

DIRECTIONS

- From I-95, take exit 100A and proceed south on RT 272 toward the town of North East.
- Continue to follow MD-272 S through North East
- Turn right onto W Walnut Street and proceed to the Town Park
- The museum is on the right
- 219 W Walnut St, North East, MD 21901



Canvasback wing decoy, work boat stoves

Upper Bay Museum

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You are welcome to join us!

VISIT:

Admission to the museum is free, but all donations are welcome. Our gift shop features local authors & artists.

We are open to the public weekends
Memorial Day through Labor Day, Saturday
10am-4pm & Sunday 12pm-4pm.

If you are unable to visit us during those
times, please contact us to make special
arrangements.

BECOME A MEMBER:

Get a membership application at the
museum, or on our website. Meetings are
held the third Tuesday of each month at the
museum.

VOLUNTEER:

Volunteers are needed to staff the museum
on weekends throughout the summer.

SUPPORT OUR EVENTS:

All funds to rebuild, operate, and improve
the museum and its artifacts and exhibits are
raised by the volunteer members through
visitor donations, gift shop sales,
membership dues, and our annual events:
Dinner Benefit & Auction
Upper Shore Decoy Show

UPPER
BAY
MUSEUM



*Including the
Chesapeake Wooden
Boat Builders School*

*Located in the
North East
Community Park*

www.upperbaymuseum.org

MISSION

To preserve the lifestyle of the commercial waterman and hunter of the Upper Chesapeake Bay.



Rare double sinkbox

HISTORY

A dedicated group of members of the Cecil-Harford Hunters Association, founded in 1950, envisioned the museum in the early 1970s.



Just a few of the decoys on display

In about 1975, the Association purchased a warehouse. A second building was added the next year, and display items were accumulated from donations and loans. The Museum was open only twice each year – during the North East Water Festival, and in October for the Upper Shore Decoy Show, which is the oldest continually running show of its kind in the country.

In 1976, the town of North East created the North East Community Park and made the historic H. L. Harvey's Fish House available to the Association to house the museum. The location is ideal, with a spectacular view of the North East River and the Susquehanna Flats. In 1982, the town made a second building available, which in 2012 welcomed the Chesapeake Wooden Boat Builders School.



Punt Gun



Wall desk, H. L. Harvey Fish Company

HIGHLIGHTS

From the serious market waterfowl hunter to the hardy commercial fisherman, watermen of every description have shaped the culture of this region.

The Upper Bay Museum displays hunting, boating, and fishing artifacts native to the upper Chesapeake Bay. Trace the history of the waterfowl hunter through the exhibits of outlawed gunning rigs and skillfully carved decoys. Follow the progress of Bay boating and fishing with many displays of model boats, nets, marine engines and work boat stoves.

Other displays include:

- An old-time decoy shop
- Boat building tools
- Commercial fishing equipment
- Local Native American artifacts