



Chesapeake Heritage, The Islands and People of South Dorchester, by Don Parks, 5 August

A retired educator, Don Parks is a native Eastern Shoreman who has lived along the banks of the Chesapeake his entire life. The son of a Chesapeake waterman, Parks spent a great deal of time during his formative years learning the many moods of the Chesapeake. Never without a boat of some description, he continues to enjoy his nautical adventures along the rivers of the Bay.

The author of five books pertaining to his beloved Bay, Parks enjoys writing and researching Chesapeake history and the unique culture it inspired. He also carves waterfowl, primarily shorebirds. He resides in St. Michaels with his wife, another proud Eastern Shore native.

Mr. Parks's talk, entitled *Chesapeake Heritage*, focused on the unique culture and heritage enjoyed by the folks who live on the Eastern Shore that was molded and shaped by the Chesapeake Bay. Using old photographs, his father's youth on Holland Island was highlighted and discussed as an example of this heritage and culture. [Unfortunately, because of a computer problem, the photos were not projected, but verbally described instead] Additionally, a few other Dorchester citizens who have graced the pages of books he has written were discussed.