets

Tickets are \$45 per person. Two-hundred tickets will be sold online for each of the morning and afternoon tours at VAGardenWeek.org. The tour is expected to sell out. Any remaining tickets will be available day of tour at the headquarters. Tickets not available at homes.

Parking & Shuttles

Free parking is available at Samarkand, Riverlawn, The Cottage and Eastham and are located within five minutes of each other via shuttles. Free parking is available at the shuttle lot, which is located across from headquarters at 320 Williams Wharf Road. Shuttles begin and end at the shuttle lot with the last shuttle pick up at 5 p.m.

Special Activities

Bay School Community Arts Center on Main Street, Mathews, will host several artists painting flower arrangements inside and outside of the gallery; a free creative flower art activity for children; and "An Artist's Journey," a yearly show that focuses on a student artist.

A complimentary walking tour of Mathews charming downtown area will leave from the Mathews County Visitors Center, 239 Main St., at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tours are approximately 30 minutes.

Arts on Main, 6580 Main St., Gloucester, will be hosting an April display of special artists. Please visit gloucesterarts.org for the most current description.

Master Gardeners of Gloucester will be available for guided tours of Brent and Becky's Bulbs Chesapeake Bay-friendly gardens from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Brent and Becky's is at 7900 Daffodil Lane in Gloucester. Its phone number is 804-693-3996 and its email is brentandbeckysbulbs.com.



King and Queen County also has homes tour

Brookshire is one of the five homes in the Garden Club of the Middle Peninsula King and Queen County's Buena Vista District tour, which is returning after a two-year COVID-19-related hiatus. Located at 380 Dudley Ferry Road in Mattaponi, along the Mattaponi River, Brookshire is at the site of the 17th century Dudley's Ferry. The tour features morning and afternoon tours on Friday, April 29. Its homes are in settings of towering shade trees and three offer sweeping river views of the York or Mattaponi rivers. Advance tickets are \$35 and are available online at www.vagardenweek.org. No day-of-tour tickets are offered. The website also has info on the other tour stops and additional information.

Signs of septic system malfunction

Homeowners recognize that their work is never done. Homes require maintenance that runs the gamut from daily tasks like cleaning kitchen countertops to more significant undertakings like replacing roofs. For many homeowners, keeping their homes running smoothly involves tending to septic systems.

Estimates from various sources indicate that roughly one in five homes in the United States has a septic system. Homeowners who live in areas with regional sewage systems may not give much thought to the operation and maintenance of their wastewater and disposal system. But that responsibility typically rests squarely on the shoulders of homeowners whose homes have septic systems. Learning to maintain septic systems so they operate safely and efficiently is essential. Homeowners should know that recognizing signs of septic system malfunction is vital to avoiding potentially costly, messy accidents that can put the health of humans and local wildlife in jeopardy.

What happens when a septic system malfunctions?

The Washington State Department of Health notes that a malfunctioning septic system is a threat to the health of both humans and animals as well as the environment. When a septic system is malfunctioning, untreated sewage can be released and end up in places where it shouldn't be, such as groundwater, surface water and marine water. That's true even if it's not visible to the naked eye. Humans and animals are in danger when septic systems malfunction because untreated sewage contains pathogens and other contaminants that can make them sick.

What are the signs of a malfunctioning septic system?

The DOH of Washington State notes that properly maintained septic systems should provide reliable service for many years. Part of that maintenance is keeping an eye out for these signs that suggest a system is malfunctioning or

failing:

- Water and sewage from toilets, drains and sinks is backing up into the home.
 - Bathtubs, showers, and sinks drain very slowly.
 - Gurgling sounds are coming from the plumbing system.
 - Standing water or damp spots near the septic tank or drain field.
 - Bad odors around the septic tank or drain field.
 - Bright green, spongy lush grass over the septic tank or drain field, even during dry weather.
 - Algal blooms in nearby ponds or lakes.
 - High levels of nitrates or coliform bacteria in water wells.
- Homeowners with septic systems should make tending to those systems part of their routine home maintenance.

