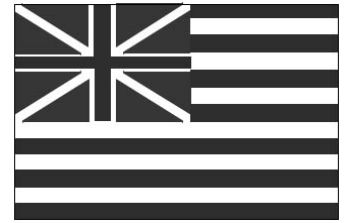




THE RAPPAHANNOCK GAZETTE



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 1 Gunston Hall, 10:00-4:00, 3:30 dancing
2 Gunston Hall, 10:00-4:00
22 Scottish Festival-Block Party 11:00-4:00
25 Fredericksburg Garden Days, 10:00-5:00
- May 7 Rosewell
20 Spring Tea, 1:00-3:00
- June 10 Scotchtown Tea
- July 2 4th of July Event Spotsylvania Courthouse
4 Port Royal 4th Celebration



Remember: Due to liability concerns of the corporation, *your membership must be current* in order to participate in any events the group is asked to do.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BALLS, FAIRES AND SUCH 2006

- April 1 Colonial Ball, Bath, England
8 Gadsby's Tavern Ball, Alexandria, VA
27 - 30 Fort Frederick Market Faire, MD
- May 28 Louisa Ball, Louisa, VA
- September 3,4,5 Yorktown Battle 1781, VA
- November 4 Jefferson Ball, Richmond, VA

MAY DANCE PRACTICE DATES

*in the Family Room of St. George's
unless otherwise noted*

- May 5 - Scottish Country Dance, Faulkner Hall
May 12 -English Country Dance
May 19 - no dance class - set up for SPRING TEA!
May 26 - English Country Dance

from *The Pennsylvania Evening Post*

price Threepence

*Published every Tuesday, Thursday, and
Saturday Evening*

June 20, 1775

RAN away from the Subscriber, living in Almonstreet, Southwark, Philadelphia, the fourteenth instant, A SERVANT GIRL, named Mary Brine, about seventeen Years of Age, short and thick set, pleasant when talking, a little pited with the Smallpox, had on a Purple and white short Gown, green Skirt, black Bonnet, white Handkerchief, and barefooted. Whoever takes up said Servant, and secures her in any of his Majesty's Jails, shall have TWO DOLLARS Reward if in the City; if out of it FOUR DOLLARS, and all reasonable Charges.

June 15th *John Douglas*



*"Do not neglect your music. It will be a
companion which will sweeten many
hours of life to you."*

T. Jefferson

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NOTE: Dance on April 21 has been canceled. Dance on April 14 will be held in Faulkner Hall at St. George's Episcopal Church.

THE RULES OF CIVILITY

13. Kill no vermin such as fleas, lice, ticks, & etc., in the sight of others. If you see any filth or thick spittle, put your foot dexterously upon it. If it be upon the clothes of your companions, put it off privately, and if it be upon your own clothes return thanks to him who puts it off.
14. Turn not your back to others, especially in speaking. Jog not the table or desk on which another reads or writes, Lean not upon anyone.

LEARN ABOUT COPTIC BINDING

An ancient and very versatile binding that allows your book to open flat. The rhythm of stitching with a curved needle will make this stitch easy to accomplish. Identify yourself as a member of RCHS for a possible discount (no promises though).

Monday, May 1, 7:00—9:00pm
Instructor: Mary Jane Bohlen
(Please call instructor to register 540-775-5545 or email mjbohlen@msn.com)
916 Liberty Street - Fredericksburg, Va. 22401
540-371-7255

Newport Mercury

May 27th 1765

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"Williamsburgh, April 19: "a gentleman has favored us with the following account of one Thomas Vance, of Chesterfield County about 6 or 7 miles from Petersburg, who is very remarkable for his age, he being certainly the oldest man in America. He was born in London (the year or month he does not know) but from all circumstances he must be atleast 125 years old. He served as an apprentice 7 years to a Taylor in that city, some time after which he came over to Virginia, and settle in the lower part of the colony, when he carried on his business untill obliged to remove for fear of being pressed by Bacon into his service. After removing into several counties he at last settled and married, and by his wife has several children and great grand children. He is now alive and in perfect health and has ever enjoyed all his senses with the use of his limbs, untill within these few years, when he lost his eye in a fight."

VOCABULARY LESSON

From *The Vulgar Tongue, Buckish Slang and Pickpocket Eloquence*

(CANT - means slang)
ABIGAIL - a lady's waiting-maid
ABRAM. naked. *Cant.*
ABRAM COVE. a cant work among thieves, signifying a naked or poor man; also a lusty, strong rogue
ABRAM MEN. Pretended mad men
TO SHAM ABRAM. to pretend sickness
ACCOUNTS. To cast up ones accounts; to vomit
ACT OF PARLIAMENT. a military term for small beer, five pints of which, by an act of parliament, a landlord was formerly obliged to give to each soldier gratis.
ADAM'S ALE. Water
ADDLE PLOT. A spoil sport, a mar-all.

NEWSLETTER GUIDELINES

1. Our time period and location is 18th century Virginia with our area of concentration being Fredericksburg and the Rappahannock River Valley. The Rappahannock River Valley covers from the ford of the Rappahannock and Rapidan Rivers down to the Chesapeake Bay. Our particular interests lie in the areas of Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania, Stafford, King George, and Caroline counties.

2. Any member may, and is encouraged to, submit articles for publication by the 15th of the month prior. Committee chairpersons are especially encouraged to write reports of past and upcoming activities. The newsletter is distributed to and read by people with varying degrees of expertise. Articles should be accurate in detail, sources given (for factual information) and opinions of the writer must be clearly identified as such. This newsletter will be posted online, so be very careful about listing your sources and getting permission for reprints. Send articles to HRHDiana@juno.com.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
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YEARLY DUES:

INDIVIDUAL \$10.00
FAMILY \$15.00

To join, fill out the information below, select a Membership Category, attach a check written to **Rappahannock Colonial Heritage Society, Inc.** in the proper amount, and mail to the above post office box.

DATE:_____ CHECK NUMBER:_____ AMOUNT:_____

KEEP THE TOP PART FOR YOUR RECORDS

Tear off and mail the lower part with your check made payable to **Rappahannock Colonial Heritage Society, Inc., PO Box 7823, Fredericksburg, VA 22404-7823**

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YOUR SPECIAL INTEREST:

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OTHER () _____

ARE YOU WILLING TO WORK ON PROJECTS? YES () NO ()

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Meets 1st Tuesday, 7:30pm at Faulkner Hall, St. George's Church, 905 Princess Anne St., Fredericksburg, Virginia. Please join us!

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

April 4

May 2

English Country Dance Lessons (Colonial Dancing):

St. George's Church, 905 Princess Anne St., Fredericksburg, VA (downstairs in Family Room)

Please join us!

April 14 (in Faulkner Hall)

April 28