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Maryland Day Ceremony – All Invited!

Maryland begins here! All are invited to participate in the annual Maryland Day observance at St. Clement's Island Museum in Colton's Point, Maryland on Friday, March 25, 2011, at 11 a.m.

Commemorate Maryland's first colonial landing at St. Clement's Island on March 25, 1634. Two English ships - The Ark and The Dove - sailed up the Chesapeake Bay and the Potomac River to land at St. Clement's Island. The adventurers aboard established the colony of Maryland. There will be remarks by the St. Mary's County Board of County Commissioners as well as a keynote address by Dr. Bradley Gottfried, President, College of Southern Maryland and a published author on United States history.

The event will take place on the lawn of the museum. As this is an outdoor event, please dress for the weather. In the event of rain, high wind or an extreme low temperature the program will be moved inside the museum and space will be very limited. The museum and grounds are handicap accessible and admission is free. The Maryland Day program is brought to you by the Museum Division of St. Mary's County Department of Recreation and Parks, Friends of the St. Clement's Island and Piney Point Museums, and the St. Mary's County Board of County Commissioners.

For more information about the event call the St. Clement's Island Museum at 301-769-2222. For more information about the St. Clement's Island Museum, Museum Division programs and events, and Maryland history, log on to www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/museums.

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