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Spring Quarterly Members Meeting & Lunch

Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 1:00pm

Salisbury Country Club

13620 Salisbury Road, Midlothian, VA 23113

Speaker's Topic: "Preserving Midlothian History"

Please join us for our Spring Quarterly Members Luncheon meeting on Sunday, April 24 at 1:00pm at the Salisbury Country Club. This special event will combine a brief business meeting with a lunch followed by a presentation on "Preserving Midlothian History," by local historian and life-long Midlothian resident Robert 'Peppy' Jones.

Mr. Jones will share the history of the 18th century home, Salisbury, built by French Huguenots and sold to Thomas Mann Randolph who rented it to Patrick Henry during his final term as Governor of Virginia (1784-1786), Jones will also discuss the preservation and relocation in 2021 of the Justis House (also known as Turkey Run Farm), an historic Antebellum house constructed in the 1830s that is closely linked to Midlothian coal mining as well as to a remarkable local educator.

Salisbury Country Club was established in 1963 and stands just north of the historic house site. The club building was completely renovated in the past six months to

expand its member facilities and banquet capabilities with a focus on the cuisine for which it is renowned.

The menu for our quarterly lunch meeting includes Lemon Thyme Roasted Chicken Breast, Brown Basmati Rice and Roasted Seasonal Vegetables, followed by French Silk Pie. Rolls, coffee, iced tea and water will also be served. A vegetarian entree option is available upon request with your reservation.

Reservations are required for our Spring Members Luncheon. Pre-payment of \$25 per person can be made to CHSV no later than April 13th. To make a reservation, please call the Chesterfield Historical Society of VA office at 804-796-7121.

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Letter from the President

Fellow historians and friends,

Spring is here! Warmer temperatures, budding trees, blooming flowers, and singing birds abound; it is certainly both an exciting and refreshing time of year. This isn't just any ordinary spring, though. For the past two years we have been under the dark clouds of the pandemic; clouds that have created burdens of all kinds—physical and mental are but two sorts. This spring, though, it seems as though the pandemic is abating; the dark clouds are clearing out and the blue skies are once again visible. Finally!

Speaking of the pandemic, we lost our beloved Shirley "Ley" Diller just as it was starting a little more than two years ago. Ley was a devoted and energetic member of the Historical Society until the very end. I was saddened at the news of her passing. The Historical Society, in coordination with Ley's family, wished to hold a Celebration of Life for Ley; unfortunately, the pandemic and related restrictions prevented that from occurring. This is a new spring, though, with new opportunities. As such, Ley's family has scheduled a Celebration of Life event—to which Historical Society members are invited. I urge each of you to read the letter in this newsletter from Suzanne Lawrence, Ley's daughter, for additional details.

I am excited to announce that interior renovations at Magnolia Grange are underway. Unfortunately, this means that the house museum is closed to the public, but this truly is work that needs to be addressed. Contractors are focusing their initial efforts on the upper floor. The plan is to have the initial work complete in time for the event in May that will celebrate the 200th anniversary (1822-2022) of Magnolia Grange. Work on the first floor will commence sometime after May. Stay tuned for additional updates.

As always, I am impressed and inspired by the dedication of our volunteers. Thank you for your continued support. The Historical Society would cease to exist without you.

Please take advantage of this beautiful time of year. It is typically an opportune time—given the comfortable temperatures—to visit historical sites and scenic venues. Given the tough times of the last couple of years, perhaps we should be reminded to stop and smell the roses—literally. God's beautiful creation is all around—let us not take it for granted, but rather consciously enjoy its splendor and reflect on our blessings.

Warmest wishes,
Nicholas Carico

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****Please note that Trevor Johnston will be working at Trinity while renovations are done at the Grange. He can still be reached at 748-1498.**

Out On A Limb ~~~

Angie Wilderman

There is always something new and exciting going on at the society. We received a donation of newspapers, the Chester-Colonial Heights News Journal dated between 1962 and 1973. Newspapers are a great source of interesting stories about our ancestors. However, it's difficult to find anything in a pile of papers. To enable research, the papers will be scanned and made into searchable files so that a name or place mentioned in these issues can be found. The information will be accessible in our library once the newspaper project is finished.

