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JUNE 13:** Great shopping, dining, art. Plus a block party! See page 2.

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**'TASTE' TICKETS
THIS WEEK.** Taste of Cambridge is July 11. Buy your tickets soon! See page 2.

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WHO'S BEST? Which downtown spots won 'Best of the Eastern Shore' honors? See page 4.

The nation is buzzing over Amanda, Jimmie & Sook's, and Cambridge



Amanda Bramble, owner of Jimmie & Sook's



J.M. Clayton crab house on NBC Nightly News



Tom Brokaw talks about Amanda with the Today Show's Ann Curry



A view of the Route 50 bridge from USA Network's feature on Amanda

With all the recent national TV coverage Cambridge has had, will we just be a blip on the screen with our 15 minutes of fame? Or will this have an impact? Time will tell, but already, Jimmie & Sook's reports that people are making special trips to Cambridge—from Pennsylvania, from Ohio, and elsewhere—just to come to the restaurant after seeing it on TV. They're asking for photos with owner Amanda Bramble. Emails are coming in from all over, from Vermont to California, saying what an inspiration Amanda is. And the J&S t-shirts are flying out the door.

If you haven't heard or seen yet, Cambridge has been appearing on TV screens around the nation in the past two weeks. No, there wasn't a big fire or natural disaster (thank goodness). Tom Brokaw was here for a few days in April, and the result was this: Amanda Bramble, owner of Jimmie & Sook's Raw Bar and Grill, was the first "American Character Along Highway 50" featured on USA Network, and then on the *Today Show* and CNBC. Each month, Brokaw will feature another individual in a town along Route 50. And in early 2010, they'll all be part of a documentary. In addition, Brokaw also featured J.M. Clayton, one of the oldest crab houses, in a NBC Nightly News segment about challenges facing the crab industry.

"I think Amanda is emblematic of a lot of people out there struggling with this economy, but they have not given up and they are reinventing the American dream."

TOM BROKAW ON THE TODAY SHOW

But that's not all. Thanks to the wonders of the Internet, those videos have gone viral. The news has gone out by Facebook and Twitter, by email and through websites. So people from Baltimore to Chillicothe, Ohio, are talking about us. Every one of the 46,000+ fans of the Facebook page dedicated to the Maryland Blue Crab saw us.

Congratulations, Amanda, and thanks for helping put Cambridge on the map!

And there's more media coverage

The media blitz continues! **1** Dorchester Center for the Arts executive director Mickey Love, along with board member Shane Walker, will be featured in a 10-minute segment during WMDT-TV's *Good News Delmarva* Sunday, June 14 at 7am. **2** Local mosaic artist Jen Wagner and Cambridge's Mosaic Mural are featured in a multi-page feature in the Brazilian magazine *Kreatori*. **3** WBOC-TV aired a story last week on a group of Cambridge residents coming together to save the historic home at 202 High Street from demolition.

Watch the videos—and keep up with all the media coverage—at cambridgemainstreet.com. Click on "Media/In the News."

ABOUT CAMBRIDGE MAIN STREET

Cambridge Main Street is a volunteer-driven nonprofit dedicated to revitalizing our historic downtown. Contact Executive Director Jim Duffy at office@cambridgemainstreet.com or 410.228.0020.

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Music, fun for Second Saturday, June 13



Mike Elzey

There's a lot to do on Second Saturday, June 13, when shops and galleries stay open until 9pm. Check out the new shows in the art galleries (full listing on page 3). Eat in award-winning restaurants and try fresh-as-can-be soft crabs from Taylors Island at Jimmie & Sook's or organic chicken at Bella Luna. Shop for great summer items and sales in the stores. Be sure to stop by downtown's newest business, Wrap Me Up Boutique (see page 3). Plus, Poplar Street will be closed to traffic for a mini block party with live music by Mike Elzey and his guitar students, cold beverages, and more. Also on Saturday, there's the Friends of the Library's Second Saturday Book Sale, 9am-2pm. Plus the Choptank Sailing Association has its new Second Saturday sailing races starting at 1pm (see www.choptanksa.info). Full details at www.cambridgemainstreet.com.

