

Lazy Days of Summer

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Well, another month 'bit the dust'!. They say time flies when we get older....they were right! The weather is still hot, although we can sense changes in the air. We have gotten a break from the heavy rain storms, which is appreciated.

Among some of the things we enjoyed this month, was 'Travel Talk at Tea Time,' put on by Marie Walters, where personal travel adventures were shared. Needless to say, Bob & I had a few things to talk about! Then we went on an organized boat ride with the Maryland Club to 'Shell Island' near Georgetown, which was lots of fun!!!! We had another great evening with the Rivertown Bluegrass Society. The rest of the time, we participated in Lakeside events like the monthly, 'Coffee and Donuts'; Lunch in our Pub, a community Pot Luck Dinner; and just socializing with our neighbors.

With that being said, I am going to start off with a picture of the first time I have seen a deer from our back porch, across the lake. A couple of our neighbors saw it also. Other people have seen deer within Lakeside Crossing (usually at night). The water was calm, so there is a good reflection in the water as well. It was very humid out, so the picture is not as clear as it could be. The next two pictures tell their own story! I finally have a Humming Bird who has taken possession of the feeder. Needless to say there will be more pictures in the future as I catch them. By now they realize the cats can not catch them, so they have become Minnie and Gracie's favorite TV Program!! I have learned that these birds are very possessive of their food. We have actually seen some battles out there, with others trying to take over.



In this column, the first picture is of Bob & I talking about our travels in our motor home at Marie Walter's Tea. The next two pictures are of our boat tour to Shell Island. This was a fun trip, and 'yes', I did collect some shells, and also saw some Dolphins! More than the shells, though, this Boat Captain knew so much local history, we were mesmerized! I think his family goes back three generations in this area. Plus he had a winning presentation style that was so entertaining. He is even involved in marine research in the area, and takes students out on his boat as part of their training program. We hope to do his plantation tour some day. Well, was that enough for this month?