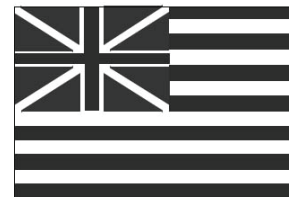




The Rappahannock Gazette

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 activities related to the Colonial era in an effort to educate the public about the ways of life of our forbears in this area.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 30 - Cut Greens for Wreaths: 9:00 a.m. EC: Catherine Bell, 540/659-5646.

Dec. 4 & 5 - Wreath Making: 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. EC: Catherine Bell, 540/659-5646.

Dec. 6 - Distribute Wreaths: 9:00-11:00 a.m. EC: Trip Wiggins, 540/371-3906.

Dec. 6 - Fredericksburg Area Museum & Cultural Center: 10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. EC: Elaine Sturgeon, 540/785-2168.

Dec. 6 - Christmas at Scotchtown: 6:30-9:00 p.m. EC: Elaine Sturgeon, 540/785-2168.

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Rappahannock Colonial Heritage Society Nominating Committee, after careful consideration, is pleased to recommend the following Slate of Officers for the upcoming year 2009.

President:	Sharon Brunacci
Vice President:	Catherine Taylor
Treasurer:	Joyce Matherly
Secretary:	Linda Pool

Elections will be held at the Annual Business Meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, January 6, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in room 300 of the St. George's Episcopal Church, Fredericksburg. At that time, the floor will be open for additional nominations.

All members of the Society are encouraged to attend and vote!

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Bell
Nominations Committee Chairperson

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE CLASSES

Nov. 14 - Open

Nov. 21 - Open



10TH ANNUAL WREATH SALE

RCHS is accepting orders for fresh cut mixed-greenery wreaths. They are hand-crafted by members of the Society and are available for only \$15 each.

Call Trip Wiggins at 540/371-3906 before November 23, to place your advance order.

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ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING



Costume habillé d'hiver en 1782, d'après Saint-Aubin.

English Country Dance classes are usually 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). Due to the holidays and other events, some of the dates have been changed or cancelled. Dance Mistress: Elaine Sturgeon, 540/785-2168 or miselaineus@yahoo.com.

Classes:

Nov. 14 - Open
Nov. 21 - Open
Dec. 19 - Dance Social

OFFICERS' CORNER

President's Report

The next RCHS Business Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 6, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in St. George's room 300. There is no Business Meeting in December.

Treasurer's Report

October Balances

Beginning:	\$6,362.77
Ending:	\$5,789.37

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.

RCHS COMMITTEE NOTES

EVENTS COMMITTEE

Sunday, November 30

Cutting O' The Greens:

Now that we are well into November and planning our turkey dinners, let us turn our attentions to working off a little of that fine turkey. We will be meeting at New Post Golf Range (9945 Tidewater Trail, Fredericksburg) at 9:00 a.m. Bring your trucks and vans, your wellies, work gloves and clippers. The odd set of limb loppers are also handy dandy. Call Catherine Bell at 540/659-5646 for directions or information and just to let her know that she won't be alone out there.

Thursday-Friday, December 4-5 Wreath Making Days:

Close your eyes and imagine the fragrant delight of rosemary and sage, of pine and fir. You can enjoy it for an hour or all day as we assemble wreaths at the home of Jo and Tina Buchanan from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Remember to dress for comfort and bring work gloves and pruning shears. Call Catherine Bell at 540/659-5646 to let her know what day(s) you might be helping to make them there wreaths or for directions.

Saturday, January 3 Twelfth Night Party

Seats are still available but you must RSVP by calling Catherine Bell at 540/659-5646.

MEDIA COMMITTEE

The next RCHS Media Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. at Bob Evans (2305 Plank Road, Fredericksburg). For more info, please call Greg Brunacci at 540/659-2080.

EVENTS OF INTEREST IN THE AREA

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

Nov. 15 – Colonial Foodways: National Colonial Farm. Accokeek, MD. 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Costumed interpreters demonstrate what life was like for “middling” sort tobacco growing families in the late 1770s, preparing seasonally available foods using colonial implements and methods. Visit www.accokeek.org for info. \$

Nov. 20 – Winter Traditions Workshop, Claude Moore Colonial Farm: McLean. 1:00-4:00 p.m. Explore the customs of 18th century Wassail and Christmas celebrations. Go to www.1771.org for info. Reservation required. \$

Dec. 2 – Secret of the Chocolate Maker: Colonial Williamsburg. 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Witness the process of 18th century chocolate making. Visit www.history.org for info. \$

Dec. 5 – Christmas Open House: Rising Sun Tavern. 6:00-9:00 p.m. Enjoy the sights and sounds of Christmas. Go to www.apva.org for info. Free



Photograph by Dennis Buchanan.

Left to right: Society members Linda Pool, Stephanie Pool, Catherine Bell, Tina Buchanan, Eve Blackwell, Elaine Sturgeon, Sharon Brunacci, Allyson Brunacci, Michael McPherson, Naomi McPherson, Trip Wiggins and Lyn Padgett sing carols for shoppers and merchants in downtown Fredericksburg.

Dec. 6 – Annual “A Monroe Christmas” Open House, James Monroe Museum. 4:00-6:00 p.m. Tour the decorated galleries. For info, see www.umw.edu/jamesmonroemuseum. Free

Dec. 6 – Grand Opening of the Catherine W. Jones McCann Center, Fredericksburg Area Museum & Cultural Center: 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. For info, see www.fredericksburgareamuseum.com. Free

Dec. 6-7 – Christmas at Scotchtown. Saturday: 6:30-9:00 p.m.; Sunday: 1:00-4:00 p.m. See the house decorated for the holidays by the Ashland Garden Club. Call 804/227-3500 for info. \$

Dec. 7 – Grand Illumination, Colonial Williamsburg. 4:45-7:00 p.m. Herald the Christmas season with candles, fireworks and music. Visit www.history.org for info. \$

Dec. 7 – Candlelight Tour of the Mary Washington House. 4:00-7:00 p.m. Christmas open house will feature an evening of candlelight tours and refreshments. Go to www.apva.org for info. Free

Photographs by Naomi McPherson.



Left to right: Elaine Sturgeon, Lyn Padgett, Dan McMahon, Jane Pease and Bob Serafini visit on the grounds of Scotchtown. Mr. FitzEfferie (Elaine Sturgeon) poses for the photographer.



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Wreaths will be available for pickup between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 6, at the entrance of St. George's Episcopal Church in Fredericksburg.

This will be the main fundraiser for the Society in 2008 so your support is greatly appreciated.

Tell your friends and family members about this offer. They'll be glad you did!



N E W S L E T T E R G U I D E L I N E S

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-

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