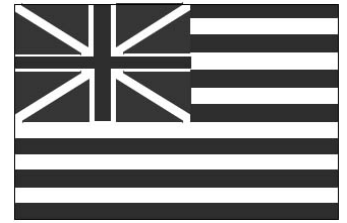




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UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 7 Rosewell
20 Spring Tea, 1:00-3:00
- July 2 4th of July Event Spotsylvania Courthouse
4 Port Royal 4th Celebration
- August 19-20 Godspeed Event, Aquia Landing
- September 16 Fall Tea, 1:00-3:00
30 Welsh Festival, 10:00-4:00

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

- May 28 Louisa Ball, Louisa, VA
- October 14 James Monroe Ball, Fredericksburg, VA,
7:00 p.m. ?
- October 21 Yorktown Battle 1781, Williamsburg, VA
- November 4 Jefferson Ball, Richmond, VA



MAY DANCE PRACTICE DATES

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

- May 5 - No Class
May 12 -English Country Dance (Faulkner Hall)
May 19 - No Dance Class - Set Up for SPRING TEA!
May 26 - English Country Dance (Family Room)



"It is a strange thing that, while all would live long, none would be old."

-Benjamin Franklin

EDUCATION COMMITTEE NOTE

Our SOL activity at Parkside Elementary needs to be rescheduled for the first or second week in May. RCHS members interested in going out to the schools, please check you calendars to see if either Wednesday will work for you and contact Sharon at sharonsmud@adelphia.net

from *The Pennsylvania Evening Post*
August 31, 1775
SIX PENCE REWARD

Ran away from the subscriber yesterday, the 25th inst. an apprentice girl named MARY PATTERSON, about nineteen years of age, rather tall and slender, of a swarthy complexion, a little marked with the smallpox, has a very bold look and is ignorant and saucy. She has on, and took with her, an old white bonnet, an old calico blue and yellow sprig gown, and an old blue quilt petticoat. Whoever apprehends the above apprentice, and secures her in any of his Majesty's jails so that her master may have her again, shall receive the above reward, and no charges.

PHILIP FULLAN, Marketstreet

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The purpose of the Rappahannock Colonial Heritage Society is to bring regular together persons interested in preserving and perpetuating the heritage and culture of the colonial era in and around the Rappahannock River Valley of Virginia; to conduct historical research of persons, places and events relating to the Rappahannock River Valley in Colonial times, and to organize activities related to the Colonial era in an effort to educate the public about the ways of life of our forbears in this area.

THE RULES OF CIVILITY

- 15: Keep nails clean and short, and your hands and teeth clean, yet without showing any concern for them.
 16: Do not puff up the cheeks, loll out the tongue; [do not] rub the hands or beard, thrust out the lips or bite them, or keep the lips too open or too close.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Sharon Brunacci and I recently had the great pleasure to go "across the pond" to Bath in England. What a thrill to see castles and places renowned in history. We felt at home everywhere we went, especially at Guild Hall; the 18th century surrounded us! We danced familiar dances with names like "Child Grove" and "Well Hall" and everyone wore their finest, just like here at home. We Americans were warmly welcomed and called on to dance. The musicians had especially practiced the "Virginia Reel," since we came from Virginia. We did a quick program shuffle and performed "Fandango" and the "Virginia Reel." In our discourse, we discovered that our groups have very similar experiences. I have been asked if I would go to Bath again, and my answer is, "In a heartbeat!"



Sincerely, Sandra



VOCABULARY LESSON

- From *The Vulgar Tongue, Buckish Slang and Pickpocket Eloquence*
ADMIRAL OF THE BLUE-who carries his flag on the main-mast. A landlord or publican wearing a blue apron, as was formerly the custom among gentlemen of that vocation.
ADMIRAL OF THE NARROW SEAS-one who from drunkenness vomits into the lap of the person sitting opposite to him
Seaphrase
ADRIFT -lost, turned adrift, discharged. Seaphrase
AGAINST THE GRAIN -Unwilling, It went much against the grain with him, i.e. it was much against his inclination, or against his pluck.
AGOG. ALL-A-GOG - Anxious.eager, impatient:from the Italian agogare, to desire eagerly
AGROUND - Stuck fast, stopped, at a loss, ruined; like a boat or vessel aground.
AIR AND EXERCISE - He has had air and exercise, i.e. he has been whipped at the cart's tail, or, as it is generally, though more vulgarly, expressed, at the cart's a-se.
AKERMAN'S HOTEL - Newgate. In 17871, a person of the name was the gaoler, or keeper.

AN "AFTER ACTION" REPORT

I was a civilian (dancer) attending the event at Gunston Hall on Sat. April 1. I had only watched a staged battle once before and I was looking forward to this event to get the chance to view another one. Before the event we had strolled around the camps. I especially enjoyed the Highlanders camp. There was a piper playing and it's just something magical about hearing bagpipes playing across the fields. The battle had several great moments - when the Highlanders came out on the field (love men in kilts!); when the drummer fell wounded and his drum went slowly rolling down the field; the different pitches of the guns as they fired ; the sound it made when they went off together. And that cannon! What a boom! I found out later it's name is "Retribution". There was a young boy sitting behind me providing a running commentary to his friends about the battle which was great. The dancing after was lovely as well. All of the men who were brave enough to step forward were great dancers! It was a wonderful day. I will speak for myself and say I had a lovely time. Time spent in the company of friends along with dancing is never wasted! Thanks to Mike Cecere for inviting us and for all of his hard work organizing the event. Tina Buchanan

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.

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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:

May 2

June 6

English Country Dance Lessons (Colonial Dancing):

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

Please join us!

May 12 (Faulkner Hall)

May 26