The Genealogy Library received a new donation of books. The books will be added to the electronic catalog. Come in and check out the library. The books cover a number of states and countries. Although our collection is not huge, it is a great way to get started.

We continue to respond to inquiries. Three recent projects were for Blankenship, Hylton and Holt.

Are you interested in a genealogy class? Let us know what topics are of interest to you. Also, the genealogy round table meets on the third Saturday of each month from 1pm to 3pm. The group discusses writing family history or breaking brick walls; anything genealogy.

Just a note: the 1950 census will be released this April.

Library Donations & Acquisitions

Liess van der Linden-Brusse

Old books and photos, maps, manuscripts and memoirs, magazine and newspaper clippings, yearbooks and programs, flyers and brochures on Chesterfield people, places and events are always welcome additions to our society research library in historic Trinity Church. Please keep us in mind as you clear out your attics and basements. Our library is open Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm. Thank you!

The following items were recently added to our Library Collection:

Genealogy

FOWLKES Family Papers 1919-1990, gift of Richard Jackson

HATCHER, Thomas (1830-1891), 1852 Diary/Almanac & 1848-1878 Journals/Account Books, gift of Kathy Emmel (CD/DVD Collection)

HATCHER, GREGORY, FRIEND, WALTHALL, BASS Photos, Bible Records, Ledgers, Slave Schedules, Wills & Inventories, gift of Kathy Emmel (CD/DVD Collection)

General Interest

Historical Notes (2006-2020) of the African American History Committee (AAHC) of CHSV, compiled and donated by Cornelia Owens-Goode, AAHC Chair (2009-2014)

The First University in America 1619-1622, an Address delivered at the 1911 Commemoration of its Founding, by W. Gordon McCabe, anonymous donor

Magnolia Grange Second Floor Paint Analysis (2015), by Kirsten Travers Moffit, discovered in CHSV Admin office (Manuscript Collection)

Manchester, Chesterfield County, Documents & Correspondence (1869-1890) between A. McKenzie & H. Fitzgerald, gift of Angie Wilderman (Manuscript Collection)

Spring Hill – Assignment of Agreement Rights from Jim Daniels to Preservation Virginia (2016), discovered in Trinity office (Manuscript Collection)

Falling Creek/Iron Bridge 1936 Collapse, copies of newspaper articles, donated by Rachel Lipowicz

Maps

Chesterfield County Magisterial Districts 2021, donated by James van Emmerik, GIS Data Specialist

Military History

The Memoirs of Henry Heth, CSA, by James L. Morrison, Jr., gift of Garth Germond

Where a Man Can Go, Maj. Gen. William Phillips, British Royal Artillery, 1731-1781, by Robert P. Davis, discovered in MG library

Photographs

Board of Supervisors – HAROLD T. GOYNE (1953), gift of Crystal Monroe

Churches – 2nd BAPTIST SOUTH RICHMOND (Manchester) congregation (c.1887), gift of Willnette Kirby

Churches – TOMAHAWK Baptist congregation, 1976 Bicentennial, gift of Henry Coalter

Churches – TOMAHAWK Baptist congregation, 2000 Groundbreaking, gift of Henry Coalter

Courthouses – 1917 Chesterfield County, Exterior view (1970), gift of Brandon Fullum

4-H Chesterfield County (1953), gift of Crystal Monroe

Hotels – FRITH PIERCE (also known as OLD HOTEL) at Chesterfield Courthouse (c. 1910), gift of Nancy G. Hill

Lakes – SILLIKER'S POND behind historic *Magnolia Grange* (1992), discovered in Castlewood office
Military Sites & Structures – HOWLETT LINE Confederate Fort Earthworks, Woods Edge Road (destroyed in 2021 for construction of Carvana auto retailer), donated by George Cranford

Police Department – DENNIS SPARKS, gift of Corp. John E. Rocklein

Railroads – HEATH GRAVITY Railroad historic marker in Salisbury development (2007), gift of Brandon Fullum
RANGER'S HOUSE in London, U.K., home of Lord Chesterfield, Philip Dormer Stanhope (built c.1715), a transparency discovered in upstairs office in Castlewood

Stores – BROOKS STORE in Winterpock (2009), gift of Pat Roble

Stores – GRESHAM'S COUNTRY STORE "Sailor Bob" (1965), gift of Piedmont Publishing

