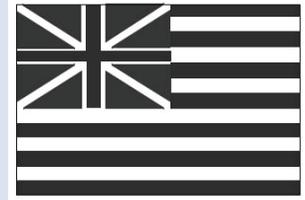




The Rappahannock Gazette

Newsletter of the Rappahannock Colonial Heritage Society, Inc.



The purpose of the Rappahannock Colonial Heritage Society is to bring 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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jul. 12 - Tavern Night at Mary Washington House:** 6:30-10:00 p.m. EC: Elaine Sturgeon, 540/785-2168.
- Sep. 2 - Monthly Business Meeting:** 7:30 p.m., St. George's Church room 300. Chair: Sharon Brunacci, 540/659-2080.
- Sep. 6 - Fashion Show:** EC: Lyn Padgett, 703/432-0957.
- Sep. 13 - Our Living Legacies at Mary Washington House:** 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. EC: Lyn Padgett, 703/432-0957.
- Sep. 20 - Fredericksburg Welsh Festival, James Monroe Museum:** 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. EC: Trip Wiggins, 540/371-3906.
- Sep. 27- Northern Neck Food & Harvest Festival, Stratford Hall:** 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. EC: Lyn Padgett, 703/432-0957.

PHOTO ESSAY: PORT ROYAL INDEPENDENCE DAY



Clockwise from top left: Michael McPherson; Sharon Brunacci; Greg Brunacci and Trip Wiggins.

Photographs by Naomi McPherson.



ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE CLASSES

- Jul. 11 - Open
- Jul. 25 - Open
- Aug. 1 - Demo
- Aug. 8 - Open
- Aug. 22 - Open
- Sep. 5 - Demo
- Sep. 12 - Open

R C H S C O M M I T T E E N O T E S

EVENTS COMMITTEE

**Saturday, July 12
Tavern Night at the Mary
Washington House:**

We're very fortunate to have the opportunity to actually "play," on our own, at this wonderful historic location (thanks to member Myra Wiggins). We hope all of you will take advantage of this special RCHS members-only event and join us from 6:30 until 10:00 p.m.

The format will be an evening of the local citizenry having fun at their favorite tavern in Fredericksburg in the 1770s. The dress will be casual, "undress" middling class. (This will be a period event so colonial dress is required but we want you to be comfortable.)

You will need to bring your own period-appropriate eating utensils (silverware, plate and glass or mug) and chair or stool. If you have a small appropriate table that can be shared with others, that would be helpful, too.

There will be a groaning board to put all the food on; remember that the food needs to be in period-appropriate containers—no Pyrex, tin foil or plastic. We've created an

appropriate menu including roasted chicken, ham biscuits, trifle, bread pudding, syllabub and punch. If anyone would like to bring something to add to the spread, you're welcome to do so if you'll call or e-mail me to talk about what will be appropriate.

We will be dancing and gaming, and maybe some tavern songs as well (if you play a musical instrument, bring it along). All of this under a summer's evening sky in Mary Washington's very own garden. So come prepared to have fun and join in. We look forward to many of you being there!

If you have any questions about this event, please contact Event Coordinator Elaine Sturgeon at miselaineus@yahoo.com or 540/785-2168.

Due to liability concerns of the corporation, your membership must be current in order to participate in these events.

**Tuesday, September 2
Events Committee Meeting:**

The next RCHS Events Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 2 at 6:30 p.m. in St. George's room 300. We will not be meeting in August. For more info, please call Lyn Padgett at 703/432-0957.



MEDIA COMMITTEE

Our thanks go to Bettie Brezee, Joyce Matherly, Amber Breeden, Jenny-Rose White, George Hovenden and Eve Blackwell, the six members who have opted to receive *The Rappahannock Gazette* as a PDF by e-mail rather than a printed version by "snail" mail. Want to join them? Just send an e-mail to Naomi McPherson at nana4979@comcast.net.

The next issue of the newsletter will be published in September.



O F F I C E R ' S C O R N E R

President's Report

With vacations and other warm-weather activities going on, RCHS will not have a Business Meeting in August. The next Business Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 2.

Treasurer's Report

June Balances
Beginning: \$7,889.27
Ending: \$7,866.21

E N G L I S H C O U N T R Y D A N C I N G

English Country Dance classes are held on the second and fourth Fridays of each month at 7:30 p.m., Faulkner Hall, St. George's Episcopal Church. Classes are open to the public (\$2 per class). Dance Mistress: Elaine Sturgeon, miselaineus@yahoo.com or 540/785-2168.

Classes:

Jul. 11 - Open
 Jul. 25 - Open
 Aug. 1 - Demo
 Aug. 8 - Open
 Aug. 22 - Open
 Sep. 5 - Demo
 Sep. 12 - Open
 Sep. 26 - Open

Saturday, July 26

Dance Class Social:

To have some fun, we'll practice what we preach and live a little history. We've planned a Dance Class Social at the home of Sharon and Greg Brunacci (15 Wells Road in Stafford, 540/659-2080).

