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## MES All-You-Can-Eat Crab Feast/Meet-&-Greet J. KING'S Restaurant, Gambrills, Maryland

A Maryland Entomological Society All-You-Can-Eat Crab Feast/Meet-&-Greet will be held on **Sunday, 17 September 2017**, at J. KING'S Restaurant, 329 Gambrills Road, Gambrills, Maryland. The event is scheduled to begin at **1:00 p.m.**

**Location:** **J. KING'S Restaurant, 329 Gambrills Road, Gambrills (Anne Arundel County), Maryland**

**Coordinator:** **Gene Scarpulla, Editor, *The Maryland Entomologist*, Maryland Entomological Society**

Come join fellow MES members for an All-You-Can-Eat Crab Feast/Meet-&-Greet. There are approximately 125 members in the Society. This is an opportunity to come out of the lab or field and get to know your fellow members. Please feel free to invite your spouse to this event. J. KING'S is centrally located between Baltimore, Washington, Annapolis, and Columbia. And if you are sports oriented, J. KING'S has an abundance of televisions on their walls. (Note: The Cleveland Browns vs. Baltimore Ravens game is at 1:00 p.m. and the Washington Redskins vs. Los Angeles Rams game is at 4:25 p.m.)

**Date and Time:** Sunday, 17 September 2017; 1:00 p.m. (Once steamed crabs are on the table, the "all-you-can-eat" lasts for 2 hours.)

**Menu:** The All-You-Can-Eat Crab Feast menu includes steamed hardshell Blue Crabs, *Callinectes sapidus* Rathbun (Decapoda: Portunidae); corn-on-the-cob, *Zea mays* Linnaeus (Poales: Poaceae); and Maryland crab soup, *Soupa callinectes marylandica*.

J. KING'S purchases their hardshell crabs from close to 15 different purveyors. They are one of the largest purchasers of hardshell crabs in the region. They do everything within their power to ensure that each and every crab that they serve is fresh, heavy, and cooked to perfection.

**Cost:** The All-You-Can-Eat Crab Feast menu is \$39.99 per person. If you are not interested in eating steamed crabs, you can order off of the regular menu at regular prices. **If you plan to attend, please contact Gene at [ejscarp@comcast.net](mailto:ejscarp@comcast.net) by Monday, 11 September 2017 to make a reservation.** (Gene needs to give the restaurant a head count for crab ordering purposes and for space allocation.)

Also, please indicate if you will not be eating steamed crabs and will be ordering off the regular menu instead

**Parking:** There is ample free parking behind the restaurant.

### Directions from Annapolis

- Take I-97 north to Exit 7 to MD-3 south Bowie.
- Turn right at 1st traffic light (MD-175 West).
- Go 1 mile, turn right onto Gambrills Road.
- They are 1/2 mile on the right.

### Directions from Baltimore

- Take I-97 south to Exit 7 to MD-3 south.
- Turn right at 1st light (MD-175 west).
- Go 1 mile, turn right onto Gambrills Road.
- They are 1/2 mile on the right.

### Directions from Columbia and MD-295

- Take MD-32 east to Burns Crossing Road exit.
- Turn left onto Burns Crossing Road.

- Turn left onto MD-175 east.
- Take a left onto Gambrills Road.
- They are 1/2 mile on the right.

### Directions from Washington, DC

- Take I-95 north to MD-32 towards Fort Meade.
- Turn right onto MD-175 toward Odenton.
- Take a left (4 miles) onto Gambrills Road.
- They are 1/2 mile on the right.

### Directions from US-50

- Take MD-3 North.
- Go 8 miles to MD-175 West (traffic light) and turn left.
- Go 1 mile, turn right onto Gambrills Road.
- They are 1/2 mile on the right

## MES Fall 2016 Events

### 17 September 2017: MES All-You-Can-Eat Crab Feast/Meet-&-Greet

### 20 October 2017: Lecture/Meeting

**Speaker:** Dr. Dale Greenwalt, Department of Paleobiology, Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington DC

**Topic:** Fossil insects of the Kishenehn formation and field work in Montana

**Location:** University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC), Biological Sciences Building, Room 004, Baltimore, Maryland (Full details will appear in the October *Phaëton*.)

### 17 November 2017: Lecture/Meeting

**Speaker:** TBD

**Title:** TBD

**Location:** University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC), Biological Sciences Building, Room 004, Baltimore, Maryland (Full details will appear in the November *Phaëton*.)

