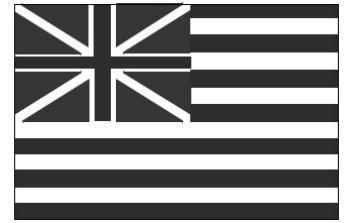




# THE RAPPAHANNOCK GAZETTE



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS BALLS, FAIRES AND SUCH 2006

November 30 Wreath Making

December 1 Wreath Making

2 Wreath Sales

8 & 9 Stratford Hall

10 Scotchtown Holiday Open House

31 First Night (tentative)

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.

## DANCE PRACTICE DATES

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

November 10 - English Country Dance (Open)

November 17 - English Country (Demo)

November 24 - No class



## MEETING PLACE CHANGE

The monthly RCHS meetings will now be held in Room 101 on the first Tuesday nights. Enter through the cemetery, go down the stairs, and Room 101 is the first door on the right.

## OTHER AREA EVENTS

November 4; Jefferson Ball, Richmond, Virginia

December 16; "Tavern Night at Eileen's" (Period attire required.

Contact Lyn at [lyn.padgett@usmc.mil](mailto:lyn.padgett@usmc.mil) with questions.)

## Quote

To err is human, to repent divine; to persist devilish.

*Benjamin Franklin*

## VOCABULARY LESSON

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

ARTICLES. Breeches; coat; waistcoat, and articles.

AUTEM. a church

AUTEM BAWLER. A parson. *Cant*

BABBLE. confused, unintelligible talk, such as was used at the building the tower of Babel

BABES IN THE WOOD. Criminals in the stocks, or pillory

## 2006 RCHS OFFICERS

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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.*

## MEDIA COMMITTEE NOTES

**VISIT THE RCHS WEBSITE** [www.rchsinc.org](http://www.rchsinc.org) to see photos of RCHS events and events calendar. Submit photos to [mistress@chateauwhite.com](mailto:mistress@chateauwhite.com). Web-mistress, Jenny-Rose White

**PUBLICIZING RCHS EVENTS:** Event Coordinators are responsible for publicizing the event of which they are in charge. The Media Team is happy to publicize your event, if you provide your event details 90 days prior to the event to the Media Team. Questions? Contact Tina at [Purrs4me2x@yahoo.com](mailto:Purrs4me2x@yahoo.com).

**RCHS BUSINESS CARDS:** Would you like your own RCHS business cards to hand out at events? E-mail Tina at [Purrs4me2x@yahoo.com](mailto:Purrs4me2x@yahoo.com) for more information!

from

### *"The 'Gospel' According to Fithians"*

Tuesday 11 October 1774

Mr. Stadley came this morning. He brings no news of the Congress, but much of the great Race lately at Fredericksburg. Every evening, for the Benefit of exercise I ride out, and commonly carry with me one of the small Girls, who partaking of the prevailing spirit, are passionately fond of Riding -

### ATTENTION REVELERS

Please join us at Patrick Henry's Home, Scotchtown, for a candle light evening of dancing, games and seasonal carols. We need voices (you do not have to be good, just loud), gamesters, and dancing feet. December 10 in the evening (times TBD) - This is sure to be a lovely start to your Holiday season. To volunteer or if you have ideas for this event please contact Lyn Padgett at 540.841.7275. We hope to see you there.

### THE RULES OF CIVILITY

#27 - Ti's ill manners to bid one more eminent than yourself be covered, as well as not to do it to whom it's due. Likewise, he that makes too much haste to put on his hat does not well, yet he ought to put it on at the first, or at most the second time of being asked. Now, what is herein spoken, of qualification in behavior in saluting, ought also to be observed in the taking of place, and sitting down for ceremonies which, without bounds, is troublesome.

#28 - If anyone comes to speak to you while you are sitting, stand up although he be our inferior, And when you present seats, let it be to every one according to his degree.



## Rappahannock Colonial Heritage Society, Inc.

*is pleased to offer for ready money*  
Holiday Wreaths & Swags

All of our wreaths are made by hand using fresh evergreen, boxwood, holly & other local greenery. Orders will be ready for pick-up on December 2, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at St. George's Episcopal Church, 905 Princess Anne Street. Tell your friends and neighbors! We accept pre-orders only. Pre-order deadline: November 20. Wreaths \$15; swags \$15 (*wreaths are approx. 26"-28" wide | swags are approx. 36"-38" wide*). For queries or to order by phone contact Trip at 540.371.3906.

