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### **Eastport Civic Association Home & Garden Tour: Insider's Look at Neighborhood History, Charm & Funk**

ANNAPOLIS, MD (June 6, 2008) – 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 3rd Annual Home & Garden Tour Sunday, June 22, 1- 5 p.m. rain or shine.

Nearly a dozen homes on Chester, Chesapeake, 2nd and 3rd Streets are opening their doors to the strolling visitors. Docents will reveal each home's highlights and answer questions. Tour participants have a chance at a door prize drawing for a Claire Murray hand-hooked nautical rug valued at more than \$100.

"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.

The tour includes a house built by watermen and remodeled by later owners who sought to reserve the home's cottage roots; a house moved from the Naval Academy to Eastport and added onto by successive owners; and a Victorian that was home to an old-time Eastport physician, now expanded in keeping with the original house. Three newer participants display the diversity that is Eastport: An updated 1920s craftsman filled with art; a 1940s cottage saved from being razed was cleverly expanded; and an early 19th century duplex was remodeled to adapt to today's lifestyle.

Advance tickets for this exceptional "insider's" opportunity are available for \$20 at Ahh, Coffee; Long & Foster Realtors and Fawcetts. Tickets are also available with credit cards (VISA, MC, AMEX, Discover) and PayPal at [www.eastportcivic.org](http://www.eastportcivic.org). The Annapolis Maritime Museum, serving as tour headquarters, will have tickets the day of the tour for \$25. For all ticket locations see [www.eastportcivic.org](http://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, said the tour chair. Proceeds from the tour benefit local charities and community improvement projects.

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