



BLOSSOMS of HOPE...
the Howard County Cherry Tree Project
NEWS RELEASE



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***Free Workshops now being held for second annual
Comcast CHERRYBRATION luminary parade
“Lanterns of Hope” to Let Community Shine***

ELLICOTT CITY, MD -- Free lantern making workshops are now being held at Howard County library branches and the Howard County Center for the Arts for the upcoming LANTERNS OF HOPE luminary procession to take place at this year's Comcast CHERRYBRATION on May 3 in Centennial Park. Workshop seating and supplies are limited. Please call 410-313-1900 to reserve a space. Workshop schedule is as follows:

- Saturday, March 22 at Savage Library from 10 am - 1 pm
- Thursday, March 27 at Miller Library from 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- Saturday, March 29 at Miller Library from 11am - 1pm
- Friday, April 4 at Glenwood Library from 2:30 - 4:30pm
- Sunday, April 6 at the Howard County Center for the Arts from 1 - 3pm
- Wednesday, April 9 at the Elkrigde Library from 7 - 9pm
- Saturday, April 12 at Central Library from 1 - 3pm
- Sunday, April 13 at the Howard County Center for the Arts from 1 to 3pm
- Saturday, April 19 at Central Library from 1 - 3pm
- Sunday April 20 at the Howard County Center for the Arts from 1 to 3pm
- Thursday April 24 at East Columbia Library from 2 to 4pm
- Sunday, April 27 at the Howard County Center for the Arts from 1 to 3pm

Comcast CHERRYBRATION celebrates the renewal of spring and the blossoming of Howard County's 1,250 Blossoms of Hope Kwanzan cherry trees. The outdoor festival, which begins at 4pm, features music, strolling entertainers, children's activities, and educational displays on wellness, the outdoors and the importance of nature. Mother Nature will lead festival goers in the glowing “LANTERNS OF HOPE” luminary parade and create a sparkling river of light flowing through the park at dusk. Participants of all ages are encouraged to participate. Instructions for making a simple lantern are also available on-line at www.blossomsofhope.com under events.