

The **Chesapeake Marine Canvas Fabricators Association, Inc.** is an organization of Fabricators that design and manufacture fabric and upholstery products for the marine industry, as well as the Suppliers who support them. Each year the Association holds the largest Marine Fabrication convention in the Mid-Atlantic. With over 100 member shops, the CMCFA is the 2nd largest marine fabricator group in the country!

We have put together an incredible agenda of learning opportunities this year that will be held at two locations in Cambridge, MD. Local fabricators and CMCFA members Shannon and Scott Simmons of Cambridge Canvas and Sail Loft have graciously offered to host a full day of seminars at their shop on the first day of the Convention. This first day (Thursday) will include hands-on seminars to advance your skills led by some of the best fabricators in the country. The next two days will be spent at the Hyatt with more seminars, networking opportunities, and our annual Awards Banquet.

Planned Seminars:

- Fabricating Enclosure Panels with Mike Charlton
- Upholstery from Scratch with Bill Marriott
- Designing and Fabricating Porch Enclosures with Scott Simmons and Josh Littleton
- Going Digital: Lessons Learned in our first year with Zack Baccala and Jamie Marozzi
- Bimini Solar Panels with Scott Simmons
- Selecting the right Materials for the job
- Complex Upholstery with Bill Marriott and Sharon Sharp
- Maintaining your body with Dr. Ryan Shakley

Thursday Night activities include a happy hour before dinner and a **Carnival** after dinner. Be ready for fun and games where you can win prizes!

Please remember your pictures for the **Photo Contest**! You can enter a project in each of the categories.

Our **Annual Meeting** will be held Friday morning and we hope that everyone can attend. We have some ideas to help bring some much-needed changes to the organization, but since they are linked to the by-laws, we must hold a vote on them. Additionally, we will elect a new board member and some fabricator and supplier directors. More information about these potential changes will be distributed in the welcome packets when you sign in at the Registration Desk.

Saturday morning will be our **Market Day** with numerous vendors ready to meet with you and discuss new products and hand out sample books and cards.

Recycle My Sunbrella is coming to the CMCFA Conference too! Bring your Sunbrella scraps to be dropped off and sent back to be recycled.

This is also a **Holiday Weekend** for many folks. Because of that, we have worked with the Hyatt to extend the conference hotel prices for another night. Since we have a packed agenda for the conference, feel free to stay another night so you can relax and check out the local area. The Hyatt has a spa, a huge indoor pool, and an arcade, so there are a ton of things you can do without leaving the property. So don't forget your bathing suit and treat yourself to an extra night!