

## 2019 Eastern Shore Garden Tour Highlights

### Onancock

The Eastern Shore peninsula is renowned for its agriculture, seafood and small-town life. The 2019 Eastern Shore House and Garden Tour focuses on the bustling bayside town of Onancock. Founded in 1680, Onancock features a deep-water port, historic buildings and churches. The maritime town is complemented by vibrant shops, galleries and restaurants.

Travel south to visit perennial tour centerpiece and National Historic Landmark, Eyre Hall, an acclaimed ancestral property displaying some of the country's oldest continuously maintained gardens.

The local garden tour is slated for Saturday, May 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information log onto [esgardentours.com](http://esgardentours.com) or [vagardenweek.org](http://vagardenweek.org).



**EYRE HALL**  
3215 Eyre Hall Dr., Cheriton VA 23316

Honored as a National Historic Landmark, this acclaimed ancestral property offers a rare picture of colonial plantation life. The key to Eyre Hall's remarkable preservation lies in its descent through eight generations of the same family. The gambrel-roofed manor was completed in 1758 by Littleton Eyre, who lavished his home with expansive spaces, superlative woodwork and handsome furnishings.

Before the end of the century, Littleton's son and grandson had, in their turn, inherited his masterwork, adding an eastern wing and laying out a grand rear garden. The three early owners were succeeded by stewards who declined to gild their classic legacy with the passing fancies of later eras.

Today, Eyre Hall visitors are delighted to find that the refined but soft-spoken style of its creators remains wonderfully in place. The past also lives in the garden, where venerable crepe myrtles tower above parterres enclosed by ancient boxwood and set off by colorful mixed borders. On the west, the recently stabilized remaining walls of an early orangery add a hint of romance to the garden scene. Beyond the house and garden, broad stretches of open fields and long views over Cherrystone Creek complete the placid panorama awaiting visitors to this perennial centerpiece of the Eastern Shore tour. *H. Furlong Baldwin, owner.*

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**SANS SOUCI**  
**80 Market St., Onancock VA 23417**

A two-story Victorian with gingerbread trim, Sans Souci rests atop a small knoll overlooking Market Street in Onancock. The French phrase translates to, “without concerns,” aptly describing this relaxing and tranquil property.

The back section of the home was built in the 1850s and the front was added in the 1880s. Surrounded by established beech and hardwood trees, a boxwood-lined path leads to the front entrance. Furnished with 18th- and early-19th-century American pieces, Sans Souci showcases an impressive collection of tall case and mantel clocks inherited from the homeowner’s father, a local builder and furniture maker. The interior is complemented by a fine collection of Chinese Imari porcelain, a Bombay desk circa 1700s and a rare 18th-century British Bermuda headboard. When the home was remodeled in 1962, a bill of goods for building materials circa 1858-’60 was found in the rafters of the oldest section and is now displayed as a reminder of Sans Souci’s significant historical footprint.

On the grounds, visitors will enjoy the gingerbread-trimmed gazebo and informal gardens including drift roses, daffodils, iris, hydrangea, jasmine, salvia, magnolia and more. Open for the first time. *Mr. & Mrs. John E. Morgan Jr., owners.*



**THE BENJAMIN FOSQUE HOUSE**  
**16 Market St., Onancock VA 23417**

Located in the heart of Onancock, its Victorian façade in full view from Market Street, the Benjamin Fosque House was built in 1883.

Sawn brackets and extensive ornamental tracery adorn the gables and porches. The front hall features a longcase clock from Bristol, England (circa mid-18th century). The library is well appointed with treasures from the homeowners’ time abroad including glass collectibles, an inlaid Swiss music box and a series of hand-colored Thomas Landseer etchings. The living room was part of a substantial 1987 addition. The cathedral ceiling creates a bright, open space for modern family living while following the architectural vernacular of a historic Victorian home.

Outdoors, the swimming pool is surrounded by brick patio, paths and a pergola — its white garden carefully curated to maintain a serene outdoor living space. A doctor’s office built in the front yard in 1910 was moved to the backyard in 1985 to serve as a playhouse for fifth-generation Fosque children. A variety of deciduous and evergreen shrubs and perennials provide year-long color and foliage, framing views of the central branch of Onancock Creek. Open for the first time. *Dr. & Mrs. Fletcher D. Fosque, owners.*



**SCOTT HALL**  
**2 South St., Onancock VA 23417**

The oldest house in Onancock, Scott Hall was built in 1769. When land was purchased to build Scott Hall, Virginia was still a colony of Great Britain.

