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New Members

We welcome New Members
who have joined the
Chesterfield Historical Society
between April 1 and June 15,
1998:

Susan K. Badgett
Margaret Blankenship
Gladys & Edward W. Bowling
Cathy C. Holland
Jan & "Sutt" Suttentfield
& children, Jessi & Tyler

by: Nancy Carter Crump

What Is A Sesquiduplecentennial?

What is a Sesquiduplecentennial? That is the question being asked these days as planning gets underway for Chesterfield County's 250th birthday. An event-filled celebration will begin May 25, 1999 at the 1917 Courthouse, with a ceremony commemorating the 1749 founding of the county. The remainder of the year will be filled with a variety of events honoring the county's long history, ranging from parades to historical reenactments and concerts.

Many members of the Chesterfield Historical Society are involved in planning for the anniversary celebration. Executive Director, Nancy Carter Crump, has been named chairman by the county's Board of Supervisors. Members of the 250th Anniversary Oversight Committee include Mary Arline McGuire, "Pete" Mann, Judge Earnest Gates, Russell Harris, Marcella Williamson, and Doris Hancock. Other society members are actively involved in a number of sub-committees that include beautification, special events, education, logistics, and publicity.

We urge all our historical society members to participate in Chesterfield County's 250th Anniversary Celebration! Many people will be needed to lend a hand. Right now, members are asked to serve on the marketing and publicity committees; and as the 1999 celebration unfolds, help will be needed for each scheduled event. A 1999 calendar-of-events will be published in the fall issue of The Messenger. If you have questions in the meantime, please call our 250th anniversary special events coordinator at 777-9663.

Oh, by the way. Sesquiduplecentennial means 250 years!

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**Hours
of
Operation**

All Museums

10:00 A.M. — 4:00 P.M.

Monday - Friday

1:00 P.M. — 4:00 P.M. on Sunday

Call (804) 777-9663 or 748-1026

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MUSEUM MOMENTS

By: Jim Hollomon
Assistant Director of Museums

Whew! The 1997-98 school year is over. The museums played host to 133 classes of school children this year. This brought about 3,500 children through our doors! It was exciting, fun, and at times quite challenging. We managed to make it through without any major problems, despite the continued shortage of volunteers.

A very sincere thank-you is extended to our faithful interpreters who contributed their time and talent in support of the Historical Society and its school programs. I would like to recognize the following persons for their service this year: *Phyllis Bass, spring semester intern Cristin Butler, Joan Collins, Lillian Cubbon, Mildred Daffron, Vivian Fogle, Virginia Frymier, Rachel Holmes, Kathie Lyon, Betty Matthews, Mary Mays, Helen Patrick, Marshall Pearman, Charlene Ward, Grace Webb, Nell Yoss and summer intern Jenny Croxton.* Without your assistance, our services to the schools would not be possible. We have had many compliments, and already have requests for bookings next year. Thanks for a great year.

Summer will remain busy around the museums. Our Native American exhibit in the changing exhibit gallery continues to be popular with our visitors. We have already seen an increase in the off-street traffic with guests coming into our area. We are also participating in the TimeTravellers program again this year. This is a program for students to visit us with their families during the summer and receive credit for the visit toward a reward. It is a statewide program involving over 120 museums.

Summer Heritage classes are scheduled again this year in the month of July. They will be for kids age 8 to 11 and will be conducted mornings at Magnolia Grange (see information elsewhere in the newsletter). Summer day camps are also scheduling tours of our sites again this year in response to our advertisement. These are noted on the calendar in the Society office. If you can assist us with any of these, please give us a call.

Things may be a little confusing for a while this summer as the offices of the Historical Society re-locate to Castlewood, just up the street. At this time, we are attempting to keep the Museum Shop, Library and a Docent office in the Historic Courthouse. At this time, tours of our sites will continue to originate from the Courthouse. We ask that you bear with us during this period of transition, trial and error, while we work all the kinks out. Thanks for your patience.

