

## NEWS RELEASE



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### **Step Back in Time at Mayfaire Festival to Celebrate Magnolia Grange's Bicentennial**

*Experience the sights, sounds and pageantry of a time long past*

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY, VA** — On Saturday, May 21, [Magnolia Grange](#) will kick off its bicentennial celebration with a Mayfaire Festival from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the front lawn. Visitors to Magnolia Grange will have the opportunity to step back in time and explore rural life in 1800's Chesterfield.

The free event will kick-off with a reenactment of the 1986 ribbon cutting ceremony when the 1822 plantation home opened to the public as a house museum. Free tours of Magnolia Grange will be available on an on-going basis throughout the day.

Numerous tradesmen and crafters will be on site including a chair caner, storyteller, tinsmith, basket weaver, bobbin lace, laundress, carpenter, and more. Historical interpreters will bring history to life with a Revolutionary War encampment, home life, and a medicine/snake oil salesman.

Period toys and instruments will be on display and children will be able to participate in archaeology activities.

Live historical music by the Harken Back String Band will be playing throughout the day. Traditional food and beverages will be available for purchase.

Parking for Mayfaire Festival will be located at the Chesterfield County Government Complex at 9901 Lori Road. Shuttles will transport guests to the event site.

Chesterfield Mayfaire is produced by [Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia](#) in partnership with [Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation](#).

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**About the Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia**

Founded in 1981, the Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia is a 501(c) non-profit organization that serves as the center for Chesterfield county history. The society mission is to collect, preserve, interpret and promote the county's unique past for the education and enjoyment of present and future generations. For more information, please call (804)796-7121 or visit [www.chesterfieldhistory.com](http://www.chesterfieldhistory.com)