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Behind CLOSED Doors

Tales of a bidet



by Tom Chillemi

Everybody does it. Few talk about what happens when the bathroom door is closed. Who would you tell? I've yet to see a Facebook post about someone's morning "constitutional."

Well, it's time to talk about the benefits of a bidet.

If you're looking for an alternative to toilet paper, read on. If you're squeamish about the subject, that's all the more reason to continue reading. If you want to "improve" your home and yourself, there's a simple attachment that costs about \$50 that could change your approach to personal hygiene — the bidet.

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I hooked it up in a few minutes with just an adjustable wrench. One use and I was a believer.

No permit or plumber is required, unlike a traditional bidet that is a separate fixture.

Bidets are a way to freshen one's "undercarriage" with clean water after taking care of business.

The traditional bidet is a separate fixture that one straddles, as if he or she was on a horse. (The word "bidet" comes from the French word for pony.) Okay, that's too much information, back to the subject.

Attachment bidets cost much less than the traditional ones. The water line is hooked to the existing water inlet under the toilet tank. The nozzle is under the seat. The control knobs are on the side.

The water intensity is controlled by the user with a knob.

I thought cold water would be uncomfortable. It's not. It's more like room temperature. There is a warm water option that requires a second water hose to a hot water pipe. It's unnecessary, but it might be a luxury you owe yourself.

Gentle and effective

Those who have used a bidet know its benefits. A new kind of clean. Gentle control.

You'll never go back to paper. You'll want tell your "friends" that "like" you.

A man who sold his house and hit the road in an RV said the bidet is the one thing he misses.

The bidet attachment is one thing you can take with you if you sell your house.

And, while it improves your life greatly, it will not result in an increase in your real estate assessment.

The marketing says bidets save paper and are an eco-friendly alternative. The truth is, you'll need to dry off, so some paper is needed. But you'll use less. And you'll feel much cleaner.

