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### **Chesterfield Historical Society of VA to Present**

### **Quilts from the Past: Memories and Traditions**

Chesterfield, VA, June 15, 2021. The Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia and Chesterfield Department of Parks and Recreation will open a new exhibit at the Chesterfield County Museum on Saturday, June 26 at 10 a.m.: *Quilts from the Past: Memories and Traditions*. The quilts, selected from Chesterfield Historical Society's Collection, will be removed from storage and exhibited through December 31, 2021. These treasures date from the 1850s to the 1970s, and document women's lives and their social, political, and family connections. Some are "planned" quilts that utilized purchased fabrics, and others are informal quilts, pieced together with leftover scraps of fabric that held special memories. Among those displayed will be quilts that were said to have been buried in a creek to hide the family's silver during the Civil War, crazy quilts, an African-American patchwork quilt, and a "signature quilt" that raised funds in 1938 for the Chester branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. This quilt contains 340 embroidered names/initials from area residents. The public is encouraged to identify any of the names or initials that may belong to their ancestors. County Museum hours are 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Saturday, excluding holidays. The museum is located at 6813 Mimms Loop, on the Historic Courthouse Green along Route 10/Ironbridge Road in Chesterfield.

The Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization established in 1981. Its mission is to research and celebrate the history of Chesterfield County by collecting, preserving, interpreting and promoting the county's unique past for the education and enjoyment of present and future generations. For more information or to volunteer, please visit [www.chesterfieldhistory.com](http://www.chesterfieldhistory.com)