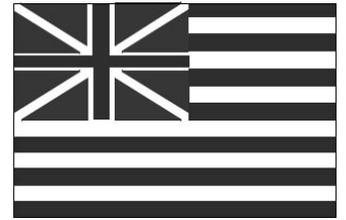




THE RAPPAHANNOCK GAZETTE



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS BALLS, FAIRES AND SUCH 2006

October 14 Monroe Ball, (practice 1:00-3:00)
28 Cemetery Tour, 11:00, 12:45, 2:30
29 Cemetery Tour, 12:00, 1:45, 3:30

November 30 Wreath Making

December 1 Wreath Making
2 Wreath Sales
8 & 9 Stratford Hall
10 Scotchtown Holiday Open House
16 Tavern Night at Eileen's
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.

OCTOBER DANCE PRACTICE DATES

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

October 13 - No Dance - set up for Ball
October 20 - English Country (Demo)
October 27 - English Country (Open)



OTHER AREA EVENTS

October 21; Yorktown Ball (1781) Williamsburg, 7:00-11:00 p.m.
November 4; Jefferson Ball, Richmond, Virginia
December 16; "Tavern Night at Eileen's" (Period attire required.
Contact Lyn at lyn.padgett@usmc.mil with questions.)

Quotes

He that riseth late, must trot all day, and shall scarce overtake his business at night.



Experience keeps a dear school, but fools will learn in no other.

Benjamin Franklin



"Music, drawing, books, invention and exercise will be so many resources to you against ennui."

(Thomas Jefferson to daughter Martha, 28 March 1787.)

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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 to see photos of RCHS events and events calendar. Submit photos to 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.

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

FROM THE CW INTERPRETER MAGAZINE

Question: "Did the expression 'flip your wig' originate in the 18th century?"

Answer: Not according to the Oxford English Dictionary. The OED identifies the expression "to flip ones lid" and its counterpart, "to flip ones wig", as 20th century American slang. The OED's earliest documented literary usage of someones flipping 'his wig' is from 1952."

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

#25 - Superfluous complements and all affectation of ceremony are to be avoided; yet where due they are not to be neglected.

#26 - In pulling off your hat to persons of distinction, such as noblemen, justices, churchmen & etc., make a reverence; bowing more or less according to the custom of the better bred and quality of persons. Amongst equals, expect not always that they should begin with you first; but to pull off the hat when there is no need is affectation. In the manner of saluting and re-saluting in words, keep to the most usual custom.

VOCABULARY LESSON

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

APRON STRING HOLD. An estate held by a man during his wife's life.

AQUA PUMPAGINIS. Pump water. *Apothecary's Latin*

ARCH DUKE. A comical or eccentric fellow

ARD. Hot. *Cant*

ARISTIPPUS. A diet drink, or decoction of sarsaparilla, china, etc. sold at certain coffee houses, and drunk as tea

ARK. A boat or wherry. Let us take an ark and winns; let us tka a sculler. *CANT*

EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

7:00 p.m. in St. George's Elsie Lewis Room

October 25

November 15

Katie Williams, Events Committee Chairperson

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.

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.

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

From the Journal of John Harrower

*-An Indentured Servant in the Colony of Virginia
1773-1776 Schoolmaster for Col. William
Daingerfield of Belvidera*

"Saturday 8th October 1774 - This day the races at Fredericksburg was finished and this night finishes the Puppet shows, roape dancings &ca. which has continowed every night this week in town. I only seed the purse of a Hundred Guineas run for, and that day I hade the Misfortune to have my Horse, saddle and bridle stole from me, while I was doing some bussiness in town. And I never could hear, nor get any intelligence of wither of them again. "

RUN-AWAY ADVERTISEMENT

[New York Journal, 6 October 1774]

Eight Dollars Reward. Yesterday absented from her master, a Scotch indented servant girl, named Martha M' Loud, about 18 years of age, a likely well set person, of a fair complexion; light coloured hair, cut short; had on, when she went away, a round-ear'd cap, cross-barred charlotte gown, of brown and white colours, intermixed with green and white flowers, a blue worsted skirt, two red petticoats, one of which is fine serge, a pair of old buckskin shoes, and white worsted stockings; she lately lived with a certain Alexander Chisholm, Innkeeper, in Burlington, who assigned her to George Bartam, merchant, in Philadelphia, and was by him assigned to me, the first day of this instant. Whoever apprehends said servant, and delivers her to her master, the subscriber, or secures her so as she may be had again, shall receive three pounds reward, and reasonable charges paid by John Zell.

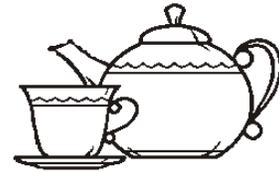
from

"The 'Gospel' According to Fithians"

theme in the weeks preceeding Christmas is Fithian's acute embarassment 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



After Action Report for the James Monroe Fall Tea

First of all, I'd like to thank everyone who worked with me to get this tea accomplished for the James Monroe Museum. The Health Dept. inspection was passed of course. The inspector said the temperatures on our sandwiches were great! I told her several of us had taken the Food safety course offered by the Health Dept. and she was most impressed. I would recommend that class to anyone that will be planning future food events. Mom as usual kept the kitchen in ship shape fashion. She said it seemed to go much smoother than in the past. We had 2 new servants this time around - Kathy M. and Colleen D. Kathy had made her outfit about a week before and Colleen was rattling around in my too big clothes for her but they both looked perfect! I'd like to say a big thank you to all those ladies that made the effort to make new Federal attire. Everyone looked so stunning in their new frocks, hats, and hair. And we have to take a certain amount of pride in the fact that two of our members held their own with the other esteemed speakers. Katie B. did a lovely job speaking and then playing her piece. It's like Mrs. Crimmins said she could see the Monroe's as a family sitting around listening while the daughters played. It was a lovely picture. Lyn P. helped set the scene for the rest of the speakers by giving us background on the time period that the Monroe's lived in. I especially love her closing quote about tea that 'tea and fashion' are my two loves. I guess I should also thank my brother for his speaking duties even though it causes me great pain (just kidding!). I loved all the window decorations. Everyone worked together and made this a success for the museum. I thank you all again for your hard work!

*Respectfully, Yr. Servant,
Tina Buchanan*

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

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

October 3

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)

October 20

October 27