Stores – N. B. GOODWYN & SONS at Chesterfield Courthouse (1928-1968), gift of Nancy G. Hill
WWI – 2nd Company, 117th T.H.MP, 42nd Division at Camp Mills, gift of Carl Morris

Scrapbooks

Chesterfield Historical Society of VA Scrapbook #19 (2022), compiled by CHSV Library Committee

Aesop's Fables: The Dog & His Reflection

Buddy Cranford

Aesop (c. 620–564 B.C.) was a Greek storyteller credited with a number of fables now collectively known as "Aesop's Fables." His tales, with their moral value, have long influenced our culture and civilization, contributing not only to the education and moral character building of children, but also, with their universal appeal, to the self-reflection of adults alike who have chosen to embrace the virtues or heed the warnings within. (From the public domain). This version of the fable is reproduced from "The Aesop for Children" (1919).

The Aesop Dog Story: A dog, to whom the butcher had thrown a bone, was hurrying home with his prize as fast as he could go. As he crossed a narrow footbridge, he happened to look down and saw himself reflected in the quiet water as if in a mirror. But the greedy dog thought he saw a real dog carrying a bone much bigger than his own. If he had stopped to think, he would have known better. But instead of thinking, he dropped his bone and sprang at the dog in the river, only to find himself swimming

for dear life to reach the shore. At last, he managed to scramble out, and as he stood sadly thinking about the good bone he had lost, he realized what a stupid dog he had been. **Moral of the story:** Covet all, lose all

Think of how much we covet our Chesterfield County history only to lose it for a variety of reasons or excuses. There are differences between reasons and excuses and they are certainly not the same – a lesson learned in the military. Excuses are hard to accept. Yet, when it comes to losing our history, we do accept good reasoning and a good many excuses along the way when we have no control. **We don't know what we have until the bulldozers plow it under.** We do not all voice our objections but sadly allow the "powers that be" to make the decisions to keep or bulldoze. We, as a Society, can collectively influence others if we just make an effort.

Although we have lost a few, there are many examples we can name in which CHSV has been successful in preserving our unique history. But like the dog in the fable, we have to show our greed at times or fear our "powers to be" will think we do not care. And unlike that dog in the fable, we realize how grateful we have been with what history has been saved by our predecessors. You can be a part by joining with those that work to maintain our history. "A bone saved is a bone earned." What is our history worth to you? Why not volunteer some of your time to help save and protect our history. We acknowledge that a good "bone" is worth keeping even if we may lose one or two along the way by good reasoning or bad excuses. Collectively, we all can make a difference; consider yourself invited! Contact Gina at 796-7131 to learn about current opportunities and projects that might peak your interest.

Welcome, new members!

Allen and Kerrie Amos, Pamela and Gregory Hauck, Elizabeth Mitchell and Brandy Phillips

To all who have renewed your membership for 2022, Thank You! Your support is greatly appreciated! It's not too late to renew your membership. You can do so by postal mail or by using the membership button on our website, www.chesterfieldhistory.com.

Look for other easy ways to support the society in this newsletter.



2022 Magnolia Grange Bicentennial Celebration Begins on Saturday, May 21 with “Mayfaire” Festival

Magnolia Grange, our historic house museum on Iron Bridge Road in Chesterfield, is celebrating its 200th anniversary throughout 2022.

On Saturday, May 21, the year-long bicentennial celebration will kick off with a “**Mayfaire**” Festival on the grounds of *Magnolia Grange*. Open to the public, this free event will run from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The festivities will include hands-on displays of historic arts and crafts, the sound of lively music and historic interpreters as well as traditional food and beverages for purchase. In addition, there will be a commemoration of the official ceremony that took place in May 1986 when *Magnolia Grange* opened to the public as a living history museum.

“Mayfaire” will offer free tours of *Magnolia Grange*. Numerous craftspeople include a story teller, candle maker, tinsmith, a basket weaver, a butter churner and a laundress; home life interpreters will demonstrate open air cooking, knitting and crocheting, there’s even a medicine/snake oil salesman; also a wood wright, carpenter, and a numismatist/coin collector; period toys will be on display. The musical entertainment includes a display of various instruments as well as entertainment by the Harken Back String Band. Several Revolutionary War interpreters plan to set up camp, and local authors are expected to present and sign their latest publications.

