



THE MESSENGER

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NEW GIFT SHOP

Our new Gift Shop will be located in a front office of the Old Courthouse. Mrs. Tamara Puster is the volunteer Gift Shop Manager with Mrs. Shirley Hudson as the volunteer Assistant Gift Shop Manager. The Shop will be open daily to all and has a focus on Virginia products with historical origins. A sampling of items are: Chinese porcelains, books, linen tote bags, pewter pieces, food items from Blue Crab dip mixes to Rowena's jams and Virginia Metalcrafter candlesticks.

Tamara is currently the Corresponding Secretary to the Board of Directors of the Society and has been a Docent for 8 years. Shirley has been an active office volunteer for one year. Thanks to both these ladies for all your hard work -past, present and future!

QUARTERLY MEETING

SUNDAY, October 22nd, 1995
2:30 p.m.

Historic Chesterfield Courthouse

FALL SOCIETY MEETING

The speaker for this fall meeting will be Dr. Carl Lounsbury, who is an Architectural Historian for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. In Williamsburg, Dr. Lounsbury has engaged in research for the restoration of the old James City County Courthouse, Wolstenholme Towne, Jamestown row houses and English homes of the 1600s. The Museum Gift Shop will also celebrate its Grand Opening and members may browse through our newest addition.

WORLD WAR II REMEMBERED

Exhibit: Chesterfield and WWII: A 50th Year Retrospective

A new exhibit commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the Armistice featuring United States military and homefront memorabilia, as well as German items will be displayed in the Historic Chesterfield Courthouse. The exhibit will be displayed from October 12th through Thanksgiving.

Mid-Day Melodies Concert October 12th, 1995 11:30AM

The Rhythm-Aires will entertain on the Courthouse steps playing Big Band tunes. Bring your lawn chair and picnic lunch! Rain moves the tunes inside.



NEW MEMBERS

Mary Duncan Bridges, Shreveport, LA.
 Ruth Richardson, Gloucester, VA.
 Thomas D. White, Midlothian, VA.
 Ronald A. Audet, Williamsburg, VA.
 Don G. Price, Richmond, VA.
 Elizabeth L. Bowen, Petersburg, VA.
 Linda E. Hope, Midlothian, VA.
 Virginia Whittle, Chester, VA.
 Lisa & Michael Lavery, Chester, VA.
 George & Donna Orr, Chesterfield, VA.
 Mrs. John P. Slater, Petersburg, VA.
 Marilyn Jean Hawkins Phipps, Midlo., VA.
 Fred M. Fariss, Virginia Beach, VA.
 Margaret W. Garrison, Seaford, VA.
 Kent Irvin, Nevada, TX.
 Laura M. Johnson, Richmond, VA.
 Jane C. Kulikowski, Richmond, VA.
 Betty Leviner, Williamsburg, VA.
 John Hyman, Williamsburg, VA.
 William W. Love, Montgomery, TX
 A. Jean Lurvey, Springfield, MO.
 Robert & Anne Martin, Richmond, VA.
 Joanne Cullon Moore, Frenchmens Bayou, AR.
 Mae D. Moore, Roanoke, VA.
 Cdr. Walter J. Whitley, USN, Newport, RI
LIFE MEMBER: Richard Baker, Sunrise, FL.



Mrs. Laurie Horner, new Society President

FROM THE RECORDING SECRETARY:

The July 23, 1995 Quarterly Meeting of the Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia was called to order on board the Pocahontas II boat by President Jim Daniels. The only business was the election of new Board Members. Arline McGuire read the list of nominees: Laurie Horner, President Doris Hancock, 1st Vice President Sterling Hawkins, 2nd Vice President David Brown, Treasurer Rachel Lipowicz, Recording Secretary Tamara Puster, Corresponding Secretary One Year Board Members: Jim Daniels, Rebecca Badger, Paul Shelton Two Year Board Members: Palmer Condrey, Baxter Perkinson, Sam Hilbert Three Year Board Members: Susan Poe, Mary Kay Gates, Tom White Arline then asked for further nominations. There were none. Motion made by Jim Daniels to elect entire slate. Motion was made by a member and voice vote was taken with the motion passing. Lucille Moseley installed the new slate and the meeting adjourned. Respectfully submitted,
 Rachel Lipowicz, Recording Secretary

GIFTS TO THE MUSEUMS

A "Thank You" will never adequately express our gratitude for your generosity.
TO THE MUSEUM

***Nancy Carter Crump-tow linen fire starting kit.
 ***Edward L. Frost, III-New Testament and a Civil War "Safe Passage Pass" c.1865 for James William Phaup.
 ***Irvin Owings-assorted Revolutionary War items for Revolutionary War soldier display.
 ***Nell Triani-antique trunk.
 ***Karl Reidelbach-assorted World War II weaponry and items, a Swastika flag and a 19th century Springfield Rifle.
 ***A very special Thank You to Bruce Moseley of Midlothian Electronics, who donated and installed the new alarm security system in the Museum. We can rest a great deal better knowing our Museum artifacts are safe!

TO MAGNOLIA GRANGE

***Dorothy Hudson-stoneware ceramic bowl, from the early 20th century.



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REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS

WORLD WAR II PANEL DISCUSSION

November 9th, 1995 7:00 p.m.

