

# The Messenger

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### Patriotism

Let our object be our country, our whole country, and nothing but our country. And, by the blessing of God, may that country itself become a vast and splendid monument, not of oppression and terror, but of wisdom, of peace, and of liberty, upon which the world may gaze with admiration forever.

-- Daniel Webster

Our country's welfare is our first concern, and who promotes that best, best proves his duty.

-- William Havard (1710-78)

New occasions teach new duties.

-- James Russell Lowell

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## Director's Message

By Dennis P. Farmer

### God Bless America

As I typed out my director's message that long afternoon of September 11, 2001, the Society staff, along with the rest of the world watched the TV in horror, the events that will live with us for the rest of our lives. As Americans, most of us understand that freedom is not free, and again, thousands of our citizens, the gallant Fire and Police departments of the greatest city in the world, and our own Virginians and fellow Americans at the Pentagon have paid that price.

We know that our nation stands for justice, for liberty and above all the free rights of citizens. In the weeks ahead, our nation will be heard from and the small-minded terrorists who caused these events shall be driven out of the society of humankind like the wolves they are. I believe with all my heart that the most important thing that most of us can do is carry on as much as we can. So in that spirit...

I hope every one is getting back into their fall schedules, with school started up, vacations at an end and all that signs of the changing seasons in the air. It has been an active summer here at the Society, with the new exhibit on our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the museum, drafting of a strategic plan for the Society over the next ten years, summer visitors stopping in and the rest of a wonderful summer in Virginia. The focus of late has been on the celebration events this fall and the new board members starting their terms. Welcome to Dr. Wendell Howlett, Dr. Wilson Shannon, Mr. Scott Fisher and Jack R. Wilson III who are joining our board of directors. We will look forward to working with these gentlemen. As mentioned, I have spent much time over the summer on the drafting of a strategic plan, which, in rough outline was presented in early September to the Board. The next step is to call in committees, board input and any interested society members to review and provide feed back for the next draft. These plans provide overall direction for ourselves over the course of the next decade, one in which we are in excellent condition for expansion.

One idea to pass on to you as members, is the continuing need for your participation in the Society. Chesterfield is about its people and preservation of its rich history is the main task of our Society. In order to do that we need you. From committees to docents to volunteers, to active cheerleaders and financial supporters it's our membership that is our strength. Come on by Castlewood and drop in to offer your time. We should be able to make it useful and enjoyable for you and we offer a wide range of options for volunteers

With a number of special events and programs coming up we hope to see many of our members this fall and early winter. Come on out and enjoy our past, and help spread the word about Chesterfield to our friends, family and children. I would also like to offer thanks to our volunteers who are planning and making

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**Chesterfield  
Historical Society  
Officers**

President — Doris Hancock

1st Vice-President - Pete Mann

2nd Vice-President - Beverley Coleman

Recording Secretary - Phyllis K. Bass

Corresponding Sec. - Angie Wilderman

Treasurer — G. David Brown

**Directors**

Wendell Howlett,  
Bruce Baker, Scott Fisher,  
Paul Shelton,  
Ed Henderson,  
Jack Wilson,  
Arline McGuire,  
Betty Matthews, Wilson Shannon

**Staff**

Dennis P. Farmer,  
Executive Director

James W. Hollomon,  
Assistant Director  
Jan Sutzenfield,  
Administrative Assistant  
Tamara Puster,  
Gift Shop Manager

**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 for Information

**Editor**

Mason T. Chalkley

**President's  
Message**

This year we celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of dedication to preserving Chesterfield County's rich history. Many events have been planned and we invite you to join us and help make this a very special time. Bring your family, neighbors and friends.

I want to thank our staff, Dennis, Jim, Jan, Tamara and Bunny, for their many hours of dedication. **THEY LOVE WHAT THEY DO!** No organization like ours could operate without the dedicated group of volunteers giving their time. This quarter Lucille Moseley, Ley Diller, Rebecca Badger, Phyllis Bass, Marshall Pearman, Virginia Frymier, Rachel Holmes, Lillian Cubbon, Mildren Daffron, Darren Demoret, Scott Beasley, Pat Breeden, Leisbeth Vanderlinden-Brusse, Gwen Coalter and Sara Mills were there to give tours, assist in the Library and help in the gift shop. Special thanks to our board members and committee chairmen who work all year on special committee projects or as board members. Also, I want to thank Pattie Grady and Rebecca Badger for teaching our Heritage Craft Classes in August and last, but certainly not least, Mason Chalkley for all his hard work on The Messenger.

We always need volunteers to help in the Library, to give tours at Magnolia Grange and the Museum (weekdays or weekends), assist in the office, gift shop or participate on a committee. Please call the Historical Society office if you feel you have some time to share with us. We welcome your interest and need your help. Training will be provided.