Please mark your calendars and join us on May 21st at Magnolia Grange for its “Mayfaire” Festival. Enjoy the sights, sounds and flavors of a time long past but not forgotten!

Magnolia Grange Bicentennial/200th Special Events

July 24, 2022, 2:00pm – Annual CHSV Membership Meeting/Ice Cream Social

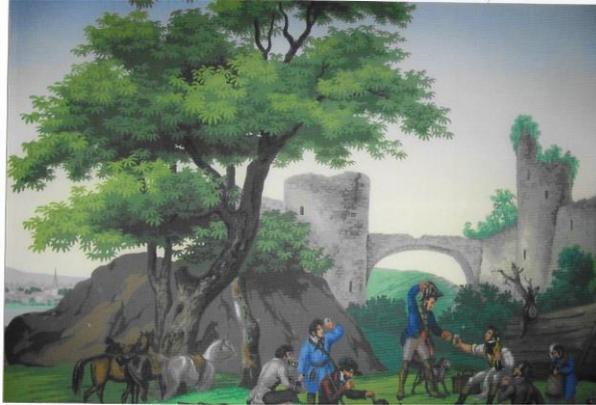
September 21, 2022, 1:00pm – “Autumn Leaves” Tea

October 29, 2022, 7:00-10:00pm – Halloween Haunted Lantern Tours

December 3, 1:00-4:00pm – Holiday “Open House”

December 7 & 14, 1:00pm – Holiday Tea

Magnolia Grange 200th “Artifact-of-the-Month” April 2022



Scenic Wallpaper in the Entrance Hall

Lilian Mullane

In the November 1979 National Register of Historic Places Inventory Form for *Magnolia Grange*, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Daffron at the time, there is no mention of any scenic wallpaper in the “Central Passage.” We do know that the wallpaper with hunting scenes, though not original to the house, was installed in the entrance hallway during the mid-1980s, after *Magnolia Grange* was saved as a historic house museum. Pre-1830 scenic wallpapers can be identified by their horizontal seams which are not present on the wallpaper in *Magnolia Grange* that was printed later on continuous paper.

The panoramic landscape wallpaper in *Magnolia Grange*, entitled *Le Paysage à Chasses* (the Hunting Landscape), is indeed a valuable restrike of the original 1831-issued mural design by artist Jean-Julien Deltil and made by the oldest wallpaper company in the world, Zuber & Cie., in Alsace, France. Since 1797, Zuber has been considered the gold standard in painted wallpaper. Scenic wallpaper is characterized by its lack of a repeating pattern, hence *Le Paysage à Chasses* is composed of four separate scenes in 32 heavy rag paper panel strips, viz: *Chasse au Cerf* (the Deer Hunt), *Chasse au Marais* (the Swamp Hunt), *Chasse au Lièvre et à la Perdrix* (the Hare and Partridge Hunt), and *Chasse au Sanglier* (the Boar Hunt).

What is it that makes even a modern-strike print of Zuber mural designs so valuable? Zuber & Cie is the only original manufacturer of scenic wallpapers that is still printing from their historic wood blocks. The company still uses the same antique woodblocks, the same paint formulas, and the same time-honored processes to create its stunning wallpapers as it did back in Jean Zuber’s time.* The mural in *Magnolia Grange* is printed in 142 colors using 1,253 of the original 1,500 hand-carved 18th-century pear wood blocks. These antique blocks** were each two inches thick, highly detailed and varied tremendously in size—from over a foot wide to under an inch wide—with a handle or strap often added to aid in lifting the larger ones. After being applied to woodblocks by wet felt pads, each color had to be allowed to hang-dry before the next layer of paint could be added.*** The Zuber Company was famous for its striking ombré-shaded skies, and so the sky has quite a prominent place in each panel.* (For more information, please check out the company’s website at zuber.fr).

Sources:

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**Nouvel-Kammerer, Odile (2000). “French Scenic Wallpaper: 1795–1865.” Paris: Flammarion.

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General Robert E. Lee's Chesterfield Headquarters

Buddy Cranford and Scott Williams

Chesterfield County has a rich history that is always at risk of being lost or forgotten. A little known piece of Chesterfield County history that seldom gets attention is the location of General Robert E. Lee's headquarters during the Federal Assault on Petersburg in June 1864.