### NOTE TO RCHS MEMBERS

RCHS members, this is our major fund raiser, so please plan to help assemble wreaths on Thursday, November 30, and Friday, December 1. Sign up for one of two shifts of workers to complete all our wonderful orders. We have three experienced wreath wrappers, but each wrapper needs two bundlers. Each bundler needs two clippers. We will be working from **9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.** on both days. On **Saturday December 2**, we will be giving out orders and caroling (in attire) from **10:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon**. This project is great fun and a terrific way to get in the holiday spirit. The company is the best, the snacks are yummy, the smell of fresh-cut greenery is heavenly and we listen to beautiful Christmas music. You don't want to miss it! Contact Catherine (see e-mail address on the first page) to sign up for your shift!

### NEWSLETTER GUIDELINES

1. Our time period and location is 18<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:HRHDiana@juno.com).

Questions? Please contact a member of the Media Committee, Tina Buchanan, Elaine Sturgeon, Jenny-Rose White or Diana Farrar.

## RUN-AWAY ADVERTISEMENT

Philadelphia, July 23, 1776

### THREE POUNDS REWARD

RAN away on Sunday the 21st inst. (July) three English servants, viz. THOMAS GADD, a silk weaver, about five feet two or three inches high, reddish hair that has lately been cut short, pale complexion, is much given to drink, and is apt to quarrel and fight when in liquor. He had on, when he went away, a light coloured thickset coat and waistcoat, corderoy breeches much the same colour, not much worn, and a wool had almost new, which he wears down all round.

ELIZABETH GADD, his wife, of a fresh colour, brown curly hair, speaks quick, and is given to liquor. She had on, when she went away, a brown camblet gown, black silk hat, a white apron much pieced in the middle, and black quilted petticoat.

WILLIAM BROWN, about five feet six or seven inches high, black short hair, dark complexion, a heavy down look, speaks low, an dis lame on one foot on account of a very sore toe. he had on, when he went away, a check shirt, and linen short jacket and trousers nearly white.

Whoever takes up said servants, and secures them so that they may be had again, shall have Twenty Shillings for each, and reasonable charges.

JAMES BUTLAND, JOHN HALES



from

### ***“The ‘Gospel’ According to Fithians”***

The theme in the weeks preceding Christmas is Fithian's acute embarrassment at his inability to dance, and prickliness when it appears someone might discover him: "I was strongly solicited by the young Gentlemen to go in and dance. I declined it, however, and went to my Room not without Wishes that it had been a part of my Education to learn what I think is an innocent and an ornamental, and most certainly, in this province is a necessary qualification for a person to appear even decent in Company!"

Philip Vicars Fithian

*My Dear Niece Jenny-Rose,*

We were so bereft that you could not attend the Ball this Saturday past but understand that familial Duties are not to be neglected. As you know we were honoring President Monroe and although he was unable to attend he did send Mr. Pearce, a trusted Advisor as his Emissary.



The Ball did start off with the obligatory Minuets though there were not many takers. I think that this Fashion of starting balls with Minuets is no longer the Ton that it was in the past. Mrs. Ftizifferie had a delightful Dance program with some of my most favored Dances. She looked lovely in her new Gown and her hair was dressed exceedingly according to Fashion. You have acquaintance with many of those that attended. All of the Brunacci family was there. You would scarce recognize Miss Allyson and Master Nicholas they have grown so this Summer. I received a report that Miss Allyson is enjoying her violin lessons and is doing well. Master Nicolas is working on his flute lessons but he has no love of practice! The Fraser's were there as well with their granddaughter Phoebe. She was quite the Picture in her silk gown and Spencer jacket. She often walked by us so that we could admire her Form. A few of the guests had journeyed from Richmond town. Do you remember Mr. Jacobsen and Mrs. Salter? I was able to only get one dance with Mr. Jacobsen as you know there are never enough Men in attendance. My other dance partner for some of the evening was Miss Catherine Beavers. You remember her from the tea? She is a most accomplished dancer. Also, Lord Shockley was there lately of Williamsburg. He is such a lovely dancer and most graceful. I was not so lucky to get a dance from him as he seemed to favor the younger Ladies in attendance much to my dismay. The musicians were lively--do you recall Mr. Hickman? He is quite the fiddle player and a most engaging fellow.

It seemed to me that those in attendance had a grand time and we did Honour to President Monroe.

I pray that all are well in the Family and we hope to see you soon.

*Your loving Aunt,  
Christina Buchanan  
Rollingwood House*

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Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 7:30pm in Room 101 in Maguire Hall at St. George's Church, 905 Princess Anne St., Fredericksburg, Virginia. Please join us!

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

November 7

English Country Dance Lessons (Colonial Dancing): Please join us in St. George's Church, 905 Princess Anne St., Fredericksburg, VA (downstairs in Family Room)

November 10 - English Country Dance (Open)

November 17 - English Country (Demo)

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# *The James Monroe Fall Ball 2006*



*The Band & Guest Caller, Jack Maus*



*Dancers Having a High Time at the Fall Ball*