Too much

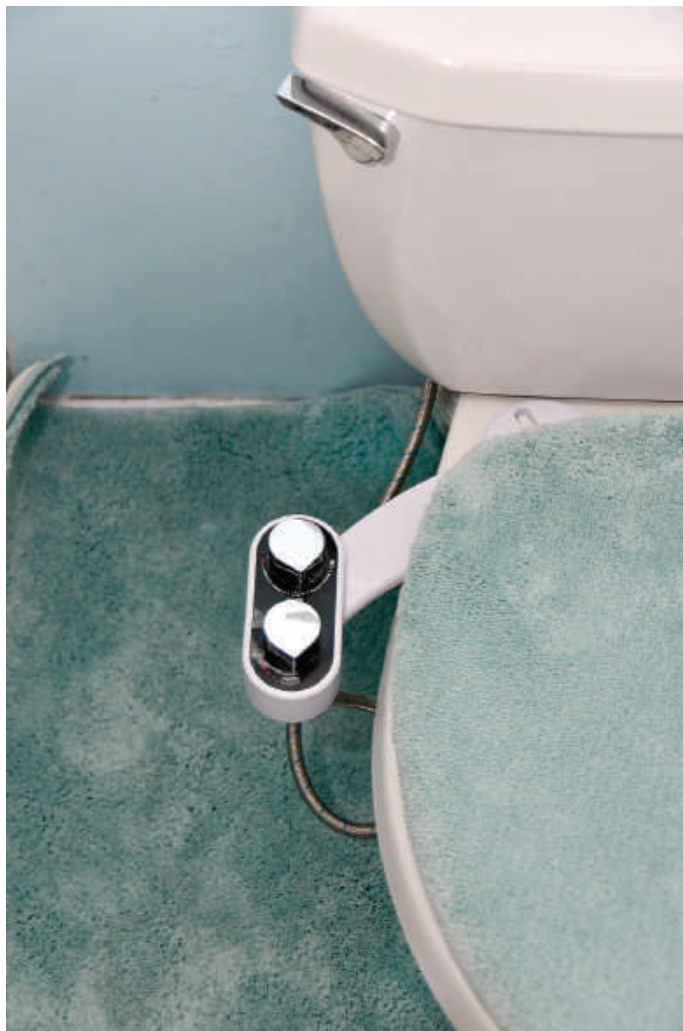
Recently on an "Ask This Old

House" TV episode, a \$5,000 super toilet was featured with a bidet with dryer, an automatic lid, and heated seats — it even had a remote control. Give me a break. Things like this might be God's way of telling people they have too much money.

The attachment bidet just might be the best \$50 you'll ever spend.

A bidet attachment is a great gift for the person who has everything. Just ask John Wilson of Weems. He put a bidet on his family Christmas wish list, sort of as a joke. Well, it is one gift that was truly "transformative."

Be careful what you wish for, you just might get it.



You're in control with bidet knobs that adjust water pressure from gentle to vigorous. Photo by Tom Chillemi

"Can't live without" Weems man says of his bidet gift

by John Wilson

For Christmas 2020, "East Coast family" members drew a name for gift giving, with a \$50 cap.

Each of us filled out a form listing our cheap desires — book titles, types of clothing — and at the end, under "Things that I want," my answers were not rooted in reality. "World healing, and otherwise loads of stuff beyond the dollar limit: better phone, camera, small outboard, lighter paddle board, bathroom vanity, chairs that match, high-speed Internet — and bidet for next toilet paper crisis.

My "West Coast family" members took note. An attachment bidet arrived in a box, installation was easy, and I was, well, bowled over. Using only cold water for a while was a clean and refreshing experience, but adding the hot water line is worth it.

You're just flushed with warmth.

Funny, how something you never had before, becomes something you can't live without.



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Tips for negotiating with contractors

Spring is the season for fixing up a home. Homeowners who aren't interested in doing the work themselves turn to contractors to ensure the job is done not only to code, but on time and efficiently.

After receiving an initial estimate from a contractor, homeowners may wonder if there is any additional wiggle room in contractors' costs.

Certain contractors are willing to negotiate while others are firm in their prices. However, learning the basics of negotiation can put homeowners in position to

save money on dream renovations.

Do your homework

Getting the best price typically requires shopping around and not settling on the first bid. Experts recommend getting at least three estimates on the same job - and be sure to let each contractor know that you are soliciting multiple bids. This alone may entice a specific contractor to give you his or her best offer up front. Avoid simply choosing the lowest bid. Look at quality of work, reputation and reviews. If

you like a costly contractor more than another, see if that contractor is willing to match a lower bid to win the job.

Pick the right season

As with other industries, home renovation work heats up during certain seasons or times of year. General contractors may be more willing to negotiate for a lower price depending on when their busy season may be. Jobs may slow down in winter, for example.

Talk about supplies

Even after getting a good bid, you may be able to speak with your contractor about lowering costs even more by choosing less costly supplies. Find out if contractors can source materials from a low-cost supplier. In addition, discuss if you can purchase your own supplies.

Ask to do a portion

Be honest with the contractor about your budget and figure out if there is any way for you to do some of the work to lower costs. The contractor can give

you jobs that are within your abilities, which can shave dollars off the final price.

Know your rights and laws

Understand the laws governing contract language in your state or province. Contracts should also spell out the change order process so that expectations of changes and costs will be known in advance.

These are just some of the tactics homeowners can use when negotiating the price of home remodels or improvements.

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 In a large bowl, cream the butter and peanut butter until fluffy. Gradually add 1 cup confectioners' sugar and mix well. Stir in coconut and nuts. Turn peanut butter mixture onto a surface lightly dusted with some of the remaining confectioners' sugar; knead in enough of the remaining confectioners' sugar until mixture holds its shape when formed. Shape into small egg-shaped pieces. Cover and chill for 1 hour. In a microwave, melt chocolate chips and shortening; stir until smooth. Dip eggs; allow excess to drip off. Place on waxed paper; let stand until set. Chill.