Originally constructed in a telescope style, the house is now a Dutch Colonial with a cedar-shake roof. Interior highlights include floor-to-ceiling bookcases and a recently renovated master bath. On the landing between the first and second floors, original, exposed hand-hewn notched beams showcase the home’s history.

First built with thick walls, alcoves and trap doors, it’s believed that Scott Hall was designed as a fortress. Many such features were corrected in a 2006 renovation. Behind the house, the central branch of Onancock Creek is viewed beside the iron gates of the cemetery where 17 relatives of early Scott Hall owners are buried.

The last naval engagement of the Revolutionary War, The Battle of the Barges, took place just beyond Onancock Creek. Commodore Zedekiah Whaley, while in command of the Protector Barge, perished in this battle on Nov. 30, 1782. His exact burial site unknown, the U.S. government added Whaley’s headstone in the Scott Hall Cemetery in 1928. Open for the first time. *Ms. Elizabeth A. Lankford, owner.*



**GRACE AMES HOUSE**  
**5 Ames St., Onancock VA 23417**

Originally built circa 1927, the Grace Ames House sits on a point of land on the central branch of Onancock Creek. J. Grace Ames purchased the property in 1925 and negotiated access to what is now known as the Ames Street Bridge, which was privately owned at that time.

The Grace Ames House is a classic example of a Craftsman bungalow “kit house.” Beginning in the early 1900s, kit houses were sold from the pages of catalogues and shipped by train across the United States.

The current owners renovated the home from the foundation up in 2016-17, creating an open, flowing design that incorporates multiple vantages of the creek. Light and lines prevail in the contemporary interior. Daylight streams through the open master bath, featuring floor-to-ceiling tile. Eclectic and diverse art by well-known Eastern Shore artists has been thoughtfully collected by the homeowners and displayed throughout. The cleverly constructed back of the house features a second-story deck with panoramic creek views.

Outdoors, the garden is whimsical and unstructured with a focus on nature. Migratory birds enjoy native plants and waterfront perches. Open for the first time. *Dr. Greg & Patsy Felthousen, owners.*



**18306 HERMITAGE ROAD**  
**18306 Hermitage Rd., Onancock VA 23417**

Situated on Onancock Creek, 18306 Hermitage Road is a Federal-style brick and wood-sided home. Built in 2005, an addition was completed in 2014.

Secluded by land, this home is located conveniently near the Onancock Wharf via water. Notable interior features include a hand-painted botanical mural in the front hall, detailed woodwork on fireplaces and mantels, and raised paneling in the hall and den.

Visitors to the home will enjoy the main-floor master suite and gracefully appointed bedrooms with special furnishings such as a handmade needlepoint rug. On the main level, highlights include a 19th-century American chest in the living room, assorted porcelain and a vast and diverse fine-art collection. Bold use of interior color provides a striking backdrop for the art.

Function meets personalization through a series of his-and-hers parlors and studies, each reflecting the homeowners’ varied personal interests.

From the back porch, guests will experience a flurry of maritime activity. Fishing boats, pleasure cruisers, sailboats and kayaks on Onancock Creek provide ever-changing scenery. Beautiful waterside gardens, from formal to less structured, add to the grandeur of this property. Open for the first time. *George T. & Nell W. Minton, owners.*



**Tickets:** See [esgardentours.com](http://esgardentours.com) for details.

**Parking:** Parking available at Eyre Hall and neighborhood parking available in the Onancock tour area. Continuous shuttle service available on Onancock tour route.

**Places of Interest:**

- Ker Place, 69 Market St., Onancock (Tour Headquarters)
- Historic Cokesbury Church, 75 Market St., Onancock
- Hopkins and Brothers Store, 2 Market Street, Onancock
- Locustville Academy, 28055 Drummondtown Rd., Locustville
- Barrier Islands Center and Almshouse Farm, 7295 Young St., Machipongo
- Northampton County Courthouse and Court Green, 16404 Courthouse Rd., Eastville
- Kiptopeke State Park – 3540 Kiptopeke Dr., Cape Charles

**Weekend Tour Activities:**

- May 3: Walking Tour of Onancock with Dennis Custis 4 p.m. at Ker Place, Onancock
- May 3: “Tour of Europe” 7:30 p.m. at Historic Cokesbury Church, Onancock
- May 3-4: “Miracle on South Division Street” 8 p.m. at The North Street Playhouse, 34 Market St., Onancock
- May 4: Art & Flowers with Pop-up Vendors 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Historic Onancock School
- May 4: The Onancock Market 9 a.m. to noon, corner of Market and Ames Streets
- May 5: “Tour of Europe” 4 p.m. at Hungars Episcopal Church, Bridgetown