#### MEET FOR DINNER BEFORE THE LECTURES

If you are interested in meeting for dinner before the lectures, you are invited to join the guest speaker and your fellow MES members at the **Chef Paolino Café** located at **726 Frederick Rd, Catonsville, MD 21228**. If you plan to go to dinner, please email Fred Paras at [bugandrockman@msn.com](mailto:bugandrockman@msn.com) by noon on the day of the lecture. Fred will make a reservation for the group. Please meet at the restaurant promptly at **6:00 p.m.**

For more information concerning upcoming lecture/meetings, please contact one of the following people:

Baltimore Area:	<b>Fred Paras</b>	(410) 374-0425 (Home)	<a href="mailto:bugandrockman@msn.com">bugandrockman@msn.com</a>
	<b>Phil Kean</b>	(410) 944-4630 (Home)	- - -
	<b>Frank Hanson</b>	(410) 997-0890 (Home)	<a href="mailto:hanson@umbc.edu">hanson@umbc.edu</a>
Bowie Area:	<b>Gene Scarpulla</b>	(301) 464-3170 (Home)	<a href="mailto:ejscarp@comcast.net">ejscarp@comcast.net</a>
Southern MD:	<b>Bob Platt</b>	(410) 586-8750 (Home)	<a href="mailto:platt@umbc.edu">platt@umbc.edu</a>



#### Central Maryland Beekeepers Association

Supporting and promoting beekeepers and the viability of honeybees in central Maryland

#### MEMBERS MEETINGS

**Tues, 24 October 2017; 7:00 p.m..**

**Dr. Dewey Caron** of the University of Delaware speaks about "Good News for Beekeepers."

Members meetings are held at the **Oregon Ridge Nature Center, 13555 Beaver Dam Road, Cockeysville, MD**. Additional information can be found at:

<http://www.centralmarylandbees.org/meetings-3/membership-meeting-schedule/>

#### AMERICAN ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY PUBLIC MEETING

**Wed, 25 October; 4:00 p.m.**

**Topic:** TBA

**Speaker:** TBA

The University of Delaware, Allen Lab Conference Room 101, Newark, Delaware (The Allen Lab Building is east of Townsend Hall. See: <http://maps.rdms.udel.edu/map/index.php>)

**Wed, 22 November; 7:00 p.m.**

**Topic:** TBA

**Speaker:** TBA

The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, Ewell Sale Stewart Library, Second Floor, 1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

For additional information, go to:

<http://darwin.ansp.org/hosted/aes/mtgSched.htm>.

#### PROTECTING POLLINATORS IN URBAN LANDSCAPES CONFERENCE

**9-11 October, 2017**

Park Place Hotel

300 E State St.

Traverse City, MI 49684

Additional information can be found at:

<http://ecoipm.org/protecting-pollinators-conference/>

#### 2017 ALL BUGS GOOD AND BAD WEBINAR SERIES

This webinar series discusses troublesome insects such as invasive ants, landscape, vegetable and household pests, as well as beneficial insects such as native pollinators. Webinars are held on the first Friday of every month at 2PM EST.

**Fri, 6 October 2017; 2:00 p.m.**

**Topic:** New Invasive Ants to Know About.

**Speaker:** Dr. Timothy Davis, University of Georgia Extension

Information about upcoming webinars and archives of previous recordings can be found at:

<http://articles.extension.org/pages/74016/2017-all-bugs-good-and-bad-webinar-series>.

#### YOUTH INCENTIVE AWARD

This program by the Coleopterist Society encourages middle and high school aged children to pursue a research project involving Coleoptera and pair with a professional scientist mentor. Those selected get a small budget and money for equipment from Bioquip. This program is currently soliciting mentors to identify and nurture larval coleopterists in their local communities. More information about the program and the application form can be found on the attachment of this month's issue and at:

[http://www.coleopsoc.org/default.asp?Action=Show\\_SocietyInfo&ID=Youth](http://www.coleopsoc.org/default.asp?Action=Show_SocietyInfo&ID=Youth)

The deadline for application is November 1.

#### A BLOG FOR MARYLAND NATURALISTS

Dr. Jeffrey Shultz, a professor at University of Maryland, has started writing blog posts pertaining to wildlife found in Maryland. These blogs are entertaining, and a great way to learn interesting information about insects and other animals.