June 14 Eagleman to bring 1,200 athletes

Look for a lot of athletes—and their family and friends—around town this weekend, in town for the annual Eagleman Ironman 70.3 triathlon on Sunday, June 14. This half-triathlon is a qualifier for the Ironman in Hawaii, so we're talking about some serious competition. Hundreds of area residents get involved with making this event happen. (There may still be time to help out; contact Gerry Boyle at gerry@boyle.net. You can also watch the race excitement along the race routes or at the finish line at Great Marsh Park.

Find out more about the race at www.tricolumbia.org.



**JUNE 11, 18, 25,
3:30–6:30pm
Main Street
Farmers' Market**
Near Academy & Muir Streets. Fresh produce, meats, cheeses, breads, jewelry, and more.

**2nd
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JUNE 13, 5-9pm Second Saturday

Art galleries and shops will stay open late with specials. Full listing of gallery shows and receptions on page 3. Plus block party on Poplar Street.

JUNE 13, 7am WECA Spring Yard Sale

Yard sale throughout the West End neighborhood.

JULY 4, 2pm Fourth of July & Cambridge's 325th Birthday

Celebrate the Fourth and Cambridge's 325th anniversary on the grounds of Governor's Hall at Sailwinds Park. Free! Gates open at 2pm. Bring your grill, tents, chairs, etc. and set up along the shores of the Choptank. You'll have great views of the Boat Parade at 4pm and fireworks at nightfall. Food and vendors will also be on hand.

**2nd
SAT.**

**JULY 11, 5–10pm
Taste of Cambridge
Crab Cook-Off,
contests, music, more.
See story at left.**

**Lots more events at
cambridgemainstreet.com**

Ticket sales begin this week for 'Taste'

Downtown's biggest event of the year is coming up Saturday, July 11. Taste of Cambridge brings out thousands to celebrate the culture of the Maryland Blue Crab and the tradition of our local watermen and crab houses. Come out for the fun and the scrumptious crab dishes!

When: Saturday, July 11, 5–10 p.m.

What: Free street festival celebrating the local culture of crabs and watermen and crab houses. Food, live music and entertainment, crab-picking contest, watermelon-eating contest, hula hoop contest, kids' activities, and more. For \$20, sample crab dishes from Dorchester County restaurants and cast your vote for the best.

Where: Poplar and Race Streets in downtown Cambridge. Streets will be closed off in the 500 block of Poplar Street and the 400 block of Race Street.



**Taste
of Cambridge
July 11
5-10 p.m.**

Why: To celebrate the heritage of the seafood industry in Cambridge and in Dorchester County—and to have fun!

Who: The event is organized by Cambridge Main Street and is the organization's biggest fundraiser of the year—not to mention the biggest event of the year in downtown Cambridge!

Tickets: Entry to the festival is free. Tickets for the Crab Cook-Off cost \$20. Advance tickets available—starting June 12—in person in Cambridge at the Dorchester County Visitors Center (2 Rose Hill Place), the Chamber of Commerce (528 Poplar Street), and at A Few of My Favorite Things (414 Race Street). For credit card purchases, call 410.228.3575.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Did you help with Taste of Cambridge last year? Want to be part of a fun day this year? Either way, we need about 100 volunteers to make 'Taste' happen. Give a couple of hours or a whole day. Help set up, check ballots, clean up, and more. Email office@cambridgemainstreet.com.

MUSIC

Jimmie & Sook's: Live music Wednesday through Saturdays. Every Wednesday is Anna Burgess; every Thursday is Jeff Calder. June 12, Carter; June 13, Sean Pietras; June 19, Patty Reese; June 20, Sean Pietras; June 26, Blake; June 27, Justin Pokrywka. For the latest, check the calendar at www.jimmieandsooks.com. 421 Race Street

Scoop Station: Live music every week. June 9 and 10, Pato Banton and reggae (\$10 cover); see story below. June 12, Les Rayne; June 13, Perfecting Kate (\$5 cover); June 19, Spare Time; June 20, Lara Gatling with folk/rock (laragatling.com or myspace.com/laragatling music); June 26, Better Living with Keyboarder Mary Neuberger; June 27, Eli McCoy and blue grass. For the latest, check the calendar at www.thescoopstation.com. 400 Muir Street