Upon entering Chesterfield in June 1864, General Robert E. Lee moved off the road his forces were using to pour into the county and knelt in the dust while a minister prayed for Divine guidance. From there he proceeded to Drewry's Bluff and to the Howlett Line near the Clay Farm, where he stopped to rest on June 17, 1864 after having viewed the battle situation first hand. The Clay house, built in the late 18th or early 19th century, still stands today but it was here that Robert E. Lee camped for two days while he concentrated on the battle around Petersburg, VA. Lee had left Drewry's Bluff to see the battle situation first hand on June 17, 1864. General Lee's army occupied the farm at the Clay house with the intent to monitor the battles at hand around Petersburg.

General George Pickett had just retaken the Breastworks from the Union Army that had previously been part of the Confederate Howlett Line. That put the Clay Farm securely in Confederate hands. So, on the afternoon of June 17, Lee briefly moved his headquarters to this location. Lee, who had been resting lying on the ground in front of his tent, had also received information from General P.T. Beauregard on the battle that had been occurring in Petersburg since June 14, 1864. General Beauregard's words to Robert E. Lee were for him to send reinforcements, and if not, "God Almighty alone would save Richmond and Petersburg". Lee responded "I hope God Almighty will". This was a great concern for Robert E. Lee, who now knew that Petersburg was in danger of a full Federal assault but was uncertain of how General Ulysses Grant would proceed. The Federals were advancing on Clay's Farm and he received word that Grant's forces were across the James River and facing Petersburg. Heavy fighting was already at hand there. On June 18, 1864, one of Lee's generals (Anderson) stopped the Union advance at Clay's farm. On the morning of

June 18, 1864, knowing Petersburg was in danger, General Lee sent more forces to that location and broke his encampment at Clay's farm, proceeding quickly to Petersburg.

The Clay House stands on a level tract at the intersection of Old Stage Road and Old Bermuda Hundred Road about a mile and a half south of the James River. It was built in two stages and had a 1½ Story L-Plan. Henry Milton Clay owned the house by the 1840s. The farm consisted of 2,016 acres in 1854. Clay descendants owned the property until the early part of the 20th century.

Henry Clay is buried in a small cemetery on the Clay Farm not too far from the house. The home is very much as it was in 1864. The present owner values his privacy and wishes not to be disturbed. Please admire the house from afar as you drive by it on Old Bermuda Hundred Road. It is a near view of 1864.

Photo credits: grave marker, Rachel Lipowicz; Clay house, Scott Williams



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Dear friends of Shirley “Ley” Diller:

It seems hard to believe that just over two years have slipped by since our mother, wife of our dad Lou, passed from this life, on February 7, 2020.

The necessary restrictions for the pandemic began the following month. How often I ponder how much mother would have detested these restrictions that would have kept her away from people. I consider it a blessing that she did not have to go through it. Her passing was so very sudden and so unwelcome, and yet I have to recall the words she expressed in her later years. “So many people suffer with so many illnesses” and “I have had a very long life”, and her desires to not “burden Medicare” with having to pay for her for these reasons...Hard to hear for a loved one, but confirmation that she was grateful for a long and healthy life and made herself ‘less than’.

The events that followed in the wake of Covid-19, as well as a decline in our father’s health following a fall in February 2021, have delayed scheduling a service for mother. In addition, Magnolia Grange will be unavailable to host this event due to renovations. In light of all this, our family would finally like to welcome friends of our mother to a Celebration of Life at the lake within the Woodlake community that she and my dad enjoyed for so many years.

Woodlake

The Pavilion at East West Legacy Park

14710 Village Square Place Midlothian, VA 23112

Saturday, April 23, 3 pm

If you would be kind enough to let us know if you hope to attend, it would be so appreciated. We would like to have enough seating for all. Please reserve with Sue Lawrence at artsue55@hotmail.com.

We invite you to bring along your memories of mother, that you may write upon a memory card at the ceremony. We know that your friendships gave her tremendous joy and support over the years. We have all heard many names but have only been able to meet a few people over the years. We look forward to meeting more of you, and will cherish the memories you share.

Most sincerely,

Lou, Suzanne, Michael, Cathy, Erich and families



Ley at her surprise birthday party at CHSV and in younger days. Ley gave 13, 965 volunteer hours to CHSV-WOW!!