The dress will be comfortable middling class since we'll be dancing on the driveway. Plan to bring your eating utensils and chairs; and bring a plate of snacks to share with others. We hope to see you there.

For additional info, contact Dance Mistress Elaine Sturgeon.



Costume habillé d'éliser en 1702, d'après Saint-Aubin.

To be SOLD, METAL boning coated in white plastic for pocket hoops. Each roll contains 10 yards. Four rolls are available and are being sold at cost for \$21.00 each. Whoever has a Mind to purchase, may apply to Denise at 540/710-6169 or ivbeavers@verizon.net.

T A V E R N G A M I N G T A B L E

This lovely tavern gaming table, crafted by John and Catherine Bell, made its debut at Stratford Hall Plantation and will be enjoyed at Tavern Night on July 12.

John designed the table with folding legs that lock when pulled out. Catherine sewed a fabric case to keep it clean and help protect it from damage.

The Bells have donated this table to RCHS with our thanks.



PHOTO ESSAY:
RESOLUTION FOR INDEPENDENCE AT
STRATFORD HALL PLANTATION





Clockwise from top left: Lyn Padgett; Sandra Piercey and Bob Serafini; Eve Blackwell; Tina Buchanan; Michael McPherson; Elaine Sturgeon with Lyn Padgett as Ann Lee, wife of Richard Henry Lee, and Dick Cheatham of Living History Associates as Richard Henry Lee; members relax under the trees.
Photographs by Naomi McPherson.



PHOTO ESSAY:
SPOTSYLVANIA STARS & STRIPES
SPECTACULAR



Clockwise from top left: Catherine Bell and Dennis Buchanan; Joyce Matherly; Sharon Brunacci, Catherine Taylor, Naomi McPherson and Joyce Matherly; Bettie Breeze; members enjoy the afternoon visiting under the trees.
Photographs by Michael McPherson.





EVENTS OF INTEREST IN THE AREA

The following were gathered from various sources and are subject to change.

Jul. 19-20 – Summer 18th Century Market Fair, Claude Moore Colonial Farm: McLean. 11:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Visit www.1771.org for info. \$

Aug. 2 – Tavern Day Open House: Gadsby's Tavern Museum. 1:00-5:00 p.m. Tour the tavern and enjoy period music and dancing. Call 703/838-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org for info.

Aug. 9 – Jane Austen Ball: Gadsby's Tavern Museum. 8:00-11:00 p.m. 1790s ball featuring English country dances and "iced refreshments." Reservations required. Call 703/838-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org for info. \$

Sep. 9 – Colonial Ceramics, Claude Moore Colonial Farm: McLean. 6:00-8:00 p.m. Learn about glazes, shapes and sizes of pottery used in the 1770s at this workshop. Go to www.1771.org for more information. Reservations required. \$

Sep. 12-14 – "Our Living Legacies": APVA Mary Washington Branch. Features exhibits and demonstrations honoring the crafts of the 18th and 19th centuries. Mary Washington House, Hugh Mercer Apothecary, Rising Sun Tavern and St. James' House will be open for this annual event. Go to www.apva.org for more information. \$

Sep. 13 – 18th Century Wedding, Claude Moore Colonial Farm: McLean. 1:00-4:00 p.m. Ceremony

is at 2:00 p.m. Go to www.1771.org for more information. \$

Sep. 13-14 – 18th Century Craft Fair, Mount Vernon Plantation. Artisans demonstrate their crafts and sell their wares. Features period entertainment. \$

Sep. 15 – James Monroe Lecture. University of Mary Washington. 7:30 p.m. Lecture by Daniel Howe. Visit www.umw.edu/jamesmonroe museum for details. \$

Sep. 17 – Grand Opening of the Mansion and Constitution Day: Montpelier. Celebrate the completion of the architectural restoration of James and Dolley Madison's home. Go to www.montpelier.org for more information. Free



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WHAT'S ON WETA PUBLIC TV 26?

Through the month of July, WETA TV 26 is re-airing the *Masterpiece Classic—The Complete Jane Austen* series. They are listed in chronological order:

July 13, 1:00-4:00 p.m. *Sense and Sensibility* (parts 1 & 2)

July 17, 9:00-10:30 p.m.
Mansfield Park

July 17, 10:30-12:00 midnight.
Northanger Abbey

July 20, 1:00-2:30 p.m. *Mansfield Park*

July 20, 2:30-4:00 p.m.
Northanger Abbey

July 24, 9:00-11:00 p.m. *Emma*

July 27, 2:00-4:00 p.m. *Emma*

July 31, 9:00-10:30 p.m. *Miss Austen Regrets*



NEWSLETTER GUIDELINES

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.

Any member may, and is encouraged to, submit articles for publication. Committee chairpersons are especially en-

couraged 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/references must be 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. The editor has the final say on content, format and deadlines. Items for the newslet-

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