Quarterly Meeting

The Chesterfield Historical Society's quarterly meeting will be held at Castlewood at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, July 26th. Historical music interpreters, *Southern Horizon*, will perform.

Southern Horizon is an acoustical band that "reaches back to 19th-century melting pot America for its music," performing American folk-songs, bluegrass and country tunes, all influenced by early music from the British Isles.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Please call the Society offices at 748-1026 or 777-9663 for further details. Castlewood is located at 10201 Iron Bridge Road.

Reminder to all Members

Our business offices are relocating to Historic Castlewood (located just East of the Historic Courthouse on the corner of Krause and Iron Bridge Roads).

Please note **new phone numbers** for the Society offices effective immediately:

Main Number	777-9663
250th Anniversary	
Coordinator	777-9653
Fax	777-9643

The old number of 748-1026 will remain active at the Courthouse for coordinating tours and for the Gift Shop

—Nancy Carter Crump

Important Notice

In order to publish The Messenger in a timely fashion, new guidelines have been established for submissions, as follows:

- December 1 for January issue (calendar listings only)
- March 5 for April issue
- June 5 for July issue
- September 5 for October issue

Editor Mason Chalkley has resumed full time work and if he is to continue his volunteer commitment to *The Messenger*, it is important that this schedule be kept. He asks that any articles submitted be typed and copied to a floppy disk with hard copy attached for editing purposes.

Summer Heritage Craft Classes For Kids

The Chesterfield Historical Society is again pleased to announce its series of **Heritage Craft Classes for Kids in July**. The sessions are geared for children ages 8 - 11. This year classes will be offered in calligraphy, gardening, quilting, and historic household tasks. All classes will be held at Magnolia Grange Plantation House (10020 Iron Bridge Road, Chesterfield). Each session includes a snack and optional tour of Magnolia Grange. Participants may take one or all of the classes.

On **Tuesday, July 7, 1998, 9:30 - 12:30**, Kim Ellington, teacher in the Chesterfield County School System, will conduct a class in the fine art of *calligraphy*. All materials will be provided. **Registration and payment deadline: Tuesday, June 30, 1998.**

Jacqueline Shoaf, master gardner, will teach *Aliens in the Garden*, on **Wednesday, July 8, 1998, from 9:30 - 12:30**. Students will learn about helpful and harmful bugs as well as herbal remedies and seasonings. Students will pot a plant of their own to take home. **Registration and payment deadline: Wednesday, July 1.**

Experienced quilter, Wanda Clarkson, will teach the craft of *quilting* and discuss its history around the era of the Civil War, on **Wednesday, July 22, 1998, from 9:30 - 12:30**. Students will complete a simple pattern of the late 19th century which they can take home to display. All materials will be provided. **Registration and payment deadline: Wednesday, July 15, 1998.**

Kathryn Bundy, historical interpreter, will teach, *Historic Household Happenings*, on **Tuesday, July 28, 1998, from 10 to noon**. Hands-on activities will include learning period games and churning butter. All materials will be provided. **Registration and payment deadline: Tuesday, July 28, 1998.**

All classes will be taught at Magnolia Grange. Cost for each class is \$20, or the series of four classes may be taken for \$70. Registration is required as enrollment is limited. Please sign up early!

For further information or to register, please call the Chesterfield Historical Society at 748-1026 or 777-9663.

Search for Fair Memorabilia

The Chesterfield County Fair Association is looking for old fair memorabilia. Anyone willing to donate items, contact Doris Hancock at 796-6967. Thanks!

Membership Application
(Membership Year: January 1 - December 31)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: (_____) _____

- _____ Student Membership \$5.00 per year
- _____ Single Membership \$12.00 per year
- _____ Couple Membership \$20.00 per year
- _____ Family Membership \$25.00 per year
- _____ Corporate Membership \$500.00 per year
- _____ Renewal _____ New Member

- _____ Two Years \$ _____
- _____ Individual Life \$200.00 (one-time)
- _____ Donation \$ _____

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