What I Learned while Volunteering.....

Bill Lipsett

In 2026, Chesterfield County will most likely join the celebration of our nation’s 250th year of Independence. Did you know that over 420 African Americans who were born free during the colonial period served in the Revolution from Virginia? There were over 75 free African Americans in colonial militias in the French & Indian Wars from Virginia, North and South Carolinas, and actually a few Chesterfield County citizens listed in known records who joined the Continental Army. Sadly, only a few lists of these citizens survived. The black man in the Virginia Continental establishment was not a slave, but a free man. Each black recruit was required to present a freedom certificate from his local Justice of the Peace. This prevented the Army from being a refuge for runaway slaves. This interesting information is from “A collection of Chesterfield County, Va Revolutionary War Pensions”, an almost 500-page spiral-bound volume that can be found in Trinity Library. These references about African Americans start on page 16, and continue to page 21; this publication is a reference book only and may not be inclusive of all the Revolutionary War veterans who resided in the county at the start of the Revolutionary War. This is just a tidbit of “did you know?” history that I found while volunteering in the library.

Chesterfield County Museum Programs,

Spring/Summer 2022

6813 Mimms Loop

All programs are free. Reservations are required at least one week in advance for all workshops, lectures and events. Space is limited. For details or to register call 804-768-7311.

Craft Workshops

Thursdays. 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. or 12 noon to 1 p.m.

May 19 and June 16 - The Victorian Art of Paper Quilling

Discover how to turn colorful *paper* strips into beautiful works of art during this beginner paper quilling workshop.

July 21 and August 18 - Yarn Dolls

Learn how to make an old-fashioned yarn doll. All ages welcome.

Historical Lectures and Events

Saturdays, 11 a.m.

May 14 - Toys and Games of the Past

Both young and old are invited to step back in time and have fun discovering traditional children's playthings such as Jacob's ladder and quoits. Test your skill with the cup and ball, and attempt to knock over all nine pins in a game of "skittles." No batteries required! This family-friendly event is free and will be held rain or shine.

Event is held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

June 4 - Historic Point of Rocks

This lecture will highlight military operations at Point of Rocks and the large federal hospital that was constructed there. Abraham Lincoln visited the site near the end of the Civil War and Clara Barton served there as Superintendent of Nurses during the early weeks of the Siege of Petersburg. The lecture will also cover the history of the Strachan House which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Lecture presented by Scott Williams, Chair of Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia's Military History Committee. He has been active in helping to preserve, interpret and maintain Civil War sites in the county since 1996.

July 30 - Things to Know While Working on Your Family History

Angie Wilderman, Chair of Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia's Genealogy Committee, will discuss getting started, where to look for information and staying organized in your search for family history.

August 27 - A Concise History of Printing, Paper and Binding

This lecture will explore the highlights of the history, development and techniques of paper making, printing and bookbinding and how they evolved together over thou-

sands of years, from pre-roman times through the 19th century. In this lecture we will also explore the history and development of printing in the colonies, especially in Virginia, Williamsburg, and Richmond. The speaker will be Hunter Willis, who has been recreating 18th century bindings since 2013. During that time, he has learned from some of today's most experienced facsimile bookbinders. He has also extensively studied the arts of bookbinding, printing, and the history of paper.



Magnolia Grange Programs, April 2022

Unless otherwise noted, all Magnolia Grange programs are free, but reservations are required. Space is limited. Participants must follow social distancing guidelines, and enhanced cleaning standards are in place. Details: Trevor Johnston, 804-748-1498. Register for all events one week in advance.

Craft Workshop

Saturday, noon

Apr. 23: Paper Lantern Program-Youngsters in grades 1-3 can celebrate Asian American culture with this fun craft activity. Each child must be accompanied by an adult.

Historic Programs

Saturdays, noon

Apr. 30: Grounds of The Grange-In recognition of the 200th anniversary of Magnolia Grange, staff from the historical site will shed light on the functionality of the property's main house and outbuildings at this program. Wear comfortable shoes.

June 11 – History of Maggie L. Walker

During this presentation staff from the Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site will share the history of the accomplishments of this historic figure.

