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Adkins Arboretum to Host Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*

Celebrate spring with one of William Shakespeare's most beloved comedies in one of the Eastern Shore's most bucolic settings. Bring a friend! Bring a picnic! It's funny, it's romantic, it's *Twelfth Night*!

Adkins Arboretum will present Shore Shakespeare's production of *Twelfth Night* on Sat., May 4 at 6 p.m. An encore performance will be held Sun., May 5 at 3 p.m. Both performances will be held outside in the Arboretum meadow. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own blanket or lawn chair.

A story of love and identity, trust and betrayal, *Twelfth Night* is a delightful comedy featuring some of the Bard's most stirring language. The production is directed by Peter Howell and features actors and technicians from across the Mid-Shore.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. Tickets and more information may be obtained at <u>www.adkinsarboretum.org</u> or by calling 410-634-2847, ext 0. Information about the production is also available at <u>www.shoreshakespeare.com</u>.





In rehearsal for Shore Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, Malvolio (Joseph Riley) professes love to Olivia (Avra Sullivan) while Viola (Ceci Davis) looks on. *Photo courtesy of C. L. Rogers.*

In the event of rain, performances will be held at the Caroline County Public Library in Denton.

Twelfth Night is the inaugural production of Shore Shakespeare, a new pan-community theatre group established to present the classic works of the theatrical repertoire and to encourage its audiences to support local community theatre all over the Shore.

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Adkins Arboretum is a 400-acre native garden and preserve at the headwaters of the Tuckahoe Creek in Caroline County. Open year round, the Arboretum offers educational programs for all ages about nature and gardening. Through its <u>Campaign to Build a Green Legacy</u>, it will build the <u>W. Flaccus and Ruth B. Stifel Center at Adkins</u> <u>Arboretum</u> and a "green" entranceway to broaden educational offerings and research initiatives promoting best practices in conservation and land stewardship. For additional information about Arboretum programs, visit <u>www.adkinsarboretum.org</u> or call 410-634-2847, ext. 0.

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