Reggae legend Pato Banton

June 9 & 10: Pato Banton and Now Generation perform in two all-ages shows June 9 and 10, 7:30pm. Scoop Station, 400 Muir St. \$10. Grammy-nominated musician Pato Banton is in the Reggae Hall of Fame for his world-wide chart-topping hits. He's performed alongside Ziggy Marley, Sting, and many others. Listen to him on MySpace. 400 Muir Street



PATO BANTON

DRAMA

One-woman show about O'Keeffe: At the Dorchester Center for the Arts June 20, 7:30pm, WBOC-TV's morning anchor Kelly Rouse will present a one-woman show, *O'Keeffe/Sunset of an Artist* about artist Georgia O'Keeffe. Tickets cost \$12 for DCA members; \$15 for non-members. Includes refreshments. Reserve your spot at 410.228.7782. 321 High Street



ART EXHIBITS & EVENTS



Victor Abarca at work with crayons (left); one of his wax paintings.

Victor Abarca's wax paintings: How does artist Victor Abarca achieve such vibrant colors in his paintings? Crayons. Yup, standard Crayola crayons. He might use 20 crayons for an average-sized painting. Abarca, who hails from a small fishing village in Mexico and lives outside of Cambridge, holds a crayon in a candle flame until it's just the right softness, and then paints with it. What he achieves is extraordinary. His favorite Crayola colors? Burnt sienna and sepia. But crayons are just one of his media. Some of his works use sand. And his riveting collages will keep you entranced. He has clients all over the world, from Australia to Switzerland. Check out his work now at Joie de Vivre Gallery, 410 Race St. More about this month at Joie de Vivre Gallery below.

Main Street Gallery: Artist invitation-al with opening reception Second Saturday, June 13, 5-8pm. This multi-media exhibit features art from around the Eastern Shore. The gallery is open Friday and Saturday, 11am-4pm; until 8pm on June 13. 413 Muir Street

The nonprofit Main Street Gallery is looking for volunteers. Email deborah@deborahhaynes.com.

Dorchester Center for the Arts: Plein Air Painters of the Eastern Shore are the featured exhibit. Meet the artists at a reception June 13, 6-8pm with jazz music by Minus One. Plus photography exhibits. Plus, looking for ways to keep your kids active and creating this summer? The DCA has a whole roster of great kids' classes. Info at www.dorchesterartscenter.org or stop by the center. 321 High Street



RALPH CRUMP

Joie de Vivre Gallery: Featured artists are Victor Abarca and Karen Peck. Plus direct metal artist Paul Lockhart. Meet artist Karen Peck during a reception Second Saturday, June 13, 5-9pm. 410 Race Street

Maris Elaine Gallery: Ongoing show features Gary Hall, whose unusual work is made from string, along with the work of other artists. NOTE: The gallery will be closed the week of June 8 for renovation; but hopes to reopen by June 13. 520 Race Street

447 Studios & Gallery: Showing the work of artists who have studios that ring the gallery. Open Saturdays, 10am-4pm; open until 8pm on Second Saturday, June 13. 447 Race Street

Cambridge in new Delmarva art guide

Cambridge is featured in *Art Drives on Delmarva*, a new guide to the region's studios, galleries, and cultural attractions. Written by Fran Severn, the guide includes downtown Cambridge's five art galleries, along with Chesapeake Classics and the Richardson Maritime Museum. Buy the guide at Joie de Vivre Gallery (410 Race St.) for \$20. And check out the website, delmarvadrives.com, with info not only on arts, but also about the outdoors, events, dog-friendly spots, and more.



NEWS BITS

- 1 Call now to reserve your spot at Bistro Poplar's Spanish Wine Pairing Dinner 6pm, June 18. 5 course dinner with Spanish wine pairings, \$100 per person (includes tax and gratuity). 410.228.4884.
- 2 Maris Elaine is closed the week of June 8 for renovations, but you can stop by their new small offshoot in St. Michaels at 406 South Talbot St.
- 3 Big sale at Hubbard's Blinds & Framing—up to 40% off Hunter Douglas, plus \$200 rebates. And 30%+ off art and framing.
- 4 20% off all home and garden accessories at Dazzle Your Domaine.
- 5 New items from SugarBoo Designs at Pear Tree South.
- 6 Snapper's Tiki Bar is three times the size this year. Check out their deck parties every Sunday, 5-10pm.