# Director Election

**A**&N Electric Cooperative Directors are elected from the membership to represent you on the Board. Those interested in running for a Board seat can be nominated through the following methods:

(1) The Nominating Committee, representing the areas to elect Directors, is appointed. The Nominating Committee will select a slate of candidates to be placed on the ballot at the Cooperative's Annual Meeting. This year's Nominating Committee is scheduled to meet on May 9, 2019. Should you have a recommendation, you can submit your request in writing to the

Nominating Committee prior to May 1, 2019, by sending a letter to the address listed below.

Nominating Committee  
A&N Electric Cooperative  
P.O. Box 290  
Tasley, VA 23417

(2) Member Petition Nominations. Members may nominate additional individuals to run for election for any Director position for which Members are scheduled to vote at any Member meeting ("Member Petition Nominations"). Members may make Member Petition Nominations by delivering to the Secretary

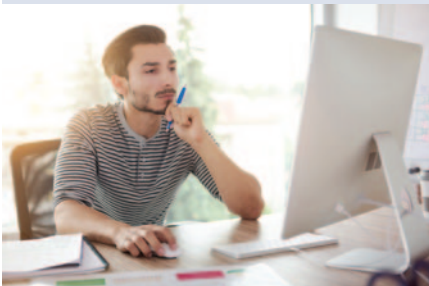
at least seventy-five (75) days prior to the Member-meeting a writing for each Member Petition Nomination ("Member Petition"):

After verifying that the Member Petition complies with this Bylaw, the Cooperative shall post the Member Petition Nomination in approximately the same location as the Nominating Committee Nominations. All nominations and petitions are due in by May 1, 2019.

No nominations shall be made from the floor at the Annual Member Meeting.

Please visit our website for the complete version of A&N Electric Cooperative's Bylaws.

## Share your thoughts, shape what's ahead: 2019 online member survey coming this spring



Every two years, a survey is sent to homeowners to collect information about energy usage. The survey covers a variety of topics, including questions about the construction of your home, types and ages of your heating and cooling systems, the amount and ages of your appliances, your internet connection and

others. Look for the survey to arrive via email in mid-May — it should only take about 5-10 minutes to complete.

### To better serve your needs, your electric cooperative needs your input.

In fact, your input can impact both existing and new programs and products offered by your energy cooperative. All answers are strictly confidential, unless you have a specific question or issue you would like your cooperative to address.

### Does your cooperative have your email address?

Since the survey is only conducted online, please make sure we have your current email address on file.

### How are responses used?

These surveys are designed to provide information to A&N Electric Cooperative that can be used to better serve your needs. Using your responses, we can modify existing programs to meet changing needs, add new programs, enhance communications with you and more!

## AMI Update

**A**&N Electric Cooperative began installing meters in the pilot phase of its Advance Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project in early February.

Meter exchanges are being performed by Allegiant Utility Services Inc., a contractor working on behalf of the cooperative.

Cooperative members included in the pilot test phase received an automated phone message from the cooperative a week prior to their meter exchange.

After the pilot meters are fully deployed the cooperative will conduct tests on the system. The system must pass these tests before a full deployment of the system can be initiated.

Cooperative members can find more information and track the project's status at [anec.com/content/meter-schedule](http://anec.com/content/meter-schedule).

### Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Spring is nearly here! Now is the perfect time to test your A/C and ensure it's ready for summer. Remember to check the evaporator coil, which should be cleaned annually for optimal efficiency.

Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)



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# Celebrate Arbor Day with Free Seedlings



A&N Electric Cooperative is partnering with the Virginia Department of Forestry to distribute seedlings on Saturday, April 27.

A group will be distributing the seedlings at the Eastern Shore Community College in Accomack County.

Check the A&N Electric Cooperative website at [anec.com](http://anec.com) and our social media pages for more details.

## MESSAGES FROM YOUR CO-OP

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- ▶ The **Touchstone Energy® Co-op Connections® Card** is **FREE** to all **ANEC members**. The card offers discounts at participating local and nationwide businesses, including prescription drug discounts.



**The cooperative will conduct its regular quarterly Member Satisfaction Surveys with the help of TSE Services in March. Log onto [anec.com](http://anec.com) for more details.**

SUMMER	WINTER
<b>PLANT ENERGY SAVINGS</b>	Plant deciduous trees to block heat from the sun in the summer and let sunlight in during the winter.



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