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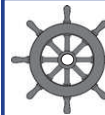
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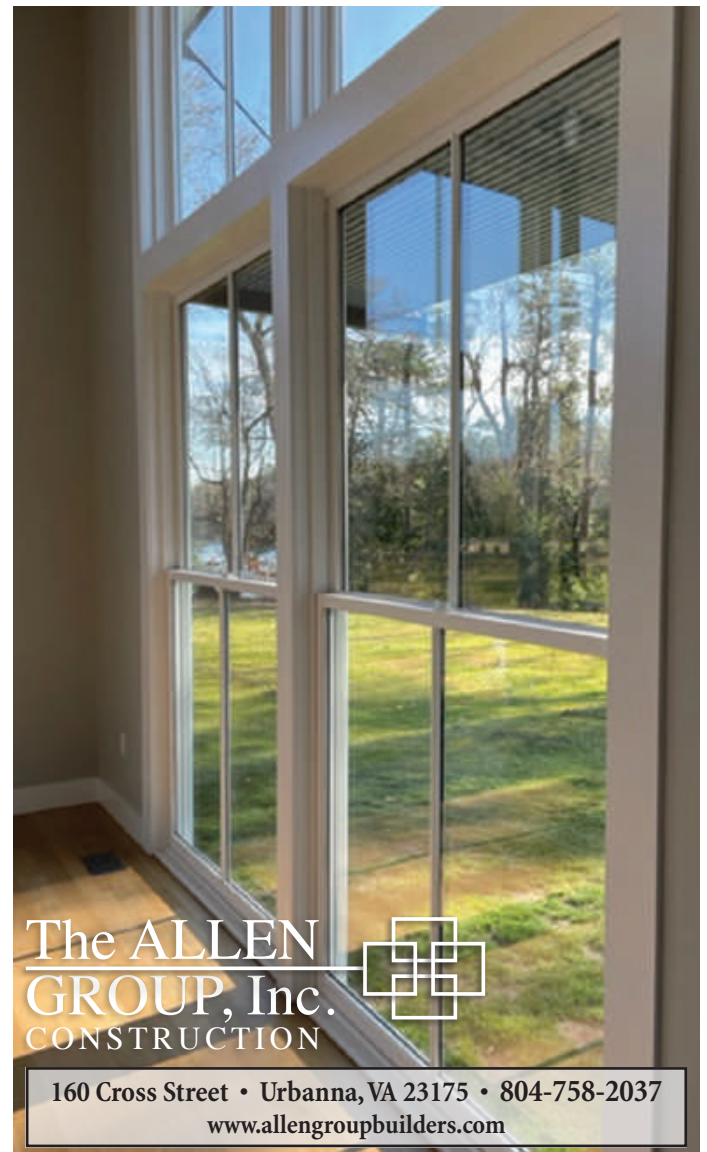
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Virginia housing market experienced a record-breaking year during 2021

by Robin Spensieri

According to the December 2021 Home Sales Report released by Virginia Realtors, Virginia's competitive housing market broke numerous records in 2021.


Last year, there were 154,340 home sales statewide, a surge of 10.2% over 2020. Nearly every local market across Virginia had more home sales in 2021 than the previous year.

Much of Virginia saw rapid price gains. The Commonwealth's annual median sales price was \$350,000, a \$30,000 jump from 2020, which is a 9.4% increase. This is the largest annual price gain the state has had in years. This strong price growth was fueled by historically low mortgage interest rates, record sales activity, and the tight inventory of homes available.