Veterans and families will discuss the impact of World War II. This panel discussion will take place in the Historic Old Courthouse. Reservations are required. Call the Society office 748-1026

VETERAN'S DAY SERVICES & PAINTING COMMEMORATING VETERANS TO BE UNVEILED

Special memorial services on Veteran's Day, November 11th, 1995 at 2:00 p.m. in front of the Old Courthouse will be conducted by the Society and the S. Chesterfield Ruritan Club. Guest speaker will be Major General Carl H. McNair, Jr., U.S. Army retired. Inclement weather will direct the service to be held in Thomas Dale High School. Ivan W. Perkinson has finished a large painting titled "REMEMBERING VETERANS" to commemorate the service. Reproductions will be on sale, which will help fund the Chesterfield County War Memorial Wall.

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL WALL

Baxter Perkinson, Sr. notes that about \$18,000 has been donated toward the Wall. They are still in need of funds, so please consider this IRS tax exempt donation to memorialize those taken in battle. Contact Baxter at 590-1185 or the Society Office.



Meet the Staff

Museums do not run themselves and these two lovely ladies can attest to that! Jennifer Grau, pictured on the left, is our Assistant Director of Museums. Aimee Brooks, on the right, is our Museum Intern until December. Aimee just completed her Masters in Museum Science.

HOLIDAY HERITAGE CLASSES

Holiday Basketry

Tuesday, October 10th
9:30 a.m.

Complete a holiday basket with Amelia Nicholson.

Drying Flowers & Herbs for Holidays

Tuesday, October 17th
10:00 a.m.

Learn how to dry flowers & herbs. Decorate a basket while listening to Master Gardner

J. Schoaf, who is also the landscape gardner for Shirley plantation.

Corn Husk Wreaths

Tuesday, October 24th
10:00 a.m.

Floral design teacher Cynthia English will teach and aid you in the making of your own wreath!

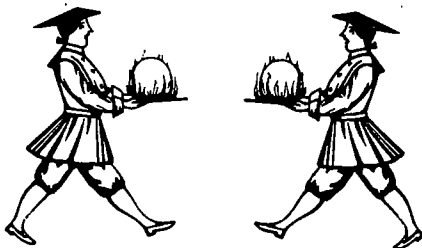
Holiday Gingerbread

Surprise

Saturday, December 2nd
9:00 a.m.

Children ages 6-12 are invited to come and make their own gingerbread ornaments.

Registrations Required: 748-1026



WITH SINCERE APPRECIATION

The Society wishes to thank the following persons for their recent generous Library contributions:

MANUSCRIPTS

- *Gregory Family Bible Records, 1852-1925". Gift of Mrs. Robert Howe.
- *"Midlothian High School Attendance Register & Record of Class Grades, 1927-28" by Loula C. Powell. Gift of Dorothy Hudson.
- *"Moseley, Arthur (1724-1897/08" Gift of the compiler, John Hale Stutesman.
- *"Children of Arthur Moseley, Part 2" Gift of the compiler, John Hale Stutesman.
- *Moseley, John (-1801". Gift of the compiler, John Hale Stutesman.
- *"Moseley, Richard (-1781)". Gift of the compiler, John Hale Stutesman.
- *"Moseley, Robert (1732-1804)". Gift of the compiler, John Hale Stutesman.
- *"Powers/Jackson/Stokes Family Bible Records, 1863-1932." Gift of Mrs. Robert Howe.
- *"Woodson Family Genealogical Chart, 1821-1910". Gift of Marian Harris.

BOOKS

- *"Bass, Markham, Moseley". Gift of Anne Zartman Travis.
- *"Chester United Methodist Church Book of Memories". Gift of Cindy Dutton
- *"Chesterfield County, Virginia, a History". Gift of Elizabeth Quaiff.
- * An important addition to our library collection arrived recently when Mrs. Paula Osborn Russell of Windermere, Florida sent us a three volume set of books entitled "Thomas Osborne of Coxendale", written by Banks McLaurin, Jr.

These books detail the history of this early Chesterfield settler who arrived here in 1619 on the ship "Bona Nova" and built on the James River near Proctor's Creek, naming his property Coxendale. These books detail eight generations in America and will be of immeasurable help to future researchers in our library. Thank you Mrs. Russell!

CEMETERY COMMITTEE NEEDS:

The The Cemetery Committee has been given permission by the Library of Virginia to copy documents and pictures relating to Chesterfield and all the area South of the James River, which was once part of the county. Donations (which are tax exempt) are desperately needed to fund this endeavor. The cost ranges up to \$500. Please mark donations to CHS go toward the "Document Project." These papers will be an immense aid to genealogists and historical period researchers!

9th Annual
Magnolia Grange
in
Holiday Dress
December 3, 1995

2 p.m.-4 p.m.

A "for Society Members only" preview of Magnolia Grange in its finest decorations for the holidays by local garden clubs. Antique quilts will also be displayed in the rooms during this festive season.

4 p.m.-6 p.m.

The public is invited to join in viewing a Revolutionary War encampment and colonial dancers. See an antique toy exhibit and festive tree! The Museum will be open featuring holiday toy exhibits.



ARCHAEOLOGY
REPORT

Dawn Burns, Committee Chairman, reports that the Archaeology committee is still working successfully around the 1780s house site. Through the use of digging test holes for out-buildings, they have recovered plate shards, sewing needles, tools and glassware. The purpose of this dig is to determine how "average" people lived in Chesterfield during early times. Dawn and the group recently completed an eight day excavation on the Carpenter's Shop at Mr. Vernon. If interested, they are in need of Saturday volunteers. Call the Society Office for information.

HOURS OF OPERATION

All Museums:

10 AM - 4 PM Monday-Friday
1 PM - 4 PM Sunday

Research Library:

10 AM - 4 PM Monday-Friday
7 PM - 9 PM 2nd Thursday
of Each Month

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