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ECA's 4th Home & Garden Tour Attracts Artists

Plein Air Artists to Paint Eastport Homes & Gardens

ANNAPOLIS, MD (March 3) – Eastport Civic Association (ECA) organizers have several reasons to claim its 4th Annual Home & Garden Tour Sunday, June 21, 1- 5 p.m. as one of its most unique.

More than 20 artists from the Mid-Atlantic Plein Air Painters Association will attend this year's Eastport Home and Garden Tour to paint the tour properties on the historic waterfront peninsula en plein air, or outside. "Catching the morning light, the artists will choose their perfect location from among the tour's participating homes to create works in oil, watercolor, acrylic or pastel," said Rosemary Freitas, Plein Air Painters organizer.

"When the tour ends, participating strollers will be able to view the completed works which will also be available for purchase," said Phyllis Emmett, tour chair. The "show and sale" will take place at the tour headquarters on 222 Severn Ave. The property, possessing its own artistic and architectural qualities, is listed on the National Historic Registry and is the former Trumpy Boatyard.

Participating homes and gardens will be within easy walking distance of this site on 2nd & 3rd Streets between Chesapeake and Severn Avenues. Docents will present the home's highlights and answer questions. The tour will take place rain or shine.

"Participants will stroll though an array of unique homes that include the old Eastport firehouse, now a recently renovated residence," Emmett said. "Homes like this underscore the unique maritime culture of this historic neighborhood."

Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 the day of the tour at 222 Severn Ave. Ticket locations and online ordering information will be posted when available at www.eastportcivic.org.

The ECA sponsors this annual event to further its mission of safeguarding the residential and maritime quality of Eastport and engaging in activities that promote, improve and protect the

civic interest and well being of the community. Proceeds from the tour benefit community charities and improvement projects. The 2008 tour drew 450 people and raised more than \$7,000 for Eastport charity projects, including funding 10 Eastport Elementary children to attend an enrichment camp, and contributed funding for the flower baskets on the Eastport bridge.

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