Steel beams removed; Race Street slated to return to two-way traffic

The steel beams and concrete blocks that were part of a stabilization system for the fire-damaged building at 444-448 Race Street have been removed. It's unclear at this point whether or not Race Street will return to two-way traffic. The street had been temporarily made one-way to allow space around the concrete blocks. Plans are in the works to re-install, perhaps at a new site, the mosaic mural that was constructed on panels at the front of the building. Damaged by a January 2008 fire, the building was home to two antiques businesses, one of which has reopened as Backfin Antiques on Washington Street.



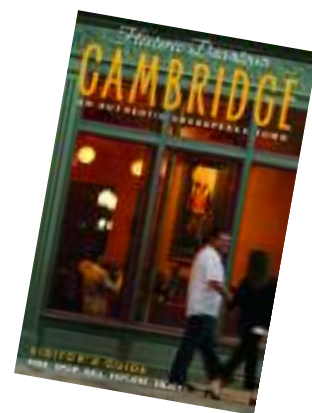
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Wrap Me Up Boutique now open.

Inside Joie de Vivre Gallery, Wrap Me Up features knitwear design by Catherine Hunt Alspach of Oxford, including scarves, shawls, sweaters, and hats. Check out light-weight summer knits, shoulder-skimmers, light cotton sweaters, and more—perfect for those overly air-conditioned restaurants and theaters! Open seven days during the summer. 410 Race Street. 410.228.7000.

New downtown visitor's guide

Even if you're not a visitor, check out the new visitor guide to downtown Cambridge. This high-lights all the stores, restaurants, museums, galleries, and more. Download a PDF of the brochure at cambridgemainstreet.com. This guide is produced by Cambridge Main Street and designed by Jill Jasuta.



Two restaurants, shop earn raves in 'Best of the Eastern Shore'

Two downtown Cambridge restaurants — Bistro Poplar and Jimmie & Sook's Raw Bar and Grill—along with Chesapeake Classics, won honors in the annual "Best of the Eastern Shore 2009" in *What's Up Eastern Shore* magazine. The reader's choice awards named Bistro Poplar "Best French Restaurant." Jimmie & Sook's tied for "Best Raw Bar" with Harris Crab House. And Chesapeake Classics won for "Best Unique Gifts." If you haven't been to them yet, now's the time to see why people are raving!



New recession specials at Bistro Poplar

Check out these recession-friendly specials at Bistro Poplar—starting June 18:

Thursdays: 1/2 price on any bottle of wine from the wine list.

Fridays: Tapas menu at the bar. Choose from 8-10 selections. Available 5-10pm.

Saturdays: 1/2 off any drink from the new cocktail list during lunch, 12-5pm.

Sundays: 'Livin the High Life' — bottle of Miller High Life and 6 Choptank Sweet Oysters for \$6.

Mondays: 'Mainstreet Night' — 1/2 price martinis from the specialty martini list, plus 1/2 off any starter, 5-9pm.



Cambridge Main Street thanks our newest members:

PARTNERS (\$250 and above):

Tri-Gas & Oil
Miles & Stockbridge
Nan & Jody Powell

STAKEHOLDERS (\$100-\$249):

JFH Designs
Wright's Art & Framing
Wayne's Seed & Feed
Trumpeter Swan Antiques

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Time to renew your membership

Tax-deductible annual membership donations by supporters are Cambridge Main Street's most important source of funds. Members who are on our spring renewal cycle recently received membership reminders in the mail. Please be as generous as you can on behalf of our downtown! If you're not currently a member, but would like information about becoming one, contact Jim Duffy at 410.228.0020 or office@cambridgemainstreet.com.



Ways to celebrate Dad for Father's Day

Father's Day is Sunday, June 21. Some quick ideas on how to celebrate your dad: Check out hunting/fishing collectibles at Chesapeake Classics. Pick up bargain powertools at Crabcatcher's or find treasures in the antique stores. Order a steak dinner gift basket from Simmons. Take him out to brunch on Sunday at one of downtown's restaurants. Spend a little time and have fun!