PARKS & REC PROGRAMS

CIVIL WAR GUIDED TOURS

Pre-registration and pre-payment required for these tours in advance. To register visit

www.chesterfieldhistory.com Details: Bryan Truzzie, 804-751-4946.

Saturdays \$8 per person

Howlett Line Van Tour

Learn about the Bermuda Hundred Campaign of 1864 by visiting sites that were part of the Confederate line of defenses known as the Howlett Line. Parks Maintenance Parking Lot, 9201 Public Works Road May 14 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bermuda Hundred Campaign Tour

Learn about the impact of the Bermuda Hundred Campaign in 1864 by visiting some of the county's Civil War sites. Parks Maintenance Parking Lot, 9201 Public Works Road Jun 25, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

HISTORICAL TOURS

To register call 804-748-1623 and request the specific Course number. Register for all programs at least one week in advance.

Details: Bryan Truzzie, 804-751-4946

Saturdays \$8 per person

Eppington Plantation

Experience what plantation life was like in the 1700's as you tour the house and grounds. Eppington Plantation, 14201 Eppes Falls Road May 7 10-11 a.m. Course 40527

Pleasant View School

Take a guided tour and learn about the early African American history of one of the last preserved school houses in Chesterfield County during the segregated era. Pleasant View School, 18431 River Road May 7 1-2 p.m. Course 40526



Civil War Along the Appomattox Van Tour

This guided driving tour will focus on various sites within the village of Colonial Heights that played an important part during the early stages of the Bermuda Hundred Campaign in 1864. Wear comfortable shoes and bring snacks and drinks.

Parks Maintenance Parking Lot 9200 Public Works Road

May 28 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Course 40521

Historic Architecture Tour

Discover the unique architecture of the historic buildings on the Historic Chesterfield Museum Complex.

Chesterfield County Museum, 6813 Mimms Loop June 4 10 a.m. – noon Course 40523

Mid-Lothian Mines

Take a guided tour through the park and learn more about the early coal mining history in Midlothian, one of the first commercial coal mine operations in North America.

Midlothian Mines Park, 13286 North Woolridge Road

June 4 2 – 4 p.m. Course 40528

50+ HERITAGE CRAFT WORKSHOPS

To register call 804-748-1623 and request the specific Course number. Register for all programs at least one week in advance.

*Castlewood, 10201 Iron Bridge Road
Tuesdays, 10 – 11 a.m. \$8 per person*

Tinsmith Craft NEW

During this craft workshop participants will be able to punch designs in tin to make a decorative ornament.

May 10 Course 40533

Marble Creations

During this workshop participants will learn the fun filled history pertaining to marbles, games, and how to make your very own colorful clay marbles during this unique workshop.

May 24 Course 40532

Birdhouse Design

During this workshop participants can design and paint their own individual birdhouse for their backyard. May 31 Course 40518

Pressed Leaf Coaster and Bookmark Activity

Participants will be able to make a pressed leaf coaster for their home by using several types of leaves in addition to a pressed flower bookmark.
June 7 Course 40519

Zoetrope Animation Craft NEW

During this workshop participants will learn about the history of early animation pictures and make their own zoetrope slide.
June 14 Course 40534

Patriotic Flag Craft NEW

To commemorate Flag Day, participants will have the opportunity to make a patriotic flag to honor the history of our most cherished patriotic symbol.
June 21 Course 40535

“HIKING THROUGH HISTORY”

These programs are designed to share the history of historical sites throughout the county. Wear comfortable walking shoes.

Thursdays, 10 a.m.-noon \$8 per person

History of Point of Rocks

This tour will include a visit to Ashton Creek Marsh to view federal fortifications and remnants of a causeway that existed to deliver supplies during the 1800's. Then discover the history of Historic Point of Rocks by touring the site and walking out to the bluff overlooking the Appomattox, learning about the hospital site in 1864.

R. Garland Dodd Park, 201 Enon Church Road
May 5 Course 40525

Battery Dantzler NEW

This tour will explore one of the defensive positions constructed in 1864 for the defense of Richmond during the Bermuda Hundred Campaign. Discover the history of the Howlett House and learn about the Battle of Trent's Reach, one of the last naval engagements.