Read blog posts at:

<https://amarylandnaturalist.blogspot.com/>

#### INSECT ECOLOGIST INTERNSHIP AVAILABLE

The **National Park Service** at the **C&O Canal National Historical Park** is recruiting 1 to 2 **research-based positions** focusing on **invertebrate/insect ecology**.

Applicant will assist the Biologist in identifying collected invertebrate samples taken from rare Appalachian shale barren habitats along the Potomac River in western Maryland. These habitats are globally unique and only occur throughout the mid-Appalachians. Shale barren communities are known to be extremely dry, steep, and often contain a number of rare plant species specially adapted to survive in such an environment. Position will include identification of invertebrates collected in pitfall traps and some statistical analysis. Invertebrate data will be used to identify environmental factors important in determining invertebrate community structure, and will be correlated with downscaled climate data to predict how future changes in climate will affect the composition of these vulnerable communities. The successful applicant will also assist in the sorting and identification of insects and spiders collected from forests disturbed by the invasive Japanese stiltgrass. This project will aim to examine environmental factors affecting the nutritional ecology of a common forest spider, including insect diversity and density, invasive plant species abundance, and habitat structure. Work will also identify the impacts of an invasive grass on prey availability and understory forest structure.

Prior experience with insect identification is encouraged but not required, though the desire and motivation to learn is necessary. Work schedule and length of position is flexible. Though stipends are not currently available, work can qualify for school credit pending coordination between your advisor and the NPS.

If interested, please send resume to Dr. Andrew Landsman at [Andrew\\_Landsman@nps.gov](mailto:Andrew_Landsman@nps.gov).

#### UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENTOMOLOGY COLLOQUIA

**Fri, 15 September 2017, 12:00 p.m.**

**“Environmental impacts of the renewable fuel standards program”**

Dr. Dilip Venugopal, AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellow

**Fri, 22 September 2017, 12:00 p.m.**

**TBA**

Speaker: TBA

**Fri, 29 September 2017, 12:00 p.m.**

**TBA**

Speaker: TBA

**Fri, 6 October 2017, 12:00 p.m.**

**“TBA”**

Dr. James Lamsdell, West Virginia University Department of Geology and Geography

**Fri, 13 October 2017, 12:00 p.m.**

**“Developing tools for managing turfgrass diseases in the mid-Atlantic”**

University of Maryland Turfgrass Pathology

Entomology colloquia take place in 1130 Plant Sciences Building, College Park, MD. For additional information, go to: <http://entomology.umd.edu/calendar.html>.

#### 2017/2018 PROPOSED MES EVENT SCHEDULE

Regular MES lecture/meetings are held at the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each of 6 months coinciding with UMBC's academic year. Proposed events for the upcoming MES membership year are:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Sep 17	Crab Feast/Meet-&-Greet at J. KING'S Restaurant	
Oct 20	TBD	Lecture
Nov 17	TBD	Lecture
Feb 16	TBD	Lecture
Mar 16	TBD	Lecture
Apr 20	TBD	Lecture
May 18	Members' & Students' Presentations & Elections	
TBD	Survey/Field Trip	

#### OCT 2017-SEP 2018 MES MEMBERSHIP YEAR OFFICERS

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**SUBMITTAL DEADLINE**

SEP 2017 issue of the *Phaëton*:

Please send member news items by 1 September 2017.  
Send e-newsletter drafts to Aditi at [aditid26@gmail.com](mailto:aditid26@gmail.com).

SEP 2019 issue of *The Maryland Entomologist*:

Please send first drafts of articles and notes by 1 April 2019.  
Send journal drafts to Gene at [ejscarp@comcast.net](mailto:ejscarp@comcast.net).

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**THE MOTHS**

Mary Oliver

There's a kind of white moth, I don't know  
what kind, that glimmers  
by mid-May  
in the forest, just  
as the pink mocassin flowers  
are rising.

If you notice anything,  
it leads you to notice  
more  
and more.

And anyway  
I was so full of energy.  
I was always running around, looking  
at this and that.

If I stopped  
the pain  
was unbearable.

If I stopped and thought, maybe  
the world  
can't be saved,  
the pain

was unbearable.

Finally, I noticed enough.  
All around me in the forest  
the white moths floated.

How long do they live, fluttering  
in and out of the shadows?

You aren't much, I said  
one day to my reflection  
in a green pond,  
and grinned.

The wings of the moths catch the sunlight  
and burn  
so brightly.

At night, sometimes,  
they slip between the pink lobes  
of the moccasin flowers and lie there until dawn,  
motionless  
in those dark halls of honey.