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BEHIND-THE-SCENES ACCESS TO WHAT'S NEW AT MPT

Good morning and welcome to the first issue of *Backstage*, Maryland Public Television's e-newsletter, bringing you behind-the-scenes access to what's new at the station. Four times per year, we'll send you station news, upcoming projects, ways to get involved, events, and more. Enjoy!

MPT's Education Division launches new learning resources

While students were out of school and teachers were enjoying a well-deserved break, **MPT's Education Division** was busy creating innovative new resources for classrooms. The team produced and launched two educational media resources and a series of online courses for child care providers in Maryland.

The team developed a collection of 61 online inquiry kits to enhance students' research skills and make the process fun and engaging. Educators in the classroom can use these tools to teach students about everything from life in the early American colonies to challenges faced by a young nation after the Revolutionary War.

The division also finished an online professional development module for Allegany County Public School teachers, one that



is readily accessible to teachers nationwide. The module helps educators move from a teacher-focused method of instruction to a student-centered collaborative model.

Kids to Parks Day 2017

On Saturday, May 7th, MPT joined children and families in Constitution Gardens in Washington, D.C. for the 7th Annual **Kids to Parks Day**. The national event is committed to getting kids out of the house and into their local parks and public lands.

MPT strives to broadcast commercial-free, educational shows, but we know the value of getting out of the house and exploring the world.

Kids to Park Day offers free, family-oriented events, focusing on a variety of educational activities about the environment. Children and families who participated in Kids to Parks Day in Washington D.C. enjoyed a day of fishing, STEM activities, and a visit from **Nature Cat and Buddy Bison!**



MPT gears up for new projects with Maryland Department of Health

MPT and the Maryland Department of Health are collaborating on a string of new opioid addiction-related projects after working together on **Breaking Heroin's Grip: Road to Recovery** and related public service announcements (PSAs).

Five new PSAs covering topics such as how to talk with your doctor about opioids and messages about eliminating the stigma of addiction will be produced. **MPT's Education Division** will also create three educational videos, one on how to use Naloxone (an overdose prevention drug) and two on how to talk with your doctor about opioids.



MPT's Veterans initiative continues with *State Circle* segment

As part of MPT's ongoing commitment to honor and support the region's military veterans, **State Circle** has introduced a new segment titled *Salute to Veterans* to recognize veterans and veterans organizations making a difference in their communities. New segments air each month on Fridays at 7:30 p.m.

Initial segments this summer featured the **Frostburg State University's Student Veterans' Service** and its efforts to help veterans earn college degrees. **John J. "Jack" Farley III**, a disabled Vietnam veteran and retired U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims judge who has defied the odds to make a difference in fellow veterans' lives was also featured.

The recently aired August segment highlighted a Maryland chapter of the **Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association**, a group that participates in motorcycle-related events and donates funds to veterans care facilities and charities.



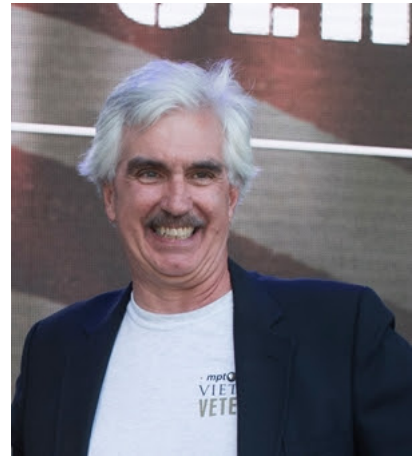
Meet Executive Producer, Ken Day

MPT is devoted to bringing you compelling and timely stories. We air productions dedicated to many different attractions, people, and performances that originate right here in Maryland.

Ken Day, an executive producer at MPT, has been creating programs for our station since 1985. He has contributed to the production of some of your favorite shows, most recently ***Breaking Heroin's Grip: Road to Recovery*** and ***MPT Salutes Vietnam Veterans***.

Planning for *MPT Salutes Vietnam Veterans* began in 2013, about three years before the 50-year anniversary of the Vietnam War. Maryland's Vietnam veterans were immensely appreciative of our efforts as a station. "To these men and women, this was a big deal," says Day.

MPT is the only place you can find these kinds of specials—locally produced and appreciated programming. "Maryland has a lot of great material to work with," says Day. "We have no shortage of material and all these smart, clever people. Storytelling is our game; we love it, and I don't think there is any staff here that just doesn't love what they do."



Upcoming events

Cocktails and Conversation with correspondent & *PBS NewsHour* Weekend anchor, **Hari Sreenivasan**

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

at Maryland Public Television | [11767 Owings Mills Blvd.](#) | Owings Mills, MD 21117

Hosted by MPT Foundation board members Harry Kassap and Kathryn Lindquist

This event is free and space is limited. **RSVP here by Friday, September 22, 2017.**

Please direct questions to Nickole Scroggins at [410-581-4351](tel:410-581-4351) or nscroggins@mpt.org.



Friday Freeview: ***Chasing Trane: The John Coltrane Documentary***

Friday, October 20, 2017

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

at Maryland Public Television | [11767 Owings Mills Blvd.](#) | Owings Mills, MD 21117

Written and directed by John Scheinfeld, ***Chasing Trane*** documents John Coltrane's music and how it continues to inspire people. **Visit us online to learn more and RSVP** so that we may reserve your seats and drinks!



MPT in your community

MPT at the Baltimore Book Festival

Friday, September 22, 2017 to Sunday, September 24, 2017

Join MPT at the 2017 **Baltimore Book Festival**, located in the heart of Baltimore's scenic Inner Harbor. The Baltimore Book Festival features appearances from local and nationally-known authors, stage readings, and more than 100 exhibitors and vendors. Our booth will be located by the Baltimore Visitors Center from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Look out for our special guest too...**Daniel Tiger!**



MPT at the Discover the Power of Age Expo

Wednesday, October 4, 2017 to Thursday, October 5, 2017

Baltimore County Department of Aging presents



Join MPT at the Maryland State Fairgrounds for the **Power of Age Expo**. The expo provides older adults, caregivers, and families two days of continuous entertainment and resources, including silent auctions, free health screenings, and access to over 300 vendors and exhibitors. There will also be an art and writing contest so attendees can showcase their talents!



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