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Halloween Bus Tour – Haunted Eastern Shore – October 31, 2010

Sponsored by Chesapeake College, Wye Mills, MD – Tour Guide is Mindie Burgoyne



MARION STATION, MD (October 13, 2010) – Chesapeake College has just announced a Halloween Ghost Tour - the third in a series of bus tours across the Upper Shore. This ghost tour will focus on East Dorchester County and include sites associated with the Eastern Shore's two most famous ghostly characters - Big Lizz and Patty Cannon. The tour includes sites in Reliance, Vienna, Elliotts Island, and Greenbriar swamp, and will be led by author, Mindie Burgoyne of Marion Station, who wrote the popular book, *Haunted Eastern Shore: Ghostly Tales from East of the Chesapeake*.

Guests will meet the bus in Cambridge and venture out on a four hour, spine tingling tour of both desolate and populated spots known to be haunted by ghosts or associated with tales of the dead. First stop on the tour will be the Patty Cannon properties in Reliance where Burgoyne will detail the life of kidnapper and murderer, Patty Cannon. She'll show guests the sites where Cannon's house and tavern once stood as well as where she buried the bodies of her victims. The bus will also pass Indian settlements, the town of Vienna, the area once known as Ghost Island and visit Elliotts Island.

The last stop will be Decoursey Bridge, because who wouldn't want to meet up with Big Lizz on All Hallows Eve? Burgoyne will tell guests how people have seen Big Lizz emerge from the swamp her bloody head in hand, and how she motions to folks asking them to follow her to the where her master's treasure is buried. But so far no one who followed has ever returned. If time allows, Burgoyne will have the bus take guests "down below" to Andrews and Bishops Head to hear about Wild men haunting the swamps and residents who vanished without a trace.

This is the third bus tour was added after the first two offered sold out and left a waiting list of half a bus load. This will be the sixth haunted tour Mindie Burgoyne has led this year - five of which sold out their 50 available seats. Burgoyne's book, *Haunted Eastern Shore*, published by History Press, just went into its third printing after being released only one year ago on October 1st 2009. She has also put up a Facebook page for fans of her book which now has over 5400 fans that check it for updates on tours and occasion postings of haunted stories.

When asked about the success of her books and tours, Burgoyne states, "Ghosts are hot. Any time of the day or night you can flip through the TV channels and find at least one program airing on ghosts or the paranormal. The Eastern Shore has such a rich heritage, with a landscape that's largely unchanged. Our ghosts are images in that landscape and easy for a visitor to visualize them if given a little information."

Cost of the Halloween Ghost Tour is \$29 per person - Advanced Registration Required
Passengers will meet at the Cambridge campus of Chesapeake College. For more information or to register, contact Marci Leach at 410-827-5833 or mleach@chesapeake.edu.

NOTE: Copies of *Haunted Eastern Shore: Ghostly Tales from East of the Chesapeake* will be available for sale after the tour. \$17.99 + tax = \$19.06. Author will sign copies.