Inventory shortage





The inventory shortage continues to be a major challenge in Virginia. There were just 13,469 active listings throughout the state at the end of December, a 24.2% drop from a year ago, which is nearly 4,300 fewer listings. "Virginia's housing market is very strong. The biggest challenge in the market is a lack of inventory. Sales are slowing down a bit because buyers are having a hard time finding homes to consider," said Virginia Realtors 2022 President Denise Ramey.

Driven by climbing prices and strong demand, Virginia's sold dollar volume also swelled to record levels in 2021. There was about \$66.8 billion of total sold volume in 2021, more than a 22% increase from 2020 — an increase of about \$12.1 billion through the course of the entire year.




Home prices climb as inventory shrinks

Source: Chesapeake Bay & Rivers Association of Realtors®

Real Estate Market Statistics		 GLOUCESTER	 MATHEWS	 MIDDLESEX	 TOTAL TRI COUNTY AREA
2019	Sold	417	163	175	755
	Median Days on Market	44	73	69	53
	Median Sales Price	\$249,000	\$207,000	\$247,950	\$243,500
2020	Sold	487	202	239	928
	Median Days on Market	19	55	45	30
	Median Sales Price	\$266,600	\$251,000	\$260,000	\$263,000
2021	Sold	482	206	212	900
	Median Days on Market	8	17	14	10
	Median Sales Price	\$285,600	\$312,500	\$350,000	\$295,000
2022 To February 28	Active	24	28	22	79
	Sold	45	25	16	86
	Median Days on Market	13	43	24	19
	Median Sales Price	\$300,000	\$345,000	\$331,000	\$313,500

Data: March 7, 2022 CBRAR Property Services, Inc.



Quick sales

The strong demand for homes in 2021 led to a major decrease in the number of days homes remained on the market. Statewide, the average days on market was just 25 days, which is 16 days less than 2020's average.

While these numbers are staggering, the majority of home sales activity took place early in the year. Starting in the fall, sales activity began to cool in many markets around Virginia. "At the end of 2021, home sales activity slowed compared to the very fast pace of the previous year at the same time," said Virginia Realtors Chief Economist Lisa Sturtevant, PhD. "Nevertheless, demand remained very strong over the year."

Outlook for spring and summer

While home sales have cooled slightly, buyer demand is strong and sales activity would be busier if there was more inventory, according to Sturtevant. "Last year, the region saw a surge of second home and out of town buyers, and this part of the market has cooled slightly, as well," she said. "While seasonal housing and second homes will always be in demand in the region, we may see a slower pace of second home buying activity compared to the very busy pace during the pandemic."

Sturtevant said she expects there to be an uptick in buyer activity this spring, as some prospective home buyers will be trying to get into the market before interest rates rise further. However, they are going to find very few options available for sale. "I expect as we head into summer, higher rates and rising prices will

Figure 12. Inventory, December



Source: Virginia REALTORS®, data accessed January 15, 2022
Note: Active listings at the end of the month.

“I expect as we head into summer, higher rates and rising prices will put a pinch on some buyers and we could see somewhat slower sales traffic. But underlying housing market fundamentals are strong and I expect prices to continue to rise steadily in the Chesapeake Bay and Rivers and Northern Neck footprints.”
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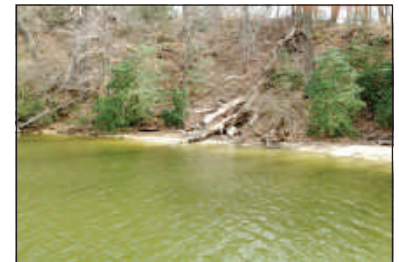


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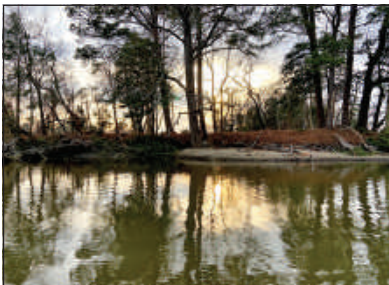
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