I would like to welcome our new board members Wendell Howlett, Jack Wilson, Wilson Shannon and Scott Fisher. We look forward to having you on our board.

During the next year I would like to encourage our members and friends to take time to record on tape or write down their family history and thoughts on growing up, living and working in Chesterfield. Paul Shelton is currently working on a web page for those interested in using this method. Please send a copy to the Chesterfield Historical Society. If your church has prepared a history, please share a copy with our Library.

**Help With Fundraising**

We are currently seeking volunteers who have experience with fundraising. If you feel that you can devote some time to this very worthwhile and much needed effort, please call the Society as soon as possible. Thank you!

God Bless America, continued

the anniversary events come alive. Special mention to Dot Hawkins who had made the portraits of James Wiley Winfree and Lucy Patterson Winfree available to the Society so that the fine copies we display can be used at Laurel Meadow on November 3. Thanks also to W. Baxter Perkinson, Sr. for his long and successful work on the Veterans Memorial Wall. This year, ten small bronze plaques will commemorate our County's major conflicts. The following folks donated these plaques:

Revolutionary War	W. Baxter Perkinson, Sr., Sons of the American Revolution
War of 1812	South Chesterfield Ruritan, Citizen & Patriotism Committee
Mexican War	Carol and Dennis Farmer
Civil War	W. Baxter Perkinson, Sr. Sons of Confederate Veterans
Spanish-American War	Samuel Ali Mann Chapter, M. O. of the Stars & Bars
World War One	Chef de Gar Forty & Eight Voiture 1530, La Societe
World War Two	American Legion Post 284
Korean War	Mr. & Mrs. Alvin D. Goyne
Vietnam War	Mr. & Mrs. James T. Thacker, Sr.
Gulf War	Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia

The Veterans Day program is Sunday, November 11 at 2:00 p.m. at the 1917 Courthouse. The speaker will be General Donn R. Starry, U.S. Army, (Ret.) and the Thomas Dale High School Band will play for all who attend. We have \$21,183.45 towards the phase II elements of the war so donations are always welcome, perhaps this November more than most.



## MUSEUM SHOP



**20% OFF SALE**  
(extra 10% for members!)

IN HONOR OF THE SOCIETY'S  
20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>

NEW ITEMS HAVE ARRIVED....  
SHOP EARLY FOR THE BEST SELECTION!

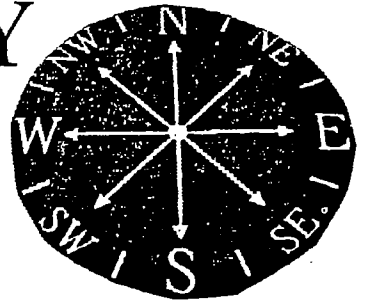
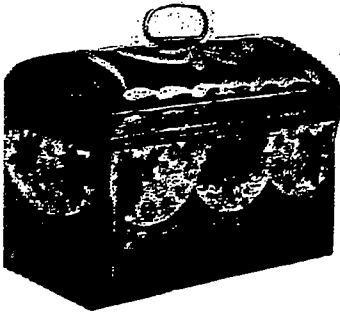



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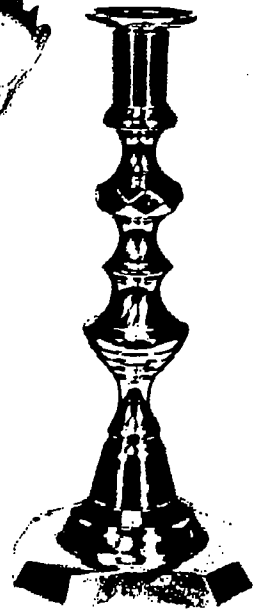
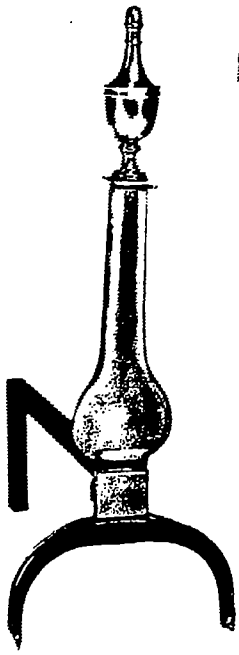
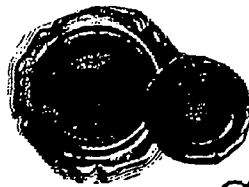


