



EDITOR'S NOTE with Marvin Bond

I write this March column in between shoveling out from a 28-inch early February snowfall. Looking forward, it's a great reminder of how fickle the month of March can be in the Mid-Atlantic. You may have

great ski conditions for much of the month, or it may be better suited to hiking and biking.

Inside these pages you'll find a wide enough variety of things to do to help you enjoy even the vagaries of March. Garrett County, Maryland, may still have snow for your swooshing and railing, but there's plenty to do there even if Mother Nature casts a warm spell. And, those opportunities grow as the calendar progresses into spring.

We also journey down to Nelson County, Virginia, where wineries and breweries band together to offer an unusual trail to enjoy.

If you are longing for sand between your toes, head for Virginia's Tidewater where you can get your fill of history and adventure. The Virginia Aquarium's new Restless Planet exhibit will bring you face to face with environments and creatures from our modern world that reflects the state's ancient past.

We'll also put a bug in your brain to get some culture starting next month with the six-week-long Virginia Arts Festival that takes place throughout Tidewater.

Check out the unusual adult camps Chester County, Pennsylvania, is offering this year: experiences for wine, food, and beer lovers and for anyone who enjoys a good haunt. It's all waiting in the nearby Brandywine Valley.

Whether you have cabin fever that is pushing you outside or you prefer to use March to plan spring-time activities, there is plenty to explore in this issue of *Recreation News*!

Travelers Toolbox

● Air Jamaica is making several changes to its routes and fleet of aircraft. Effective April 12, there will be daily service leaving Baltimore each afternoon for Montego Bay and a return flight each morning. (www.AirJamaica.com)

● First responders have been using MyClyns, a non-alcohol germ protection spray that can be applied directly to the face, and now you can get it at major retailers or online. Good for those close quarters on planes and trains. Intended for use when you come in contact with airborne particles or bodily fluids, the product is shown to be effective against 60 pathogens including MERSA and E.Coli. (www.MyGermSpray.com)

● Do you have a shelf full of guidebooks for places you may never visit again? You can list them for sale at www.GuideGecko.com — and the listing is free.

● The American Hiking Society has released its list of 2010 Volunteer Vacations in which participants work on typically week-long trail building

projects on America's public lands. To check out the list of possibilities, visit www.AmericanHiking.org.

Environmental Film Festival

Washington, D.C.'s 18th Environmental Film Festival presents 155 films exploring the connection between food and the environment on March 16-28. Films are screened at museums, embassies, libraries, universities, and local theaters. For a schedule, visit www.dcenvironmentalfilmfest.org

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