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**Eastport Civic Association Home & Garden Tour: Insider's Peek at
Neighborhood Charm & History**
Special Additions Provide Great Dad's Day Diversion!

ANNAPOLIS, MD (June 5, 2009) – Put on your sensible walking shoes and prepare to meander through Annapolis' most charming and eclectic maritime community -- Eastport! Eastport Civic Association (ECA) organizers are hosting their 4th Annual Home & Garden Tour this Fathers' Day, Sunday, June 21, 1- 5 p.m. rain or shine.

Participating homes include the old Eastport firehouse circa 1910 and the first house on the Eastport Peninsula to have an indoor bathroom.

In addition to the participating homes, the walking tour also includes a stroll by the former location of Annapolis Glass Works. The company produced china, glass and pottery from 1885 to 1902. Today, close-by where old boat yards and the Glass Works stood, Howard Rogers, a master woodworker and owner of the Raven Studio, continues as he has for many decades to create custom maritime signs, models, furniture and more. Places like the Raven continue the tradition of fine craftsmanship that made Eastport famous.

Advance tickets for this exceptional "insider's" opportunity are available for \$20 at Ahh, Coffee!, Palate Pleasers and Eastport Deli (all in the Eastport Shopping Center), K & B True Value Hardware Store on 912 Forest Drive and Fawcett Boat Supplies at City Dock. Tickets are also available online with major credit cards and PayPal at www.eastportcivic.org. Tickets will be available the day of the tour for \$25 at Tour Headquarters -- the renowned maritime business building "222 Severn Avenue."

The property, listed on the National Historic Registry, is the former Trumpy Boatyard, which operated from the late 1930s to the early 1970s. Over a span of 30-some years, Trumpy & Sons built more than 400 luxury wooden motoryachts for celebrities, dignitaries and discerning yachtsmen.

Participating homes and gardens will be within easy walking distance of this site on 2nd & 3rd Streets between Chesapeake and Severn Avenues.

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“Featured homes boast a funky mix of architectural styles found in Eastport, as well as recognize the unique maritime culture of this historic neighborhood,” said Phyllis Emmett, tour chair. “Even dad’s will find some DIY inspiration in several dramatic renovations.”

As an extra attraction, more than 20 artists from the Mid-Atlantic Plein Air Painters Association will be outdoors painting the tour properties. Tour participants will be able to view many of the completed works which will also be available for purchase at 222 Severn Ave. beginning at 4:30 p.m.

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 for seven Eastport Elementary children to attend an enrichment camp, and contributed funding for the flower baskets on the Eastport bridge.

For up-to-date information see www.eastportcivic.org.

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