FALL QUARTERLY MEETING AND

ANTIQUES APPRAISAL

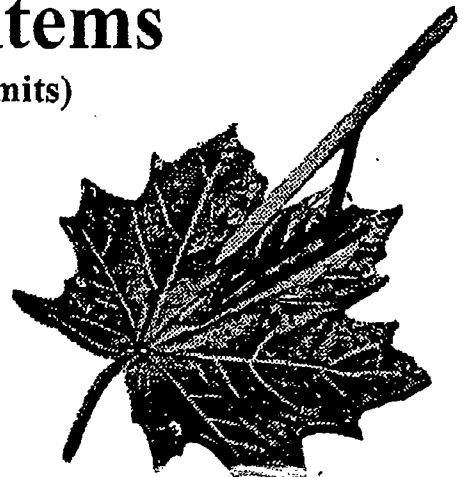


2:00 p.m.  
Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>  
at "Castlewood"  
10201 Iron Bridge Road



Appraisals by Mr. John Gates  
of Gates Antiques in Midlothian

\$10 per item/limit of 2 items  
(additional items will be allowed if time permits)



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Thurs., October 25<sup>th</sup> -  
Sat., October 27<sup>th</sup>**     **Shoppers' Fair**     **Thurs. 5:00 - 9:00 (members only)**  
**Virginia Historical Society**     **Fri. & Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**  
 Get an early start on your Christmas shopping at the Museum Store Association's annual Shoppers' Fair held this year at the Virginia Historical Society. Call 777-9663 for additional information.
- Fri., October 26<sup>th</sup> &  
Sat. October 27<sup>th</sup>**     **Spirit Walk**     **6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - depart from Castlewood**  
 Come enjoy an evening among Chesterfield's spirits of the past. Starting at Castlewood, you will tour some three hundred years of the County's dark events and sample some hot cider and cookies as well. For all ages (but may be too scary for under age 6). Cost: \$5 for non-members; \$3.00 for Society members. Some walking required. Call 777-9663 for information.
- Sun., October 28<sup>th</sup>**     **Quarterly Meeting/  
Appraisal Day**     **2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Castlewood**  
**Appraisals by Mr. John Gates, Gates Antiques**  
 Following a brief business meeting, you are invited to bring items (articles must be small enough to carry) for appraisal. Fee: \$10 per item appraised.
- Sat. November 3<sup>rd</sup>**     **Historic House Tour**     **10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Old Manchester Area**  
 Tour includes: Old Stone House in Forest Hill Park, The McRae House, Church of Christ in Forest Hill, Broad Rock Manor and Laurel Meadow. Block tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door; "Gourmet Lunch to Go" is available for \$7 by pre-paid reservation only (deadline for lunch is Thursday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>). Tickets may be purchased at the Society's offices; call 777-9663 for information.
- Sun., November 11<sup>th</sup>**     **Veterans Day Program**     **2:00 p.m. at the 1917 Courthouse**  
 Speaker: General Donn R. Starry, U.S. Army (Ret.)
- Sat., December 8<sup>th</sup>**     **Christmas Open House**     **10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
 "Magnolia Grange in Holiday Dress" with festive decorations by local garden clubs, special music and refreshments; Christmas exhibit in the Museum; visits/photos with Santa, a Children's Shop and Holiday Sale in the Museum Shop at Castlewood. Events free/photos with Santa \$5.
- Wed., December 12<sup>th</sup>**     **Christmas Luncheon**     **12:00 p.m. at Castlewood**  
 Buffet luncheon and Mrs. Margaret Wright's program entitled "Turn of the Century Toys" - Cost: \$10/call 777-9663 for reservations.  
**Silhouette Artists**     **2:00 p.m. at Castlewood**  
 Helen and Nel Laughon, professional silhouette artists, will be cutting silhouettes using the techniques of the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. This mother/daughter team has worked professionally in museums around the country since 1969. Call 777-9663 for additional information.

***COME HELP US CELEBRATE OUR PAST AS WE BRING BACK SOME OLD FAVORITES!***

**CHESTERFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: daytime: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ evening: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Names of others included at the Household Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership:  New  Renewal  2 years

Student\* -\$10.  Individual - \$20.  Benefactor -\$ 500.

Senior\*\* -\$15.  Household - \$30.  Corporate - \$1,000.

I wish to volunteer. I am interested in the following committees:

African-American  Financial Fund Raising  Membership  Site Docent

Archeology  Genealogy  Newsletter  (Magnolia Grange,

Batteaux  Gift Shop  (Messenger, Journal)  Museum, 1917

Cemetery  Historic Sites  Office  Courthouse)

Civil War Sites  Library  Program/Hospitality  War Memorial

Membership year is January 1-- December 31 (pro-rated membership not available). Please make checks payable to: Chesterfield Historical Society.

\* Please include photo copy of student ID.

Return to: *Chesterfield Historical Society*

\*\* 65 + years.

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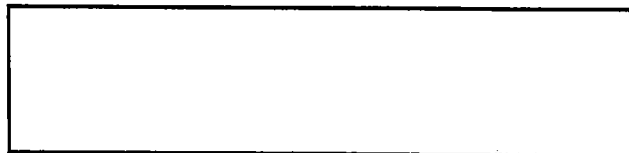
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