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**April 16th Open House to Mark Beginning of
Captain John Smith Four Hundred Project**

Saws scraping, hammers pounding and the shouts of shipwrights will fill the Sultana Shipyard again on Saturday, April 16. An open house from 10 to 4 at the shipyard on the corner of Cannon and Mill Streets in Chestertown that day will introduce the public to the Captain John Smith Four Hundred Project. For the next few months, dedicated shipwrights and volunteers will recreate the "Discovery Barge" used by Captain John Smith when he explored the Chesapeake Bay in 1607.

Visitors to the shipyard will see demonstrations by a team of draught horses, a blacksmith working on an outdoor forge, the "burning out" of a dugout canoe and of course, the beginning of construction on John Smith's "shallop". When completed, the shallop will tour museums throughout the United States. In 2007, Smith's voyage will be retraced using the shallop.

The Shipyard will be open Thursday through Saturday starting March 19. The public is welcome on these days from 10am-Noon and from 1-4pm.

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