Battery Dantzler, 1820 Battery Dantzler Road
May 26 Course 40536

Ware Bottom Battlefield

Ware Bottom Battlefield Park, 1600 Old Bermuda Hundred Road

Learn about one of the most decisive engagements in 1864 and view some of the most preserved fortifications. June 2 Course 40529

Historic Courthouse Tour

Take a tour of the historic Courthouse Green and discover the early colonial history that abounds in the heart of Chesterfield. Learn about the Continental Army training depot, the Baptist preacher trials and some of the historic cases that were heard in the colonial courthouse.

Historic Trinity Church, 10111 Iron Bridge Road
June 16 Course 40524

Industry along the Appomattox Tour

This tour will allow visitors to discover the natural beauty of the Radcliffe recreational area as we explore the history of the mill industry that once existed along the river during the 18th and 19th centuries.

Radcliffe Conservation Area, 21300 Chesdin Road
June 23 Course 40530

Falling Creek Ironworks

Discover the site of the first iron furnace in the New World and explore the industrial history that evolved.

Falling Creek Ironworks Park, 6407 Route 1
June 30 Course 40531

Rediscover Chesterfield's History: In Chesterfield County, visitors can experience over 400 years of history spanning the pre-colonial era through the early 20th century. Visit our historic sites and take part in our programs and events to learn some unique firsts that happened here. For details on historic sites and suggested itineraries visit:

<https://www.chesterfield.gov/819/History>

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HISTORIC SITES UPDATES

Magnolia Grange House Museum closed temporarily as of February 22 to accommodate interior renovations in preparation for the 200th anniversary event scheduled for May 21. Plaster repair and painting of the upstairs bedrooms will be ongoing during March and April. Parks and Recreation staff and Historical Society volunteers carefully boxed up the artifacts and collections in the rooms along with assistance from General Services staff who moved all the furnishings out of the bedrooms. Special funding for this project was secured by Chesterfield County General Services, Parks and Recreation Department and Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia.

STAFF ADDITIONS

Recently the Parks and Recreation Department filled the vacancy of the Magnolia Grange Museum Historical Interpreter position that was vacant since November. The new staff member, Trevor Johnston started his new role on February 7. Trevor has worked in museums and historic sites for over a decade specializing in historic interpretation of American History. He has worked for the National Geographic Society, George Washington's Mount Vernon, and Georgia's Parks and Historic Sites Division. At Magnolia Grange, he plans to play a part in providing historical insight to the home's interpretive development, and in taking a proactive role in planning the upcoming 200th anniversary celebration. When not working, he spends his time playing tennis, watching documentaries, and studying cartography.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Falling Creek Ironworks Event

Commemorate the conclusion of the 400th anniversary with a reconciliation ceremony to mark the 1622 uprising. Experience America's first iron furnace, the 1619-22 ironworks at Falling Creek. Enjoy a guided archaeology tour and discover the importance of this industrial first. Experience an iron



smelting display, blacksmithing, Native American dancing demonstrations, music by the Alibi Band, children's activities, Spanish craft and vender displays. Concessions available.

Falling Creek Ironworks Park, 6907 Route 1

Saturday, April 30, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Free

Details: Bryan Truzzie, 804-751-4946 or www.chesterfield.gov/parks

Magnolia Grange 200th Anniversary Event

Join the Chesterfield Historical Society for "Chesterfield Mayfaire", the anniversary event to commemorate the opening of this historic house museum built in 1822. During Mayfaire experience the sights, sounds and pageantry of a time long past but not forgotten. Explore crafters, and period trades, listen to a storyteller, observe vendors as they demonstrate their crafts, relax and listen to old time entertainment, period children's activities, enjoy a tour of the house, learn about the archaeology of Magnolia Grange and so much more. Take a step back in time and experience what life was like in rural Chesterfield in the 1800's. Admission is free. Concessions available.

Magnolia Grange, 10020 Iron Bridge Road

Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Free

Details: www.chesterfieldhistory.com

Chesterfield Historical Society Fundraiser

The proceeds from this craft, bake and plant sale will benefit the restoration of Historic Point of Rocks Park. Enjoy various vendors providing period crafts, baked goods and horticulture items.

Castlewood, 10201 Iron Bridge Road

Saturday, June 11, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Vendor booth: \$25; contact Ruth Snead at

ruthsnead@aol.com

Details: www.chesterfieldhistory.com

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